

2018 FOOTBALL



2018 NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY HUSKIES

2018 SCHEDULE

Day, Date	Opponent (TV)	Time (CT)
Sat., Sept. 1	at Iowa (BTN)	L, 33-7
Sat., Sept. 8	UTAH (ESPNNews)	L, 17-6
Sat., Sept. 15	C. MICHIGAN* (ESPN+)	W, 24-16
Sat., Sept. 22	at Florida State (ESPNU)	L, 37-19
Sat., Sept. 29	at E. Michigan* (ESPN+)	W, 26-23 (3OT)
Sat., Oct. 6	at Ball State* (ESPN3)	W, 24-16
Sat., Oct. 13	OHIO* - HC (ESPN+)	W, 24-21
Sat., Oct. 27	at BYU (ESPNU)	W, 7-6
Thu., Nov. 1	at Akron* (CBSSN)	W, 36-26
Wed., Nov. 7	TOLEDO* (ESPN2)	W, 38-15
Wed., Nov. 14	MIAMI* (ESPNU)	L, 13-7
Tues., Nov. 20	at W. Michigan* (ESPNU)	L, 28-21
Fri., Nov. 30	Buffalo (ESPN2)	6 p.m.

*Mid-American Conference Game; All Times Central.



Friday, Nov. 30, 2018 - 6 PM CT

2018 Marathon MAC Championship • Detroit, Mich.
Ford Field (65,000)



NIU HUSKIES

(7-5, 6-2 MAC)

Head Coach: Rod Carey (51-29, Sixth Season)

VS



BUFFALO BULLS

(10-2, 7-1 MAC)

Head Coach: Lance Leipold (23-25, Fourth Season)

HUSKIE FOOTBALL FACTS

Head Coach.....	Rod Carey
Record at NIU/Years.....	51-29/Sixth
Career Record/Years.....	51-29/Sixth
Alma Mater/Year.....	Indiana/1993
Basic Offense/Defense.....	Multiple/4-3
First Year of Football.....	1899
2017 Record/MAC Record/Finish.....	8-5/6-2/T2nd West
All-Time Record.....	586-492-51
Last Bowl Game.....	2017 Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit)
.....	Duke 36, NIU 14
Bowl Appearances (FBS).....	12
MAC Championship Appearances, Last.....	7, 2015
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....	54/28
Starters Returning....	17 (9 offense, 6 defense, 2 specialists)
Starters Lost.....	9 (3 offense, 5 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
Nickname.....	Huskies
Stadium.....	Brigham Field at Huskie Stadium
Surface/Capacity.....	FieldTurf /23,595
President.....	Dr. Lisa Freeman
Assoc. VP/Athletic Director.....	Sean T. Frazier
Alma Mater, Year.....	Alabama '92
Tickets.....	815-753-PACK (7225)

HUSKIE BITES

- The NIU Huskies will make their seventh appearance in the MAC Championship in the last nine years; since the advent of FBS conference championship games, only one other school - Florida (1992-96, 1999-2000) in the SEC - has had a similar stretch of success.
- NIU is 3-4 all-time in MAC Championship games; when the Huskies kick off against Buffalo in Detroit, they will have played every team currently in the MAC East at least once in a MAC title game.
- The Huskie defense has held an opponent to less than 100 yards rushing in seven games this season and NIU opponents are averaging just 2.6 yards per rush in 2018.
- Rod Carey has led NIU to the MAC Championship game for the fourth time in his six seasons as head coach, and for the sixth time since he arrived in DeKalb as offensive line coach in 2011; his 51-29 record and .638 winning percentage rank fourth all-time among Huskie head coaches and in the MAC Top 15.
- Left tackle Max Scharping, who will start his 52nd game in the MAC Championship contest, is one of 13 finalists for the 2018 William V. Campbell Trophy, given to the top Scholar-Athlete in college football and will travel to New York on Dec. 4 for the NFF Honors Dinner.
- NIU standout defensive end Sutton Smith is coming off one of the best days of his career at Western Michigan with a career best four sacks and five tackles for loss, as well as an 85-yard fumble return touchdown. Smith currently ranks fourth nationally in sacks (13.0) and sixth in tackles for loss (21.0) with four forced fumbles and three recoveries.
- Sophomore tailback Tre Harbison has led NIU offensively with 950 rushing yards on 177 carries to average 5.4 yards per rush. He can become the Huskies' first 1,000-yard rusher since Joel Bouagnon in 2015 and has five 100-yard games this year.
- Following the MAC Championship game, NIU will play in a bowl game for the 10th time in the last 11 seasons, a record of consistency matched by just one other current "Group of Five" team (Boise State).



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NIU IN THE MAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
Dec. 1, 2005	Akron	L, 31-30	12,051
Dec. 3, 2010	Miami	L, 26-21	12,031
Dec. 2, 2011	Ohio	W, 23-20	13,012
Nov. 30, 2012	Kent State	W, 44-37 (2OT)	18,132
Dec. 6, 2013	Bowling Green	L, 47-27	21,106
Dec. 5, 2014	Bowling Green	W, 51-17	15,110
Dec. 4, 2015	Bowling Green	L, 34-14	16,425

All Games played at Ford Field

MAC CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY

UNPRECEDENTED SUCCESS: With its 2018 division title, NIU will represent the MAC West in the 2018 MAC Championship game for a league-record eighth time and for the seventh in the last nine years. Since 2010, no other Football Bowl Subdivision school has advanced to its conference title game seven times. The only other FBS program to advance to their conference's title game seven times in nine years is Florida, who appeared in the SEC Championship game from 1992-96 and 1999-2000.

MOTOR CITY REGULARS: NIU has played more games, eight, in Detroit's Ford Field than in any neutral site location. The Huskies fell to Duke, 36-14, in the 2017 Quick Lane Bowl on Dec. 26, 2017 in their last visit to Ford Field. NIU's last win in the home of the NFL's Detroit Lions was Dec. 5, 2014, a 51-17 victory over Bowling Green in the MAC Championship game.

MAC-NIFICENT SEVEN: Seven Huskies on the 2018 roster – Josh Corcoran, D.J. Brown, Dale Brown, Tifonte Hunt, Marcus Jones, Hayden Sak and Max Scharping – saw action in the 2015 MAC Championship game, NIU's last appearance in the conference title game. Scharping is the Huskies' lone returning starter from that game as the Green Bay, Wis. native started at right tackle against Bowling Green.

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYER-COACH: NIU cornerbacks coach Melvin Rice is the first former Huskie football player to play and coach in the league's championship game. Rice was a member of the 2005 NIU football team that faced Akron in the MAC Championship game. Rice, who was a freshman cornerback on that team, recorded a solo tackle in the game.

HUSKIE ANNIVERSARY: The Huskies won their third MAC championship on Nov. 30, 2012 when NIU defeated Kent State, 44-37, in double overtime. The win helped the Huskies earn a berth in the 2013 Orange Bowl.

HOW THE WEST WAS WON: NIU won its seventh MAC West Division title in the last nine years and eighth overall before it took the field against Miami (Nov. 14). It was the earliest the Huskies, who finished 6-2 in league play this year, have clinched a division crown. The Huskies clinched the MAC West in the second to last game with wins over Toledo in 2012 and 2013 and in the final game of the season in 2005, 2010, 2011, 2014 and 2015.

BEST IN THE WEST: With this year's MAC West Division title, the Huskies have won a league-best eight outright division crowns. Trailing NIU are Toledo with six and Miami, Ohio and Bowling Green with four division championships. Central Michigan and Western Michigan have each won three, while Akron and Buffalo have won two division titles. Ball State and Kent State each have one first-place division finish to their credit.

CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY: NIU is 3-4 in its previous MAC Championship games in Detroit. NIU has won four Mid-American Conference titles all-time, as the Huskies' first MAC crown came in 1983 under head coach Bill Mallory (Rod Carey's college coach). That season, NIU went 8-1 versus league teams

NIU MAC Championship Record Book

INDIVIDUAL

Rushing
Carries: 42, Garrett Wolfe vs. Akron (2005)
Yards: 270, Garrett Wolfe vs. Akron (2005)
Touchdowns: 3, Jordan Lynch vs. Akron (2012)

Passing
Attempts: 49, Drew Hare vs. Bowling Green (2014)
Completions: 29, Drew Hare vs. Bowling Green (2014)
Touchdowns: 3, Chandler Harnish vs. Ohio (2011)
Yards: 250, Chandler Harnish vs. Ohio (2011)

Receiving
Receptions: 9, Brown vs. Bowling Green (2014)
Yards: 115, Nathan Palmer vs. Ohio (2011)
Touchdowns: 2, Nathan Palmer vs. Ohio (2011)

Scoring
Touchdowns: 3, Jordan Lynch vs. Kent State (2012)
Points: 18, Jordan Lynch vs. Kent State (2012)

Field Goals
Longest Made FG: 52, Chris Nendick vs. Akron (2005)
Most FG: 3, Chris Nendick vs. Akron (2005)
 3, Mat Sims vs. Kent State (2012)
 3, Christian Hagan vs. Bowling Green (2014)

Defense:
Tackles: 16, Boomer Mays vs. Bowling Green (2015)
Interceptions: 2, Dechane Durante vs. Bowling Green (2014)
Sacks: 2, Jake Coffman vs. Miami (2010)

TEAM

Total Offense
Most Yards: 552, vs. Bowling Green (2014)
Fewest Yards: 259, vs. Bowling Green (2015)
Most Touchdowns: 6, vs. Bowling Green (2014)

Rushing
Most Attempts: 56, vs. Kent State (2012)
Fewest Attempts: 32, vs. Miami (2010)
Most yards: 334, vs. Bowling Green (2014)
Fewest Yards: 92, vs. Miami (2010)

Passing
Most Attempts: 49, vs. Bowling Green (2014)
Fewest Attempts: 17, vs. Akron (2014)
Most Completions: 29, vs. Bowling Green (2014)
Fewest Completions: 7, vs. Akron (2005)
Most Yards: 281, vs. Miami (2010)
Fewest Yards: 110, vs. Akron (2005)

Punting
Most Punts: 6, vs. Miami (2010)
 6, vs. Bowling Green (2015)
Fewest Punts: 1, vs. Bowling Green (2013)
Highest Average: 46.6, vs. Akron (2005)
Lowest Average: 37.8, vs. Kent State (2012)

First Downs:
Most First Downs: 29, vs. Bowling Green (2013)
 29, vs. Bowling Green (2014)
Fewest First Downs: 17, vs. Bowling Green (2015)
Most First Downs Rushing: 17, vs. Bowling Green (2014)
Fewest First Downs Rushing: 6, vs. Miami (2010)
Most First Downs Passing: 15, vs. Bowling Green (2013)
Fewest First Downs Passing: 5, vs. Akron (2005)

Interceptions: 3, vs. Bowling Green (2014)
 3, vs. Ohio (2011)
Sacks: 5, vs. Miami (2010)

— FOLLOW THE HUSKIES —

TV: THE MAC CHAMPIONSHIP ON ESPN2

- NIU will make its ninth appearance on national television, its seventh appearance on an ESPN Network and its second on ESPN2 in the Marathon MAC Championship game.
- In addition to ESPN2, watch the game on mobile devices via the ESPN App or online (with appropriate provider login) at ESPN.com.
- Clay Matvick (play-by-play) and Dan Orlovsky (color analyst) will call the game on ESPN2 with Paul Carcaterra on the sidelines.

RADIO: HUSKIE SPORTS RADIO NETWORK

- The Huskie Sports Radio Network broadcast for the MAC Championship game begins at 5:30 p.m. CT, 30 minutes prior to kickoff.
- Listen to the game on NIU network affiliates WLBK AM 1360/FM 98.9 (DeKalb), AM 560 The Answer (Chicago), and on SportsFan Radio AM 1330 (Rockford).
- Hear the broadcast online via NIUTube (subscription), and on mobile devices via TuneIn. Download the app for free and find the NIU Huskies channel.
- Bill Baker is wrapping up his 39th season as the radio play-by-play "Voice of the Huskies." Color analyst Mark Lindo joins him for the 33rd season, while Andy Garcia is in his sixth season on the NIU sidelines.

INSIDE HUSKIE FOOTBALL RADIO SHOW

- Fans are invited to attend the pre-MAC Championship show on Monday, November 26 at Noon at Fatty's Pub & Grille in DeKalb (1312 W. Lincoln Hwy).
- Listen live with the TuneIn app. Hear the show on Monday evening at 7 p.m. on WLBK AM 1360/FM 98.9 in DeKalb, and at 8 p.m. on 560 AM The Answer in Chicago, or on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on SportsFan Radio 1330 AM in Rockford.
- The weekly show features host Bill Baker, NIU Head Coach Rod Carey, Huskie players and special guests.

NIUTUBE (HUSKIE ALL-ACCESS)

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

GETTING SOCIAL

- Twitter: @NIUAthletics, @NIUScores, @NIU_Football
- Facebook: NIU Huskies, NIU Football
- Instagram: niuhuskies, niufootball
- YouTube: NIU Athletics
- See more at NIU Athletics' social media hub online.

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SENIOR SALUTE

Nineteen NIU players are completing their Huskie careers in 2018, including 11 who have played a major role in Huskie fortunes during their time at NIU. The senior class enters Friday's game with 28 career wins over the last four years, three bowl appearances (including 2018), one MAC Championship game appearances and one MAC title, in 2014. The group includes eight defenders, nine offensive players and two specialists.

NAME	POS	ARRIVED	GP/GS	HIGHLIGHTS
D.J. Brown	WR	2015	50/16	9 TDs, 1,468 all-purpose yds., 102 rec.
Dale Brown	OL/TE	2014	37/-	Moved to TE in fall, key blocker
Drequan Brown	DE	2017	13/1	7 tackles, 3 TFLs, 2 sacks
Josh Corcoran	DE	2015	46/26	13.5 sacks, 26 TFLs, INT
Jalen Embry	CB	2016	24/12	90 tackles, 67 solo, 6.5 TFLs
Andrew Gantz	K	2018	12/-	25-25 on PATs, 10-of-15 FGs, Long of 49
Ryan Graham	QB	2014	20/9	1,974 yds Tot off., 16 passing TDs
Ty Harmston	TE	2014	33/9	Caught first career TD at EMU
Jaden Huff	TB	2017	12/-	Grad transfer, special teams
Vince Hughes	DT	2015	4/-	Played on OL and DL during career
Tifonte Hunt	CB	2014	28/7	34 tackles, 28 in 2018
Hayden Sak	LS	2016	42/-	Three-year starter at long snapper
Mylan Reeves	OL	2017	-/-	Transfer contributed on scout squads
Max Scharping	LT	2014	51/51	Campbell Trophy finalist, NFF Scholar-Athlete, two-time first team All-MAC
Luke Shively	C	2014	44/37	Stalwart on the Huskie offensive line
Albert Smalls	CB	2014	45/27	112 tackles, 4 INTs
Maalik Todd	CB	2016	14/-	Special teamer, member of kickoff team
Jauan Wesley	WR	2016	24/11	761 rec. yds. and 4 TDs on 55 receptions
Devin Webster	DT	2017	14/1	10 tackles, TFL, FF

and clinched the championship with a 26-14 win over Toledo before the days of conference championship games.

RUNNING TO A TITLE: The Huskies are 2-0 in MAC Championship games when rushing for 300 yards or more. NIU's only victory when rushing for less than 300 yards was in 2011 when NIU rallied from a 20-0 deficit to Ohio. The Huskies rushed for 155 yards on 36 carries, while passing for 250 yards in the win over the Bobcats.

MAC SIX-PACK: With its match up against Buffalo, NIU will have faced all six current MAC East teams in the championship game. The Huskies fell to Akron in 2005 and Miami in 2010 before winning back-to-back titles versus Ohio and Kent State in 2011 and 2012, respectively. The Huskies faced Bowling Green in three straight MAC Championship games from 2013-15, winning in 2014.

THIS WEEK'S GAME

SERIES HISTORY: This is the fourth consecutive year NIU and Buffalo have played, and is the 13th game in the all-time series. The Huskies own an 11-1 record in the all-time series with the Bulls and have won the last 11 meetings, including a 14-13 victory at Buffalo last season (Oct. 14). The only Huskie loss was a 20-7 setback in the initial meeting between the two schools on Nov. 9, 1968 in DeKalb. This is the first neutral site game between the two teams.

INFREQUENT FOE: Friday's game with Buffalo is the 13th meeting all-time between the two schools. It is the fewest meetings for the Huskies versus a MAC opponent, just ahead of Akron, which NIU has faced 15 times since 1966. The longest drought in meetings between the Bulls and NIU is 29 years. The Huskies and Buffalo met in 1970 and didn't face each other again until 1999. This year's game marks the fourth straight year the teams have played, and the seventh time since 2010.

WHEN LAST WE MET: NIU quarterback Marcus Childers rushed for a game-high 79 yards and a touchdown, while throwing for 224 yards and a TD on 20-of-31 passing as NIU edged out Buffalo, 14-13, at UB Stadium on Oct. 14, 2017. All the game's scoring occurred in the first half, with all of the Huskies' scoring coming

in the second quarter. After Buffalo took an early 3-0 lead, NIU came back with 14 points in the second period. Childers capped a 12-play 75-yard drive with a 10-yard touchdown run. He connected with tight end Shane Wimmann later in the quarter on a 34-yard touchdown pass. The Huskie defense held Buffalo to 39 yards rushing and tallied four sacks.

HUSKIE HOMECOMING: Senior cornerback Jalen Embry, freshman special teamer Zhamaine March and freshman wide receiver Rodney Hall are returning to their hometown for the game as all three Huskies hail from Detroit. Embry graduated from King High School, while Hall is a product of Cass Technical and March attended East English Village Prep. NIU tight end Maximillian Thrower is from Royal Oak, Mich., a Detroit suburb.

NIU-BUFFALO IN CAREY ERA: The Huskies are 3-0 versus Buffalo under head coach Rod Carey. NIU has averaged 492 yards of offense in those three games, while Buffalo has gained 417.7 yards a game. The Huskies have outgained the Bulls on the ground 287.7-117.3 yards, while Buffalo has won the passing battle 300.3-204.3. NIU has outscored Buffalo 99-50 in those three games.

COMMON BONDS: Buffalo quarterbacks coach/co-offensive coordinator Jim Zebrowski was a member of former NIU head coach Jerry Kill's staff in 2010 and was part of the staff that led NIU to the MAC Championship game that season. Zebrowski was the Huskie quarterbacks coach under Kill.

CONFERENCE CALL

HUSKIES IN THE MAC: With its loss to Western Michigan, NIU fell to 152-101-2 all-time in MAC play and 116-56 (.674) in league action since 1997. Since 2010, NIU is 60-11 and has recorded three undefeated campaigns and two one-loss seasons in league play, with six-straight division championships and eight overall. The Huskies are in their 33rd season as a member of the Mid-American Conference in 2018-19, including an initial stint in the league from 1975-85.

NIU VS. MAC EAST: NIU finished 2-1 this season versus the MAC East division following its loss to Miami (Nov. 14). NIU has won 25 of its last 27 regular season games over MAC East Division opponents and 30 of 33 since the 2008 season. Miami joined Ohio as the only MAC East foes to defeat the Huskies during that time, with the Bobcats posting wins in 2009 at Ohio and 2015 in DeKalb. NIU defeated former league members Temple in 2010 and UMass in 2012 and 2013. The Huskies are 3-3 versus the MAC East in conference title games since 2010, defeating Ohio (2011), Kent State (2012) and Bowling Green (2014), while falling to Miami (2010) and Bowling Green (2013 & 2015).

CAREY KERNELS

FASTEST TO FIFTY: NIU's victory over Akron was the 50th of NIU head coach Rod Carey's 78-game NIU career making him the fastest Huskie head coach to win 50 games, surpassing George "Chick" Evans, who won his 50th game as NIU head coach in his 80th game. Evans (1929-54) is NIU's all-time leader with 132 wins. Carey, who currently ranks fourth on NIU's all-time coaching list for wins with 51, is 12 behind Joe Novak (1996-2007). He also ranks fourth in games coached with 80.

CAREY-ING THE MAC: One of the longest tenured coaches in the MAC with six years in the conference, Carey's .638 winning percentage is the highest among league active coaches with a minimum of five years coaching in the league. His 51 wins trail only Frank Solich, the MAC's longest tenured coach, who has amassed 104 wins in 14 seasons at Ohio.

Coach (School)	Seasons	Record	Pct.
Rod Carey (NIU)	6	51-29	.638
Frank Solich (Ohio)	14	105-75	.583
Terry Bowden (Akron)	7	35-50	.412
Chris Creighton (EMU)	5	22-39	.361
Chuck Martin (Miami)	5	22-39	.361

MAC CHAMP WEEK MEDIA SCHEDULE

MONDAY MAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME CONFERENCE CALL

- The MAC will host a pre-championship game conference call with players and coaches from both teams on Monday, Nov. 26 beginning at 9 a.m. CT/10 a.m. ET
- NIU Head Coach Rod Carey will lead off, followed by Huskie players Jalen Embry and Tre Harbison. Buffalo head coach Lance Leipold and Bulls' players will follow.
- For the media call-in number, contact NIU or the Mid-American Conference.

NIU DEKALB PRESS CONFERENCE TUESDAY

- NIU will host a press conference with Rod Carey and several Huskie players in DeKalb prior to the MAC Championship game in DeKalb.
- That press conference will be held Tuesday, November 27 at 12:15 p.m. CT in the McCareins Auditorium (2nd floor) of the Yordon Center.
- Telephone access is available. Contact NIU for the number.
- Watch the press conference live on Facebook and later on NIUHuskies.com.

PRE-CHAMPIONSHIP PRESS CONFERENCE IN DETROIT THURSDAY

- The MAC will hold a press conference with players and coaches from both teams at Ford Field in Detroit on Thursday, November 29.
- Head Coach Rod Carey, DE Sutton Smith and OT Max Scharping will represent the Huskies.
- The NIU portion of the press conference will take place from 4:15-4:45 p.m. on Thursday.
- Contact the MAC Office for location and information on how to attend.

PRACTICE COVERAGE & AVAILABILITY

- NIU will practice in DeKalb (Sunday through Wednesday) in the Chessick Practice Center and/or Huskie Stadium prior to departing for Detroit.
- Players and coaches are available for interviews after practice on Monday and Tuesday.
- Video shooting times may be limited.
- Media are asked to remain in the end zone in Huskie Stadium or along the wall in the Chessick Practice Center.
- Contact NIU prior to attending practice as schedule and availability is subject to change.

INFORMATION, VIDEO & PHOTO REQUESTS

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

MAC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME CREDENTIALS

- Media credential applications for the 2018 Marathon MAC Football Championship Game are being accepted now through Wednesday, November 28, 2018. Apply online at www.sportssystem.com/mac.
- Credentials will be available for pick-up at Ford Field on game day beginning two hours before kickoff (5 p.m.)
- Contact the MAC's Ken Mather at kmather@mac-sports.com or 216-566-4622 for questions.

2018 TEAM STATS COMPARISON

Huskies	Category	Bulls
19.9	Points/G	35.2
30 (16-11)	TDs (Rush-Pass)	58 (32-25)
226	First Downs	263
318.0	Total Yards/G	419.4
176.7	Rush Yards/G	200.3
141.3	Pass Yards/G	219.1
17	Turnovers Lost	16
28:10	Time of Possession/G	31:33
36% (65-181)	3rd Down Conversions	42% (72-171)
26% (5-19)	4th Down Conversions	57% (16-28)
37.4	Net Punting Avg.	36.3
16.3	Kickoff Return Avg.	17.4
6.7	Punt Return Avg.	9.8
80-61.7	Penalties-Yards/G	61-42.8
82% (27-33)	Red Zone Scores	(43-58) 74%
61% (20-33)	Red Zone TDs	(37-58) 64%
20.9	Points Allowed/G	24.2
27 (14-11)	TDs Allowed (Rush-Pass)	38 (20-16)
240	First Downs Allowed	208
344.0	Total Yards/G Allowed	344.4
107.0	Rush Yards/G Allowed	169.5
237.0	Pass Yards/G Allowed	174.9
38% (75-200)	3rd Down Conv. Allowed	36% (63-177)
48% (10-21)	4th Down Conv. Allowed	67% (18-27)
18	Turnovers Gained	22

NIU BY THE NUMBERS

- 1 Sacks given up by NIU offensive tackle Max Scharping in the last three seasons.
- 4 Career touchdowns by DE Sutton Smith after his 85-yard fumble return score at WMU.
- 7 Opponents who have gained less than 100 yards rushing versus NIU in 2018 (in 12 games).
- 9 NIU opponents that are bowl eligible in 2018.
- 11 Blocked kicks in the last two seasons for NIU (7 punts, 3 FGs, 1 PAT), including five in 2018.
- 19 Seniors on the 2018 NIU roster.
- 46 Sacks by the Huskies in 2018 to lead the FBS; two away from the school single season record.
- 50 Rushing yards needed for Tre Harbison to become NIU's first 1,000-yard rusher since 2015.
- 51 Consecutive starts by OT Max Scharping, every game since the 2015 season opener.
- 85 NIU wins since 2010 for a 70.2 winning percentage to rank 14th in the FBS.
- 86 Players who have seen action in a game for NIU in 2018, including 13 true freshmen.
- 104 Tackles by Huskie leader Antonio Jones-Davis.
- 172 Yards of total offense needed for Marcus Childers to climb into the NIU single season Top 10.

MAC BOWL LINEUP

The MAC has seven bowl tie-ins in 2018, five primary and two secondary agreements and all will be televised on ESPN.

Primary

Raycom Media Camellia Bowl	Sat., Dec. 15
Frisco Bowl	Wed., Dec. 19
Famous Idaho Potato Bowl	Fri., Dec. 21
Makers Wanted Bahamas Bowl	Fri., Dec. 21
Dollar General Bowl	Sat., Dec. 22

Secondary

Cheribundi Boca Raton Bowl	Tue., Dec. 18
Quick Lane Bowl	Wed., Dec. 26

MOVING UP IN THE MAC: Carey's 51st career win moved the sixth-year head coach to No. 18 on the Mid-American Conference's Top 20 list for overall wins, tying Bill Cubit (WMU, 2005-12). Don Nehlen (BGSU, 1968-76) ranks 17th with 53 victories. Carey's career winning percentage of .638 currently ranks 13th in MAC history, and he needs to get to .658 to move into the top 10.

PLAYING THE PERCENTAGES: Carey owns a 38-10 (.791) record in conference-only games in his six-year career at NIU and is 15th in MAC wins. He needs two more victories to pass Tom Amstutz (Toledo, 2001-08) for 14th. His winning percentage ranks fifth among coaches that coached at least three years in the league.

Coach	School	Years	W-L	Pct.
Sid Gillman	Cincinnati	1949-52	13-1	.929
Ara Parseghian	Miami	1951-55	19-2-1	.886
Bob Pruett	Marshall	1997-2004	54-10	.844
Doyt Perry	Bowling Green	1955-64	46-9	.836
Rod Carey	NIU	2013-	38-10	.791

RECAPPING LAST WEEK

KEEP IT UNDER 100: The NIU defense is one of four FBS teams to not allow a 100-yard rusher in each of its games this season, and has a streak of 13 consecutive games dating back to the 2017 Quick Lane Bowl (Dec. 26). The last opponent to rush for 100 yards versus NIU was Central Michigan's Jonathan Ward, who gained 159 yards on 21 carries in a CMU win over the Huskies on Nov. 24, 2017. Clemson (18 consecutive games), Southern Miss (14) and Marshall (12) also have also not allowed a 100-yard rusher in their games this season.

SUTTON ON THE SCORE: Defensive end Sutton Smith scored his second touchdown of the season, and fourth of his career, when he returned a fumble 85 yards for a score in the third quarter at Western Michigan. He scored his first TD of 2018 versus Toledo when he blocked a punt and returned it 27 yards.

SUTTON SETS SCHOOL RECORD: Sutton Smith's 85-yard fumble return for a TD at Western Michigan was the third fumble return TD of his career, which broke his own school record. He scored his first career touchdown on a fumble he forced, running it back 16 yards at Bowling Green (Oct. 21, 2017). His second, a 58-yard fumble return for a touchdown came against the Broncos at Huskie Stadium in 2017.

QUITE THE NIGHT FOR SUTTON: In addition to his touchdown return, Sutton Smith recorded career highs in sacks and solo tackles at Western Michigan. Smith tallied seven tackles, all solo, and four sacks, to tie as the most by any player in an FBS game this year. Of those seven stops, five were for a loss. His previous career best in sacks was three set against Kent State (Oct. 7) last year, while his six solo stops against Utah this season was his career high.

TEARS OF JOY: Spencer Tears recorded a season-high 84 yards receiving, including a 58-yard touchdown catch, on a career-best six receptions at Western Michigan.

HUSKIES IN THE PROS

Three former NIU receivers and a pair of defensive backs make up the current list of Huskies in the Pros. Chad Beebe made his NFL debut with the Vikings after being elevated from the practice squad in early November, while Tommy Lee Lewis came off of IR on Thanksgiving Day to catch a touchdown pass from Drew Brees. In addition, three NIU alums were active in the Canadian Football League this year, with Juwan Brescacin helping his team to the 2018 Grey Cup. Rashaan Melvin (6th season) is the veteran of the NFL group, while Courtney Stephen wrapped up his sixth season in the CFL.

National Football League

Oakland Raiders	Rashaan Melvin (CB)
New Orleans Saints	Tommy Lee Lewis (WR)
San Francisco 49ers	Jimmie Ward (S)
Detroit Lions	Kenny Golladay (WR)
Minnesota Vikings	Chad Beebe (WR)

Canadian Football League

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

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They are the most receiving yards for Tears since he amassed a career-high 105 at San Diego State (Sept. 30) last season. His 58-yard TD reception is his longest catch since his 81-yard touchdown reception at San Diego State. He is currently third on the team in receiving with 299 yards on 28 receptions.

GROUNDING: The NIU defense held its seventh opponent to under 100 rushing yards this season when Western Michigan rushed for just 94 yards on 46 carries. The last time an NIU defense held seven opponents to under 100 yards rushing in a game was 2010. NIU's season-low for rushing yards allowed is 35 by Akron, which was the lowest rushing total by an opponent since Arkansas State rushed for 28 yards on 29 carries in the 2012 GoDaddy Bowl (Jan. 8). NIU, which leads the MAC and ranks 13th in the nation in rushing defense, is 4-3 this season when holding an opponent under 100 yards.

Opponent	Yards Rushing	Result
Utah	68	L, 17-6
Eastern Michigan	62	W, 26-23
Ohio	46	W, 24-21
BYU	93	W, 7-6
Akron	35	W, 36-26
Miami	94	L, 13-7
Western Michigan	94	L, 28-21

HUSKIE HEADLINERS

BOWL-ELIGIBLE HUSKIES: After earning its sixth win of the season at Akron on Nov. 1, NIU is bowl eligible for the 10th time in 11 seasons. The Huskies appeared in eight straight bowl games from 2008-15, including the 2013 Discover Orange Bowl. The only other Group of Five team to qualify for 10 bowls in the last 11 years is Boise State.

SCHARP-ING AS A TACK-LE: Senior offensive tackle Max Scharping became NIU's first three-time academic all-district selection when he earned Google Cloud Academic All-District 5 First Team honors from the College Sports Information Directors of America. Scharping previously earned second team honors in 2016 and first team accolades in 2017. He was a second team CoSIDA Academic All-American last year.

ACADEMIC HEISMAN CANDIDATE: Max Scharping is one of 13 student-athletes across all divisions of college football to be named a finalist for the 2018 William V. Campbell Trophy, one of the most prestigious awards in college football, which annually recognizes the best scholar-athlete in the nation and is presented by the National Football Foundation & College Football Hall of Fame. Scharping is the fifth NIU player all-time to earn the NFF Scholar-Athlete Award, joining Nabal Jefferson (2011), Chandler Harnish (2010), Josh Haldi (2004) and Patrick Stephen (1998).

HUSKIE HONOREES: Sutton Smith earned his fourth MAC Player of the Week honor Monday after his four-sack, five-TFL performance versus Western Michigan. Seven different Huskie players have earned 11 Player of the Week honors this year, including in each of the last six games. NIU has won seven defensive awards, two for special teams and one on offense.

Player	MAC West Honor	Game
Sutton Smith	Defensive POTW	Utah, Ohio, WMU
Antonio Jones-Davis	Defensive POTW	EMU
Mykelti Williams	Defensive POTW	BYU
Matt Ference	Special Teams POTW	BYU
Jalen McKie	Defensive POTW	Akron
Tre Harbison	Offensive POTW	Akron, Toledo
Sutton Smith	Special Teams POTW	Toledo
Josh Corcoran	Defensive POTW	Miami

IMPRESSIVE STRETCH: From Sept. 22 to Nov. 1, the Huskies played a stretch of five of six games away from Huskie Stadium. NIU went 5-1 in those games, with NIU's only loss coming at Florida State on Sept. 22. NIU posted wins at BYU and at Akron in the final two games of that stretch.

FIRST TIME FOR EVERYTHING: A year after becoming the first MAC team to win at Memorial Stadium in Nebraska, NIU achieved another first for a league member when the Huskies became the first MAC team to defeat BYU at LaVell Edwards Stadium with their 7-6 victory over the Cougars on October 27. Western Michigan is 0-2 in its visits to Provo (1964 and 1967), while Bowling Green (1983) and Toledo (2016) each lost games at BYU.

NIU vs. THE POWER FIVE:

NIU's victory over BYU on Oct. 27 is considered a "Boneyard Win," as Huskie victories over prominent opponents from larger conferences are characterized. The BYU win was NIU's 16th versus such an opponent in 88 games. Of those 16 wins, eight have come in the last nine

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	—
2018	BYU	A 7-6	—

years and five have occurred under Rod Carey. The Huskies' entire 2018 nonconference schedule was made up of "Boneyard" opponents, and the Huskies have faced at least one larger conference school in 35 of the last 36 seasons.

LUCKY NUMBER SEVEN: NIU's 7-6 victory at BYU was the Huskies' first win when scoring seven points or less since Sept. 3, 1988 when NIU defeated Akron, 7-6, at Huskie Stadium.

NO TDs ALLOWED: The Huskie defense held BYU to two field goals in the win in Provo. The last time NIU did not allow a touchdown in a game was on Oct. 7, 2017 when the Huskies defeated Kent State, 24-3, in the 111th Homecoming Game. The last time the Huskie defense limited an opponent to less than six points in a victory on the road was Nov. 26, 2010 when NIU defeated Eastern Michigan, 71-3.

MAX SCHOLAR-ATHLETE: Max Scharping was named MAC Scholar-Athlete of the Week following his performance in NIU's victory over Ohio. Scharping, who is scheduled to graduate in December with his master's degree in exercise physiology and fitness leadership, took a lateral into the end zone on a two-point conversion and led the Huskies to a 400-yard day on offense. He is the first Huskie, male or female, to earn the MAC's weekly academic award this year and the first football player since Jackson Abresch last season.

WORKING OVERTIME: NIU improved to 8-4 in overtime games with their triple overtime win at Eastern Michigan on Sept. 29. It was the third consecutive overtime game between the Huskies and Eagles, all NIU

victories. The Huskies defeated EMU, 31-24, in Ypsilanti in 2016 and 30-27 at Huskie Stadium last season. This year's game was NIU's first triple overtime contest since a 34-28 loss to Central Michigan Oct. 15, 2016.

JUST FOR KICKS: The Huskie defense has forced 71 punts this season, five shy of the school record of 76 set in 2014. The Huskies' best performance of the season came at Eastern Michigan. After EMU scored on its first two possessions of the game (including a field goal after starting a drive at the NIU 28 off an interception), the Huskie defense held EMU without a first down on its next NINE possessions and on 10 of the Eagles' 12 possessions the rest of the game. The dominance continued in the second and third overtimes as, after scoring a touchdown in the first OT, EMU gained just four total yards in the second and third OTs. The Huskies forced a season-high 10 punts by Miami.

DOGGED DEFENSE

GETTING DEFENSIVE: In addition to some outstanding individual performances, the NIU defense has turned in some spectacular efforts as a unit. From tallying a season-high seven sacks against Utah, to forcing a season-high four turnovers at Florida State, the Huskie defense has stepped up each week.

NIU 2018 DEFENSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

Opponent	Highlight
Iowa	Held Iowa to three points in first half
Utah	Tallied a season-high seven sacks
CMU*	Intercepted a pass on Chippewas' final drive to seal win
Florida State	Forced four turnovers
EMU*	Held Eagles w/o a 1st down on 9 straight possessions
Ball State*	Forced three field goal attempts
Ohio*	Allowed 46 rushing yards
BYU	Did not allow a touchdown
Akron*	Scored a defensive touchdown
Toledo*	Held Toledo to -4 yards rushing in 3rd quarter
Miami*	Allowed a season-low 201 yards of total offense
WMU*	Did not allow a 100-yard rusher for 13th-straight game

* - Mid-American Conference Team

SACK LUNCH: The Huskie defense recorded six sacks at Western Michigan to give NIU 46 on the season. The school record for sacks in a season is 47 set in 2002. Cornerback Jalen McKie became the 12th different Huskie to record a sack when he tallied his first career sack in the win over BYU (Oct. 27). As a team, the Huskies lead the nation in quarterback sacks and average 3.83 a game.

DYNAMIC DUO: Huskie defensive ends Sutton Smith and Josh Corcoran rank No. 1 and No. 4 in the MAC and fourth and 12th in the nation, respectively, in sacks per game. Smith, is averaging 1.08 sacks a game, while Corcoran tallies 0.80 a game. Smith leads NIU with 13 sacks on the year, while Corcoran is second on the team with eight.

SUTTON ON THE SACK: Sutton Smith moved three sacks closer to second place on NIU's all-time list for quarterback sacks after recording a career-best four sacks at Western Michigan. The Huskie junior, leads the MAC and ranks fourth in the country in quarterback sacks. He has 28 for his career, and is three sacks from tying Cary Caliendo (1987-90) for second. Huskie great Larry English amassed a school record 31.5 sacks from 2004-08.

AT A LOSS: With five tackles for loss at Western Michigan, Sutton Smith has 52.5 for his career, which ranks third on NIU's all-time list. Smith

ranks third among active players averaging 1.42 tackles per loss per game. The Huskie defensive end leads the MAC and ranks sixth in the nation, averaging 1.8 tackles for loss a game. Larry English holds the school record for career tackles for loss with 63.

UN-CORKED-ORAN: Josh Corcoran, who recorded two sacks against Miami, has tallied seven of his career-high eight sacks this season in five of the last seven games. He also contributed two sacks at BYU and at Akron and one against Ohio. Corcoran, who ranks second on the team in sacks, has 13 for his career and needs two more to move into the top 10 on NIU's all-time sack list.

TOTALLY NOT ALLOWED: The Huskie defense allowed a season-low 201 yards of total offense in the setback to Miami. They were the fewest total yards allowed in a game by the Huskies since NIU held Kent State (Oct. 7) to 131 yards of total offense last season. They are the fewest yards allowed in a loss since NIU gave up 228 yards in a 38-31 loss at Ohio (Nov. 21) in 2009.

STRIPPING AGENT: Josh Corcoran became the latest Huskie to join this strip sack list when he recorded one versus Miami. Sutton Smith leads the team in strip sacks this season with four and has five for his career. Smith recorded a strip sack in the season opener at Iowa (Sept. 1), at Florida State (Sept. 22) and versus Ohio (Oct. 13) this year, and had a half sack and forced fumble last season at Buffalo (Oct. 14). Smith has seven career forced fumbles. The school record for forced fumbles in a career is 12 set by C.J. Rose (1992-95).

YOU DON'T KNOW JACK: Defensive tackle Jack Heflin tallied four tackles, all solo, with a sack and a tackle for loss at Western Michigan. He has 20 tackles, eight tackles for loss and six sacks in the last six games. The redshirt sophomore's best game came against Toledo, when he recorded 2.5 sacks, 3.5 tackles for loss and seven tackles, five solo, all career highs, in NIU's win over Toledo. Heflin also returned to the starting line-up for the first time this year versus Toledo. He has already almost tripled his tackle total from a year ago.

DOUBLE YOUR PLEASURE: Jalen McKie sealed the Huskie victory over Akron when he made his second career interception nine plays after his first. McKie, the son of former Chicago Bears fullback Jason McKie, is the first Huskie to intercept two passes in a game since Mayomi Olootu versus Buffalo on Oct. 22, 2016. His returned his first career INT 23 yards for the Huskies' first defensive touchdown of the season and their first since Nov. 24, 2017, and made a fourth-down INT later in the game.

DEFENSIVE PAT ON THE BACK: In addition to his two interceptions, McKie became the first Huskie to score on a defensive PAT since Sept. 20, 2003 when he ran Ben LeRoy's blocked PAT back 86 yards for two huge points, as the play turned a potential tie score into a three-point Huskie lead. Kevin Woods scored the Huskies' last defensive PAT in NIU's historic 19-16 win at Alabama. McKie accounted for NIU's last eight points at Akron.

THE FIRM: Antonio Jones-Davis – nicknamed "Law Firm" – ranks 61st in the nation and seventh in the MAC in total tackles with a team-best 104 after recording six at Western Michigan. Jones-Davis has four double-digit tackle performances this season, tallying a career-high 16 twice, against Central Michigan (Sept. 15) and at Ball State (Oct. 6). Jones-Davis' 13 stops at Eastern Michigan helped him earn MAC West Defensive Player of the Week honors.

A HUSKIE DOZEN: The 12 solo stops by Antonio Jones-Davis at Ball State are the most by a Huskie since linebacker Boomer Mays made 12 against Western Michigan Nov. 18, 2015 at Huskie Stadium. Mays finished the game with 15 stops.

SUSTAINED SUCCESS

Since 2003, NIU has been one of the most successful Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) schools in the country. The Huskies have amassed six 10-win seasons, including two 12-2 campaigns.

Since 2010

1.	Alabama	111-12	.902
2.	Ohio State	102-17	.857
3.	Clemson	101-21	.828
4.	Oklahoma	96-22	.814
5.	Boise State	95-23	.805
6.	Stanford	92-27	.773
7.	LSU	87-28	.756
8.	Wisconsin	91-30	.752
9.	Florida St	90-30	.750
10.	Oregon	88-30	.746
11.	Georgia	88-32	.733
12.	Oklahoma St	84-32	.724
13.	Michigan St	85-33	.720
14.	Notre Dame	81-34	.704
15.	NIU	85-36	.702

Since 2003

1.	Boise State	176-33	.842
2.	Ohio State	175-33	.841
3.	Oklahoma	170-42	.802
4.	Alabama	170-44	.794
5.	LSU	160-47	.773
6.	USC	158-51	.756
7.	Clemson	157-54	.744
	Georgia	157-54	.744
9.	TCU	150-53	.739
10.	Wisconsin	155-56	.735
11.	Oregon	147-59	.714
12.	Florida St	147-63	.700
13.	Utah	141-61	.697
	Texas	141-63	.691
16.	Florida	141-64	.688
14.	Virginia Tech	145-66	.687
18.	Auburn	140-67	.676
17.	West Virginia	137-66	.675
19.	Oklahoma St.	136-68	.667
20.	Penn State	134-68	.663
21.	Louisville	129-72	.642
22.	NIU	133-75	.639
	Michigan	129-73	.639
24.	Iowa	129-75	.632
	Notre Dame	127-74	.632

NIU OPPONENTS THIS WEEK

NIU Opponent (TV)	This Week
Iowa (FOX)	8-4, Bowl Eligible
Utah (FSN1)	vs. Washington, Pac-12 Championship Game
Central Michigan* (ESPN+)	1-11
Florida State (ABC)	5-7
Eastern Michigan*	7-5, Bowl Eligible
Ball State*	4-8
Ohio*	8-4, Bowl Eligible
BYU	6-6, Bowl Eligible
Akron*	at South Carolina
Toledo*	7-5, Bowl Eligible
Miami*	6-6, Bowl Eligible
Western Michigan*	7-5, Bowl Eligible

* - Mid-American Conference Team

STUCK IN THE MIDDLE WITH PUGH: After missing the final nine games of the 2017 season, Kyle Pugh returned to the starting line-up in 2018. He is second on the team in tackles with 90 after amassing a team-high nine tackles against Western Michigan and is tied for the team lead with two fumble recoveries. Pugh also recorded his first career solo sack versus Toledo and has four tackles for loss and at least eight tackles, while leading or tying for the team lead in tackles, in the last four games.

ON THE OFFENSE

MILLENNIAL: With his 139 rushing yards against Toledo, Tre Harbison became the 41st Huskie to rush for 1,000 yards in his career. The redshirt sophomore has 1,244 career yards after gaining 43 yards on 16 carries at Western Michigan, which moves him past Akeem Daniels (2010-14) for 33rd on NIU's all-time list. Harbison is 50 yards from reaching 1,000 for the season and would become the first Huskie since Joel Bouagnon in 2015 to reach that mark.

KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES: With 527 yards on 91 carries this season, tailback Marcus Jones is 14 yards from 1,000 career rushing yards. Jones has tallied 986 yards on 182 carries during his three-year career at NIU.

HUNDRED FOR HARBISON: NIU tailback Tre Harbison has recorded five 100-yard games this season, including a stretch of three in a row from Nov. 1-14. Harbison became the first Huskie to record three straight 100-yard games since Heisman Finalist Jordan Lynch posted four straight in 2013. He is the first Huskie since Joel Bouagnon in 2015 to amass five 100-yard games in a season. Harbison tallied a career-high 169 yards on 23 carries and a touchdown in the 36-26 victory at Akron (Nov. 1) and is averaging 5.4 yards per carry this season. He ranks third in the league in rushing, averaging 79.2 yards a game.

COUNTER TRE: The Huskies are 4-1 when Tre Harbison rushes for 100 yards or more in a game. In NIU's seven wins, Harbison has averaged 99.0 yards on 17.4 carries. Conversely, in the Huskies' five losses, Harbison is averaging 51.4 yards a game and 11 carries.

RUNNING TO WINS: NIU has won 10 of its last 11 games when rushing for 200 yards or more in a game. The Huskies have rushed for 200 yards or more in six games in 2018, including a season-high 296 yards in their victories over Toledo and Akron. NIU's only loss during that stretch was a 13-7 decision to Miami when the Huskies ran for 212 yards.

PLAYING THE 45: NIU is 33-3 in the Rod Carey era when rushing the ball 45 times or more in a game. The Huskies are 4-0 this season when running the ball 45 times or more and are averaging 241.5 yards in those games. NIU is 19-1 in its last 20 such games, with the lone loss coming last season at San Diego State (Sept. 30) when NIU ran 45 times for 155 yards in a 34-28 setback to the Aztecs.

QUITE THE COMPARISON: The NIU offense is averaging 15.2 points more a game in conference play than in its non-conference contests. The Huskies have almost tripled their rushing average in MAC play, with 225.9 yards a game compared to 78.2 in its four non-conference games. On the season, NIU is averaging 176.7 rushing yards a game.

	MAC	Non-conference	Season
Games	8	4	12
Points/GM	25.0	9.8	19.9
Points/GM Allowed	19.8	23.2	20.9
Rush Yds/GM	225.9	78.2	176.7
Rush/GM Allowed	99.1	122.8	107.0
Total Offense/GM	369.0	216.0	318.0
Total Offense/GM Allowed	333.1	370.0	344.0

ALL MY CHILDERS: Quarterback Marcus Childers currently ranks sixth on NIU's all-time list for career passing yards per game, averaging 140.4 yards. Childers' 343 career completions rank eighth all-time at NIU and trail Phil Horvath, who ranks seventh with 397. Childers has also completed 57.8 percent of his passes for his

career, which ranks seventh, behind Dan Nicholson, who completed 59.2 percent of his passes. His career average of 25.0 pass attempts a game over the last two seasons is No. 1 on NIU's all-time list.

TOUCHDOWNS TO SHARE: Quarterback Marcus Childers has thrown touchdown passes to six different players in 2018. Childers connected with Ty Harmston in overtime at Eastern Michigan, completed TDs to Jauan Wesley and D.J. Brown at Florida State and threw a season-best three TD passes versus Central Michigan, hitting receivers Spencer Tears (14 yards), Dennis Robinson (seven yards) and Brown (two yards). He has thrown a pair of TD passes to Corey Lersch - at Akron and versus Miami. Childers has thrown for 3,370 yards in 24 games (20 starts) over the last two seasons.

TWO FOR 100: Tre Harbison (139) and Marcus Jones (103) became the first Huskie duo to rush for 100 yards in the same game since Oct. 1, 2016, when the two rushed for 139 and 103 yards, respectively, in NIU's win over Toledo. Joel Bouagnon (153) and Anthony Maddie (160) accomplished the feat at Ball State. It is the 26th time NIU has had two 100-yard rushers in the same game.

ALLS WESLEY THAT ENDS WELL: Huskie wide receiver Jauan Wesley leads the Huskies in receiving yards (543), yards per catch (11.6) and yards per game (46.2). He has more than doubled his receiving yards from last season, and passed his 2017 reception total of 10 against Utah in the second game of the year.

WORKING ON THE LINE: The Huskies have employed seven different starting offensive line combinations this season, led by Academic All-American tackle Max Scharping who has started a team-leading 51 consecutive games, every game of his NIU career. Center Luke Shively joins Shively to start all 12 games at center this season, 37 for his career. JC transfer Christopher Perez has made 10 starts at left guard, while Nathan Veloz and Braden Patton have split time at right guard with Veloz starting seven games and Patton starting five. Patton has also made two starts at left guard. Jordan Steckler (8), Ryan Roberts (2) and Isaac Hawn (2) have each started at right tackle this year.

TACKLING A TWO-POINT CONVERSION: NIU converted its first two-point conversion attempt since Oct. 1, 2011 when left tackle Max Scharping took a lateral pass into the end zone to give NIU a 24-21 lead over Ohio. Scharping's score came in his 46th start and marked the first time the offensive tackle has handled the football in his college career.

SPECIAL FORCES

PINNING THEM DEEP: Sophomore punter Matt Ference has placed 29 of his 79 punts inside the 20-yard line and has 13 punts of 50 yards or more on the season. Ference landed three of his nine punts at BYU inside the 10-yard line, including one that landed at the one foot-line, to eventually earn MAC West Specialist of the Week honors. He outdueled Ray Guy Award winner Matt Wishnowsky of Utah, averaging 46.0 yards on eight punts, and pinned Utah inside the 20 yard-line four times.

ON THE RIGHT FOOT: Punter Matt Ference's 40.7 yards per punt career average ranks second on NIU's all-time list for punting average, while his 6,600 punting yards ranks eighth all-time behind Jim Gilbert's 6,874 punting yards. Ference's 162 career punts ranks ninth all-time, five punts shy of Jimmy Erwin for eighth place.

NINE IS FINE: Ference booted a season-high nine punts for 421 yards, also a career best, for an average of 46.8 yards in NIU's victory at BYU, the second-highest single game punting average of his career. His career best came in the 2018 season opener at Iowa when he averaged

47.2 yards on six punts for 283 yards. He ranks seventh in the MAC and 63rd in the country with a 41.2 yard average.

SUTTON SPECIAL: Sutton Smith recorded his second career punt block in NIU's victory over Toledo and returned it 27 yards for a touchdown to turn a 10-9 NIU lead into a 17-9 halftime margin. Smith's first career punt block occurred in the Huskies' win over Central Michigan (Sept. 15) in the third game of the season.

BLOCK PARTY: With Sutton Smith's punt block in the second quarter against Toledo, NIU special teams have blocked five kicks this season and 11 in the last two years. It was Smith's second punt block this season and the third for NIU this year. Smith blocked a punt against CMU (Sept. 15), while Jauan Wesley recorded a block in the season opener at Iowa. Ben LeRoy blocked an extra point attempt in the win at Akron, which was returned for two points by Jalen McKie, while Jack Heflin had a blocked field goal versus Utah.

Player	Block Type	Opponent
Jauan Wesley	Punt	Iowa
Jack Heflin	Field Goal	Utah
Sutton Smith	Punt	Central Michigan
Ben LeRoy	PAT	Akron
Sutton Smith	Punt	Toledo

AHEAD OF PACE: With five blocked kicks this season, the Huskies are one way from their total of last season. NIU blocked six kicks, two field goals and four punts, in 2017. NIU ranks second in the nation in blocked kicks and blocked punts.

ALL ABOUT THE TEAM

ABOVE THE AVERAGE: Eighty-six players have suited up and taken the field for the Huskies this season, the most since 2014 when 78 players saw action in a contest. Since 2013, NIU has played an average of 77.3 players a season.

ALL-AMERICA ATTENTION: In addition to being named to numerous preseason watch lists, NIU left tackle Max Scharping and defensive end Sutton Smith garnered multiple preseason All-America honors. Last season, Smith became NIU's first consensus All-American since LeShon Johnson in 1993.

Sutton Smith, DE -	USA Today (2nd Team), Athlon (2nd), The Athletic (2nd), The Sporting News (2nd), Phil Steele (4th)
Max Scharping, OT -	USA Today (2nd), Athlon (4th)

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

Andrew Gantz	K	Sport Administration	Cincinnati
Ryan Graham	QB	Leadership and Management	NIU
Ty Harmston	TE	Biology	NIU
Max Scharping	LT	Kinesiology	NIU
Luke Shively	C	Chemistry-Biochemistry	NIU
Albert Smalls	CB	Kinesiology	NIU
Jaden Huff	LB	Finance	St. Cloud State

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED

Name, Pos.	Class	GP	GS
Erik Abrell, LS	Fr.-R	9	-
Joseph Bonds, LB	Fr.	4	-
Mitchell Brinkman, TE	Jr.	24	8
Dale Brown, OL/TE	Sr.-R	37	1
D.J. Brown, WR	Sr.	50	16
Drequan Brown, DE	Sr.-R	13	-
Amir Brummett, WR	Fr.	1	-
Adam Buirge, S	Jr.-R	34	-
Marcus Childers, QB	So.-R	24	20
Jordan Cole, LB	Fr.-R	12	1
Josh Corcoran, DE	Sr.	46	26
Jaquis Covington, DB	Jr.-R	2	-
Daniel Crawford, TE	Jr.-R	23	3
Calvin Dassow, OT	Fr.-R	7	-
Jawon Denton, DE	Fr.-R	3	-
Lance Deveaux Jr., LB	Jr.	31	13
Jalen Embry, CB	Sr.-R	25	13
Matt Ference, P	So.	25	-
Trayshon Foster, S	Jr.-R	34	11
Andrew Gantz, K	Sr.-R	12	-
Rayshawn Gay, LB	Fr.-R	8	-
Ryan Gibbons, WR	So.-R	2	-
Ryan Graham, QB	Sr.-R	19	9
Andrew Gregory, LB	So.-R	14	-
Ezekiel Gueths, OL	So.-R	2	-
Justin Hall, DB	Fr.	3	-
Rodney Hall, WR	Fr.-R	4	-
Devin Haney, CB	Fr.	11	-
Tre Harbison, RB	So.-R	22	8
Nathan Harman, LB	Fr.	1	-
Ty Harmston, TE	Sr.-R	33	9
J.D. Harris	Fr.	1	-
Isaac Hawn, OL	So.	17	6
Jack Hefflin, DT	So.-R	25	16
Cortez Hogans, LB	Fr.	12	-
Jaden Huff, TB	Sr.-R	12	-
Vince Hughes, DL	Jr.-R	4	-
Tifonte Hunt, CB	Sr.-R	28	7
Marcus Jones, TB	Jr.-R	38	8
Antonio Jones-Davis, LB	Jr.-R	33	12
Marcus Kelly, DT	Jr.-R	21	1
Michael Kennedy, DE	Fr.-R	9	-
Fotis Kokosioulis, WR	Fr.	9	-
Weston Kramer, DT	So.	25	11
Vinny Labus, LB	Fr.-R	12	1
Ben LeRoy, DT	Jr.	32	21
Corey Lersch, TE	So.-R	12	3
Matt Lorbeck, DE	So.	24	2
Zhamaine March, DB	Fr.	9	-
Jalen McKie, CB	Fr.-R	12	2
Jordan Nettles, TB	Jr.-R	11	-
Benn Olson, OL	So.-R	12	1
Kewan Parker, LB	Fr.	4	-
Brayden Patton, OL	So.-R	15	6
Leon Payne, WR	Fr.	4	1
Christopher Perez Jr., OG	Jr.	10	10
Kyle Pugh, LB	Jr.-R	25	15
John Richardson, K	Fr.	1	-
Ryan Roberts, OT	Jr.-R	35	10
Dennis Robinson, WR	Fr.-R	12	1
Jordan Rowell, TB	Fr.-R	1	-
Hayden Sak, LS	Sr.	42	-
Max Scharping, OT	Sr.-R	51	51
Alex Schlee, OL	Jr.-R	4	-
Luke Shively, C	Sr.-R	44	37
Albert Smalls, CB	Sr.-R	45	27
Sutton Smith, DE	Jr.-R	37	25
Trequan Smith, S	Jr.-R	22	9
Liam Soraghan, TE	Fr.-R	1	-
Jordan Steckler, OL	Jr.-R	33	29
A.J. Taylor, DT	Jr.-R	1	-
Spencer Tears, WR	Jr.-R	34	21
Dillon Thomas, S	Fr.-R	12	-
Anthony Thompson, QB	So.-R	3	-
Maximilian Thrower, TE	So.-R	4	-
Maalik Todd, CB	Sr.-R	14	-
Cole Tucker, WR	Fr.-R	12	5
Nathan Veloz, OG	Jr.-R	27	20
Antwain Walker, CB	Fr.	9	-
Danny Walker, LB	Fr.-R	1	-
Austin Warner, OL	So.-R	15	-
Devin Webster, DT	Sr.	12	1
Jauan Wesley, WR	Sr.-R	24	11
Mykelti Williams, S	Jr.-R	25	25
Caleb Wright, DL	Fr.	1	-
Quintin Wynne, DE	Jr.-R	33	1

NIU HEAD COACH ROD CAREY



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

The Huskies are MAC West Champions and will play in the Marathon MAC Championship game for the fourth time in six seasons under Carey; NIU won the 2014 MAC Championship, and Carey will lead the Huskies to a bowl game for the fifth time in his six seasons in 2018. The Huskies have previously played in the league title game five times, with three wins, since Carey arrived in DeKalb as NIU's offensive coordinator in 2011. He was a part of five of NIU's MAC-record eight consecutive bowl appearances from 2008-15.

Carey is 51-29 with a .638 winning percentage in 80 games as NIU's head coach ranks among the best in NIU history. He is fourth on NIU's all-time wins list both in wins and winning percentage.

Carey also is climbing the Mid-American Conference coaching charts as his win percentage puts him in the all-time Top 15 in the league. With a 38-10 record – good for a .792 winning percentage – in MAC games, Carey ranks 15th all-time in league wins and is tied for 18th in total wins by a MAC coach.

Carey-led Huskie teams are 4-2 versus teams from the Big Ten Conference in six seasons. NIU posted a perfect 12-0 regular season record in 2013 behind quarterback Jordan Lynch, who Carey helped develop into the first Heisman Trophy finalist in NIU and MAC history. The Huskies spent 12 weeks in the Top 25 rankings and Carey was named the MAC Coach of the Year, and was a semifinalist for the Maxwell Football Club Coach of the Year Award.

With the addition of defensive end Sutton Smith, who in 2017 became just the second Huskie ever named a consensus All-American, Carey has coached seven NIU players to All-America honors. Five Huskies have been drafted, including wide receiver Kenny Golladay, the record-setting receiver who was a third-round selection of the Detroit Lions in 2017. In all, 16 Huskies who played for Carey at NIU have gone on to play professionally, including San Francisco 49ers first round draft pick Jimmie Ward in 2014 and three current NFL receivers in Tommylee Lewis, Kenny Golladay and Chad Beebe.

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

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

Carey joined the Huskies in 2011 after three seasons coaching the offensive line at the University of North Dakota. He spent the 2007 season as the offensive line coach at Illinois State and was offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Wisconsin-Stout from 2000-06. In all, Carey coached 26 all-conference selections and seven All-Americans during his time at UW-Stout.

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

2018 HUSKIE COACHING STAFF

Off.Coord./Asst. HC/TEs/FBs.....	Mike Uremovich	Coaches' Booth
Defensive Coord./Linebackers.....	Jeff Knowles	Coaches' Booth
Quarterbacks	Craig Harmon.....	Coaches' Booth/Field
Offensive Line/Run Game Coord.	Joe Tripodi.....	Field
Defensive Line	Walter Stewart*	Field
Safeties.....	Tyler Yelk*	Field
Running Backs	Jake Landry*	Field
Wide Receivers.....	Steve Crutchley	Field
Cornerbacks	Melvin Rice	Field
Special Teams	Dan Sabock.....	Field
Director of Sports Performance.....	Brad Ohrt.....	Field

#New to NIU staff in 2018

BUFFALO FACTS

Head Coach (Alma Mater/Year).....	Lance Liepold (Wisconsin-Whitewater/1987)
Record at Buffalo/Years	23-25/Fourth
Career Record/Years.....	133-31/12th
2017 Record	6-6
Mid-American Conference Record/Finish	4-4/3rd
Location	Buffalo, N.Y.
Enrollment.....	30,658
Conference	Mid-American, East Division (MAC)
Colors.....	Blue and White
Stadium.....	UB Stadium
Surface/Capacity	A-Titan Turf /30,270
President.....	Satish K. Tripathi
Athletic Director.....	Mark Alnutt
Athletics Website.....	ubbulls.com
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2018 BUFFALO SCHEDULE & RESULTS

Day, Date	Opponent (TV)	Time (CT)
Sat., Sept. 1	DELEWARE STATE (ESPN3)	W, 48-10
Sat., Sept. 8	at Temple (ESPN3)	W, 36-29
Sat., Sept. 15	at Eastern Michigan (ESPN+)	W, 35-28
Sat., Sept. 22	at Rutgers (BTN)	W, 42-13
Sat., Sept. 29	ARMY (ESPN+)	L, 42-13
Sat., Oct. 6	at Central Michigan* (CBSSN)	W, 34-24
Sat., Oct. 13	AKRON* (CBSSN)	W, 24-6
Sat., Oct. 20	at Toledo* (ESPN+)	W, 31-17
Tue., Oct. 30	MIAMI* (ESPN2)	W, 51-42
Tue., Nov. 6	KENT STATE* (ESPNU)	W, 48-14
Wed., Nov. 14	at Ohio* (ESPN2)	L, 44-14
Fri., Nov. 23	at Bowling Green* (ESPNU)	W, 44-14
Fri., Nov. 30	MAC Championship Game vs NIU (ESPN2)	7 p.m.

*Mid-American Conference Game; All Times Eastern

NIU-BUFFALO SERIES HISTORY

Overall	NIU leads 11-1
In Buffalo	NIU leads 5-0
In DeKalb	NIU leads 6-1
In MAC Games	NIU leads 7-0
Streak	NIU, 11
First Meeting	Nov. 9, 1968; UB 20, NIU 7 (H)
Last Meeting	Oct. 14, 2017 NIU 14, UB 13 (A)
Series History	(*MAC Game):

1968: UB 20, NIU 7 (H)	2010: NIU 45, UB 14 (H)*
1970: NIU 43, UB 26 (H)	2011: NIU 31, UB 30 (A)*
1999: NIU 45, UB 21 (A)	2012: NIU 45, UB 3 (H)*
2000: NIU 73, UB 10 (H)	2015: NIU 41, UB 30 (A)*
2003: NIU 40, UB 9 (A)	2016: NIU 44, UB 7 (H)*
2006: NIU 31, UB 13 (H)*	2017: NIU 14, UB 13 (A)*

THE LAST MEETING

NIU 14, Buffalo 13

Nov. 14, 2017

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)
Rushes-Net Yards	56-217.....	27-39
Passing Yards	224.....	344
Passes (C-A-I)	20-31-0.....	21-34-1
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

Rushing - 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).
Passing - NIU: Childers 20-31-0, 224; **UB:** D. Anderson 13-18-0, 191; VanTrease 8-16-1, 153.
Receiving - 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.
Tackles - NIU: Allen 8, Williams 7; **UB:** Hodge 19, Collier 10.

2018 NIU ALL-AMERICA CANDIDATES

**15 SUTTON SMITH****DE | 6-1 | 237 | Jr.-R****St. Charles, Mo. | Francis Howell HS**

- "Relentless" rush defensive end has made 46 total tackles, 33 solo, with big plays at critical moments for the 7-5 and MAC West Champion Huskies.
- Had a spectacular day at Western Michigan with a career high four quarterback sacks, five tackles for loss, seven solo stops and an 85-yard fumble return for a touchdown. The 85-yard fumble return tied as second-longest in school history.
- Scored his fourth career touchdown, including three on fumble returns.

- Needs one sack to tie his own single season NIU record set last year.
- Ranks third all-time at NIU in sacks and tackles for loss.
- Blocked a pair of punts – versus Central Michigan and Toledo – and scooped up the block versus Toledo and scored on a 27-yard return to turn a 10-9 NIU lead into a 17-9 advantage just before halftime. Earned MAC West Specialist of the Week honors with that play.
- Also forced a fumble, broke up a pass, had a sack and a TFL vs. the Rockets.
- Has at least one TFL in 14 of NIU's last 16 games, Has at least one tackle for loss in 10 of 12 games and sacks in eight games this season.
- Earned MAC West Defensive Player of the Week honors vs. Ohio with two sacks, 2.5 tackles for loss, and two fumble recoveries, including one on a strip sack and caused fumble.
- Has sacked the QB and caused a fumble four times. Made four tackles, two for loss, with a sack at Eastern Michigan.
- Attention on Smith has freed other defenders, leading to NIU's current national ranking of No. 1 nationally in sacks (46 for 286 yards/3.83 per game), No. 7 in tackles for loss (96 for 423 yards/8.0 per game) and No. 13 in rushing defense (107.0 per game).
- The Huskies have held SEVEN opponents to less than 100 rushing yards in a game and have not allowed an opposing back to rush for 100 yards this season.
- Smith's fellow defensive linemen have accounted for 24.5 sacks and 39 tackles for loss.
- Two of his four tackles at Florida State were for loss, and forced a fumble on a sack.
- MAC West Defensive Player of the Week with eight tackles, 4.5 for loss, and two sacks vs. Utah.
- Recorded five tackles, four solo, at Iowa with a forced fumble and a sack.

NATIONAL RANKINGS (as of 11/25/18)

Category	Total	Rank
• Quarterback Sacks	13.0	4
• Sacks/Game	1.08	4
• Tackles for Loss	21.0	6
• Tackles for Loss/Game	1.80	6
• Fumbles Recovered	3	T5
• Fumbles Forced/Game	0.33	9
• Blocked Kicks	2	5
• Punt Return TDs	1	T5
• Single Game Sacks	4.0	T1
• Single Game Tackles for Loss	5.0	T3
• Career Sacks*	28.0	3
• Career Solo Sacks*	26.0	3
• Career Sacks/Game*	0.76	5
• Career Sack Yards*	184	3
• Career Tackles for Loss*	52.5	3
• Career Tackles for Loss/Game*	1.42	3
• Career Solo Tackles for Loss	48	2
• Career Tackles for Loss Yards*	261	2
• Career Forced Fumbles*	7	T14
• Career Forced Fumbles/Game*	0.19	T14
• Career Non-Offensive TDs*	4	T8
• Career Defensive TDs*	3	T5

SMITH'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst	Total	TFL-Yds	QS-Yds	FF/FR	Int/PBU	BK
2016	12/0	6	9	15	2.0-7	1.0-6	0/0	0/0	0
2017	13/13	43	20	63	29.5-140	14.0-95	3/3	0/3	0
2018	12/12	33	13	46	21.0-114	13.0-83	4/3	0/1	2
Career	37/25	82	42	124	52.5-261	28.0-184	7/6	0/4	2

SINGLE GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 10, vs. Kent State, 10-7-17
 Tackles for Loss: 5.5, vs. Western Michigan, 11-15-17
 Sacks: 4.0, vs. Western Michigan, 11-20-18
 Forced Fumbles: 1 (7x), last vs. Toledo, 11-7-18
 Fumble Recoveries: 2, vs. Ohio, 10-13-18
 Touchdowns: 1 (4x), last vs. Western Michigan, 11-20-18
 Long Touchdown: 85 yard fumble return vs. Western Michigan, 11/20/18

**73 MAX SCHARPING****OT | 6-6 | 320 | Sr.-R | Green Bay, Wis. | Southwest HS**

- Has started 51 consecutive games, every game of his career, and played every offensive snap (858 plays) in 2018.
- Named a finalist for the William Campbell Trophy and a semifinalist for the Wuerffel Trophy.
- Scored on a two-point conversion by taking a lateral pass and rumbling into the end zone vs. Ohio.
- Huskie backs have eight 100-yard rushing games in 2018, including five, and three straight, by Tre Harbison.
- Two tailbacks went over the 100-yard mark vs. Toledo. NIU gained 296 rushing yards in back-to-back games vs. Akron and Toledo.
- Season bests were 169-yard efforts by Childers vs. Ohio and Harbison at Akron.
- Did not allow any sacks or QB pressures versus Utah, BYU or Florida State.
- Graded out to a 92 percent mark vs. Toledo.
- Gave up a sack for the first time since 2015 at Iowa, but had an excellent day versus FSU All-America candidate Brian Burns.

- Named one of Top 10 offensive linemen in the FBS by USA Today.
- Grad student will earn his master's degree in December.
- Earned Google Cloud Academic All-District honors for the third straight year.

48 ANTONIO JONES-DAVIS**LB | 5-11 | 226 | Jr.-R | Vero Beach, Fla. | Vero Beach HS**

• NIU's top tackler has made at least four stops in every game. Ranks second on the team in TFLs. Contributed six solo tackles at WMU to go over the century mark in tackles for the season. Led the Huskies vs. Miami with 10 stops, seven solo and 2.5 for loss. Huskies held the Redhawks to two field goals and season-low 201 yards of total offense. Broke up his team-leading sixth pass to go with six stops at Akron. Led the defense as NIU held BYU without a TD, with seven tackles, six solo, a sack and two TFLs. Registered five tackles, one for loss, versus Ohio. Tied his career high with 16 tackles and a sack at Ball State. Led the Huskies at EMU with 13 tackles, two sacks, 3.5 TFLs, two pass break-ups and a fumble recovery to earn MAC West Defensive Player of the Week honors. Made a team season high and career-best 16 tackles with 10 solo stops vs. CMU. Registered nine tackles, 1.5 for loss, recovered a fumble and broke up a pass at Florida State. Broke up two passes to go with five tackles vs. Utah.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PBU
2018	12/12	62	42	104	11.5	4.0	6
Career	33/12	96	61	157	15.0	5.0	7

57 KYLE PUGH**MLB | 6-0 | 235 | Jr.-R | Chicago Heights, Ill. | Bloom Township HS**

• Tallied eight or more tackles in seven games and had at least six in every game he played. Made a season-high nine solo tackles to lead NIU at WMU. Second on the team in tackles with 90. Made nine tackles vs. Miami and was in on a TFL. Led NIU in tackles vs. Ohio, BYU, Akron and Toledo. Recorded his first career solo sack vs. Toledo; added two tackles for loss, and eight tackles, six solo. Tied his season-high for tackles with 10 and registered 1.5 tackles for loss, half a sack and a pass break up at Akron. Made seven stops at BYU. Eight of his nine stops vs. Ohio were solos. Made a season-high 10 tackles at Ball State and recovered a fumble. Registered seven stops at EMU. Missed the FSU game due to injury. Made six stops, five solo, vs. CMU with a fumble recovery. Led the Huskies with nine stops, six solo, at Iowa. Came back with six tackles, one for loss, vs. Utah. Missed the final nine games of 2017 with a torn bicep.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	FF-FR	PD
2018	11/11	55	35	90	5.0	1.5	0-2	1
Career	25/15	70	55	125	6.0	1.5	0-2	3

12 JOSH CORCORAN**DE | 6-3 | 251 | Sr. | Lakeville, Minn. | Lakeville South HS**

• Ranks fourth in the MAC, and second on the NIU team, in sacks with eight. His 10.5 TFLs are third on the team. Totaled nine tackles for loss and seven sacks in last six games. Must sit out the first half of MAC Championship game due to targeting call on what looked like a sack that would have stopped WMU's eventual game-winning drive. Had a pair of QB hurries and two tackles in the game. Sacked the Miami quarterback twice. Added a TFL among three stops vs. Toledo. Posted two sacks and a season-high six tackles at Akron. Registered two sacks and three stops as NIU's defense dominated BYU. Posted four tackles, three solo, two tackles for loss and a 13-yard sack vs. Ohio. Missed the first two games of the season due to injury. Recorded his first sack versus CMU and totaled three tackles. Added two stops, one half for loss, at Eastern Michigan.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PD
2018	10/10	14	12	26	10.5	8.0	0
Career	45/25	53	44	97	26.0	14.5	2

15 MARCUS CHILDERS**QB | 6-0 | 222 | Soph.-R | Adairsville, Ga. | Adairsville HS**

• On the field for nearly every offensive snap this year while accounting for 2,134 yards of total offense and 17 touchdowns, 11 passing. Leads NIU with six rushing TDs. Scored on a one-yard rush and threw a 58-yard TD pass at WMU. Rushed for TDs of one and 23 yards vs. Toledo. Completed 75 percent of his passes (21-of-28) at Akron. Led NIU to a come-from-behind win over Ohio with a season-high 314 yards of total offense, including a career-high 169 rushing yards and 145 yards on 17-of-33 passing. Led the Huskies to triple OT win at Eastern Michigan with an 11-yard TD pass in the first OT. Threw touchdown passes of 20 and 66 yards, and ran for an 11-yard score, at Florida State, and had his top passing game of 2018 with 215 yards on 20-of-41 passing. Threw a season-best three TD passes versus CMU. Started every game since the sixth game of 2017 at Buffalo.

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Comp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Lg
2018	12/12	161	438	2.7	6	32	191-335-9	57.0	1,696	11	66
Career	24/20	304	911	3.0	11	32	343-600-14	57.2	3,370	27	73

22 TRE HARBISON**TB | 5-11 | 227 | Soph.-R | Shelby, N.C. | Crest HS/Virginia**

• NIU's leading rusher ranks third in the MAC in rushing yards and yards per game. Averages 5.4 yards per carry with just 11 yards lost on 177 attempts and four TDs. Needs 50 yards to record Huskies' first 1,000 yard rushing season since 2015. Collected his third straight, and fifth overall, 100-yard rushing game with 103 yards on 16 carries vs. Miami. Vs. Toledo, gained 139 yards on 21 carries. Ran for a career high 169 yards on 23 carries with a two-yard TD at Akron and caught three passes for 18 yards. Scored a pair of TDs on one-yard runs at Ball State. Got the game-winning touchdown at EMU in third overtime on one-yard run after rushing 32 times for 136 yards. Had eight carries in overtime, including the last four of the game. Recorded his first 100-yard game vs. CMU with 124 yards on 13 carries, a 9.5 average, with runs of 48 and 35 yards. His uncle, Charlie Harbison, is on the coaching staff for the Arizona Cardinals.

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2018	12/7	177	950	5.4	4	48	7	33	4.7	0	10
Career	22/8	232	1,240	5.3	7	48	10	90	9.0	0	30

3 JALEN EMBRY**CB | 5-11 | 197 | Sr.-R | Detroit, Mich. | M.L. King HS/Iowa Central CC**

• NIU's top cornerback. Fifth on the team in tackles with a career-best 57. Tied for first in pass break-ups after adding one to go with three solo stops at WMU. Registered five solo stops with a tackle for loss vs. Miami. Posted a career-high seven tackles, six solo, vs. Toledo. Broke up a pass at Akron. At BYU, made five solo tackles, with a TFL at the four-yard line to force a field goal try. Made five stops at Eastern Michigan and vs. Ohio, when he added a half tackle for loss. Accounted for four tackles and a pass break-up at Ball State. Contributed six stops, four solo, at Florida State with a TFL and a PBU. Recorded five solo stops and broke up two passes vs. CMU. Made six tackles as NIU defense held Utah to 10 points. Started the year with four stops at Iowa. Also being used on punt and kickoff returns.

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	INT	PBU
2018	12/12	41	16	57	4.5	0	6
Career	25/12	67	23	90	6.5	0	9

18 COLE TUCKER**WR | 6-2 | 193 | Fr.-R | DeKalb, Ill. | DeKalb HS**

• Redshirt freshman is also the Huskies' punt returner. Ranks fourth on the team in catches and fifth in receiving yards with catches in seven games. His 13-yard grab vs. Toledo was his first since the Ohio game. Caught six passes for 40 yards at Florida State and three for 15 yards at Eastern Michigan. Added one catch for 11 yards at Ball State. Made a 10-yard grab vs. Ohio. Made his first career reception, for 13 yards, at Iowa and had a seven-yard catch versus Central Michigan. Has returned 15 punts for 66 yards, a 4.4-yard average. His career-long 27-yard punt return at Eastern Michigan was the Huskies' longest since 2015.

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	PR	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2018	12/5	14	104	7.4	0	13	15	66	4.4	0	27

10 DJ BROWN**WR | 5-9 | 185 | Sr. | North Little Rock, Ark. | North Little Rock HS**

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2018	12/7	51	400	7.8	3	66	16	87	5.4	1	28
Career	50/16	102	856	8.4	6	69	56	289	5.2	3	28

• Leads NIU in catches and TD catches, and is second in receiving yards. Has run 16 times for 87 yards. Recorded a catch in 14 straight games dating back to 2017. Played in his 50th career game and surpassed the 100-catch mark for his career at WMU with five catches for 30 yards. Posted his best rushing day with five runs for 30 yards at Akron to go with three catches for 14 yards. Made four catches for 28 yards vs. Ohio, including a fourth-down conversion on game-winning drive. Tied his career high with seven catches at Ball State, and scored on a 13-yard TD. Posted a career-best 117 receiving yards on seven grabs at Florida State. Scored on a 66-yard catch and run for NIU's longest play of 2018. Caught four passes for 69 yards with a touchdown vs. CMU. Led NIU with five catches at Iowa and added four vs. Utah. Threw a five-yard pass to QB Marcus Childers at Iowa.

36 MATT FERENCE**P | 5-11 | 198 | Soph. | St. Louis, Mo. | Lafayette HS**

Year	G/GS	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	In20	Lg
2018	12/0	79	3,179	40.2	29	62
Career	25/0	162	6,600	40.7	57	70

• Averaging 40.2 yards per punt in 2018 and 40.7 for his career, second at NIU all-time. All-time, 57-of-162 punts have pinned opponents inside their 20, including 29-of-79 this year. Booted a season-long 62-yard punt at WMU among his six kicks for 38.5 yard average. MAC West Special Teams Player of the Week vs. BYU. His punts forced BYU to start at its 10, 5 and 1 yard-lines. Averaged 46.8 yards on nine kicks with three 50 yarders and six of 47 or more. Kicked a season-low three times vs. Toledo for a 43.3-yard average. Punted four times at Akron for a 39.8 yard average with a 57-yard effort. Five of seven punts vs. Ohio landed inside the 20. Punted six times for a 41.0 average at Ball State. Kicked eight times for a 46-yard average, with four inside the 20 and a 57-yard punt vs. Utah. Had six punts for a season-high 47.2 yard average at Iowa with a long of 53 and two inside the 20. Ray Guy Award candidate. Also serves as NIU's holder on placekicks.

11 TRAYSHON FOSTER**S | 6-0 | 202 | Jr.-R | Tuscaloosa, Ala. | Tuscaloosa Academy**

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	Int	PBU
2018	10/9	31	14	45	1.0	1	3
Career	34/11	68	26	94	3.0	2	4

• Sixth on the team with a career season best 45 tackles. Injured vs. Toledo and missed Miami and WMU games. Posted a season-high eight tackles at Akron, with five solo; added three stops vs. Toledo. In on two of Ohio's three turnovers with his first interception of the year and a forced fumble. Returned the INT 17 yards to the Ohio 34-yard line. Credited with five tackles and a pass breakup at Ball State. Made seven stops - all solo - at Florida State with a seven-yard tackle for loss and a forced fumble. Registered six tackles vs. both Iowa and Utah and had five stops at Eastern Michigan. Broke up a career-best two passes vs. CMU, and intercepted CMU's two-point pass attempt.

2 ANDREW GANTZ**K | 5-10 | 192 | Sr.-R | Dayton, Ohio | Centerville HS/Cincinnati**

Year	G/GS	KO	Yds.	Avg.	TB	OB	PAT	FG	Lg	Pts
2018	12/0	45	2,713	60.3	18	1	25-25	10-15	49	55

• Leads NIU in scoring with 55 points, including a perfect 25-of-25 on PATs. Made a 48-yard field goal vs. Toledo and has hit four-of-seven from 40 yards and longer on the year. Went two-for-three on field goals and scored a season-high 10 points in NIU's win at Akron. Made four straight field goals vs. EMU, Ball State and Ohio. Made a 36-yard field goal vs. Ohio. Connected on a 37-yard kick at Ball State to make it an eight-point game, and hit from 43 and 26 yards at Eastern Michigan. Booted a season-long 49-yard field goal, and a 27-yard three versus Utah. Contributed a 36-yard FG versus Central Michigan in his only attempt. Has 18 touchbacks on 45 kickoffs for a 60.3-yard average. Grad transfer from Cincinnati where he was 39-of-50 on field goals and 109-113 on PATs in four years.

37 LANCE DEVEAUX JR.**LB | 5-11 | 211 | Jr. | Pompano Beach, Fla. | St. Thomas Aquinas HS**

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PD
2018	11/11	40	20	60	5.0	2.0	2
Career	30/12	63	31	94	6.0	2.0	5

• Starting outside linebacker is fourth on the team with career-best 60 tackles. Registered season high seven solo tackles vs. Miami. Notched his fourth four-tackle game at WMU. Also had four stops in NIU wins at BYU, at Akron and vs. Toledo. Added a tackle for loss at Akron. Recorded his third consecutive nine-tackle game at Ball State with two tackles for loss, a sack and a pass break-up. Missed the EMU game. Made a career-high 10 stops at Florida State with seven solo, and recorded his first sack. That came on the heels of a nine-tackle day versus Central Michigan that included a forced fumble. Broke up a pass and made four stops versus Utah. Started the season with a tackle for loss and five tackles at Iowa.

21 MARCUS JONES**TB | 5-8 | 199 | Jr.-R | Evergreen Park, Ill. | Brother Rice HS**

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2018	12/5	91	527	5.8	4	64	11	36	3.3	0	14
Career	38/8	182	986	5.4	8	73	23	114	5.0	0	18

• NIU's second-leading rusher averages 5.8 yards per carry having the best season of his career. Needs 14 yards to reach 1,000 for his career. Gained 103 yards on 12 carries vs. Toledo and capped the win with a 44-yard touchdown run. Leads all tailbacks in catches with 11 after making a season-high four for 21 yards at Akron to go with 15 carries for 82 yards. Accounted for NIU's lone touchdown vs. Miami with a 29-yard run; averaged 7.5 yards on six carries. Scored the game-winning touchdown versus Ohio on a two-yard run with 4:51 to play. Recorded his first career 100-yard rushing game with 130 yards on 12 carries at Ball State, including a 64-yard run. Averaged 10.8 yards per carry.

98 JACK HEFLIN**DT | 6-3 | 298 | So. | Prophetstown, Ill. | Erie-Prophetstown HS**

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	BK
2018	12/3	18	10	28	8.0	6.0	1
Career	25/16	24	12	36	9.0	6.0	1

• Claimed the starting role at defensive tackle in the last three games. Ranks third on the team in sacks and is fourth in tackles for loss. All of his sacks and TFLs have come in the last half of the season. Added to his totals with a sack, a tackle for loss and four solo stops at Western Michigan. Had a dominating performance vs. Toledo with a career-high 2.5 quarterback sacks and 3.5 tackles for loss among his seven tackles. Posted 1.5 sacks and tackles for loss at Akron. Recorded five solo stops at BYU with one for loss. His lone tackle vs. Ohio resulted in his first career quarterback sack and tackle for loss. Registered two tackles in the Florida State, EMU and Ball State games. Blocked a Utah field goal. Made at least one tackles in every game except CMU.

99 BEN LEROY**DT | 6-3 | 302 | Jr. | Wilmette, Ill. | Loyola Academy**

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	BK
2018	12/9	17	15	32	2.0	1.5	1
Career	32/21	37	38	75	9.5	4.5	1

• A starter for first nine games of season, now backs up Jack Heflin. Second among NIU defensive linemen in tackles with 32. Posted four stops vs. Toledo. Recorded his first career blocked kick at Akron when he batted down a potential game-tying PAT which NIU ran in for a two-point defensive PAT. NIU defense has held seven opponents, (BYU, Utah, EMU, Ohio, Akron, Miami, WMU) to less than 100 rushing yards. Forced BYU QB out of pocket on multiple occasions in 7-6 Huskie win. Made a career-high eight tackles, with 1.5 sacks, vs. CMU. Posted six tackles, four solo, at Iowa. Part of a stellar defensive effort by NIU at Eastern Michigan when defense held EMU without a first down on 10 drives. Contributed four tackles and half a tackle for loss at Ball State and added two stops versus Ohio. Gained 20 pounds after playing at 280 pounds last year.

64 LUKE SHIVELY**C | 6-3 | 300 | Sr.-3L | Tipton, Ind. | Tipton HS**

• Tough, intelligent player has made 37 consecutive starts over last three seasons. Huskie backs have eight 100-yard rushing games, including three consecutive and five overall by Tre Harbison, who needs 50 yards to get 1,000 for the season. The Huskies had their two best offensive performances vs. Akron and Toledo with 484 and 427 yards, respectively, with 296 rushing yards in each game. NIU averaged 6.8 yards per play in the Toledo game. The line has led the way for six 200-yard rushing days overall. Tailbacks Tre Harbison (139) and Marcus Jones (103) both gained more than 100 yards vs. Toledo. Offensive line led the way for 169-yard rushing games by Harbison at Akron and Marcus Childers vs. Ohio. Calls all the signals for the Huskie offensive line. NIU ran 97 plays, at Eastern Michigan without giving up a sack. Biochemistry major.

72 JORDAN STECKLER**OL | 6-5 | 306 | Jr.-R | Two Rivers, Wis. | Two Rivers HS**

• Huskies' starter at right tackle in eight games this year. Battled a foot injury in mid-season. Has returned to start last four games. Missed the FSU, EMU, Ohio and BYU games due to injury. Moved from left guard to right tackle during 2017 bowl practices. A 28-game starter who has played in 32 games over last three seasons. The Huskies had their two best offensive performances vs. Akron and Toledo with 484 and 427 yards, respectively, with 296 rushing yards in each game. Tailbacks Tre Harbison (139) and Marcus Jones (103) both gained more than 100 yards vs. Toledo and he helped Jones to 130 rushing yards vs. Ball State and Harbison to 124 vs. Central Michigan.

17 DENNIS ROBINSON**WR | 6-5 | 214 | Fr.-R | Hollywood, Fla. | South Broward HS**

Year	G/GS	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2018	12/1	12	112	9.3	1	17

• Redshirt freshman receiver has made 12 catches, fifth on the team, and ranks fourth in receiving yards. Made a 10-yard catch for a first down at Western Michigan. Caught two passes for 24 yards at Akron. Caught three passes for a season and career high 30 yards vs. Ohio a week after making three catches for 27 yards at Ball State. His first career catch was a seven-yard touchdown grab versus Central Michigan. Recorded two grabs for 14 yards at Eastern Michigan. Also plays on several special teams units.

14 SPENCER TEARS**WR | 6-1 | 198 | Jr.-R | Chicago, Ill. | H.L. Richards HS**

Year	G/GS	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2018	10/9	28	299	10.7	2	58
Career	34/21	72	830	11.5	6	81

• Made 25 of his 28 catches in last seven games, including six for a season-high 84 yards at Western Michigan. Scored NIU's first TD on a season-long 58-yard reception. Third on the team in catches and receiving yards. Led NIU in receiving in last three games. Caught five passes for 74 yards vs. Miami and four vs. Toledo. Had a season-long 37-yard grab vs. Miami. Made three catches for 25 yards at Akron and added three carries for 10 yards with a five-yard rushing TD. Drew two pass interference calls in the end zone to set up Huskie TDs. Caught three passes for a season-high 34 yards at BYU. Recorded a pair of catches in the Ball State, Ohio and Florida State games. His first catch of the year was a 14-yard touchdown grab versus Central Michigan. Suspended for the Huskies' first two games.

9 JAUAN WESLEY**WR | 5-11 | 182 | Sr.-R | Markham, Ill. | Thornton Township HS/Iowa State**

Year	G/GS	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2018	12/11	47	543	11.6	2	29
Career	25/11	57	793	13.9	4	70

• Continued his streak of making at least two catches in every game this year with a pair of receptions for 32 yards at Western Michigan, including a 20-yard catch to the WMU four-yard line set up NIU's second TD. Leads the team in receiving yards and is second in catches. Averaging a team-best 11.6 yards per catch. Made three grabs for 38 yards vs. Miami. Caught two passes for 34 yards vs. Toledo and three for 50 yards at Akron. Led NIU with four catches for 70 yards, all for first downs, at BYU. Made six receptions for 61 yards vs. Ohio. Totaled season-best 76 receiving yards on eight catches, with two in overtime, at Eastern Michigan. Also had a career-best eight catches versus Utah, covering 73 yards. Had two grabs for 23 yards at Ball State. Blocked Iowa's first punt, his second career punt block, to set NIU up at the Hawkeyes' 23-yard line. Added a 10-yard TD catch.

8 MYKELTI WILLIAMS**S | 5-11 | 205 | So.-R | Indianapolis, Ind. | Notre Dame HS/Iowa Western CC**

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	INT	PBU
2018	12/12	40	23	63	3.5	1	3
Career	25/25	99	37	136	4.5	2	9

• Third on the team in total tackles with 63. Made four tackles and broke up a pass at WMU. Had five stops vs. Toledo. Earned MAC West Defensive Player of the Week honor after his interception with 1:47 to play sealed the Huskies' 7-6 win at BYU. Also totaled five tackles, four solo, and broke up a pass. Registered six tackles with one for loss versus Ohio. Made seven tackles, five solo, with a tackle for loss and a pass break-up at Ball State. His tackle for loss came on third-and-goal from the three-yard line to save a touchdown. Recorded six tackles at Eastern Michigan in dominant defensive effort. Made seven solo stops, eight total tackles, at Iowa. Added a tackle for loss to go with eight stops at Utah. Totaled season-high nine tackles and added a half tackle for loss, at Florida State. Went out of the Miami game in the first half due to a targeting call. Redshirted at Notre Dame as a true freshman.

GAME 1: IOWA 33, NIU 7

September 1 | 2:30 p.m. (CT) | BTN
Iowa City, Iowa | Kinnick Stadium | 67,510

Iowa turned a 3-0 halftime lead into a 33-7 victory over NIU at Kinnick Stadium in the season opener for both teams.

After the teams played to a near draw in the first half, with the only score a 33-yard field goal by Iowa's Miguel Recinos, the Hawkeyes exploded for 30 points in the second half. The Iowa defense, meanwhile, held NIU scoreless until the 2:12 mark of the fourth quarter when quarterback Marcus Childers hit wide receiver Jauan Wesley in the corner of the end zone from 10 yards out.

The game started well for the Huskies, who forced a quick three-and-out on Iowa's first series. Wesley then blocked the Iowa punt, which went out of bounds at the Iowa 23-yard line. NIU advanced to the 16, but kicker Andrew Gantz' field goal was wide left.

The teams traded punts, and cornerback Albert Smalls stopped Iowa's next drive with a sideline interception. After NIU's next drive stalled at the Iowa 39 the Hawkeyes embarked on the lone scoring drive of the first half, going from its 45 to the NIU 15, setting up Recinos' three-pointer.

Two possessions later, NIU appeared to be in business, moving from its 39 to the Iowa 23 before Childers' pass was picked off at the seven-yard line. Childers finished the game 14-of-25 for 105 yards, while Iowa starter Nate Stanley was 11-of-23 for 108 yards.

NIU missed a chance to score before halftime. After an interception, the Huskie defense forced an Iowa three-and-out, giving NIU the ball at the Iowa 45 with 23 seconds left in the half. A completion to freshman Cole Tucker put the ball at the 32-yard line, but Gantz' field goal try again missed left.

After totaling just 58 yards on 19 carries on the ground in the first half, Iowa ran 29 times for 151 yards in the second half with three rushing touchdowns. UI's first touchdown came on a one-yard pass to tight end Noah Fant on fourth and one at the 7:20 mark of the third quarter. The Huskie offense, meanwhile, could not get untracked, going three-and-out on its first three possessions of the second half. On the fourth, Childers was sacked for one of his five times on the day and fumbled to set up the Hawkeyes' third touchdown.

After a 69-yard punt by Iowa in the fourth quarter put the ball on the NIU one, the Huskies gave up a safety, and a touchdown after a pair of penalties on the free kick gave Iowa possession at the NIU 35.

Down 33-0, the Huskies mounted their lone scoring drive behind the running of freshman Jordan Nettles. Two Childers completions and a facemask penalty on Iowa on another Nettles run gave NIU the ball at the 10, where Childers found Wesley in the corner of the end zone for the score.

Nettles finished with 74 yards on 13 carries while Brown caught five passes for 38 yards and Wesley had four for 43. Linebacker Kyle Pugh led NIU defenders with nine tackles.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	0	0	0	7	- 7
Iowa	0	3	14	16	- 33

SCORING SUMMARY

Iowa - Recinos 33 FG, 2nd 12:20 (7-40, 3:19)
Iowa - Fant 1 pass from Stanley (Recinos kick), 3rd 7:20 (7-58, 4:13)
Iowa - Kelly-Martin 2 run (Recinos kick), 3rd 2:41 (5-46, 2:21)
Iowa - Young 6 run (Recinos kick), 4th 13:02 (6-26, 2:45)
Iowa - Team safety, 4th 7:59
Iowa - Mansell 1 run (Recinos kick), 4th 6:52 (3-35, 1:07)
NIU - Wesley 10 pass from Childers (Gantz kick), 4th 2:12 (11-75, 4:40)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU	Iowa
First Downs (R-P)	15 (8-6)	18 (8-6)
Rushes-Net Yards	36-101	48-209
Passing Yards	110	143
Passes (C-A-I)	15-26-1	13-25-1
Plays-Total Yards	62-211	73-352
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-65	8-66
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-23	1-27
Punt Returns-Yds	1-10	5-42
3rd Down Conversions	3-12	8-16
4th Down Conversions	0-1	1-2
Punts-Average	6-47.2	5-43.0
Possession Time	25:15	34:45
Sacks By-Yards	1-4	5-43
Red Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	5-5
Rushing - NIU: Nettles 13-74, Harbison 6-41, Jones 5-23, Brown 2-(-4), Childers 10-(-33); Iowa: Yount 8-84, Kelly-Martin 16-62, Sargent 12-40, Geil 5-13, Smith-Marsette 1-5, Ross 1-4, Stanley 3-3, Mansell 1-1, Team 1-(-3).		
Passing - NIU: Childers 14-25-1, 105; Brown 1-1-0, 5; Iowa: Stanley 11-23-1, 108; Mansell 2-2-0, 35.		
Receiving - NIU: Brown 5-38, Wesley 4-43, Tucker 1-13, Harbison 1-6, Jones 1-5, Childers 1-5, Payne 1-1, Hall 1-(-1). Iowa: Hockenson 4-64, Smith-Marsette 3-28, Fant 3-10, Wieting 1-30, Sargent 1-6, Cooper 1-5.		
Tackles - NIU: Pugh 9, Williams 8; Iowa: Welch 11, Jones 6.		

GAME 2: UTAH 17, NIU 6

September 8 | 6:30 p.m. (CT) | ESPNEWS
DeKalb, Illinois | Huskie Stadium | 16,762

The Northern Illinois University Huskies had the ball with a chance to drive for a game-winning score late in the fourth quarter, but an interception for a touchdown ended NIU's comeback attempt as Utah escaped Huskie Stadium with a 17-6 victory on Saturday night.

The game was dominated by the two defenses as the Huskies and Utes combined for just 582 yards of total offense.

With Utah leading 7-3 early in the fourth quarter, Jordan Cole forced and recovered a fumble to give the Huskies the ball at midfield. NIU drove inside the Utah 10, where Andrew Gantz connected on a 27-yard field goal to cut the Utah lead to 7-6.

The Utes answered with a 40-yard field goal on their next drive as the Utah lead climbed to 10-6 with 4:38 remaining.

After the two teams traded punts, NIU had the ball with 2:45 to play on its own 37-yard line. On the first play of the drive, Utah's Chase Hansen intercepted Marcus Childers' pass and went 40 yards for a touchdown to give the Utes a 17-6 lead and put the game out of reach.

Childers finished the contest 18-of-33 passing for 111 yards. Tre Harbison rushed for a team-high 63 yards on 13 carries.

Sutton Smith and Mykelti Williams each had eight tackles to lead the NIU defense. Smith's eight tackles included 4.5 for loss and two sacks as the Huskie defense combined for six sacks and 14 tackles for loss.

On its second possession of the game, Utah drove down to the Huskie 25-yard line before the drive stalled and the Utes lined up for a 43-yard field goal. NIU's Jack Heflin got a hand up to block the kick and keep the game scoreless midway through the first quarter.

The Huskies scored on the ensuing possession as Gantz connected on a 49-yard field goal attempt, the longest by a Huskie kicker since Nov. 3, 2015 when Christian Hagan hit a 52-yarder versus Toledo. Harbison kept the drive alive with a six-yard carry to convert a third down as the sophomore tailback rushed for 36 yards on five carries on the drive.

Late in the first half Utah went on a 12-play drive to the Huskie 24-yard line, but a third down sack by Smith meant the Utes had to settle for a 43-yard field goal attempt. The kick sailed wide left and NIU took its 3-0 lead into halftime.

On its first drive of the second half, Utah went 76 yards in nine plays to score the first touchdown of the game. Zack Moss finished the drive with a one-yard touchdown run to give the Utes a 7-3 lead. The second play of the drive got the Utah offense started as Tyler Huntley connected with Jaylen Dixon for a 41-yard completion to move the Utes across midfield.

Huntley finished the night 20-of-31 passing for 286 yards, connecting with Britain Covey eight times for 129 yards. Moss was the leading rusher for the Utes with 66 yards on 16 carries.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Utah	0	0	7	10	- 17
NIU	3	0	0	3	- 6

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Gantz 49 FG, 1st 1:23 (9-44, 4:00)
Utah - Moss 1 run (Gay kick), 3rd 8:31 (9-76, 4:12)
NIU - Gantz 27 FG, 4th 6:51 (8-42, 3:01)
Utah - Gay 40 FG, 4th 4:38 (6-54, 2:13)
Utah - Hansen 40 interception return (Gay kick), 4th 2:36

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	Utah	NIU
First Downs (R-P)	19 (4-13)	15 (8-6)
Rushes-Net Yards	39-68	43-117
Passing Yards	286	111
Passes (C-A-I)	20-31-0	18-33-1
Plays-Total Yards	70-354	76-228
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	3-1
Penalties-Yards	6-60	4-43
Kickoff Returns-Yds	0-0	1-20
Punt Returns-Yds	2-9	0-0
3rd Down Conversions	6-15	7-20
4th Down Conversions	0-1	1-3
Punts-Average	5-41.4	8-46.0
Possession Time	28:28	31:32
Sacks By-Yards	3-37	6-38
Red Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	1-2
Rushing - Utah: Moss 16-66, Shyne 1-6, Covey 1-3, Green 1-3, Team 1-(-1), Huntley 19-(-9); NIU: Harbison 13-63, Jones 7-36, Nettles 9-29, Childers 12-12, Brown 1-0, Team 1-(-23).		
Passing - Utah: Huntley 20-31-0, 286; NIU: Childers 18-33-1, 111.		
Receiving - Utah: Covey 8-129, Dixon 2-50, Nacua 2-23, Boyd 1-25, Simpkins 1-20, Mariner 1-9, Haller 1-8, Enis 1-8, Fotheringham 1-8, Moss 1-6, Kuithe 1-0; NIU: Wesley 8-73, Brown 4-23, Harmston 3-21, Jones 2-(-3), Payne 1-2, Tucker 0-(-5).		
Tackles - Utah: Barton 13, Hansen 12; NIU: Smith 8, Williams 8.		

GAME 3: NIU 24, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 16

September 15 | 2:30 p.m. (CT) | ESPN+
DeKalb, Illinois | Huskie Stadium | 12,354

Quarterback Marcus Childers threw three touchdown passes while Tre Harbison rushed for 124 yards as the NIU Huskies held on for a 24-16 victory over Central Michigan in the Mid-American Conference opener at Huskie Stadium.

The Chippewas were driving in the final minute looking for a game-tying score when redshirt freshman linebacker Vinny Labus intercepted a deflected pass inside the 10-yard line to secure the victory for the Huskies.

The Huskie defense came up with two defensive stands early in the game following a pair of errant punt snaps, which gave the Chippewas the ball on the Huskie nine and 29 yard lines. CMU missed a field goal after gaining just two yards from the nine, and then were held to a 27-yard field goal by Ryan Tice.

A CMU fumble forced by NIU's Lance Deveaux Jr. and recovered by Kyle Pugh gave the Huskies the ball on their own 21 and NIU then went 79 yards in 12 plays, capped by a 14-yard touchdown pass from Childers to junior Spencer Tears for the score.

Brown finished with a team-high four catches for 69 yards. Childers was 11-of-18 passing in the contest for 109 yards.

CMU's ensuing drive ended with a punt block by junior Sutton Smith, giving NIU a short field at the Chippewa 22. Childers found Dennis Robinson four plays later for a seven-yard score as the Huskies took a 14-3 lead into halftime.

On its second drive of the second half, NIU scored again to take a 21-3 lead as Childers hooked up with Brown for a two-yard touchdown with 6:30 to play in the third quarter. The big play on the drive was a 48-yard run up the middle by Harbison, who was dragged down at the two.

Central Michigan changed quarterbacks on its next drive and immediately marched 66 yards in nine plays to trim the NIU lead to 21-10. New QB Tommy Lazzaro, who gained 31 yards on four carries on the drive, scored from six yards out with 3:09 to play in the third.

Lazzaro guided CMU to another touchdown on the first drive of the fourth quarter. The Chippewas converted three third downs on the drive and Lazzaro was 6-of-8 through the air, including a four-yard connection to Julian Hicks for the touchdown with 9:43 to play. CMU's two-point conversion attempt failed and NIU led 21-16.

A 35-yard rush by Harbison set up a 36-yard field goal by senior Andrew Gantz with 5:51 left as the Huskie lead grew to 24-16.

The two teams traded punts before Central Michigan got the ball back with three minutes left and marched from their 19 to the NIU 15-yard line. After spiking the ball on first down, Lazzaro's second down pass was deflected into the hands of Labus as the Huskies hung on for the victory.

Antonio Jones-Davis recorded a team-high 16 tackles for NIU.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Central Michigan	0	3	7	6	- 16
NIU	0	14	7	3	- 24

SCORING SUMMARY

CMU - Tice 27 FG, 2nd 12:54 (8-20, 3:53)
NIU - Tears 14 pass from Childers (Gantz kick), 2nd 4:03 (12-79, 5:34)
NIU - Robinson 7 pass from Childers (Gantz kick), 2nd 1:02 (4-22, 1:29)
NIU - Brown 2 pass from Childers (Gantz kick), 3rd 6:30 (6-65, 2:59)
CMU - Lazzaro 6 run (Tice kick), 3rd 3:09 (9-66, 3:13)
CMU - Hicks 4 pass from Lazzaro (Lazzaro pass failed) 4th 9:43 (15-73, 5:17)
NIU - Gantz 36 FG, 4th 5:51 (9-56, 3:52)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	CMU	NIU
First Downs (R-P)	21 (10-11)	15 (8-5)
Rushes-Net Yards	46-164	48-180
Passing Yards	158	104
Passes (C-A-I)	18-33-1	12-20-1
Plays-Total Yards	79-322	68-284
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-31	4-44
Kickoff Returns-Yds	3-68	1-16
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0	3-19
3rd Down Conversions	6-16	5-14
4th Down Conversions	1-1	0-2
Punts-Average	6-28.5	6-34.2
Possession Time	28:31	31:29
Sacks By-Yards	1-13	3-24
Red Zone Scores-Chances	3-5	4-4

Rushing - CMU: Ward 16-74, Lazzaro 12-55, Gwilly 10-28, Spalding 2-13, Poljan 6-(-6); NIU: Harbison 13-124, Jones 15-40, Childers 8-28, Nettles 10-27, Team 2-(-39).
Passing - CMU: Lazzaro 13-22-1, 128; Poljan 5-11-0, 30; NIU: Childers 11-18-0, 109; Thompson 1-1-0, (-5); Ference 0-1-1, 0.
Receiving - CMU: Hicks 7-63, Ward 3-23, Cole 2-19, Raimann 2-19, Childress 2-17, Law 1-10, Spalding 1-7; NIU: Brown 4-69, Wesley 2-8, Tears 1-14, Tucker 1-7, Robinson 1-7, Harbison 1-3, Jones 1-1, Nettles 1-(-5).
Tackles - CMU: Fountain 18, Jamison 8; NIU: Jones-Davis 16, Deveaux 9.

GAME 4: FLORIDA STATE 37, NIU 19

September 22 | 3:30 p.m. (ET) | ESPN
Tallahassee, Fla. | Doak Campbell Stadium | 65,633

NIU overcame a rocky start to battle the Florida State Seminoles for four quarters before falling, 37-19, at Doak Campbell Stadium.

Marcus Childers threw for a season-best 215 yards on 20-of-41 passing, and scored on an 11-yard run in the fourth quarter, and the Huskie defense forced four turnovers while limiting FSU to 121 rushing yards.

The Huskies fell behind, 14-0, in the first quarter, then held FSU to a trio of Ricky Aguayo field goals over the next two quarters, while the Huskies got a 20-yard touchdown pass from Marcus Childers to Juan Wesley to account for its first half points. NIU made it a 10-point game with 2:48 to play in the third quarter when D.J. Brown took a pass from Childers over the middle and out-raced four FSU defenders to the end zone for a 66-yard touchdown. The play closed the Seminoles' lead to 23-13 with 2:48.

NIU had a chance to draw closer after recovering a fumble at the FSU 28 yard-line with 12:35 to play. On third and nine from the 16-yard line, Childers appeared to connect with Wesley in the end zone for a touchdown. However, Wesley stepped out of bounds before the catch and Andrew Gantz missed a 33-yard field goal.

Two plays later, FSU quarterback Deondre Francois, who threw for 352 yards on 23-of-31 passes, completed a deep ball to Tamorrion Terry for 78 yards and a touchdown that made the score 30-13 with 10:13 to play.

NIU narrowed the gap again when linebacker Cortez Hogans intercepted Francois at the FSU 48 and returned it to the 37-yard line. Childers drove the Huskies for the score, taking it in himself from 11 yards out and with 8:01 on the clock, NIU was within 11 points at 30-19 after a bad snap on the PAT.

The Huskies forced another punt, but could not move the ball on the ensuing possession and when FSU took over at the 28-yard line, they went on to score with 12 seconds left to make the final margin.

D.J. Brown caught seven passes for a career high 117 yards to lead the NIU offense while freshman Cole Tucker grabbed a career best six passes. Defensively, Lance Deveaux led NIU with 10 tackles and Antonio Jones-Davis and Mykelti Williams each tallied nine. The Huskie defense combined for nine tackles for loss and forced four NIU turnovers.

NIU's defense forced a pair of fumbles in the first half - the first by Vinny Labus, stopped an FSU drive at the NIU 37-yard line. The second, by NIU's Trayshon Foster was recovered on the FSU 23 by Antonio Jones-Davis.

Florida State jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter on an eight-yard touchdown catch off a deflection by Jacques Patrick and a seven-yard Cam Akers run.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	0	7	6	6	- 19
Florida State	14	6	3	14	- 37

SCORING SUMMARY

FSU - Patrick 8 pass from Francois (Aguayo kick), 1st 9:53 (13-75, 5:07)
FSU - Akers 7 run (Aguayo kick), 1st 5:13 (8-70, 2:55)
NIU - Wesley 20 pass from Childers (Gantz kick), 2nd 6:01 (3-23, 0:49)
FSU - Aguayo 42 FG, 2nd 3:58 (6-40, 2:03)
FSU - Aguayo 50 FG, 2nd 0:00 (10-26, 2:04)
FSU - Aguayo 42 FG, 3rd 4:27 (9-55, 4:06)
NIU - D. Brown 66 pass from Childers (Wesley rush failed), 3rd 2:48 (4-75, 1:39)
FSU - Terry 78 pass from Francois (Aguayo kick), 4th 10:13 (2-80, 0:37)
NIU - Childers 11 run (Gantz pass intercepted), 4th 8:01 (4-37, 1:07)
FSU - Rasul 7 run (Aguayo kick), 4th 0:12 (6-28, 3:41)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU	FSU
First Downs (R-P)	13 (3-9)	23 (10-13)
Rushes-Net Yards	20-6	57-121
Passing Yards	215	352
Passes (C-A-I)	20-41-0	23-32-1
Plays-Total Yards	61-221	89-473
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	5-3
Penalties-Yards	3-15	9-60
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-23	2-39
Punt Returns-Yds	1-8	3-26
3rd Down Conversions	4-15	9-17
4th Down Conversions	0-2	0-1
Punts-Average	8-39.8	4-43.0
Possession Time	22:21	37:27
Sacks By-Yards	2-17	4-26
Red Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	4-4

Rushing - NIU: Nettles 3-13, Harbison 4-7, Jones 2-2, Childers 11-(-16); FSU: Akers 22-64, Patrick 16-56, Rasul 6-28, Francois 9-(-1), Grant 1-(-1), Murray 2-(-5), Team 1-(-20).
Passing - NIU: Childers 20-41-0, 215; FSU: Francois 23-31-1, 352; Team 0-1-0, 0.
Receiving - NIU: Brown 7-117, Tucker 6-40, Wesley 3-35, Tears 2-16, Lersch 2-7; FSU: Gavin 6-93, Murray 5-85, Harrison 3-34, Matthews 3-23, Terry 2-77, McKitty 2-23, Patrick 2-17.
Tackles - NIU: Deveaux Jr. 10, Williams 9, Jones-Davis 9; FSU: Jackson 4, Nasirideen 3, Jones 3.

GAME 5: NIU 26, EASTERN MICHIGAN 23 (3OT)

September 29 | 6 p.m. (ET) | ESPN+
Ypsilanti, Mich. | Rynearson Stadium | 14,779

On his 32nd carry of the game, tailback Tre Harbison powered through the Eastern Michigan defense for a one-yard touchdown run in the third overtime period, giving the Huskies a hard-fought 26-23 victory in Ypsilanti.

EMU's Chad Ryland made a 28-yard field goal with three seconds on the clock in regulation to send the game into overtime. The score was the Eagles' first in more than 51 minutes, since the 6:26 mark of the first period, and came at the end of a 13-play, 60-yard drive.

NIU won the overtime toss and went on defense. Eastern Michigan found the end zone in two plays with Shaq Vann scoring on a 14-yard run. The Huskie offense responded, taking five plays until quarterback Marcus Childers floated a pass into the arms of senior tight end Ty Harmston, who recorded his first career touchdown. Andrew Gantz added the PAT to send the teams back onto the field for overtime number two.

Neither team was able to score in the second OT. Harbison's fumble was recovered by EMU at the five-yard line to end the Huskies' scoring chance, but Ryland's 38-yard field goal missed wide right, leaving the score tied 20-20.

The Huskie defense, which held EMU without a first down on 12 of its 16 possessions, forced EMU into another field goal attempt. Ryland pushed this one through from 42 yards out to put Eastern ahead, 23-20.

Back on offense, the Huskies went right back to Harbison, who finished the game with 136 yards on 32 carries. He had rushes of one, 10 and three yards on the series, with the last of those taking the ball to the EMU one-yard line. Two plays later, he crossed the goal line to give NIU the win.

NIU led 13-10 at halftime after Childers engineered a drive in the final 3:03 of the half to perfection, twice converting third downs with runs, and hitting Wesley on passes of 22 and 17 yards to the eight yard line. From there, Gantz made his second field goal of the game from 26 yards out.

The score remained for nearly the entire second half until Ryland's game-tying field goal. The Huskies had the advantage for most of the game, running 97 plays to the Eagles' 74. NIU outgained the Eagles 356-242 in total yards, and limited EMU to just a 3-of-18 mark on third down conversions.

Junior Antonio Jones-Davis led the way for the Huskie defense with 13 tackles, two sacks, 3.5 tackles for loss, two pass break-ups and a fumble recovery.

Eastern Michigan jumped out to a 10-0 lead in the first 10 minutes of the game, helped by an interception off a deflected pass, before NIU got on the board on a Gantz 43-yard field goal with 36 seconds to play in the first quarter.

NIU scored its first touchdown on a two-yard run by Marcus Jones with 4:17 to play in the first half to complete a 14-play, 56-yard drive.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT1	OT2	OT3	Total
NIU	3	10	0	0	7	0	6	- 26
Eastern Michigan	10	0	0	3	7	0	3	- 23

SCORING SUMMARY

EMU - Ryland 29 FG, 1st 12:06 (5-16, 1:16)
 EMU - Latu 34 pass from Wiegiers (Ryland kick), 1st 6:26 (6-80, 2:57)
 NIU - Gantz 43 FG, 1st 00:36 (4-6, 1:47)
 NIU - Jones 2 run (Gantz kick), 2nd 4:17 (14-56, 5:44)
 NIU - Gantz 26 FG, 2nd 0:00 (10-67, 3:03)
 EMU - Ryland 28 FG, 4th 0:03 (13-60, 2:18)
 EMU - Vann 14 run (Ryland kick), OT1 (2-25, 0:00)
 NIU - Harmston 11 pass from Childers (Gantz kick), OT1 (5-25, 0:00)
 EMU - Ryland 42 FG, OT3 (4-0, 0:00)
 NIU - Harbison 1 run, OT3 (7-25, 0:00)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU	EMU	
First Downs (R-P)	24 (17-5)	16 (5-9)	Rushing - NIU: Harbison 32-136, Childers 17-77, Jones 4-18, Nettles 7-16, Team 2-(-12); EMU: Vann 18-68, Banham 2-16, Latu 1-6, Turner 2-2, Parker 1-(-5), Wiegiers 8-(-10), Team 1-(-15).
Rushes-Net Yards	62-235	33-62	Passing - NIU: Childers 20-35-2, 121; EMU: Wiegiers 17-40-0, 180; Team 0-1-0, 0.
Passing Yards	121	180	Receiving - NIU: Wesley 8-76, Brown 5-3, Tucker 3-15, Robinson 2-14, Harmston 1-11, Harbison 1-2. EMU: Jackson 5-56, Sexton 5-34, Latu 3-50, Banham 3-26, Drummond 1-14.
Passes (C-A-I)	20-35-2	17-41-0	Tackles - NIU: Jones-Davis 13, Pugh 7; EMU: Rachwal 16, Calhoun 12, Pickett 12.
Plays-Total Yards	97-356	74-242	
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1	
Penalties-Yards	8-68	11-85	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	2-32	2-38	
Punt Returns-Yds	5-44	0-0	
3rd Down Conversions	11-23	3-18	
4th Down Conversions	1-2	1-2	
Punts-Average	8-34.5	9-43.8	
Possession Time	33:32	26:28	
Sacks By-Yards	3-17	0-0	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	4-5	4-6	

GAME 6: NIU 24, BALL STATE 16

October 6 | 3 p.m. (ET) | ESPN3
Muncie, Ind. | Scheumann Stadium | 7,159

Marcus Jones ran for 130 yards on 12 carries, Tre Harbison scored a pair of touchdowns, and the Northern Illinois University defense held Ball State's potent offensive attack to three field goals through three quarters of play to lead NIU to a 24-16 victory over the Cardinals. With the win, NIU won the Battle for the Bronze Stalk Trophy for the 10th consecutive year.

Ball State scored its only touchdown of the game on a one-play, three-yard drive after Huskie quarterback Marcus Childers was picked off by Ball State's Ray Wilborn with NIU leading 21-9. From the three-yard line, BSU's James Gilbert scored and the PAT made it 21-16 with 9:15 on the clock.

The Huskie offense responded with a nine-play, 54-yard drive down to the Ball State 20. From there, Andrew Gantz's 37-yard field goal was good to stretch NIU's lead to 24-16 with 5:26 to play.

On the ensuing possession, Ball State drove from its 25 to the NIU 30. On fourth and one with 2:18 to play, Weston Kramer tackled Gilbert for a two-yard loss and the Cardinals turned the ball over on downs. The NIU offense, though, was unable to pick a first down and Ball State got one final chance beginning at its 24-yard line with 1:06 to play.

Behind quarterback Riley Neal, who completed 32-of-56 passes for 260 yards on the day, Ball State drove to the NIU 35 where four consecutive passes fell incomplete with the final attempt knocked down in the end zone.

NIU took a 7-0 lead with 5:51 to play in the first quarter on its first first-quarter touchdown of the season. Senior D.J. Brown took a swing pass from Childers and eluded a pair of tacklers on his way to a 13-yard score. Jones set up the touchdown with a nifty 64-yard run on the previous play.

The Huskies extended the lead to 14-0 in the second period as Harbison scored the first of his two touchdowns on a one-yard run to cap a 10-play, 71-yard drive. Childers completed passes to Cole Tucker, Jauan Wesley, Dennis Robinson and Spencer Tears on the drive.

On its next possession, Ball State drove to the Huskie four-yard line, but Mykelti Williams' six-yard tackle for loss on third down forced the Cardinals to settle for a Morgan Hagee 26-yard field goal. Hagee also hit from 51 yards out later in the quarter to make the score 14-6 Huskies at halftime.

The Huskies, who compiled 227 rushing yards in the game, mixed the rush and the pass on its final touchdown drive, traveling 80 yards in 14 plays and 5:43 to take a 21-6 lead in the third quarter. Harbison again got the touchdown.

Ball State, which only reached the red zone twice, including on the interception return, got a 47-yard field goal from Hagee at the end of the third quarter.

Linebackers topped the Huskie tackle chart as Antonio Jones-Davis led the way with 16 stops, followed by Kyle Pugh (10) and Lance Deveaux Jr. (9). Weston Kramer had a career high seven tackles from his nose tackle spot.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	7	7	7	3	- 24
Ball State	0	6	3	7	- 16

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Brown 13 pass from Childers (Gantz kick), 1st 5:51 (4-80, 1:14)
 NIU - Harbison 1 run (Gantz kick), 2nd 11:16 (10-71, 3:50)
 BSU - Hagee 26 FG, 2nd 6:32 (15-62, 4:39)
 BSU - Hagee 51 FG, 2nd 0:25 (9-50, 2:02)
 NIU - Harbison 1 run (Gantz kick), 3rd 5:47 (14-80, 5:37)
 BSU - Hagee 47 FG, 3rd 0:24 (16-64, 5:17)
 BSU - Gilbert 3 run (Hagee kick), 4th 9:15 (1-3, 0:04)
 NIU - Gantz 27 FG, 4th 5:26 (9-54, 3:42)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU	BSU	
First Downs (R-P)	23 (13-10)	26 (6-17)	Rushing - NIU: Jones 12-130, Harbison 15-48, Brown 3-27, Nettles 4-17, Childers 9-5; BSU: Gilbert 19-79, Dunner 9-33, Neal 9-16, Huntley 2-9, Hall 1-(-6).
Rushes-Net Yards	43-227	40-131	Passing - NIU: Childers 18-29-1, 143; BSU: Neal 32-56-0, 260.
Passing Yards	143	260	Receiving - NIU: Brown 7-49, Robinson 3-27, Wesley 2-23, Tears 2-20, Jones 2-10, Tucker 1-11, Nettles 1-3. BSU: Hall 7-59, Lacanaria 6-41, Miller 5-65, Gilbert 4-26, Tyler 3-15, Givan 3-7, Schrank 2-15, Reece 1-23, Dunner 1-9.
Passes (C-A-I)	18-29-1	32-56-0	Tackles - NIU: Jones-Davis 16, Pugh 10; BSU: Wilborn 11, White 10.
Plays-Total Yards	72-370	96-391	
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1	
Penalties-Yards	6-38	2-16	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-25	3-67	
Punt Returns-Yds	1-2	2-2	
3rd Down Conversions	4-12	10-23	
4th Down Conversions	1-1	3-6	
Punts-Average	6-41.0	4-39.2	
Possession Time	28:38	31:22	
Sacks By-Yards	2-17	3-26	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	2-2	

GAME 7: NIU 24, OHIO 21

October 13 | 2:30 p.m. (CT) | ESPN+
DeKalb, Illinois | Huskie Stadium | 12,138

NIU overcame a 15-point deficit in the fourth quarter to pull out a 24-21 Homecoming victory over Ohio Saturday at Huskie Stadium.

Trailing 21-9 after Ohio scored on an 11-yard touchdown pass from quarterback Nathan Rourke to Connor Brown to close out the third quarter, NIU scored a pair of touchdowns, including a two-point conversion by left tackle Max Scharping, to earn its fourth Mid-American Conference win of the season.

NIU closed the gap to 21-16 with a 12-play, 77-yard drive to start the fourth period. Quarterback Marcus Childers, who rushed for 169 yards on 23 carries, went the final 10 yards for the touchdown. The biggest play of the drive came on fourth-and-three from the Ohio 34, when Childers hit D.J. Brown for 11 yards; the Huskies scored four plays later.

Ohio looked to extend its lead but after the Bobcats drove from their 25 to the NIU 39, NIU's Sutton Smith recorded his third strip sack of the season when he simultaneously took the ball out of Rourke's hands while sacking him, then recovered the ball for his second fumble recovery of the game.

From its 47-yard line, Childers hit Jauan Wesley for a 20-yard pick-up, ran for 20 yards on second-and-18, then took advantage of a pass interference call on Ohio in the end zone. Marcus Jones ran it in to give NIU the lead, and Childers hit Scharping with a lateral which the big tackle ran in for the two-point play.

The Huskie defense forced a three-and-out on Ohio's next possession and the Huskie offense ran out the clock for the Homecoming win.

The Huskie defense forced three turnovers and held Ohio to just 46 rushing yards. They sacked Rourke four times, led by Smith with two, with Josh Corcoran and Jack Hefflin also contributing sacks.

Ohio scored on a two-yard run by A.J. Ouellette with 8:39 to play in the second quarter to cap a nine-play, 92-yard drive and take a 7-3 lead. Rourke hit Isaiah Cox for a 70-yard completion before he was run down by Jordan Cole and Mykelti Williams at the five-yard line. NIU twice looked to have the Bobcats stopped on third and goal plays, but pass interference was called on both occasions, allowing Ohio eight total plays before scoring.

NIU came back with a six-play, 74-yard drive with D.J. Brown scoring on a 28-yard rush on the jet sweep to give the Huskies a 9-7 lead after the PAT snap was fumbled.

The score stood until the 6:39 mark of the third quarter when Ohio took a 14-9 on a 56-yard completion from Rourke to Cox. They extended the lead to 21-9 with an 11-play, 90-yard drive to close out the third period, helped by three 15-yard penalties on the Huskies.

Kyle Pugh led the Huskie defense with nine tackles, while Smith contributed two sacks, 2.5 tackles for loss, one fumble forced and two recovered.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Ohio	0	7	14	0	- 21
NIU	3	6	0	15	- 24

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Gantz 36 FG, 1st 6:06 (16-77, 5:42)
Ohio - Ouellette 2 run (Zervos kick), 2nd 8:39 (9-92, 5:16)
NIU - Brown 28 run (FERENCE rush fumbled), 2nd 6:41 (6-74, 1:57)
Ohio - Cox 56 pass from Rourke (Zervos kick), 3rd 6:39 (4-85, 1:49)
Ohio - Brown 11 pass from Rourke (Zervos kick), 3rd 0:00 (11-90, 5:45)
NIU - Childers 10 run (Gantz kick), 4th 10:38 (12-77, 4:16)
NIU - Jones 2 run (Scharping rush), 4th 4:51 (6-53, 2:23)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	OHIO	NIU
First Downs (R-P)	19 (3-9).....25 (13-10)	Rushing - Ohio: Irons 11-30, Ouellette 11-16, Rourke 10-0; NIU: Childers 23-169, Jones 8-33, Brown 2-30, Harbison 7-23, Nettles 4-4, Team 4-(-4).
Rushes-Net Yards	32-46.....46-255	Passing - Ohio: Rourke 15-23-1. 275; NIU: Childers 17-33-0, 145.
Passing Yards	275.....145	Receiving - Ohio: White 6-59, Cox 3-147, Odom 3-54, Brown 2-11, Irons 1-4; NIU: Wesley 6-61, Brown 4-28, Robinson 3-30, Tears 2-14, Tucker 1-10, Nettles 1-2.
Passes (C-A-I)	15-23-1.....17-33-0	Tackles - Ohio: Hagan 10, Gullett 5; NIU: Pugh 9, Williams 6.
Plays-Total Yards	55-321.....79-400	
Fumbles-Lost	3-2.....0-0	
Penalties-Yards	6-59.....12-109	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-23.....2-11	
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0.....2-1	
3rd Down Conversions	3-8.....7-16	
4th Down Conversions	0-0.....1-1	
Punts-Average	5-39.8.....7-38.7	
Possession Time	29:16.....30:38	
Sacks By-Yards	2-18.....4-38	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	2-2.....3-4	

GAME 8: NIU 7, BYU 6

October 27 | 1:30 p.m. (MT) | ESPN
Provo, Utah | LaVell Edwards Stadium | 51,084

NIU won its fourth straight game as safety Mykelti Williams intercepted Brigham Young quarterback Zach Wilson with 1:47 to play, sealing the Huskies 7-6 victory at LaVell Edwards Stadium and capping what NIU head coach Rod Carey called "a spectacular performance" by the Huskie defense.

The Huskie defense, which totaled five sacks and eight tackles for loss, kept BYU out of the end zone, allowing the lone touchdown, a one-yard run by Marcus Childers on the first drive of the second half, to hold up for the win.

On the drive, NIU went 65 yards in 10 plays after receiving the second half kickoff. Tre Harbison gained 29 rushing yards on the drive, with the last advancing the Huskies to the five-yard line. After a holding penalty on BYU in the end zone gave NIU a first down from the one, Childers ran in for the Huskie score with 11:19 to play in the third quarter, giving NIU a 7-3 lead.

Two drives later, BYU closed the gap to 7-6 as the Huskie defense, with the help of two consecutive false start penalties by the Cougars, stopped the drive on the four-yard line. On third and goal from the five, BYU attempted a lateral pass to a tackle, but Jalen Embry was there to bring down the Cougar tackle at the four-yard line and force a 22-yard field goal by Skyler Southam.

FIU punter Matt Ference helped the Huskies control field position throughout the game as he punted nine times for a 46.8 yard average, with three forcing BYU to start from inside its 20-yard line. The key punt of the game came with 6:30 to play and NIU clinging to a 7-6 lead, when his 53-yard punt bounced out of bounds inside the one-yard line.

BYU advanced all the way to its 40, but a penalty, two straight incompletions and a rush forced the Cougars to punt with 2:53 on the clock. After Childers was sacked on third down, Ference responded with a 56-yard boot at the 1:47 mark. One play later, Williams intercepted Wilson to seal the Huskie win.

With 9:27 to play in the fourth quarter, BYU had a chance to take the lead, but Southam's 51-yard field goal attempt from the NIU 34-yard line was wide right and the Cougars would not threaten again.

NIU held BYU to 93 rushing yards on 37 carries, and Wilson to 18-of-30 passing. Harbison led the Huskie rushing attack with 54 yards on 11 carries, while Childers was 10-of-21 passing for 115 yards, including four completions to Jauan Wesley for 70 yards.

The first half ended with BYU leading 3-0 on the strength of a 35-yard field goal by Skyler Southam with 3:08 to play in the first quarter. The field goal capped a 13-play, 72-yard drive by the Cougars that consumed 6:28 in the period.

NIU's deepest penetration in the half came late in the second quarter as the Huskies mounted an 11-play, 60-yard drive to the BYU 24-yard line. From there, Andrew Gantz' 41-yard field goal try was off the left post.

NIU ran 26 plays to BYU's 33 as both defenses dominated. The Huskies were just one-of-six on third down conversions in the half, however, the NIU defense limited BYU to a one-of-eight mark. By the end of the game, BYU was 3-of-15 on third down, while the Huskies went 3-of-14.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	0	0	7	0	- 7
BYU	3	0	3	0	- 6

SCORING SUMMARY

BYU - Southam 35 FG, 1st 3:08 (13-72, 6:28)
NIU - Childers 1 run (Gantz kick), 3rd 11:19 (10-65, 3:41)
BYU - Southam 22 FG, 3rd 3:31 (9-57, 4:10)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU	BSU
First Downs (R-P)	11 (4-5).....17 (5-9)	Rushing - NIU: Harbison 11-54, Childers 13-19, Jones 2-11, Nettles 4-9, Thompson 2-6, Brown 1-(-2), Team 3-(-8); BYU: Hadley 9-38, Canada 10-32, Hifo 2-10, Wilson 11-7, Burt 2-7, Katoa 1-1, Christensen 1-(-1), Romney 1-(-1).
Rushes-Net Yards	36-89.....37-93	Passing - NIU: Childers 10-21-0, 115; BYU: Wilson 18-30-1, 208.
Passing Yards	115.....208	Receiving - NIU: Wesley 4-70, Tears 3-34, Brown 1-7, Harnston 1-2, Jones 1-2. BYU: Bushman 3-63, Shumway 3-52, Holker 2-23, Simon 2-21, Romney 2-13, Hifo 2-4, Davis 1-13, Pau'u 1-11, Hadley 1-5, Katoa 1-3.
Passes (C-A-I)	10-21-0.....18-30-1	Tackles - NIU: Jones-Davis 7, Pugh 7; BYU: Takitaki 11, Kaufusi, I. 7.
Plays-Total Yards	57-204.....67-301	
Fumbles-Lost	0-0.....1-0	
Penalties-Yards	10-80.....7-52	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-14.....1-36	
Punt Returns-Yds	1-3.....4-9	
3rd Down Conversions	3-14.....3-15	
4th Down Conversions	0-1.....1-2	
Punts-Average	9-46.8.....7-42.0	
Possession Time	25:12.....34:48	
Sacks By-Yards	5-23.....2-11	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	1-1.....2-2	

GAME 9: NIU 36, AKRON 26

November 1 | 7 p.m. (ET) | CBSSN
Akron, Ohio | InfoCision Stadium | 16,401

Big plays on offense, defense and special teams helped NIU post its fifth straight win as the Huskies scored a 36-26 win over Akron.

NIU rushed for 296 yards on 69 carries and quarterback Marcus Childers completed 21-of-28 passes for 188 yards, hitting a season-high eight receivers, to lead the Huskies to their best offensive output of the season in total yards (484) and points. Tre Harbison led the way with a career-high 169 rushing yards for his third 100-yard day of the season.

Defensively, cornerback Jalen McKie intercepted two passes, returning his first career interception 23 yards for a touchdown with 9:05 to play in the fourth quarter. His INT turned the Huskies' three-point lead into a 10-point margin, and he added a second pickoff on Akron's last drive to seal the win. The Huskies totaled five sacks and eight tackles for loss while limiting the Zips to 35 rushing yards, the lowest total by an NIU opponent this season.

McKie combined with defensive tackle Ben LeRoy on the special teams play of the game. After Akron scored its second touchdown of the third quarter to pull within one point of NIU at 27-26, LeRoy blocked Akron kicker Nick Gasser's PAT try and McKie took the ball on a bounce and ran it back 86 yards for the two-point defensive PAT.

After NIU took a 27-10 lead on the opening drive of the third quarter on Andrew Gantz's 40-yard field goal, Akron stormed back with a field goal and two touchdowns in less than five minutes of game time, to get to 27-26 before LeRoy's block.

The Zips pulled to within a touchdown on a 25-yard field goal and a 13-yard touchdown pass with 4:19 to play in the third period. Next, Akron capitalized on an NIU mistake as Marcus Childers fumbled and the Zips' Davon'te Jest recovered at the NIU 8. Two plays later, the Zips scored a six-yard pass to make it 27-26, NIU with 2:54 on the clock.

The Huskies put 17 points on the board in the second quarter for its most productive 15 minutes of the year. A five-yard touchdown run by Spencer Tears capped the quarter's scoring and extended the Huskies' lead to 24-10 headed into halftime.

In the first half, Childers completed 17-of-19 passes for 141 yards and Harbison carried 14 times for 122 yards. NIU got off to a quick start on its first offensive possession of the game, driving 85 yards in eight plays and 2:45 for a touchdown, the first time the Huskies have scored on their opening drive this season. Childers hit Corey Lersch, who scored his first career touchdown, from 19 yards out for the score with 9:27 to play in the first quarter.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	7	17	5	7	- 36
Akron	7	3	16	0	- 26

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Lersch 13 pass from Childers (Gantz kick), 1st 9:27 (8-85, 2:45)
AKRON - Williams 22 pass from Nelson (Gasser kick), 1st 3:10 (7-77, 2:57)
NIU - Harbison 2 run (Gantz kick) 2nd 14:11 (10-75, 3:59)
AKRON - Gasser 27 FG, 2nd 5:30 (10-63, 3:24)
NIU - Tears 5 run (Gantz kick), 2nd 2:14 (6-65, 1:26)
NIU - Gantz 40 FG, 3rd 11:55 (10-53, 3:05)
AKRON - Gasser 25 FG, 3rd 7:16 (13-67, 4:39)
AKRON - Smith 13 pass from Nelson (Gasser kick), 3rd 4:19 (5-70, 1:18)
AKRON - Smith 6 pass from Ramart (Gasser kick blkd), 3rd 2:54 (2-8, 0:38)
NIU - McKie 86 PAT return, 3rd 2:54
NIU - McKie 23 INT return, 4th 9:05

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

NIU	UA	Rushing - NIU
First Downs (R-P)	34 (20-12).....19 (1-14)	Jones 15-82, Brown 5-30, Tears 3-10, Childers 13-9. UA: Edwards 12-38, Sands 4-4, Nelson 11-(-2), Ramart 1-(-5).
Rushes-Net Yards	61-296.....28-35	Passing - NIU: Childers 21-28-0, 188; UA: Nelson 18-26-0, 299, Ramart 3-12-2, 27.
Passing Yards	188.....361	Receiving - NIU: Jones 4-21, Wesley 3-50, Tears 3-25, Harbison 3-18, Brown 3-14, Robinson 2-24, Lersch 2-23, Brinkman 1-13. BSU: Williams 8-129, Smith 4-115, Stewart 3-36, Bennett 1-11, Sands 1-6, Edwards 1-4, Williams 1-3.
Passes (C-A-I)	21-28-0.....21-38-2	Tackles - NIU: Pugh 10, Foster 8; UA: Davis 15, Bell 14, Lako 14.
Plays-Total Yards	89-484.....66-361	
Fumbles-Lost	1-1.....0-0	
Penalties-Yards	7-85.....7-50	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-18.....2-39	
Punt Returns-Yds	2-0.....0-0	
3rd Down Conversions	7-14.....5-14	
4th Down Conversions	0-1.....0-1	
Punts-Average	4-39.8.....5-39.8	
Possession Time	34:05.....25:55	
Sacks By-Yards	5-25.....4-34	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	5-6.....4-4	

GAME 10: NIU 38, TOLEDO 15

November 7 | 7 p.m. (CT) | ESPN2
DeKalb, Illinois | Huskie Stadium | 5,887

The Northern Illinois Huskies rushed for 296 yards as they cruised past Toledo, 38-15, on Wednesday night at Huskie Stadium. Tre Harbison rushed for 139 yards and junior Marcus Jones gained 103 as the Huskies earned their sixth-straight win to improve to 7-3 overall.

NIU scored 28 of the final 34 points in the contest. Jack Heflin had 3.5 tackles for loss, including 2.5 sacks, as the Huskie defense totaled 11 tackles for loss and five sacks.

The Huskies led 10-9 with just under two minutes to play in the first half when Toledo punter Bailey Flint's attempt at a rugby punt was blocked by Sutton Smith, who picked it up and went 27 yards for a touchdown to give NIU a 17-9 lead at halftime.

On its first possession of the second half, NIU marched 82 yards in 11 plays, capped by a one-yard touchdown run by Marcus Childers. Harbison, Jones and Childers all had runs of 10 yards or longer on the drive as the Huskies picked up all 82 yards on the ground, taking a 24-9 lead.

On the final drive of the third quarter, the Huskies went 69 yards in just four plays to extend their lead to 31-9. Harbison gained 33 yards on the first play of the drive, and Childers finished the drive with a 23-yard touchdown run.

Toledo snapped the string of 21 consecutive NIU points with a one-yard touchdown run by Shakif Seymour with 3:27 to play. The two-point conversion attempt by the Rockets failed as they trimmed NIU lead to 31-15.

Any chance of a late comeback attempt by the Rockets was dashed when, on the first play of the ensuing drive, Jones went up the middle from 44 yards out for a touchdown to push the Huskie lead to 38-15.

Toledo opened the scoring with a 25-yard field goal from Jameson Vest six minutes into the contest before NIU took the lead for good. After Smith sacked Toledo quarterback Eli Peters on third down to force a Rocket punt from their seven-yard line, NIU took over on the Rocket 46 and needed just five plays to find the end zone. Childers connected with sophomore Corey Lersch for a 33-yard score as the Huskies took a 7-3 lead with 36 seconds to play in the opening quarter.

On its first drive of the second quarter, NIU started on its own seven and moved 62 yards to set up a 48-yard field goal from Andrew Gantz as the Huskies increased their lead to 10-3.

Toledo struck right back on its next drive as the Rockets went 75 yards in nine plays, capped by a 23-yard touchdown pass from Peters to Jon'Vea Johnson. The extra point was missed wide right as the Rockets trimmed the Huskie lead to 10-9 with 4:38 to play in the second quarter.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Toledo	3	6	0	6	- 15
NIU	7	10	14	7	- 38

SCORING SUMMARY

TOL - Vest 25 FG, 1st 9:18 (9-36, 3:31)
NIU - Lersch 33 pass from Childers (Gantz kick), 1st 0:36 (5-46, 1:25)
NIU - Gantz 48 FG, 2nd 8:12 (12-62, 4:48)
TOL - J. Johnson 23 pass from Peters (Vest kick failed), 2nd 4:38 (9-75, 3:34)
NIU - S. Smith 27 blocked punt return (Gantz kick), 2nd 1:47
NIU - Childers 1 run (Gantz kick), 3rd 8:18 (11-82, 4:08)
NIU - Childers 23 run (Gantz kick), 3rd 0:06 (4-69, 1:07)
TOL - Seymour 1 run (Peters pass failed), 4th 3:27 (13-80, 6:02)
NIU - Jones 44 run (Gantz kick), 4th 3:18 (1-44, 0:08)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

NIU	TOL	Rushing - NIU
First Downs (R-P)	24 (8-13).....20 (13-7)	Koback 11-47, Peters 10-27, Jones 5-25, Seymour 4-6; NIU: Harbison 21-139, Jones 12-103, Childers 10-58, Tears 1-(-4).
Rushes-Net Yards	42-167.....44-296	Passing - TOL: Peters 26-47-0. 264; NIU: Childers 13-19-1, 131.
Passing Yards	264.....131	Receiving - TOL: Thompson 8-110, D. Johnson 7-52, J. Johnson 4-54, Rosi 2-16, Seymour 2-10, Phillips 1-9, Thompkins 1-9, Koback 1-4; NIU: Tears 4-18, Lersch 2-35, Wesley 2-34, Brinkman 2-24, Tucker 1-13, Harbison 1-4, Brown 1-3.
Passes (C-A-I)	26-47-0.....13-19-1	Tackles - TOL: Teachey 10, Holt 5; NIU: Pugh 8, Buirge 8.
Plays-Total Yards	89-431.....63-427	
Fumbles-Lost	1-0.....1-1	
Penalties-Yards	5-30.....5-58	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	5-65.....0-0	
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0.....1-38	
3rd Down Conversions	11-24.....5-12	
4th Down Conversions	2-4.....0-1	
Punts-Average	6-29.8.....3-43.3	
Possession Time	34:58.....25:02	
Sacks By-Yards	1-10.....5-29	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	2-4.....1-1	

GAME 11: MIAMI 13, NIU 7

November 14 | 7 p.m. (CT) | ESPNU
DeKalb, Illinois | Huskie Stadium | 4,878

A third quarter interception return for a touchdown by Ja'don Rucker-Furlow proved to be the difference as Miami claimed a 13-7 victory over the Huskies on Wednesday night at Huskie Stadium. With the win, Miami claimed the inaugural Mallory Cup, the new trophy dedicated during the game in honor of the late Bill Mallory, who coached both schools to Mid-American Conference Championships.

Defense controlled the contest as the Huskies and RedHawks combined for just 570 yards of total offense, including just 248 in the second half. NIU recorded eight tackles for loss, led by 2.5 from junior Antonio Jones-Davis, who also finished with a team-best 10 tackles. The Huskie defense did not surrender a touchdown on the night, with Miami's only TD coming on the pick six.

Despite rushing for 212 yards on 37 carries and totaling 369 yards of total offense overall, the Huskies were hurt by nine penalties for 90 yards, including five holding calls.

After Miami scored the only points of the first half on a 30-yard field goal from Sam Sloman, NIU took the lead on its first drive of the second half when junior Marcus Jones scored from 29 yards out to give the Huskies a 7-3 advantage. NIU needed just five plays to go 80 yards, including a 37-yard connection from sophomore Marcus Childers to junior Spencer Tears as the Huskies took a four-point lead.

Miami answered with a field goal on its next possession as the RedHawks cut the Huskie lead to 7-6 with 7:32 to play in the third quarter. The Miami drive went 53 yards in 11 plays, culminating in a 39-yard field goal from Sloman to cut the deficit to 7-6.

The RedHawks took the lead back on the second play of NIU's ensuing drive as Rucker-Furlow, a true freshman, stepped in front of an out pass from Childers for an interception and went 28 yards down the sideline for a touchdown to give Miami a 13-7 lead.

Following that play, the next 10 possessions resulted in punts by both teams with Miami having the better of the field position throughout that stretch. In the fourth quarter, NIU's best field position to start a drive was its own 20-yard line.

With 5:31 to play in the fourth quarter, NIU started a drive on its own 13-yard line and Childers found senior Jauan Wesley for 18 yards on the first play of the drive. The Huskies picked up another first down and moved to midfield, but were unable to convert a fourth and two as they turned the ball over on downs with just under three minutes to play.

The Huskie defense forced a three-and-out from Miami, its sixth of the game, as NIU got the ball back with 2:28 left, but the Huskies were unable to pick up a first down as Miami held on for the victory.

Sophomore Tre Harbison had his fifth 100-yard rushing game of the season, and his third consecutive, as he finished with 103 yards on 16 carries.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Miami	0	3	10	0	- 13
NIU	0	0	7	0	- 7

SCORING SUMMARY

MIA - Sloman 30 FG, 2nd 5:40 (14-75, 7:33)
NIU - Jones 29 run (Gantz kick), 3rd 11:01 (5-80, 1:32)
MIA - Sloman 39 FG, 3rd 7:32 (11-53, 3:23)
MIA - Rucker-Furlow 28 interception return (Sloman kick), 3rd 7:21

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	MIAMI	NIU
First Downs (R-P)	16 (4-9)	15 (8-6)
Rushes-Net Yards	41-94	37-212
Passing Yards	107	157
Passes (C-A-I)	15-24-0	15-33-1
Plays-Total Yards	65-201	70-369
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-15	9-90
Kickoff Returns-Yds	2-44	1-15
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0	1-3
3rd Down Conversions	3-16	2-14
4th Down Conversions	0-0	1-3
Punts-Average	10-40.7	8-33.9
Possession Time	34:36	25:24
Sacks By-Yards	1-3	1-8
Red Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	0-0

Rushing - MIA: Smith 18-40, Young 9-33, Thomas 2-15, Bester 2-6, Ragland 7-3, Team 3-(-3); **NIU:** Harbison 16-103, Childers 13-57, Jones 6-45, Nettles 2-7.
Passing - MIA: Ragland 15-24-0.107; **NIU:** Childers 15-32-1, 157.
Receiving - MIA: Sorensen 7-77, Becker 2-5, Thomas 2-(-4), Maylock 1-22, Young 1-9, Hardy 1-(-1), Smith 1-(-1); **NIU:** Tears 5-74, Brown 5-19, Wesley 3-38, Harmston 2-26
Tackles - MIA: McWood 10, Baratti 5; **NIU:** Jones-Davis 10, Pugh 9

GAME 12: WESTERN MICHIGAN 28, NIU 21

November 20 | 7 p.m. (ET) | ESPNU
Kalamazoo, Michigan | Waldo Stadium | 18,278

Western Michigan's Jamauri Bogan scored on a one-yard run with 1:36 to play to give the Broncos a 28-21 victory over the NIU Huskies Tuesday night.

Bogan's run came at the end of a 14-play, 83-yard drive that was extended by a targeting call on the Huskies' Josh Corcoran, who appeared to sack WMU quarterback Kaleb Eleby, and would have had the Broncos facing third-and-24 from its own 31-yard line. Instead, WMU had a first down at the NIU 46 and was able to move all the way to the NIU one, where Bogan went in for the score.

WMU's touchdown broke a 21-21 tie that came about on Sutton Smith's 85-yard fumble return touchdown. After NIU quarterback Marcus Childers was picked off at the NIU 30-yard line with WMU leading 21-14 late in the third quarter, the Broncos drove to the Huskie 15-yard line, before Smith picked up a fumble and sprinted 85 yards to the end zone for the game-tying touchdown.

Smith, who accounted for four of the Huskies' six quarterback sacks, had five tackles for loss among his seven solo stops.

While the Huskies held their seventh opponent to less than 100 yards rushing as a team, WMU hurt NIU with the pass as Eleby completed 19-of-35 passes for 285 yards, and the Broncos held the ball for 35:03, including more than 10 minutes in the second quarter and 11 minutes in the fourth period.

NIU came out of halftime with an 82-yard, 16-play drive to take a 14-13 lead. Childers converted on third down three times with rushes, and scored the touchdown on a one-yard run. A 20-yard completion from Childers to Jauan Wesley set up the score.

WMU took the lead two possessions later, driving from their 13-yard line, to the NIU two-yard line, where Eleby cored from two yards out, then hit Jalen Reed for the two-point conversion to give the Broncos a 21-14 lead.

WMU led 13-7 at halftime after the NIU defense forced Gavin Peddie field goals of 45 and 42 yards, in the second quarter, breaking a 7-7 tie.

Western Michigan took an early 7-0 lead with an eight-play, 75-yard drive off the opening kickoff. The big play on the drive was a 39-yard completion to Reed to the NIU five-yard line. Two plays later, Bogan scored from two yards out with 12:01 to play.

The Huskies avoided a bigger deficit thanks to a Smith sack. Childers fumbled under pressure on NIU's next possession and WMU recovered at the Huskie 19-yard line. Smith's sack forced a Broncos field goal try and the 36-yarder by Peddie was no good.

NIU tied it up on its ensuing possession when, on third and 11 from the NIU 42-yard line, Childers found Spencer Tears wide open behind the defense for a 58-yard touchdown. Andrew Gantz' PAT tied the score with 5:05 to play in the first quarter.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	7	0	14	0	- 21
Western Michigan	7	6	8	7	- 28

SCORING SUMMARY

WMU - Bogan 2 run (Peddie kick), 1st 12:01 (8-75, 2:59)
NIU - Tears 58 pass from Childers (Gantz kick), 1st 5:05 (6-80, 2:15)
WMU - Peddie 45 FG, 2nd 10:16 (9-44, 3:56)
WMU - Peddie 42 FG, 2nd 4:52 (9-28, 4:06)
NIU - Childers 1 run (Gantz kick), 3rd 9:44 (16-82, 5:16)
WMU - Eleby 2 run (Reed pass from Eleby), 3rd 1:28 (9-87, 3:53)
NIU - Smith 85 fumble return, 3rd 00:28
WMU - Bogan 1 run (Peddie kick), 4th 1:36 (14-83, 5:56)

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU	WMU
First Downs (R-P)	16 (8-8)	22 (7-14)
Rushes-Net Yards	43-106	46-94
Passing Yards	156	285
Passes (C-A-I)	14-21-2	19-35-0
Plays-Total Yards	64-262	81-379
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-45	2-10
Kickoff Returns-Yds	4-64	2-44
Punt Returns-Yds	1-(-1)	0-0
3rd Down Conversions	7-15	8-18
4th Down Conversions	0-1	1-1
Punts-Average	6-38.5	5-35.8
Possession Time	24:57	35:05
Sacks By-Yards	6-37	4-29
Red Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	3-5

Rushing - NIU: Childers 22-53, Harbison 16-43, Brown 2-6, Jones 3-4. **WMU:** Bogan 14-63, Bellamy 15-52, Brown 5-18, Team 3-(-7), Reed 1-(-9), Eleby 8-(-23).
Passing - NIU: Childers 14-21-2, 156; **WMU:** Eleby 19-35-0, 285.
Receiving - NIU: Tears 6-84, Brown 5-30, Wesley 2-32, Robinson 1-10. **WMU:** Eskridge 6-123, Reed 6-85, Ricci 3-35, Watson 2-22, Bellamy 1-13, Brown 1-7.
Tackles - NIU: Pugh 9, S. Smith 7; **WMU:** Spears 8, Tranquill 7.

RUSHING

Career Rushing Yards	To Tie
33. Tre Harbison 1,240 (232 att.)	
32. Jasmin Hopkins 1,322 (2010-11)	+62
31. Joe Plaskas 1,332 (1956-59)	+72
30. Ed Johnson 1,542 (1973-75)	+302

PASSING

Career Passing Yards	
Marcus Childers 3,370 (24 games)	
10. Dan Nicholson 3,559 (2005-08)	+189

Career Passing Yards/Game

6. Marcus Childers 140.4	
5. Chris Finlen 159.8 (1997, 1999-2001)	

Career Pass Attempts

9. Marcus Childers 600 (343 comp., 3370 yards)	
8. Pete Kraker 618 (1976-78)	+18
7. Phil Horvath 630 (2004-06)	+30

Passing Attempts Per Game

1. Marcus Childers 25.0 (600/24 G)	
2. Chandler Harnish 23.6 (1,110/47 G), 2008-11	

Career Pass Completions

8. Marcus Childers 343	
7. Phil Horvath 397 (2004-06)	+54

Career Pass Completions/Game

4. Drew Hare 14.28 (2013-16)	
3. Marcus Childers 14.29	
2. Chandler Harnish 14.6 (2008-11)	

Career Touchdown Passes/Game

5. Marcus Childers 1.125 (27 TD/24 G)	
4. Phil Horvath 1.30 (35 TD/27 G) 2004-06	

Season Pass Attempts/Game

6. Marcus Childers 27.92 (335/12 G)	
5. Josh Haldi 28.0 (336/12 G) 2003	
4. Jordan Lynch 28.1 (394/14 G) 2012	

Season Pass Completions

8. Marcus Childers 191 (335 attempts)	
7. Drew Hare 194 (2014)	3
6. Josh Haldi 199 (2003)	8
5. George Bork 232 (1962)	41

Season Pass Completions/Game

8. Marcus Childers 15.92 (191/12 G)	
7. Dan Nicholson 16.8 (151, 9 G) 2007	

SCORING**Most Defensive Extra Points Scored**

Game (tie): 1, vs. Akron (11-1-18)
Season (tie): 1 (2018)

Most Career Defensive Touchdown Scored

3, Sutton Smith (2016-present)

Most Defensive Extra Points

Game (tie): 1, Jalen McKie vs. Akron (11-1-18)
Season (tie): 1, Jalen McKie (2018)
Career (tie): 1, Jalen McKie (present-)

Career PAT Percentage

1. (tie) Andrew Gantz, 2018 1.000 (25-25)

Season PAT Percentage

1. (tie) Andrew Gantz, 1.000 (25-25)

TOTAL OFFENSE**Team – Plays (Season)**

858, 2018	
10. 874 1987	16
9. 899 1978	41
8. 910 2010	52
7. 949 2016	91

Career Plays

9. Marcus Childers 904	
8. Drew Hare 935 (2013-16)	31
7. Michael Turner 940 (2000-03)	36
6. Josh Haldi 945 (2001-05)	41
5. George Bork 1,002 (1960-63)	

Season Total Offense Yards

Marcus Childers 2,134	
10. Stacey Robinson 2,306 (1989)	172
9. Ron Christian 2,307 (1965)	173
8. George Bork 2,398 (1962)	264
7. Josh Haldi 2,479 (2003)	345

Season Plays

4. Marcus Childers 496	
3. Chandler Harnish 578 (2011)	82

DEFENSE**Team Season – Most Punts by Opponent**

2018 71	
Record: 76 (2014)	5

Team Season – Fewest Net Rush Yards Allowed

2018 1,284	
Modern Record 1,425 (1989)	141

Team Season – Lowest Avg. Rushing Yards Allowed/G

2018 107.0	
All-Time Record 107.4	1963
2. 113.9	1959
Modern Record 120.0	2017

Team Season – Most Quarterback Sacks

2018 46	
Record 47 (2002)	1

Team Season – Most Tackles for Loss Yardage

2018 423	
Record 450 (2002)	27

Career Fumble Recoveries

Sutton Smith 6 (2016-present)	
1. Gerald Nickelberry 7 (1991-94)	1

Career Fumbles Recovered for TD

1. Sutton Smith 3 (2016-present)	
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Most Defensive Extra Points

Game (tie): 1, Jalen McKie vs. Akron (11-1-18)
Season (tie): 1, Jalen McKie (2018)
Career (tie): 1, Jalen McKie (present-)

Career Quarterback Sacks

Josh Corcoran 14.5	
8. Larry Williams 16 (1999-2002)	1.5
(tie) Brian Atkinson 16 (2001-04)	
(tie) Alan Baxter 16 (2009-12)	
3. Sutton Smith 28	
2. Cary Caliendo 31 (1987-90)	3
1. Larry English 31.5 (2004-08)	3.5

Career Tackles for Loss

3. Sutton Smith 52.5	
2. Cary Caliendo 53 (1987-90)	0.5
1. Larry English 63 (2004-08)	10.5

Season Tackles for Loss

2. Sutton Smith, 2018 21.0	
1. Sutton Smith, 2017 29.5	8.5

Season Quarterback Sacks

Josh Corcoran, 2018 8.0	
9. Cary Caliendo, 1988 9.0	1.0
(tie) C.J. Rose, 1994 9.0	
2. Sutton Smith, 2018 13.0	
1. Sutton Smith, 2017 14.0	1.0

Long Fumble Return

2. (tie) Sutton Smith at WMU, 11-20-18	85 (TD)
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PUNTING**Team – Most Punts in a Season**

3. 2018 79	
(tie) 2015 79	
2. 1969 81	2
1. 2017 86	7

Team Season – Highest Punting Average

8. 1971 40.23	
7. 2018 40.24	
6. 2017 40.406	
5. 1969 40.407	

Career Punts

9. Matt Ference 162	
8. Jimmy Erwin 167 (2000-02)	5
7. Jim Gilbert 180 (1972-74)	18

Career Punting Yards

8. Matt Ference 6,600	
7. Jim Gilbert 6,874 (1972-74)	274

Career Punting Average

3. Mike Kent 40.6 (1985-86)	
2. Matt Ference 40.7 (6,600 yds, 162 punts)	
1. Tyler Wedel 41.1 (2011-14)	

Single Season Punts

2. Matt Ference, 2018 79	
1. Matt Ference, 2017 83	4

Season Punting Yards

2. Matt Ference, 2018 3,179	
1. Matt Ference, 2017 3,421	242

2015 MAC Championship Rewind

BOWLING GREEN 34, NIU 14

December 4 | 7:00 p.m. (CT) | ESPN2
Detroit, Michigan | Ford Field | 16,425

After a rocky first half that saw the NIU offense unable to get its running game going behind freshman walk-on quarterback Tommy Fiedler while the defense worked hard at containing the high-flying offense of Bowling Green, the Huskies showed the never-quit attitude of champions before falling, 34-14.

Bowling Green ran for 266 yards on 53 carries and scored three rushing touchdowns, led by Travis Greene's 183 yards and two TDs. The Huskies mustered just 72 yards of total offense in the first half, with 53 on the ground and 19 passing. NIU finished the game with 107 yards on 38 carries.

Down 28-0 early in the third quarter after BGSU quarterback Matt Johnson hit Roger Lewis on a 45-yard slant for a score, the Huskies responded with back-to-back touchdowns to cut the Falcons' lead in half.

NIU got on the scoreboard for the first time with 5:43 to play in the third quarter. Fiedler hit Kenny Golladay for 15 yards on fourth-and-11 to the BG 32-yard line before finding tight end Desroy Maxwell up the seam for a touchdown.

Later in the period, NIU's Shawun Lurry stepped in front of a Matt Johnson sideline throw and scored on a 64-yard interception return, putting the Huskies within 14 points with 2:19 left in the third quarter.

NIU could not sustain the momentum as Bowling Green went to Greene to grind out a 12-play, 83-yard drive. Huskie senior Marlon Moore blocked the PAT, but the Falcons made their 34-14 lead hold over the final 12:32 of the game.

The Huskies drove to the Bowling Green 11 on their next possession, but on fourth-and-one, Fiedler was sacked and NIU did not threaten again.

Lurry was named NIU's Most Valuable Player while senior Boomer Mays had a career-high 16 tackles, nine solo, and Sean Folliard contributed 10.

The first four possessions of the game saw defense dominate until Bowling Green took a 7-0 lead with 4:15 to play in the first quarter on a four-yard run by Fred Coppet.

NIU drove to the Bowling Green 12-yard line early in the second quarter before BG recovered a Huskie fumble on its own 22-yard line. NIU committed a season-high five turnovers in the game.

Bowling Green drove to the NIU four-yard line, but on fourth and two, the Huskie defense stopped Coppet for no gain and the NIU offense took over. Stuck deep in their own territory, the Huskies were forced to punt. BG drove to the NIU 22-yard line. On second-and-12, Johnson's pass was intercepted in the end zone by Brandon Mays.

Three plays later, BG got the ball back when the Falcons recovered a Huskie fumble at the NIU 19. This time Bowling Green took advantage of the miscue, scoring on a two-yard completion from Johnson to Derek Lee with 5:28 to go in the second quarter for a 14-0 lead. Greene escaped for a 25-yard touchdown run with 1:04 left in the half to make the score 21-0 at the break.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Bowling Green	7	14	7	6	34
NIU	0	0	14	0	14

SCORING SUMMARY

BG - Coppet 4 run (Tate kick), 1st 4:15 (10-70, 2:40)
BG - Lee, 2 pass from Johnson (Tate kick), 2nd 5:28 (3-17, 0:56)
BG - Greene 25 run (Tate kick), 2nd 1:04 (8-84, 2:32)
BG - Lewis 45 pass from Johnson (Tate kick), 3rd 12:26 (5-73, 1:37)
NIU - Maxwell 32 pass from Fiedler (Hagan kick), 3rd 5:43 (5-46, 1:29)
NIU - Lurry 64 interception return (Hagan kick), 3rd 2:24
BG - Greene 1 run (Tate kick blocked), 4th 12:32 (12-83, 4:47)

Team & Individual Statistics

BG..... NIU	Rushing - BG: Greene 29-183, Coppet 16-85, Johnson 6-8, Moore 1-(-5), Team 1-(-5); NIU: Bouagnon 14-57, Huff 5-23, Fiedler 14-22, Turner 4-7, Beebe 1-(-2).
First Downs (R-P) 25 (13-10) ...17 (9-6)	Passing - BG: Johnson 25-37-2, 235; NIU: Fiedler 12-28-3, 152.
Rushes-Net Yards 53-26638-107	Receiving - BG: Dieter 7-75, Lewis 6-75, Moore 5-53, Burbrink 3-19, Greene 3-11, Lee 1-2; NIU: Maxwell 3-68, Bouagnon 3-31, Brescacin 2-13, Turner 2-8, Beebe 1-17, Golladay 1-15.
Passing Yards 235152	Tackles - BG: Valdez 13, Mack 8; NIU: Mays 16, Folliard 10.
Passes (C-A-I) 25-37-2 ...12-28-3	
Plays-Total Yards 90-50166-259	
Fumbles-Lost 0-02-2	
Penalties-Yards 13-1106-49	
Kickoff Returns-Yds 2-363-61	
Punt Returns-Yds 1-(-1)2-23	
3rd Down Conversions 6-152-13	
4th Down Conversions 1-41-5	
Punts-Average 5-46.06-42.8	
Possession Time 34:2625:34	
Sacks By-Yards 4-132-15	

2014 MAC Championship Rewind

NIU 51, BOWLING GREEN 17

December 5 | 6:00 p.m. (CT) | ESPN2
Detroit, Michigan | Ford Field | 15,110

For the third time in the last four seasons, and the fourth time in school history, the NIU Huskies won the Mid-American Conference Championship. This time, the Huskies won it in decisive fashion, 51-17, over Bowling Green at Ford Field.

NIU led 20-10 at the half before scoring 24 straight points to begin the second half to cruise to the 34-point win, the largest win in MAC Championship Game history. The 51 points scored by the Huskies also set a MAC Championship Game record, bettering the previous high of 49 scored by Marshall in 2002 and Miami (Ohio) in 2003.

Sophomore quarterback Drew Hare set new career highs with 29 completions on 49 attempts, throwing for 218 yards and a pair of touchdowns to claim MVP honors. Tailback Cameron Stingily ran for 116 yards on 15 carries and two touchdowns while Da'Ron Brown had a career-best nine catches for 70 yards.

The Huskies ran for 334 yards on 51 carries with four rushing scores in the game while holding Bowling Green to just 287 yards, 124 rushing. NIU forced four turnovers, including three interceptions, two by senior safety Dechane Durante who recorded a pair of interceptions, and now has four career pickoffs in MAC Championship Games. Paris Logan also recorded an interception for NIU, who gave up less than 24 points for the ninth time this year.

Leading by 10 at the half, NIU got the ball to start the second half and drove 68 yards in 10 plays to extend its lead to 27-10 on a four-yard touchdown pass from Hare to junior Juwan Brescacin. Brescacin finished with seven catches for a game-high 83 yards and that touchdown.

After a Bowling Green punt, the Huskies scored again to take a 34-10 lead midway with 8:18 to play in the third quarter. Stingily setup the score with a 43-yard gain to the Falcon 2-yard line. Two plays later, he powered his way into the end zone for the first of his two touchdowns on the night as the Huskies took a 24-point lead.

On the next drive, Bowling Green was staring at fourth-and-one from the NIU 36 and the Falcons decided to go for it. James Knapke completed a swing pass to Travis Greene, but junior safety Marlon Moore stopped the play for a two-yard loss and the Huskies took over on downs.

It took NIU less than two minutes to add another three points as freshman Christian Hagan made the third of his three field goals on the day, this one from 23-yards out, as the Huskies took a 37-10 lead with 4:15 to play in the third.

Stingily made it 24 unanswered points for the Huskies with a two-yard touchdown run midway through the fourth quarter, pushing the NIU lead to 44-10.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
NIU	10	10	17	14	51
Bowling Green	0	10	0	7	17

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Hare 5 run (Hagan kick), 1st 5:57 (8-60, 2:50)
NIU - Hagan 35 FG, 1st 1:58 (4-7, 1:01)
NIU - Hagan 32 FG, 2nd 11:10 (13-31, 3:55)
BG - Dieter 42 pass from Knapke (Tate kick), 2nd 9:33 (6-75, 1:31)
NIU - Eakes 5 pass from Hare (Hagan kick), 2nd 0:25 (10-68, 1:06)
BG - Tate 46 FG, 2nd 0:00 (4-31, 0:18)
NIU - Brescacin 4 pass from Hare (Hagan kick), 3rd 11:18 (10-68, 3:34)
NIU - Stingily 2 run (Hagan kick), 3rd 8:18 (8-73, 1:34)
NIU - Hagan 23 FG, 3rd 4:15 (7-56, 1:37)
NIU - Stingily 2 run (Hagan kick), 4th 7:38 (8-30, 4:39)
BG - Greene 6 run (Tate kick), 4th 5:56 (4-33, 1:32)
NIU - Huff 2 run (Hagan kick), 4th 0:48 (8-79, 5:02)1

Team & Individual Statistics

NIU BG	Rushing - NIU: Stingily 15-116, Daniels 12-76, Hare 12-60, Bouagnon 9-57, Huff 3-25. BG: Greene 18-105, Coppet 11-41, Callaway 2-(-2), Knapke 4-(-20).
First Downs (R-P) 29 (17-12)13 (4-8)	Passing - NIU: Hare 29-49-1, 218. BG: Knapke 12-21-2, 151; Callaway 1-4-1, 12.
Rushes-Net Yards 51-33435-124	Receiving - NIU: Brown 9-70, Brescacin 7-83, Saffold 6-35, Turner 5-15, Daniels 1-10, Eakes 1-5. BG: Burbrink 5-56, Lewis 3-22, Dieter 2-56, Moore 2-31, Greene 1-(-2).
Passing Yards 218163	Tackles - NIU: Folliard 8, Mays 8, Moore 7. BG: Sutton 14, Ward 13.
Passes (C-A-I) 29-49-113-25-3	
Plays-Total Yards 100-55260-287	
Fumbles-Lost 1-11-1	
Penalties-Yards 5-402-5	
Kickoff Returns-Yds 3-7810-208	
Punt Returns-Yds 3-171-10	
3rd Down Conversions 10-194-13	
4th Down Conversions 1-10-3	
Punts-Average 5-46.26-48.7	
Possession Time 37:5922:01	
Sacks By-Yards 4-242-5	

2013 MAC Championship Rewind

BOWLING GREEN 47, NIU 17

Dec. 6, 2013 | 7 p.m. (CT) | ESPN2
Detroit, Mich. | Ford Field | 21,106

DETROIT – The NIU Huskies saw their goal of a third consecutive MAC Championship and dreams of a second BCS bid dashed at Ford Field Friday, as the Bowling Green Falcons scored a decisive 47-27 win in the Marathon MAC title game.

The loss ended the Huskies' school-record tying 12-game winning streak and 26-game conference winning streak as NIU fell to 12-1 on the season, while Bowling Green improved to 10-3 overall.

The Falcons' No. 7-ranked defense held NIU to just 235 yards on 40 attempts despite 126 yards by quarterback Jordan Lynch. Meanwhile, BGSU quarterback Matt Johnson completed 21-of-27 passes for 393 yards and a MAC Championship game record five touchdowns.

Lynch compiled 345 yards of total offense with 126 rushing and 219 passing yards, breaking the NIU records for touchdowns responsible for and touchdowns scored in a season, while tying the school mark for rushing scores. He threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Juwan Brescacin for the Huskies' first score and ran for touchdowns of eight and two yards.

The two teams traded touchdowns on their opening drives with the Falcons scoring on a 28-yard hook-up from Johnson to Tyler Beck, while the Lynch to Brescacin connection tied the game at 9:08 in the first quarter.

Bowling Green took a 17-7 lead at the end of the quarter as big plays continued to hurt the Huskies. Johnson hit Ronnie Moore for 61 yards, setting up a 26-yard field goal by Tyler Tate, and after NIU went three and out on its next possession, Bowling Green came back with a five-play, 76-yard touchdown drive with Moore scoring on a 36-yard catch.

The Huskies cut the deficit to 17-13 after field goals of 51 and 45 yards by kicker Mathew Sims. However, BGSU scored two touchdowns in the last six minutes to take a 31-13 lead into halftime as Johnson connected with Heath Jackson on a 22-yard pass and hit tight end Alex Bayer from 12 yards out.

Lynch and the Huskies narrowed the margin to 31-20 when the Huskies marched 64 yards on seven plays and 2:29 and scored on an eight-yard run. Both kickers missed field goals in the third quarter before Tate hit a 54-yarder at the start of the fourth. BGSU put two more touchdowns on the board in the quarter while the Huskies could manage just a late Lynch score to leave the final score at 47-27.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Bowling Green	17	14	0	16	47
NIU	7	6	7	7	27

SCORING SUMMARY

BGSU - Beck 28 pass from Johnson (Tate kick), 1st 12:27 (5-75, 2:33)
NIU - Brescacin 14 pass from Lynch (Sims kick), 1st 9:08 (11-73, 3:14)
BGSU - Tate 26 FG, 1st 6:49 (5-67, 2:19)
BGSU - Moore 36 pass from Johnson (Tate kick), 1st 2:32 (5-76, 2:35)
NIU - Sims 51 FG, 2nd 14:51 (9-48, 2:34)
NIU - Sims 45 FG, 2nd 11:22 (6-37, 1:45)
BGSU - Jackson 22 pass from Johnson (Tate kick), 2nd 5:39 (9-88, 5:34)
BGSU - Bayer 12 pass from Johnson (Tate kick), 2nd 0:13 (8-51, 0:52)
NIU - Lynch 8 run (Sims kick), 3rd 12:23 (7-64, 2:29)
BGSU - Tate 52 FG, 4th 14:50 (10-39, 5:32)
BGSU - Greene 6 pass from Johnson (Tate kick blocked), 4th 10:17 (4-20, 2:41)
BGSU - Greene 16 run (Tate kick), 4th 2:44 (10-59, 5:22)
NIU - Lynch 2 run (Sims kick), 4th 0:14 (11-79, 2:26)

Team & Individual Statistics

BGSU	NIU
First Downs (R-P)	27 (10-17).....29 (13-15)
Rushes-Net Yards	40-181.....42-235
Passing Yards	393.....219
Passes (C-A-I)	21-27-0.....21-40-2
Plays-Total Yards	67-574.....82-454
Fumbles-Lost	1-1.....0-0
Penalties-Yards	8-60.....4-20
Kickoff Returns-Yds	2-42.....6-132
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0.....0-0
3rd Down Conversions	4-10.....8-15
4th Down Conversions	2-2.....0-1
Punts-Average	1-48.0.....1-42.0
Possession Time	34:26.....25:34
Sacks By-Yards	1-6.....2-17

Rushing - BGSU: Greene 26-133, Johnson 10-33, Moore 1-11, Hopgood 1-5, Houston 1-1; Team 1-(-2). NIU: Lynch 26-126, Stingily 12-74, Lewis 4-35.
Passing - BGSU: Johnson 21-27-0-393. NIU: Lynch 21-40-2-219.
Receiving - BGSU: Bayer 7-124, Jackson 6-58, Moore 4-145, Greene 2-23, Beck 1-28, Joplin 1-15. NIU: Brescacin 6-71, Lewis 6-37, Spencer 5-63, Williams 2-23, Beebe 1-20, Stingily 1-5.
Tackles - BGSU: Ward/Lynch 11, Truss 8. NIU: Ward 12, Wells/Bass/Bishop 6.

2012 MAC Championship Rewind

NIU 44, KENT STATE 37 (2OT)

Nov. 30, 2012 | 6 p.m. (CT) | ESPN2
Detroit, Mich. | Ford Field | 18,132

DETROIT – For the second straight year, Northern Illinois won the Mid-American Conference Championship "The Hard Way," as the No. 21 (BCS) Huskies won a battle of ranked teams with a 44-37 double overtime win over No. 17 Kent State.

NIU quarterback Jordan Lynch scored his third touchdown of the game in the second overtime for the winning score. When Demetrius Stone intercepted Kent State quarterback Spencer Keith in the end zone, NIU had its school record 12th win.

Lynch, named the West Division MVP, ran for 160 yards on 36 carries with three scores and completed 19-of-34 passes for 212 yards and a touchdown. NIU tailback Akeem Daniels gained 128 yards on 17 carries with one score and caught four passes for 67 yards with 85 rushing yards after the third quarter.

NIU held Kent State to 70 rushing yards and 260 total yards. After scoring on a 15-yard run in the first quarter, KSU All-America candidate Dri Archer finished with 15 yards on 12 carries and five catches for 81 yards.

Noseguard Nabal Jefferson made a career-high nine tackles, including 1.5 for loss, and Ken Bishop recorded eight tackles, three for loss, with a sack. The Huskies totaled four quarterback sacks and 12 tackles for loss.

NIU fell behind 10-0 as Archer scored on a 15-yard run after the Flashes recovered a fumble on a punt return and Freddy Cortez added a 37-yard field goal. The Huskies responded by out-scoring the Flashes 27-3 to take a 27-13 lead. Keith hit Archer for 60 yards and picked up the final 17 yards himself, scoring on a five-yard run to pull the Flashes within seven.

On the Huskies' next play, KSU's Zach Hitchens scooped up a Lynch fumble and ran 22 yards for a touchdown. The score was tied at 27 with 4:28 to play. NIU responded with a four-play, 75-yard drive in 1:31. Daniels ran for 23 yards and caught a 43-yard pass down the right sideline to set up a nine-yard Lynch touchdown run, and a 34-27 lead.

Kent State tied the score at 34 with an 11-play, 58-yard drive. Keith hit Tim Erjavec on a 19-yard pass to send the MAC Championship game into overtime for the first time. The teams traded field goals in the first overtime. Cortez put the Flashes ahead 37-34 before Huskie kicker Mathew Sims booted a 40-yard three.

NIU took two plays to score in the second overtime. Daniels gained 23 yards to the two-yard line and Lynch dove into the end zone to give the Huskies a 44-37 lead. Kent State drove to the nine where two Keith passes fell incomplete; Stone stepped in front of the third to send the Huskies streaming onto the field in celebration.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	1OT	2OT	Total
Northern Illinois	3	14	10	7	3	7	44
Kent State	10	0	3	21	3	0	37

SCORING SUMMARY

KSU - Archer 15 run (Cortez kick), 1st 8:57 (3-22, 0:52)
KSU - Cortez 37 FG, 1st 5:06 (6-16, 2:13)
NIU - Sims 27 FG, 1st 0:14 (14-65, 4:52)
NIU - Moore 14 pass from Lynch (Sims kick), 2nd 11:03 (6-59, 2:24)
NIU - Daniels 1 run (Sims kick), 2nd 5:53 (12-58, 3:44)
KSU - Cortez 24 FG, 3rd 10:46 (8-46, 4:08)
NIU - Lynch 1 run (Sims kick), 3rd 2:38 (10-75, 3:20)
NIU - Sims 29 FG, 3rd 2:38 (9-43, 3:03)
KSU - Keith 5 run (Cortez kick), 4th 4:53 (8-96, 2:53)
KSU - Hitchens 22 fumble recovery (Cortez kick), 4th 4:38
NIU - Lynch 9 run (Sims kick), 4th 3:12 (4-75, 1:26)
KSU - Erjavec 19 pass from Keith (Cortez kick), 4th 0:44 (11-58, 2:23)
KSU - Cortez 33 FG, 1 OT (7-9, 0:00)
NIU - Sims 40 FG, 1 OT (4-2, 0:00)
NIU - Lynch 2 run (Sims kick), 2 OT (2-25, 0:00)

Team & Individual Statistics

NIU	KSU
First Downs (R-P)	25 (14-11).....17 (5-10)
Rushes-Net Yards	56-312.....42-70
Passing Yards	212.....190
Passes (C-A-I)	19-34-1.....15-37-2
Plays-Total Yards	90-524.....79-260
Fumbles-Lost	2-2.....1-0
Penalties-Yards	8-62.....0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yds	2-49.....6-112
Punt Returns-Yds	3-35.....0-0
3rd Down Conversions	10-19.....8-19
4th Down Conversions	2-2.....0-2
Punts-Average	4-37.8.....5-47.6
Possession Time	32:27.....27:33
Sacks By-Yards	4-30.....4-22

Rushing - NIU: Lynch 36-160, Daniels 17-128, Brown 1-14, Lewis 1-7, Bowers 1-3; KSU: Durham 20-72, Archer 12-15, Dawson 1-4, Keith 8-(-10), Erjavec 1-(-11).
Passing - NIU: Lynch 19-34-1, 212; KSU: Keith 15-36-2, 190; Hurdle 0-1-0, 0.
Receiving - NIU: Daniels 4-67, Moore 4-39, Ashford 4-38, Lewis 3-4, Brown 2-37, Wells 2-27; KSU: Archer 5-81, Humphrey 3-36, Erjavec 3-29, Hurdle 2-11, Durham 1-22, Boyle 1-11.
Tackles - NIU: Jefferson 9, Bishop 8, Bass 8; KSU: Batton 13, Polk 10.

2011 MAC Championship Rewind

NIU 23, OHIO 20

Dec. 2, 2011 | 6 p.m. (CT) | ESPN2
Detroit, Mich. | Ford Field | 13,012

DETROIT - The 2011 Northern Illinois Huskies flipped the script.

In its two previous MAC Championship games in 2005 and 2010, NIU had lost in heart-breaking, last-minute fashion, to Akron and Miami (Ohio), respectively. In 2011, NIU kicker Mathew Sims made a 33-yard field goal with no time on the clock to defeat Ohio, 23-20.

Northern Illinois won its first Mid-American Conference title in 28 years by tying its biggest comeback in modern history. The Huskies trailed Ohio 20-0 after the first half as NIU committed three turnovers and allowed a reverse pass for a score, while league MVP Chandler Harnish was limited to 13 rushing and 35 passing yards.

NIU scored 16 points in the final quarter, while, the Huskie defense held Ohio (9-4) to no points and just 70 total yards in the second half. The Huskies picked off OU quarterback Tyler Tettleton three times with defensive backs Jhony Faustin, Dechane Durante and Jimmie Ward recording the INTs.

Receiver Nathan Palmer caught four passes for 115 yards, including two second-half touchdowns, to earn game MVP honors. Harnish finished with 250 passing yards and three TDs. In addition to hitting Palmer for TDs of 39 and 22 yards, he threw a 32-yard touchdown pass to Martel Moore.

The Huskies' comeback began on its second drive of the half. Northern Illinois drove 78 yards in 10 plays and 3:52 with Palmer putting NIU on the scoreboard with 6:19 left in the quarter.

The teams traded punts before Ohio advanced from its 19-yard line to the Huskie 19 before a 36-yard field goal attempt went wide right.

Northern Illinois pulled within seven points at 7:36 with a four-play, 63-yard drive that consumed 1:19. Perez Ashford made a 19-yard reception on the drive and Harnish's 32-yard pass to Moore made the score 20-13.

NIU got the ball back with 4:36 to play. Moore caught a 12-yard pass and Jasmin Hopkins ran for 16 yards before Palmer caught a perfectly thrown pass on the post route. Sims' PAT tied the game.

After Ohio went three-and-out, Northern Illinois went 48 yards in five plays to the OU 16. Ashford made a leaping 27-yard catch along the sideline and Moore caught a 15-yard pass to put NIU in position. After two timeouts, Sims booted the game winner, his second in three games.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Ohio	10	10	0	0	20
Northern Illinois	0	0	7	16	23

SCORING SUMMARY

OU - Weller 30 FG, 1st 10:33 (4-6, 1:34)
OU - Foster 24 pass from Bates (Weller kick), 1st 4:05 (8-70, 3:57)
OU - Weller 21 FG, 2nd 11:03 (15-69, 6:19)
OU - Tettleton 18 run (Weller kick), 2nd 2:35 (9-87, 3:50)
NIU - Palmer 39 pass from Harnish (Sims kick), 3rd 6:19 (10-78, 3:52)
NIU - Moore 32 pass Harnish (Sims kick failed), 4th 7:36 (4-63, 1:13)
NIU - Palmer 22 pass from Harnish (Sims kick), 4th 2:52 (6-57, 1:44)
NIU - Sims 33 FG, 4th 0:00 (5-48, 1:18)

Team & Individual Statistics

OU	NIU	Rushing
First Downs (R-P) 21 (8-11)19 (9-9)	51, Brazill 1-6, Bates 1-0. NIU: Hopkins 11-60, Harnish 13-31, Ashford 1-19, Palmer 4-17, Clark 2-10, Womble 2-10, Daniels 2-6, Lynch 1-2.	Passing - OU: Tettleton 18-31-3, 218; Bates 1-1-0, 24. NIU: Harnish 16-26-1, 250.
Rushes-Net Yards 39-13036-155	Foster 2-30, Thompson 2-27, Harden 2-14, Dovell 1-16. NIU: Palmer 4-115, Moore 3-59, Ashford 3-45, Hopkins 3-8, Brown 2-6, Wells 1-17.	Receiving - OU: Brazill 8-124, Dunlop 4-31, Foster 2-30, Thompson 2-27, Harden 2-14, Dovell 1-16. NIU: Palmer 4-115, Moore 3-59, Ashford 3-45, Hopkins 3-8, Brown 2-6, Wells 1-17.
Passing Yards 242250	3rd Down Conversions 7-186-13	Tackles - OU: Keller 13, Kristoff 7. NIU: Faustin 9, Progar 7, Bass 7.
Passes (C-A-I) 19-32-316-26-1	4th Down Conversions 1-10-0	
Plays-Total Yards 71-37262-405	Punts-Average 4-34.85-39.2	
Fumbles-Lost 1-04-3	Possession Time 33:5926:01	
Penalties-Yards 5-454-30	Sacks By-Yards 1-102-16	
Kickoff Returns-Yds 4-904-61		
Punt Returns-Yds 2-(-2)1-0		

2010 MAC Championship Rewind

MIAMI 26, NIU 21

Dec. 3, 2010 | 6 p.m. (CT) | ESPN2
Detroit, Mich. | Ford Field | 12,031

DETROIT - Northern Illinois had the school's first MAC Championship since 1983 a fingertip away Friday, holding onto a 21-20 lead in the final two minutes of the 2010 Marathon MAC Championship game at Ford Field.

Miami converted on fourth and 20 from their own 38 with 1:51 on the clock when MU QB Austin Boucher lofted a pass over three Huskie defenders into the hands of Chris Givens for 31 yards and a first down. Two plays later, Boucher caught the Huskies in a blitz and hit Adrian Robinson for 33 yards, giving the RedHawks a 26-21 lead.

After a failed two-point conversion, NIU advanced to the Miami 32-yard line with 10 seconds on the clock. On the game's last play, Huskie quarterback Chandler Harnish was sacked by Miami's Austin Brown.

Miami took an early 6-0 lead, driving 80 yards in eight plays on its first possession, with Thomas Merriweather scoring on a one-yard touchdown run on fourth and goal. NIU's Mike Krause blocked the PAT.

NIU responded with the first of three long touchdown passes. Harnish hit Martel Moore for 69 yards and the PAT put the Huskies ahead 7-6.

After Miami took the lead on a seven-yard touchdown run, Harnish and Moore hooked up for a 27-yard touchdown and the Huskies led 14-13.

The RedHawks gained 106 yards on the ground in the first quarter, but finished the game with only 99 rushing yards thanks to five sacks by NIU defenders, including two by Jake Coffman.

The Huskies' Nathan Palmer dropped a touchdown pass, and the teams combined for five punts in the second quarter. NIU thwarted a Miami threat at the end of the half when Coffman blocked a field goal attempt to preserve the Huskies 14-13 halftime lead.

Miami took the second half kickoff and went 10 plays in 82 yards. Merriweather scored on a one-yard run to give the RedHawks a 20-14 lead. Following a Huskie fumble, Miami drove to the NIU five-yard line where a fake field goal try was stopped by NIU's Tyrone Clark.

NIU re-claimed the lead on the first play of the final period when Harnish hit Willie Clark on a 39-yard pass to finish a five-play, 89-yard drive and the PAT put the Huskies ahead, 21-20.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Northern Illinois	14	0	0	7	21
Miami	13	6	7	6	26

SCORING SUMMARY

MU - Merriweather 1 run (Cook kick blocked), 1st 8:02 (8-80, 4:33)
NIU - Moore 69 pass from Harnish (Cklamovski kick), 1st 6:33 (3-73, 1:23)
MU - Woods 7 run (Cook kick), 1st 3:46 (6-77, 2:41)
NIU - Moore 27 pass from Harnish (Cklamovski kick), 1st 1:17 (6-70, 2:22)
MU - Merriweather 1 run (Cook kick), 3rd 9:52 (10-82, 5:02)
NIU - Clark 39 pass from Harnish (Cklamovski kick), 4th 14:54 (9-89, 4:52)
MU - Robinson 33 pass from Boucher (Boucher PAT failed), 4th 0:33 (6-52, 2:15)

Team & Individual Statistics

NIU	MU	Rushing
First Downs (R-P) 18 (6-12)19 (6-13)	Crider 1-9, Harnish 8-3, A. Daniels 1-0.	NIU: Spann 17-54, Lynch 5-26,
Rushes-Net Yards 32-9226-99	MU: Merriweather 11-85, Woods 5-26,	
Passing Yards 281333	Scherpenberg 1-3, Boucher 9-(-15).	
Passes (C-A-I) 15-29-029-46-0	Passing - NIU: Harnish 15-28-0, 281;	
Plays-Total Yards 61-37372-432	Lynch 0-1-0, 0. MU: Boucher 29-46-0, 333.	
Fumbles-Lost 2-10-0	Receiving - NIU: Moore 4-110, W. Clark	
Penalties-Yards 3-151-5	4-70, Palmer 3-56, Schepler 2-22,	
Kickoff Returns-Yds 5-1173-59	Ashford 1-13, Cox 1-10. MU: Robinson	
Punt Returns-Yds 0-01-8	14-176, Harwell 5-66, Woods 3-33,	
3rd Down Conversions 6-136-16	Givens 2-38, Cruse 2-9, Paine 2-9,	
4th Down Conversions 0-12-3	Semmes 1-2.	
Punts-Average 6-45.26-38.0	Tackles - NIU: Kube 9, C. Smith 8,	
Possession Time 26:3033:30	Coffman 8. MU: Wedge 9, Hinkel 8.	
Sacks By-Yards 5-293-28		

2005 MAC Championship Rewind

AKRON 31, NIU 30

Dec. 1, 2005 | 6:45 p.m. (CT) | ESPN

Detroit, Mich. | Ford Field | 12,051

DETROIT - Thanks to a 36-yard touchdown completion to University of Akron standout Domenik Hixon from quarterback Luke Getsy with 10 seconds left, and Jason Swiger's follow-up PAT kick, the Akron Zips dashed NIU's MAC title dream by a 31-30 tally.

From start to finish, it was a genuine championship battle with NIU standout tailback Garrett Wolfe leading an assault on the record book. And yet, it wasn't enough for the Huskies.

Akron got on the board after its first possession with a 47-yard Swiger field goal. A Dennis Kennedy three-yard run capped a six-play, 61-yard drive that put the Zips ahead 10-0 after the first quarter. NIU responded when Wolfe capped an eight-play, 67-yard drive with a one-yard scamper just 4:46 into the second quarter. A Chris Nendick 21-yard field goal made it a 10-10 half-time tally.

In the third quarter, Wolfe's 62-yard sprint to the UA 20-yard helped set up his own 11-yard TD run. The Huskie star finished with 270 yards on 42 carries and two touchdowns, destroying the previous MAC title game record.

NIU went from a 10-point deficit to a 14-point lead when Sam Hurd hauled in a 19-yard touchdown strike from Dan Nicholson with 1:43 left in the third quarter. Nendick ran his consecutive PAT streak to 94 before the Zips answered with a Brett Biggs three-yard run.

Nendick then booted home a 52-yard field goal to give NIU a 27-17 lead with 10:49 to play.

After a Getsy run trimmed the margin to 27-24 with 7:35 to play, Nendick gave the Huskies a 30-24 lead with 3:28 remaining on a 46-yard field goal. A Phil Brown interception appeared to thwart Akron's comeback hopes, but when NIU's Hurd came up short on third-and-long, the Zips got the ball back with 70 seconds after an NIU punt.

Getsy completed 30-of-50 passes for 413 yards. Akron outgained the Huskies in total offense by a 518-360 margin.

SCORING BY QUARTERS

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4		Total
Akron	10	0	0	21	-	31
Northern Illinois	0	10	14	6	-	30

SCORING SUMMARY

UA - Swiger 47 FG, 1st 11:54 (8-35, 1:57)
 UA - Kennedy 3 run (Swiger kick), 1st 2:55 (6-61, 1:47)
 NIU - Wolfe 1 run (Nendick kick), 2nd 11:14 (8-67, 3:28)
 NIU - Nendick 21 FG, 2nd 2:21 (9-67, 4:24)
 NIU - Wolfe 11 run (Nendick kick), 3rd 5:03 (5-81, 2:46)
 NIU - Hurd 19 pass from Nicholson (Nendick kick), 3rd 1:43 (6-32, 3:06)
 UA - Biggs 3 run (Swiger kick), 4th 13:53 (11-80, 2:50)
 NIU - Nendick 52 FG, 4th 10:49 (8-55, 2:59)
 UA - Getsy 7 run (Swiger kick), 4th 7:35 (10-76, 3:08)
 NIU - Nendick 46 FG, 4th 3:28 (9-42, 3:58)
 UA - Hixon 36 pass from Getsy (Swiger kick), 4th 0:10 (9-81, 1:311)

Team & Individual Statistics

	UA.....NIU	
First Downs (R-P)	27 (7-20).....19 (12-5)	Rushing - UA: Biggs 20-70, Hixon 1-20, Kennedy 3-8, Getsy 8-7.
Rushes-Net Yards	32-105.....52-250	NIU: Wolfe 42-270, 4-10, 1-(-1), Nicholson 5-(-29).
Passing Yards	413.....110	Passing - UA: Getsy 30-50-1, 413; Team 0-1-0, 0; Biggs 0-1-0, 0. NIU: Nicholson 7-17-0, 110.
Passes (C-A-I)	30-52-1.....7-17-0	Receiving - UA: Hixon 8-144, Kasperek 6-81, Montgomery 6-69, Biggs 4-53, Long 3-20, Arthur 2-26, Kennedy 1-20. NIU: Davis 2-41, Hurd 2-26, Nordin 2-22, Raleigh 1-21.
Plays-Total Yards	84-518.....69-360	Tackles - UA: Rohr 9, Mackey 9, Stokes 8. NIU: Smith 11, Ad. Hansbro 10, Blalark 9.
Fumbles-Lost	1-1.....0-0	
Penalties-Yards	8-70.....3-10	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	3-75.....6-124	
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0.....1-13	
3rd Down Conversions	6-14.....6-15	
4th Down Conversions	1-1.....0-0	
Punts-Average	5-38.0.....5-46.6	
Possession Time	26:56.....33:04	
Sacks By-Yards	3-27.....2-16	

NIU FOOTBALL 2018 FOOTBALL STATISTICS

TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	OPP
SCORING	239	251
Points Per Game	19.9	20.9
Points Off Turnovers	54	40
FIRST DOWNS	226	240
Rushing	123	71
Passing	89	137
Penalty	14	32
RUSHING YARDAGE	2120	1284
Yards gained rushing	2558	1742
Yards lost rushing	438	458
Rushing Attempts	519	489
Average Per Rush	4.1	2.6
Average Per Game	176.7	107.0
TDs Rushing	16	14
PASSING YARDAGE	1696	2844
Comp-Att-Int	193-339-10	237-415-7
Average Per Pass	5.0	6.9
Average Per Catch	8.8	12.0
Average Per Game	141.3	237.0
TDs Passing	11	11
TOTAL OFFENSE	3816	4128
Total Plays	858	904
Average Per Play	4.4	4.6
Average Per Game	318.0	344.0
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	16-261	24-490
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	19-127	16-88
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	7-69	10-143
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	16.3	20.4
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	6.7	5.5
INT RETURN AVERAGE	9.9	14.3
FUMBLES-LOST	15-7	19-11
PENALTIES-Yards	80-740	69-534
Average Per Game	61.7	44.5
PUNTS-Yards	79-3179	71-2773
Average Per Punt	40.2	39.1
Net punt average	37.4	36.7
KICKOFFS-Yards	50-2991	56-3394
Average Per Kick	59.8	60.6
Net kick average	40.5	41.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	28:10	31:48
3RD-DOWN Conversions	65/181	75/200
3rd-Down Pct	36%	38%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	5/19	10/21
4th-Down Pct	26%	48%
SACKS BY-Yards	46-286	31-251
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	30	27
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	10-15	21-30
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	(27-33) 82%	(33-41) 80%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(20-33) 61%	(20-41) 49%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(25-25) 100%	(22-24) 92%
ATTENDANCE	52019	240844
Games/Avg Per Game	5/10404	7/34406
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
NIU	37	71	67	51	13	239
Opponents	44	43	85	69	10	251

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Lng	Avg/G
HARBISON, Tre	12	177	961	11	950	5.4	4	48	79.2
JONES, Marcus	12	91	537	10	527	5.8	4	64	43.9
CHILDERS, Marcus	12	161	734	296	438	2.7	6	32	36.5
NETTLES, Jordan	11	56	213	17	196	3.5	0	15	17.8
BROWN, D.J.	12	16	97	10	87	5.4	1	28	7.2
THOMPSON, Anthony	2	2	6	0	6	3.0	0	6	3.0
TEARS, Spencer	10	4	10	4	6	1.5	1	5	0.6
TEAM	6	12	0	90	-90	-7.5	0	0	-15.0
Total.....	12	519	2558	438	2120	4.1	16	64	176.7
Opponents.....	12	489	1742	458	1284	2.6	14	40	107.0

PASSING	G	Effic.	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
CHILDERS, Marcus	12	105.00	191-335-9	57.0	1696	11	66	141.3
WESLEY, Jauan	12	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
THOMPSON, Anthony	2	58.00	1-1-0	100.0	-5	0	0	-2.5
ERENCE, Matt	12	-200.00	0-1-1	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
BROWN, D.J.	12	142.00	1-1-0	100.0	5	0	5	0.4
Total.....	12	103.77	193-339-10	56.9	1696	11	66	141.3
Opponents.....	12	120.05	237-415-7	57.1	2844	11	78	237.0

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
BROWN, D.J.	12	51	400	7.8	3	66	33.3
WESLEY, Jauan	12	47	543	11.6	2	29	45.2
TEARS, Spencer	10	28	299	10.7	2	58	29.9
TUCKER, Cole	12	14	104	7.4	0	13	8.7
ROBINSON, Dennis	12	12	112	9.3	1	17	9.3
JONES, Marcus	12	11	36	3.3	0	14	3.0
HARMSTON, Ty	12	7	60	8.6	1	22	5.0
HARBISON, Tre	12	7	33	4.7	0	10	2.8
LERSCH, Corey	10	6	65	10.8	2	33	6.5
BRINKMAN, Mitchell	3	3	37	12.3	0	15	12.3
NETTLES, Jordan	11	3	0	0.0	0	3	0.0
PAYNE, Leon	4	2	3	1.5	0	2	0.8
CHILDERS, Marcus	12	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.4
HALL, Rodney	5	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.2
Total.....	12	193	1696	8.8	11	66	141.3
Opponents.....	12	237	2844	12.0	11	78	237.0

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
CHILDERS, Marcus	12	496	438	1696	2134	177.8
HARBISON, Tre	12	177	950	0	950	79.2
JONES, Marcus	12	91	527	0	527	43.9
NETTLES, Jordan	11	56	196	0	196	17.8
BROWN, D.J.	12	17	87	5	92	7.7
TEARS, Spencer	10	4	6	0	6	0.6
THOMPSON, Anthony	2	3	6	-5	1	0.5
TEAM	6	12	-90	0	-90	-15.0
Total.....	12	858	2120	1696	3816	318.0
Opponents.....	12	904	1284	2844	4128	344.0

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
TUCKER, Cole	15	66	4.4	0	27
SMITH, Sutton	2	51	25.5	1	27
EMBRY, Jalen	1	0	0.0	0	0
WESLEY, Jauan	1	10	10.0	0	0
Total.....	19	127	6.7	1	27
Opponents.....	16	88	5.5	0	15

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
JONES-DAVIS, A	1	0	0.0	0	0
SMITH, Sutton	1	85	85.0	1	85
Total.....	2	85	42.5	1	85
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0

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2018 LONG PLAYS

	No.	Long
NIU	21	85 FR TD, S. Smith at W. Michigan, 11/20
Rushing	9	64, Jones at Ball State, 10/6
Brown	1	28 TD vs. Ohio, 10/13
Childers	2	32 vs. Ohio, 10/13
Harbison	3	48 vs. C. Michigan, 9/15
Jones	3	64 at Ball State, 10/6
Passing	8	66 TD Childers to Brown at Florida St., 9/22
by Childers	8	66 TD, to D.J. Brown at Florida St., 9/22
to Brown	3	66 TD, from Childers at Florida St., 9/22
to Lersch	1	33 TD, from Childers vs Toledo, 11/7
to Tears	3	58 TD, from Childers at W. Michigan, 11/20
to Wesley	1	29, from Childers at BYU, 10/27
Returns	4	27 Punt Block TD Smith vs. Toledo, 11/7
Brown	1	25 KOR at Ball State, 10/6
Tucker	1	27 PR at E. Michigan, 9/29
S. Smith	2	85 Fumble TD at W. Michigan, 11/20
OPPONENT	30	78 TD Francois to Terry, FSU, 9/22
Rushing	2	40, Young, Iowa, 9/1
Passing	21	78 TD, Francois to Terry, FSU, 9/22
Returns	7	43 INT by Wilborn, Ball State, 10/6

* 25 Yards or Longer

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
KOKOSIOULIS, Fotis	9	151	16.8	0	23
BROWN, D.J.	4	80	20.0	0	25
EMBRY, Jalen	2	30	15.0	0	16
HOGANS, Cortez	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	16	261	16.3	0	25
Opponents.....	24	490	20.4	0	36

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
MCKIE, Jalen	2	25	12.5	1	23
SMALLS, Albert	1	0	0.0	0	0
HOGANS, Cortez	1	17	17.0	0	17
LABUS, Vinny	1	6	6.0	0	6
FOSTER, Trayshon	1	17	17.0	0	17
WILLIAMS, Mykelti	1	4	4.0	0	4
Total.....	7	69	9.9	1	23
Opponents.....	10	143	14.3	2	43

FIELD GOALS	FG-FGA	Pct	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
GANTZ, Andrew	10-15	66.7	0-0	2-2	4-6	4-7	0-0	49	0

FG SEQUENCE	NIU	Opponents
Iowa	33,49	(33)
Utah	(49),(27)	43,43,(40)
Central Michigan	(36)	25,(27)
Florida State	33	(42),(50),(42)
Eastern Michigan	(43),(26)	(29),45,(28),38,(42)
Ball State	(37)	(26),(51),(47)
Ohio	(36)	-
BYU	41	(35),(22),51
Akron	(30),48,(40)	49,(27),(25)
Toledo	(48)	(25),36
Miami	-	(30),(39)
Western Michigan	-	36,(45),(42)

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
ERENCE, Matt	79	3179	40.2	62	7	19	29	13	0
Total.....	79	3179	40.2	62	7	19	29	13	0
Opponents.....	71	2773	39.1	69	2	30	25	9	3

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
GANTZ, Andrew	45	2713	60.3	18	1			
RICHARDSON, Joh	4	248	61.3	1	1			
ERENCE, Matt	1	30	30.0	0	1			
Total.....	50	2991	59.8	19	3	490	40.5	24
Opponents.....	56	3394	60.6	33	2	261	41.2	23

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
HARBISON, Tre	12	950	33	0	0	0	983	81.9
BROWN, D.J.	12	87	400	0	80	0	567	47.2
JONES, Marcus	12	527	36	0	0	0	563	46.9
WESLEY, Jauan	12	0	543	10	0	0	553	46.1
CHILDERS, Marcu	12	438	5	0	0	0	443	36.9
TEARS, Spencer	10	6	299	0	0	0	305	30.5
NETTLES, Jordan	11	196	0	0	0	0	196	17.8
TUCKER, Cole	12	0	104	66	0	0	170	14.2
KOKOSIOULIS, F	9	0	0	0	151	0	151	16.8
ROBINSON, Denni	12	0	112	0	0	0	112	9.3
LESCHE, Corey	10	0	65	0	0	0	65	6.5
HARMSTON, Ty	12	0	60	0	0	0	60	5.0
SMITH, Sutton	12	0	0	51	0	0	51	4.2
BRINKMAN, Mitch	3	0	37	0	0	0	37	12.3
EMBRY, Jalen	12	0	0	0	30	0	30	2.5
MCKIE, Jalen	12	0	0	0	0	25	25	2.1
FOSTER, Traysho	10	0	0	0	0	17	17	1.7
HOGANS, Cortez	12	0	0	0	0	17	17	1.4
LABUS, Vinny	12	0	0	0	0	6	6	0.5
THOMPSON, Antho	2	6	0	0	0	0	6	3.0
WILLIAMS, Mykel	12	0	0	0	0	4	4	0.3
PAYNE, Leon	4	0	3	0	0	0	3	0.8
HALL, Rodney	5	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-0.2
TEAM	6	-90	0	0	0	0	-90	-15.0
Total.....	12	2120	1696	127	261	69	4273	356.1
Opponents.....	12	1284	2844	88	490	143	4849	404.1

	PATs								
SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Pts.
GANTZ, Andrew	0	10-15	25-25	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	55
CHILDERS, Marcus	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	36
JONES, Marcus	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
BROWN, D.J.	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
HARBISON, Tre	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	24
TEARS, Spencer	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
WESLEY, Jauan	2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	12
LESCHE, Corey	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
MCKIE, Jalen	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	1	0	8
ROBINSON, Dennis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
HARMSTON, Ty	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
SCHARPING, Max	0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0-0	0	0	2
ERENCE, Matt	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	0
Total.....	30	10-15	25-25	1-3	0	0-1	1	0	239
Opponents.....	27	21-30	22-24	0-0	1	1-3	0	1	251

NIU FOOTBALL 2018 DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

		-----Tackles-----				-Sacks-		---Pass Def---		-Fumbles-		Blkd		
		GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	FR-Yds	FF	Kick	Safety
48	JONES-DAVIS, A	12	62	42	104	11.5-41	4.0-21	.	6	1	2-0	.	.	.
57	PUGH, Kyle	11	55	35	90	5.0-17	1.5-13	.	1	4	2-0	.	.	.
8	WILLIAMS, Mykelti	12	40	23	63	3.5-13	.	1-4	3	.	.	.	.	.
37	DEVEAUX, Lance	11	40	20	60	5.0-25	2.0-17	.	2	.	.	1	.	.
3	EMBRY, Jalen	12	41	16	57	4.5-7	.	.	6	.	.	.	.	.
15	SMITH, Sutton	12	33	13	46	21.0-114	13.0-83	.	1	7	3-85	4	2	.
11	FOSTER, Trayshon	10	31	14	45	1.0-7	.	1-17	3	.	.	2	.	.
55	KRAMER, Weston	12	17	17	34	3.5-12	1.5-6	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
99	LEROY, Ben	12	17	15	32	2.0-14	1.5-13	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
98	HEFLIN, Jack	12	18	10	28	8.0-38	6.0-32	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
7	HUNT, Tifonte	10	19	9	28	0.5-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
24	SMITH, Trequan	11	22	5	27	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
12	CORCORAN, Josh	10	14	12	26	10.5-53	8.0-49	.	.	4	.	1	.	.
29	BUIRGE, Adam	12	16	8	24	0.5-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	WYNNE, Quintin	12	16	8	24	5.5-15	2.0-10	.	.	2	1-0	.	.	.
45	COLE, Jordan	12	16	7	23	1.0-4	.	.	1	1	1-0	2	.	.
49	MCKIE, Jalen	12	18	4	22	1.5-6	1.0-5	2-25	1	.	.	.	.	.
41	LORBECK, Matt	12	17	4	21	6.5-32	4.5-25	.	.	1	1-0	1	.	.
50	LABUS, Vinny	12	7	8	15	.	.	1-6	.	.	.	1	.	.
96	KELLY, Marcus	12	7	8	15	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
42	GREGORY, Andrew	12	7	2	9	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
25	HOGANS, Cortez	12	3	2	5	0.5-0	.	1-17	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	BROWN, D.J.	12	5	.	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	KENNEDY, Michael	9	3	1	4	2.5-16	1.0-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	NETTLES, Jordan	11	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	SMALLS, Albert	3	2	1	3	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	HANEY, Devin	11	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	TODD, Maalik	10	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	MARCH, Zhamaine	9	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5	HUFF, Jaden	12	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
21	THOMAS, Dillon	12	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	HARBISON, Tre	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	HALL, Justin	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	CHILDERS, Marcus	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17	ROBINSON, Dennis	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	PARKER, Kewan	4	.	1	1	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
95	DENTON, Jawon	3	.	1	1	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46	GAY, Rashawn	8	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65	VELOZ, Nathan	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	WALKER, Antwain	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18	TUCKER, Cole	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36	ERENCE, Matt	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	BONDS, Joseph	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	WESLEY, Jauan	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
Total.....		12	549	292	841	96-423	46-286	7-69	29	20	11-85	13	5	.
Opponents.....		12	452	398	850	75.0-371	31-251	10-143	32	17	7-0	10	.	1

NIU PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	Iowa	Utah	CMU	Florida St.	EMU	Ball St.	Ohio	BYU	Akron	Toledo	Miami	WMU
Offense	Jones	Harbison	Harbison	Childers	Childers/ Wesley	Jones	Childers/ Scharping	Shively	Harbison	O-Line		
Defense	Smalls	S. Smith	LeRoy	Jones-Davis	Jones-Davis	Jones-Davis Hefflin	S. Smith	Hefflin/ Embry	McKie	S. Smith		
Special Teams	Wesley	Hefflin/ FERENCE	Smith	N/A	Tucker	FERENCE	N/A	FERENCE	McKie/ LeRoy	Gantz/ S. Smith		
Off. Scout	Valentine	J. Wright	Potter	Mitchell	Griffin	J. Wright	Rowell	Gueths	Mitchell	Bostad		
Def. Scout	C. Wright	Bonds	Harman	C. Wright	Bostad	Hughes	March	March	Denton	Jennings		
ST. Scout	Harman	Valentine	DeHaan	Harris	Pollack	Earl	Covington	Starks/ Harman	Parker	Bostad		

Selected by the Huskie coaching staff.

NIU FOOTBALL 2018 TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Game	Score	---1st Downs---			Rushing	-----Passing-----			Total Off.	Punts	Fum	Penalties	3rd	Time of
		Total	R	P-Pen	No-Yds-TD	C-A-I	Yds	TD	PI-Yds	No-Avg	No-L	No-Yds	Downs	Poss
(9-1) NIU at Iowa	7 33	15 18	8-6-1 8-6-4		36-101-0 48-209-3	15-26-1 13-25-1	110 143	1 1	62-211 73-352	6-47.2 5-43.0	2-1 1-0	7-65 8-66	3-of-12 8-of-16	25:15 34:45
(9-8) NIU vs. Utah	6 17	15 19	8-6-1 4-13-2		43-117-0 39-68-1	18-33-1 20-31-0	111 286	0 0	76-228 70-354	8-46.0 5-41.4	3-1 3-2	4-43 6-60	7-of-20 6-of-15	31:32 28:28
(9-15) NIU vs. Central Michigan	24 16	15 21	8-5-2 10-11-0		48-180-0 46-164-1	12-20-1 18-33-1	104 158	3 1	68-284 79-322	6-34.2 6-28.5	1-0 1-1	4-44 4-31	5-of-14 6-of-16	31:29 28:31
(9-22) NIU at Florida State	19 37	13 23	3-9-1 10-13-0		20-6-1 57-121-2	20-41-0 23-32-1	215 352	2 2	61-221 89-473	8-39.8 4-43.0	2-0 5-3	3-15 9-60	4-of-15 9-of-17	22:21 37:27
(9-29) NIU - 3OT at Eastern Michigan	26 23	24 16	17-5-2 5-9-2		62-235-2 33-62-1	20-35-2 17-41-0	121 180	1 1	97-356 74-242	8-34.5 9-43.8	2-1 1-1	8-68 11-85	11-of-23 3-of-18	33:32 26:28
(10-6) NIU at Ball State	24 16	23 26	13-10-0 6-17-3		43-227-2 40-131-1	18-29-1 32-56-0	143 260	1 0	72-370 96-391	6-41.0 4-39.2	0-0 1-1	6-38 2-16	4-of-12 10-of-23	28:38 31:22
(10-13) NIU vs. Ohio	24 21	25 19	13-10-2 3-9-7		46-255-3 32-46-1	17-33-0 15-23-1	145 275	0 2	79-400 55-321	7-38.7 5-39.8	0-0 3-2	12-109 6-59	7-of-16 3-of-8	30:38 29:16
(10-27) NIU at BYU	7 6	11 17	4-5-2 5-9-3		36-89-1 37-93-0	10-21-0 18-30-1	115 208	0 0	57-204 67-301	9-46.8 7-42.0	0-0 1-0	10-80 7-52	3-of-14 3-of-15	25:12 34:48
(11-1) NIU at Akron	36 26	34 19	20-12-2 1-14-4		61-296-2 28-35-0	21-28-0 21-38-2	188 326	1 3	89-484 66-361	4-39.8 5-39.8	1-1 0-0	7-85 7-50	7-of-14 5-of-14	34:05 25:55
(11-7) NIU vs. Toledo	38 15	20 24	13-7-0 8-13-3		44-296-3 42-167-1	13-19-1 26-47-0	131 264	1 1	63-427 89-431	3-43.3 6-29.8	1-1 1-0	5-58 5-30	5-of-12 11-of-24	25:02 34:58
(11-14) NIU vs. Miami	7 13	15 16	8-6-1 4-9-3		37-212-1 41-94-0	15-33-1 15-24-0	157 107	0 0	70-369 65-201	8-33.9 10-40.7	1-1 1-0	9-90 2-15	2-of-14 3-of-16	25:24 34:36
(11-20) NIU at Western Michigan	21 28	16 22	8-8-0 7-14-1		43-106-1 46-94-3	14-21-2 19-35-0	156 285	1 0	64-262 81-379	6-38.5 5-35.8	2-1 1-1	5-45 2-10	7-of-15 8-of-18	24:57 35:03

— NIU in the 2018 NCAA and MAC Rankings —

TEAM CATEGORY	Average/No.	NCAA	MAC	TEAM CATEGORY	Avg./No.	NCAA	MAC
Total Offense	318.0	124	10	Sacks	3.83	1	1
Rushing Offense	176.7	58	5	Tackles for Loss	8.0	7	1
Passing Offense	141.3	120	11	Sacks Allowed	2.58	93	8
Passing Efficiency	103.77	124	11	Tackles for Loss Allowed	6.25	77	6
Completion Percentage	.569	94	8	Blocked Kicks	5	5	2
Scoring Offense	19.9	121	11	Blocked Punts	3	4	2
First Downs Offense	226	99	9	Fewest Penalties/Game	6.67	85	5
Red Zone Offense	.818	83	6	Fewest Penalty Yards/Game	61.67	89	5
Total Defense	344.0	26	1	Third Down Conversion Pct.	.359	101	8
Rushing Defense	107.0	13	1	Third Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.375	53	5
Pass Efficiency Defense	120.05	38	5	Fourth Down Conversion Pct.	.263	129	12
Passing Yards Allowed	237.0	76	9	Fourth Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.476	43	5
Scoring Defense	20.9	24	1				
Red Zone Defense	.805	39	4	INDIVIDUAL (Top 60)	Avg./No.	NCAA	MAC
First Downs Defense	240	57	5	Sutton Smith, Tackles for Loss/Game	1.8	6	1
Net Punting	37.35	66	3	Sutton Smith, Sacks/Game	1.08	4	1
Punt Returns	6.68	86	8	Josh Corcoran, Sacks/Game	0.80	12	2
Punt Return Defense	5.50	28	2	Sutton Smith, Blocked Kicks	2	5	2
Kickoff Returns	16.31	122	10	Sutton Smith, Punt Return TDs	1	5	1
Kickoff Return Defense	20.42	55	8	Sutton Smith, Fumbles Forced	0.33	9	2
Turnover Margin	0.08	58	6	Sutton Smith, Fumbles Recovered	3	5	1
Turnovers Gained	18	62	8	Kyle Pugh, Fumbles Recovered	2	21	3
Turnovers Lost	17	57	4	Antonio Jones-Davis, Fumbles Recovered	2	21	3
Passes Had Intercepted	10	63	5	Antonio Jones-Davis, Total Tackles	8.7	60	7
Passes Intercepted	7	94	11	Antonio Jones-Davis, Solo Tackles	5.2	38	5
Fumbles Lost	7	40	4	Kyle Pugh, Solo Tackles	5.0	48	9
Fumbles Recovered	11	14	3	Tre Harbison, Rushing Yards	950	54	3
Time of Possession	28:10	102	8	Cole Tucker, Punt Returns	4.4	49	3

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RUSHING

No-Yds-TD	Iowa	Utah	CMU	FSU	EMU	BallSt	Ohio	BYU	Akron	Toledo	Miami	WMU
Brown, D.J.	2-(-4)-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-27-0	2-30-1	1-(-2)-0	5-30-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-6-0
Childers, Marcus	10-(-33)-0	12-12-0	8-28-0	11-(-16)-1	17-77-0	9-5-0	23-169-1	13-19-1	13-9-0	10-58-2	13-57-0	22-53-1
Harbison, Tre	6-41-0	13-63-0	13-124-0	4-7-0	32-136-1	15-48-2	7-23-0	11-54-0	23-169-1	21-139-0	16-103-0	16-43-0
Jones, Marcus	5-23-0	7-36-0	15-40-0	2-2-0	4-18-1	12-130-0	8-33-1	2-11-0	15-82-0	12-103-1	6-45-1	3-4-0
Nettles, Jordan	13-74-0	9-29-0	10-27-0	3-13-0	7-16-0	4-17-0	4-4-0	4-9-0	DNP	0-0-0	2-7-0	0-0-0
Thompson, Anthony	DNP	DNP	1-1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-6-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP

RECEIVING

No-Yds-TD	Iowa	Utah	CMU	FSU	EMU	BallSt	Ohio	BYU	Akron	Toledo	Miami	WMU
Brinkman, Mitchell	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-13-0	2-24-0	DNP	DNP
Brown, D.J.	5-38-0	4-23-0	4-69-1	7-117-1	5-3-0	7-49-1	4-28-0	1-7-0	3-14-0	1-3-0	5-19-0	5-30-0
Childers, Marcus	1-5-0	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	0-0-0
Hall, Rodney	1-(-1)-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	DNP
Harbison, Tre	1-6-0	0-0-0	1-3-0	0-0-0	1-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-18-0	1-4-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Harmston, Ty	0-0-0	3-21-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-11-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-26-0	0-0-0
Jones, Marcus	1-5-0	2-(-3)-0	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-10-0	0-0-0	1-2-0	4-21-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Lersch, Corey	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-7-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-23-1	2-35-1	DNP	DNP
Nettles, Jordan	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-(-5)-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-3-0	1-2-0	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Payne, Leon	1-1-0	1-2-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Robinson, Dennis	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-7-1	0-0-0	2-14-0	3-27-0	3-30-0	0-0-0	2-24-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-10-0
Tears, Spencer	DNP	DNP	1-14-1	2-16-0	0-0-0	2-20-0	2-14-0	3-34-0	3-25-0	4-18-0	5-74-0	6-84-1
Tucker, Cole	1-13-0	0-(-5)-0	1-7-0	6-40-0	3-15-0	1-11-0	1-10-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-13-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Wesley, Jauan	4-43-1	8-73-0	2-8-0	3-35-1	8-76-0	2-23-0	6-61-0	4-70-0	3-50-0	2-34-0	3-38-0	2-32-0

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

Game	Childers
Iowa	14-25-1, 105; 1
Utah	18-33-1, 111; 0
Central Michigan	11-18-0, 109; 3
Florida State	20-41-0, 215; 2
Eastern Michigan	20-35-2, 121; 1
Ball State	18-29-1, 143; 1
Ohio	17-33-0, 145; 0
BYU	10-21-0, 115; 0
Akron	21-28-0, 188; 1
Toledo	13-19-1, 131; 1
Miami (Ohio)	15-32-1, 157; 0
Western Michigan	14-21-2, 156; 1

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

Tucker	Embry
0-0	0-0
0-0	0-0
1-6, 6; 0	1-0, 0; 0
1-8, 8; 0	0-0
5-44, 27; 0	0-0
1-2, 2; 0	0-0
2-1, 1; 0	0-0
1-3, 3; 0	0-0
2-0, 1; 0	0-0
0-0, 0; 0	0-0
1-3, 3; 0	0-0
1-(-1), (-1); 0	0-0

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

Game	Matt Ference
Iowa	6-47.2, 2; 53
Utah	8-46.0, 4; 57
Central Michigan	6-34.2, 2; 46
Florida State	8-39.8, 1; 48
Eastern Michigan	8-34.5, 3; 53
Ball State	6-41.0, 1; 48
Ohio	7-38.7, 5; 50
BYU	9-46.8, 3; 56
Akron	4-39.8, 1; 57
Toledo	3-43.3, 1; 47
Miami (Ohio)	8-33.9, 3; 40
Western Michigan	6-38.5, 3; 62

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

Brown	Kokosioulis	Embry
3-48, 23; 0	DNP	0-0
0-0	1-20, 20; 0	0-0
0-0	0-0	1-16, 16; 0
0-0	1-23, 23; 0	0-0
2-32, 17; 0	DNP	0-0
1-25, 25; 0	DNP	0-0
0-0	1-11, 11; 0	0-0
0-0	0-0	1-14, 14; 0
0-0	1-18, 18; 0	0-0
0-0	0-0	0-0
0-0	1-15, 15; 0	0-0
0-0	4-64, 21; 0	0-0

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DEFENSE

Solo-Asst.-Total	Iowa	Utah	CMU	FSU	EMU	BallSt	Ohio	BYU	Akron	Toledo	Miami	WMU
Buirge, Adam	1-1-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	4-1-5	0-0-0	4-4-8, 5TFL	4-0-4	3-0-3
Cole, Jordan	1-0-1	2-1-3 FF, FR	0-0-0	3-0-3	2-1-3	1-1-2, FF	0-1-1	2-0-2	0-2-2	2-1-3 PBU	2-0-2, TFL	1-0-1
Corcoran, Josh	DNP	DNP	1-2-3 QS TFL	0-0-0	0-2-2 0.5TFL	0-0-0	3-1-4, QS 2TFL	2-1-3, 2QS 2TFL	3-3-6, 2QS 2TFL	1-2-3 TFL	3-0-3, 2TFL 2QS	1-1-2 2QBH
Deveaux, Lance	3-2-5 TFL	2-2-4 PB	5-4-9 FF	6-3-9 TFL QS	DNP	6-3-9, TFL QS, PBU	1-0-1	4-0-4	3-1-4 TFL	1-3-4	7-0-7	2-2-4
Embry, Jalen	2-2-4 2PBU	4-2-6 PBU	5-0-5 TFL	4-2-6 TFL PBU	2-3-5	2-2-4	1-4-5, 5TFL PBU	5-0-5, TFL	2-0-2	6-1-7	5-0-5, TFL	3-0-3 PBU
Foster, Trayshon	4-2-6	3-3-6	0-1-1 2PBU	7-0-7 TFL FF	3-2-5	3-2-5 PBU	2-0-2, FF INT	2-0-2	5-3-8	2-1-3	DNP	DNP
Gay, Rayshawn	DNP	1-0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Gregory, Andrew	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	4-1-5	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1, PBU	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
Heflin, Jack	1-0-1	0-1-1	0-0-0 BK-F	1-1-2	0-2-2	0-2-2	1-0-1, QS TFL	5-0-5 TFL	1-1-2 1.5QS 1.5TFL	5-2-7 2.5QS 3.5TFL	0-1-1	4-0-4 QS, TFL
Huff, Jaden*	1-0-1	0-0-0 FR	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0
Hunt, Tifonte	3-0-3	1-0-1	3-0-3	2-1-3	3-3-6 0.5TFL	1-4-5, PBU	2-1-3	2-0-2	1-0-1	DNP	1-0-1	DNP
Hogans, Cortez	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-1-4 INT 0.5TFL	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
Jones-Davis, Antonio	3-4-7	1-4-5 2PB	10-6-16	5-4-9 FR 1.5TFL PB	6-7-13 FR, 2QS, 2PB 3.5TFL	12-4-16 QS, TFL	3-2-5, TFL	6-1-7, QS 2TFL	2-4-6 PBU	1-3-4	7-3-10, 2.5TFL	6-0-6
Kelly, Marcus	2-3-5	0-0-0	0-2-2	2-1-3, PBU	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-1-2	0-1-1	0-0-0
Kennedy, Michael	0-0-0 TFL	1-0-1, QS	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0 1.5TFL	2-1-3	0-0-0	0-0-0
Kramer, Weston	1-1-2	1-1-2, QS 1.5TFL	2-1-3	2-1-3, TFL	0-0-0, PB	1-6-7 0.5TFL	1-0-1	0-2-2	1-1-2	2-2-4 0.5TFL	3-2-5	3-0-3
Labus, Vinny	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-2-2, INT	3-4-7, FF	0-0-0	0-2-2	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	1-0-1
LeRoy, Ben	4-2-6	2-1-3 1.5QS, 1.5TFL	5-3-8	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-4-4 0.5TFL	1-1-2	0-1-1	1-0-1 BKPAT	2-2-4	0-1-1	0-0-0
Lorbeck, Matt	2-2-4	4-0-4, QS 3TFL, FF	1-1-2 0.5TFL&QS	1-0-1, FR	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-1-1	3-0-3, QS TFL	2-0-2 TFL	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-3 QS, TFL
March, Zhamaine	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1-1	0-0-0	1-1-2	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
McKie, Jalen	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-1-3 0.5 TFL	2-1-3	3-1-4	0-0-0	3-0-3, QS TFL	3-0-3, PBU 2INT, TD DPAT	2-0-2	0-1-1	2-0-2
Parker, Kewan	DNP 0.5TFL	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1, PB	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Pugh, Kyle	6-3-9	4-2-6, TFL	5-1-6, FR	DNP	4-3-7 QBH	3-7-10, FR	8-1-9	3-4-7	3-7-10, PBU 1.5TFL 0.5QS	6-2-8, QS 2.0TFL	4-5-9, .5TFL	9-0-9
Smalls, Albert	0-0-0, INT	0-1-1	2-0-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Smith, Sutton	4-1-5, FF TFL, QS	6-2-8 2QS 4.5TFL	2-1-3, TFL BK-P	2-2-4, 2TFL QS, FF	2-2-4 2TFL QS	0-0-0	4-1-5, 2QS 2.5TFL, FF, 2FR	0-1-1	2-3-5, QS TFL	1-0-1, QS TFL, PBU, FF BK-P, TD	3-0-3 TFL	7-0-7 5TFL, 4QS FR-TD
Smith, Trequan	1-1-2	1-0-1	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	7-1-8	2-1-3, FF TFL	0-0-0	DNP	2-0-2	4-2-6	3-0-3
Todd, Maalik	DNP	DNP	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP
Webster, Devin	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Williams, Mykelti	7-1-8	4-4-8, TFL	4-1-5	5-4-9 0.5 TFL	2-4-6	5-2-7 TFL, PBU	2-4-6, TFL	4-1-5, INT PBU	0-0-0	4-1-5	0-0-0	3-1-4 PBU
Wynne, Quintin	1-1-2	4-0-4, QS 2TFL	1-1-2	1-1-2, TFL FR	2-3-5 2TFL	3-0-3	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-1-2	1-1-2 0.5TFL	0-0-0	1-0-1

*All tackles on special teams

NIU FOOTBALL 2018 SINGLE GAME CAREER & SEASON HIGHS

RUSHING

Season Highs

Career Highs

10 D.J. Brown, WR

Carries	5 (Akron 11-1)	10 (Murray St. 9-12-15)
Yards	30 (Ohio 10-13, Akron 11-1)	55 (Murray St. 9-12-15)
Touchdowns	1 (Ohio 10-13)	1 (EMU 10-24-15; BSU 11-9-15; Ohio 10-13-18)
Long	28 (Ohio 10-13)	28 (Ohio 10-13-18)

15 Marcus Childers, QB

Carries	23 (Ohio 10-13)	27 (Buffalo 10-14-17)
Yards	169 (Ohio 10-13)	169 (Ohio 10-13-18)
Touchdowns	2 (Toledo 11-7)	2 (Toledo 11-7)
Long	32 (Ohio 10-13)	32 (BSU 11-9-17, Ohio 10-13-18)

17 Ryan Graham, QB

Carries		18 (Buffalo 11-11-15)
Yards		99 (BC 9-1-17)
Long		60 (BC 9-1-17)

22 Tre Harbison, TB

Carries	32 (EMU 9-29)	32 (EMU 9-29-18)
Yards	169 (Akron 11-1)	169 (Akron 11-1-18)
Touchdowns	2 (Ball St. 10-6)	2 (Ball St. 10-6-18)
Long	48 (CMU 9-15)	48 (CMU 9-15-18)

21 Marcus Jones, TB

Carries	15 (CMU 9-15, Akron 11-1)	15 (CMU 9-15-18, Akron 11-1-18)
Yards	130 (Ball St. 10-6)	130 (Ball St. 10-6-18)
Touchdowns	1 (4x) Last: Miami 11-14	2 (EIU 9-9-17)
Long	64 (Ball St. 10-6)	73 (Miami 10-17-15)

28 Jordan Nettles, TB

Carries	13 (Iowa 9-1)	13 (Iowa 9-1-18)
Yards	74 (Iowa 9-1)	74 (Iowa 9-1-18)
Long	15 (Iowa 9-1)	15 (Iowa 9-1-18)

14 Spencer Tears, WR

Carries	3 (Akron 11-1)	3 (Akron 11-1-18)
Yards	10 (Akron 11-1)	10 (Akron 11-1-18)
Touchdowns	1 (Akron 11-1)	1 (Akron 11-1-18)
Long	5 (Akron 11-1)	5 (SDSU 9-30-17, Akron 11-1-18)

9 Jauan Wesley, WR

Carries		2 (Ball St. 11-9-17)
Yards		9 (BGSU 10-21-17)
Touchdowns		1 (BGSU 10-21-17)
Long		9 (BGSU 10-21-17)

PASSING

Season Highs

Career Highs

15 Marcus Childers, QB

Attempts	41 (FSU 9-22)	43 (Toledo 11-2-17)
Completions	21 (Akron 11-1)	23 (EMU 10-26-17; Toledo 11-2-17)
Comp %	75.0 (Akron 11-1)	75.0 (Akron 11-1-18)
Yards	215 (FSU 9-22)	278 (EMU 10-26-17)
Long	66 (FSU 9-22)	73 (BGSU 10-21-17)
Touchdowns	3 (CMU 9-15)	4 (BSU 11-9-17)
Interceptions	2 (EMU 9-29, WMU 11-20)	2 (EMU 9-29-18, WMU 11-20-18)

11 Ryan Graham, QB

Attempts		43 (Toledo 11-9-16)
Completions		24 (Toledo 11-9-16)
Comp %		66.7 (WIU 9-24-16)
Yards		227 (Toledo 11-9-16)
Long		68 (Buffalo 11-11-15)
Touchdowns		3 (Toledo 11-9-16)
Interceptions		1 (BC 9-1-17)

7 Anthony Thompson, QB

Attempts	1 (CMU 9-15)	1 (CMU 9-15-18)
Completions	1 (CMU 9-15)	1 (CMU 9-15-18)
Comp %	1.000 (CMU 9-15)	1.000 (CMU 9-15-18)
Yards	-5 (CMU 9-15)	-5 (CMU 9-15-18)

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RECEIVING

	Season Highs	Career Highs
<u>14 Spencer Tears, WR</u>		
Catches	6 (WMU 11-20)	6 (WMU 11-20-18)
Yards	84 (WMU 11-20)	105 (SDSU 9-30-17)
Touchdowns	1 (CMU 9-15, WMU 11-20)	1 (6x), Last: WMU 11-20-18
Long	58 (WMU 11-20)	81 (SDSU 9-30-17)
<u>10 D.J. Brown, WR</u>		
Catches	7 (FSU 9-22, Ball St. 10-6)	7(4x); Last: Ball St. 10-6-18
Yards	117 (FSU 9-22)	117 (FSU 9-22-18)
Touchdowns	1 (CMU 9-15, FSU 9-22, Ball St. 10-6)	1(6x), Last: Ball St. 10-6-18
Long	66 (FSU 9-22)	69 (EMU 10-26-17)
<u>9 Jauan Wesley, WR</u>		
Catches	8 (Utah 9-8, EMU 9-29)	8 (Utah 9-8-18, EMU 9-29-18)
Yards	76 (EMU 9-29)	109 (Duke 12-26-17)
Touchdowns	1 (Iowa 9-1, FSU 9-22)	1 (4x), Last: FSU 9-22-18
Long	29 (BYU 10-27)	70 (BSU 11-9-17)
<u>18 Cole Tucker, WR</u>		
Catches	6 (FSU 9-22)	6 (FSU 9-22-18)
Yards	40 (FSU 9-22)	40 (FSU 9-22-18)
Long	13 (Iowa 9-1, Toledo 11-7)	13 (Iowa 9-1-18, Toledo 11-7-18)
<u>13 Leon Payne, WR</u>		
Catches	1 (Iowa 9-1, Utah 9-8)	1 (Iowa 9-1-18; Utah 9-8-18)
Yards	2 (Utah 9-8)	2 (Utah 9-8-18)
Long	2 (Utah 9-8)	2 (Utah 9-8-18)
<u>6 Rodney Hall, WR</u>		
Catches	1 (Iowa 9-1)	1 (Iowa 9-1-18)
Yards	-1 (Iowa 9-1)	-1 (Iowa 9-1-18)
Long	-1 (Iowa 9-1)	-1 (Iowa 9-1-18)
<u>17 Dennis Robinson, WR</u>		
Catches	3 (Ball St. 10-6, Ohio 10-13)	3 (Ball St. 10-6-18, Ohio 10-13-18)
Yards	30 (Ohio 10-13)	30 (Ohio 10-13-18)
Touchdowns	1 (CMU 9-15)	1 (CMU 9-15-18)
Long	17 (Akron 11-1)	17 (Akron 11-1-18)

	Season Highs	Career Highs
<u>21 Marcus Jones, TB</u>		
Catches	4 (Akron 11-1)	5 (Toledo 11-2-17)
Yards	21 (Akron 11-1)	51 (Toledo 11-2-17)
Long	14 (Ball St. 10-6)	18 (Toledo 11-2)
<u>22 Tre Harbison, TB</u>		
Catches	3 (Akron 11-1)	3 (Akron 11-1-18)
Yards	18 (Akron 11-1)	30 (BSU 11-9-17)
Long	10 (Akron 11-1)	30 (BSU 11-9-17)
<u>28 Jordan Nettles, TB</u>		
Catches	1 (CMU 9-15, Ball St. 10-6, Ohio 10-13)	1 (CMU 9-15-18, Ball St. 10-6-18, Ohio 10-13-18)
Yards	3 (Ball St. 10-6)	3 (Ball St. 10-6-18)
Long	3 (Ball St. 10-6)	3 (Ball St. 10-6-18)
<u>84 Ty Harmston, TE</u>		
Catches	3 (Utah 9-8)	3 (Utah 9-8-18)
Yards	26 (Miami 11-14)	21 (Utah 9-8-18)
Touchdowns	1 (EMU 9-29)	1 (EMU 9-29-18)
Long	22 (Miami 11-14)	22 (Miami 11-14-18)
<u>44 Corey Lersch, TE</u>		
Catches	2 (3x) Last: Toledo 11-7	2(3x) Last: Toledo 11-7-18
Yards	35 (Toledo 11-7)	35 (Toledo 11-7-18)
Touchdowns	1 (Akron 11-1, Toledo 11-7)	1 (Akron 11-1-18, Toledo 11-7-18)
Long	33 (Toledo 11-7)	33 (Toledo 11-7-18)

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DEFENSE

Season Highs

Career Highs

29 Adam Buirge, S

Total Tackles	8 (Toledo 11-7)	8 (Toledo 11-7-18)
Tackles for Loss	0.5 (Toledo 11-7)	1.5 (BSU 11-9-17)

45 Jordan Cole, LB

Total Tackles	3 (4x), Last: Toledo 11-7	3 (4x), Last: Toledo 11-7-18
Tackles for Loss	1 (Miami 11-14)	1 (Miami 11-14-18)

12 Josh Corcoran, DE

Total Tackles	6 (Akron 11-1)	8 (Toledo 11-9-16)
Tackles for Loss	2.0 (4x); Last: Miami 11-14	2.5 (BSU 10-1-16)
Sacks	2.0 (3x); Last: Miami 11-14	2 (4x); Last: Miami 11-14-18
Interceptions		1 (Nebraska 9-16-17)
Pass Break-Ups		1 (BC 9-1-17)

37 Lance Deveaux, Jr., LB

Total Tackles	10 (FSU 9-22)	10 (FSU 9-22-18)
Tackles for Loss	2 (Ball St. 10-6)	2 (Ball St. 10-6-18)
Sacks	1.0 (FSU 9-22, Ball St. 10-6)	1.0 (FSU 9-22-18, Ball St. 10-6-18)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (Utah 9-8, Ball St. 10-6)	1 (5x), last: Ball St. 10-6-18

3 Jalen Embry, CB

Total Tackles	7 (Toledo 11-7)	7 (Toledo 11-7-18)
Tackles for Loss	1 (4x); Last: Miami 11-14	2 (BSU 11-9-17)
Pass Break-Ups	2 (CMU 9-15)	2 (CMU 9-15-18)

11 Trayshon Foster, S

Total Tackles	8 (Akron 11-1)	8 (Akron 11-1-18)
Tackles for Loss	1 (FSU 9-22)	2 (BGSU 10-21-17)
Sacks		2 (BGSU 10-21-17)
Interceptions	1 (Ohio 10-13)	1 (BGSU 10-21-17, Ohio 10-13-18)
Pass Break-Ups	2 (CMU 9-15)	2 (CMU 9-15-18)

42 Andrew Gregory, LB

Total Tackles	5 (FSU 9-22)	5 (FSU 9-22-18)
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98 Jack Heflin, DT

Total Tackles	7 (BYU 10-27, Toledo 11-7)	7 (BYU 10-27-18, Toledo 11-7-18)
Tackles for Loss	3.5 (Toledo 11-7)	3.5 (Toledo 11-7-18)
Sacks	2.5 (Toledo 11-7)	2.5 (Toledo 11-7-18)

25 Cortez Hogans, LB

Total Tackles	4 (FSU 9-22)	4 (FSU 9-22-18)
Tackles for Loss	0.5 (FSU 9-22)	0.5 (FSU 9-22-18)
Interceptions	1 (FSU 9-22)	1 (FSU 9-22-18)

7 Tifonte Hunt, CB

Total Tackles	6 (EMU 9-29)	6 (EMU 9-29-18)
Tackles for Loss	0.5 (EMU 9-29)	0.5 (EMU 9-29-18)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (Ball St. 10-6)	1 (Ball St. 10-6-18)

48 Antonio Jones-Davis, LB

Total Tackles	16 (CMU 9-15, Ball St. 10-6)	16 (CMU 9-15-18, Ball St. 10-6-18)
Tackles for Loss	3.5 (EMU 9-29)	3.5 (EMU 9-29-18)
Sacks	2.0 (EMU 9-29)	2.0 (EMU 9-29-18)
Pass Break-Ups	2 (Utah 9-8, EMU 9-29)	2 (Utah 9-8-18, EMU 9-29-18)

96 Marcus Kelly, DT

Total Tackles	5 (Iowa 9-1)	5 (Iowa 9-1-18)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (FSU 9-22)	1 (FSU 9-22-18)

47 Michael Kennedy, DE

Total Tackles	3 (Toledo 11-7)	3 (Toledo 11-7-18)
Tackles for Loss	1.5 (Toledo 11-7)	1.5 (Toledo 11-7-18)
Sacks	1 (Utah 9-8)	1 (Utah 9-8-18)

50 Vinny Labus, MLB

Total Tackles	7 (FSU 9-22)	7 (FSU 9-22-18)
Interceptions	1 (CMU 9-15)	1 (CMU 9-15-18)

Season Highs

Career Highs

55 Weston Kramer, DT

Total Tackles	7 (Ball St. 10-6)	7 (Ball St. 10-6-18)
Tackles for Loss	1.5 (Utah 9-8)	1.5 (BSU 11-9-17; Utah 9-8-18)
Sacks	1 (Utah 9-8)	1 (BSU 11-9-17; Utah 9-8-18)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (EMU 9-29)	1 (EMU 9-29-18)

99 Ben Leroy, DT

Total Tackles	8 (CMU 9-15)	8 (CMU 9-15-18)
Tackles for Loss	1.5 (CMU 9-15)	2.5 (CMU 11-24-17)
Sacks	1.5 (CMU 9-15)	1.5 (CMU 9-15-18)

41 Matt Lorbeck, DE

Total Tackles	4 (Iowa 9-1, Utah 9-8)	5 (Duke 12-26-17)
Tackles for Loss	3.0 (Utah 9-8)	3.0 (Utah 9-8-18)
Sacks	2.0 (Utah 9-8)	2.0 (Utah 9-8-18)
Pass Break-Ups		1 (EIU, 10-26-17)

49 Jalen McKie, CB

Total Tackles	4 (Ball St. 10-6)	4 (Ball St. 10-6-18)
Tackles for Loss	1.0 (BYU 10-27)	1.0 (BYU 10-27-18)
Sacks	1.0 (BYU 10-27)	1.0 (BYU 10-27-18)
Interceptions	2 (Akron 11-1)	2 (Akron 11-1-18)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (Akron 11-1)	1 (Akron 11-1-18)

57 Kyle Pugh, LB

Total Tackles	10 (BSU 10-6, Akron 11-1)	17 (BC 9-1-17)
Tackles for Loss	2 (Toledo 11-7)	2 (Toledo 11-7-18)
Sacks	1.0 (Toledo 11-7)	1.0 (Toledo 11-7-18)
Interceptions		1 (BC 9-1-17)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (Akron 11-1)	1 (Nebraska 9-16-17, Akron 11-1-18)

1 Albert Smalls, CB

Total Tackles	2 (CMU 9-15)	9 (Toledo 11-2-17)
Tackles for Loss		1(3x), (SDSU 9-17-16; WMU 10-8-16; BC 9-1-17)
Sacks		1 (WMU 10-8-16)
Interceptions	1 (Iowa 9-1)	1(4x) last Iowa 9-1-18
Pass Break-Ups		2 (CMU 11-24-17)

24 Trequan Smith, S

Total Tackles	8 (Ball St. 10-6)	8 (Ball St. 10-6-18)
Tackles for Loss	1 (Ohio 10-13-18)	1.5 (Kent State 11-25-16)
Interceptions		1 (2x), CMU 10-15-16, Buffalo 10-22-16
Pass Break-Ups		2 (Kent State 11-26-16)

15 Sutton Smith, DE

Total Tackles	8 (Utah 9-8)	10 (KSU 10-7-17)
Tackles for Loss	5.0 (WMU 11-20)	5.5 (WMU 11-15-17)
Sacks	4.0 (WMU 11-20)	4.0 (WMU 11-20-18)
Forced Fumbles	1 (4x) Last: Toledo 11-7	1 (7x) Last: Toledo 11-7-18
Fumble Recoveries	2 (Ohio 10-13)	2 (Ohio 10-13-18)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (Toledo 11-7)	1(4x) Last: Toledo 11-7-18

94 Devin Webster, DT

Total Tackles		3 (Duke, 12-26-17)
Sacks		1, (EIU 9-9-17)

8 Mykelti Williams, S

Total Tackles	9 (FSU 9-22)	10 (Nebraska 9-16-17)
Tackles for Loss	1 (Utah 9-8, Ball St. 10-6)	1, 4x; last: Ohio 10-13-18
Interceptions	1 (BYU 10-27)	1 (EIU 9-9-17, BYU 10-27-18)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (3x); Last: WMU 11-20	1 (9x), last: WMU 11-20-18

93 Quintin Wynne, DE

Total Tackles	5 (EMU 9-29)	5 (EMU 9-29-18)
Tackles for Loss	2 (Utah 9-8, EMU 9-29)	2 (Utah 9-8-18, EMU 9-29-18)
Sacks	1 (Utah 9-8)	1(3x), (Toledo 11-9-16; EIU 9-9-17; Utah 9-8-18)

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

NIU FOOTBALL - THE LAST TIME

A HUSKIE TEAM

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

HAD AT LEAST 25 FIRST DOWNS – 34 vs. Akron (11-1-18)

HAD AT LEAST 30 FIRST DOWNS – 34 vs. Akron (11-1-18)

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 – 89 at BYU (10-27-18)

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 – at BYU (10-27-18)

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 – 94 yards by Western Michigan (11-20-18)

HELD OPPONENT TO 50 YARDS OR LESS RUSHING – 35 yards by Akron (11-1-18)

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 – at BYU (10-27-18)

WAS INVOLVED IN AN OVERTIME GAME – W, 26-23, 3OT vs. Eastern Michigan (9-29-18)

A HUSKIE OPPONENT

HAD 35 MINUTES OF POSSESSION – 35:03, Western Michigan (11-20-18)

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 – 28 yards, Ja'don Rucker-Furlow of Miami (OH) (11-14-18)

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

SCORED A SAFETY – Iowa (9-1-18), tackled ballcarrier (Jordan Nettles) in 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) – Jameson Vest of Toledo (11-7-18)

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

SHUT OUT THE HUSKIES FOR A HALF – 1st, Miami (OH) (11-14-18)

PASSED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS – 352, Deondre Francois, Florida State (9-22-18)

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 – 123, D'Wayne Eskridge of Western Michigan (11-20-18)

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 – Jalen McKie (23 yards) at Akron (11-1-18)

RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Sutton Smith (85 yards) vs. Western Michigan (11-20-18)

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 D.J. Brown (5 yards to QB Marcus Childers) at Iowa (9-1-18)

BLOCKED A PUNT – Sutton Smith vs. Toledo (11-7-18)

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

BLOCKED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN – Sutton Smith (blocked, scooped and scored on 27-yard return) vs. Toledo (11-7-18)

BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL – Jack Heflin vs. Utah (9-8-18)

BLOCKED A PAT KICK – Ben LeRoy at Akron (11-1-18)

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 – OT Max Scharping rush off lateral pass from Marcus Childers vs. Ohio (10-13-18)

FAILED TO CONVERT A TWO-POINT ATTEMPT - Jauan Wesley (run failed) at Florida State (9-22-18)

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 (66) to D.J. Brown (TD) at Florida State (9-22-18)

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

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

RUSHED FOR 100 OR MORE YARDS – Tre Harbison (103) vs. Miami (OH) (11-14-18)

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 – Marcus Jones (64) at Ball State (10-6-18)

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 – Tre Harbison, 3 games (11-1-18 at Akron, 11-7-18 vs. Toledo, 11-14-18 vs. Miami)

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 – Tre Harbison (139) and Marcus Jones (103) vs. Toledo (11-7-18)

QB RUSHED FOR 150 YARDS OR MORE – Marcus Childers (169) vs. Ohio (10-13-18)

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

HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – D.J. Brown (117) at Florida State (9-22-18)

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 – Jalen McKie (2) at Akron (11-1-18)

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)

NIU FOOTBALL 2018 HIGHS & LOWS

NIU

	HIGH	LOW
Points, Game	38, vs. Toledo (11-7)	6, vs. Utah (9-8)
Points, Half	24, (1st), at Akron (11-1)	0 (4x); Iowa (9-1), Eastern Michigan (9-29), BYU (10-27), Miami (OH) (11-14-18)
Points, Quarter	17 (2nd), at Akron (11-1)	0 (15x), Last: 4th, at Western Michigan (11-20)
First Downs	34, at Akron (11-1)	11, at BYU (10-27)
Rushing Yards	296 at Akron (11-1), vs. Toledo (11-7)	6, at Florida State (9-22)
Rushing Attempts	62, at Eastern Michigan (9-29)	20, at Florida State (9-22)
Passing Yards	215, at Florida State (9-22)	104, vs. Central Michigan (9-15)
Pass Attempts	41, at Florida State (9-22)	19, vs. Toledo (11-7-18)
Pass Completions	21, at Akron (11-1)	10, at BYU (10-27)
Total Offensive Plays	97, at Eastern Michigan (9-29)	57, at BYU (10-27)
Total Offense Yards	484, at Akron (11-1)	204, at BYU (10-27)
Penalties	12, vs. Ohio (10-13)	3, at Florida State (9-22)
Turnovers	3, at Eastern Michigan (9-29), at Western Michigan (11-20)	0, at Florida State (9-22), vs. Ohio (10-13), at BYU (10-27)
Sacks (By Defense)	7, vs. Utah (9-8)	1 (2x), at Iowa (9-1)
Time of Possession	33:32, at Eastern Michigan (9-29)	22:21, at Florida State (9-22)

OPPONENTS

	HIGH	LOW
Points, Game	37, by Florida State (9-22)	6, by BYU (10-27)
Points, Half	30 (2nd), by Iowa (9-1)	0 (1st), by Utah (9-8)
Points, Quarter	16 (4th), by Iowa (9-1) 16 (3rd), by Akron (11-1)	0 (13x), last: 4th by Miami (OH) (11-14)
First Downs	26, by Ball State (10-6)	16 (2x), by Eastern Michigan (9-29) and Miami (OH) (11-14)
Rushing Yards	209, by Iowa (9-1)	35, by Akron (11-1)
Rushing Attempts	57, by Florida State (9-22)	28, by Akron (11-1)
Passing Yards	352, by Florida State (9-22)	107, by Miami (OH) (11-14)
Pass Attempts	57, by Florida State (9-22)	23, by Ohio (10-13)
Pass Completions	32, by Ball State (10-6)	13, by Iowa (9-1)
Total Offensive Plays	96, by Ball State (10-6)	55, by Ohio (10-13)
Total Offense Yards	473, by Florida State (9-22)	201, by Miami (OH) (11-14)
Penalties	11, by Eastern Michigan (9-29)	2 (3x), by Ball State (10-6), Miami (OH) (11-14), by Western Michigan (11-20)
Turnovers	4, by Florida State (9-22)	0 (2x), by Toledo (11-7), Miami (OH) (11-14)
Sacks (By Defense)	5, by Iowa (9-1)	0, by Eastern Michigan (9-29)
Time of Possession	37:27, by Florida State (9-22)	26:28, by Eastern Michigan (9-29)

NIU FOOTBALL 2018 SUPERLATIVES

NIU

Rushing Attempts:	32, Tre Harbison at EMU (9-29)
Net Rushing Yards:	169, Marcus Childers vs. Ohio (10-13)
	169, Tre Harbison at Akron (11-1)
Rushing TDs:	2, Tre Harbison at Ball State (10-6)
	2, Marcus Childers vs. Toledo (11-7)
Long TD Run:	44 yards, Marcus Jones vs. Toledo (11-7)
Non-Scoring Run:	64 yards, Marcus Jones at Ball State (10-6)
Passes Attempted:	41, Marcus Childers at Florida State (9-22)
Passes Completed:	21, Marcus Childers at Akron (11-1)
Passes Had Intercepted:	2, Marcus Childers at EMU (9-29)
	2, Marcus Childers at WMU (11-20)
Completion Percentage:	.750 (21-28), Marcus Childers at Akron (11-1)
TD Passes:	3, Marcus Childers vs. CMU (9-15)
Long TD Pass:	66, Childers (to D.J. Brown) at Florida State (9-22)
Non-Scoring Pass:	37, Childers to D.J. Brown vs. CMU (9-15)
	37, Childers to Spencer Tears vs. Miami (11-14)
Receptions:	8, Jauan Wesley vs. Utah (9-8)
	8, Jauan Wesley at EMU (9-29)
Receiving Yards:	117, D.J. Brown at Florida State (9-22)
Receiving TDs:	1, (11x) by six different players
Punt Returns (not blocks):	5, Cole Tucker at EMU (9-29)
Punt Return Yards:	44, Cole Tucker at EMU (9-29)
Punt Return, Long:	27, Cole Tucker at EMU (9-29)
Kickoff Returns:	4, Fotis Kokosioulis at WMU (11-20)
Kickoff Return Yards:	64, Fotis Kokosioulis at WMU (11-20)
Kickoff Return, Long:	25, D.J. Brown at Ball State (10-6)
Total Plays:	56, Marcus Childers vs. Ohio (10-13)
Total Offensive Yards:	314, Marcus Childers vs. Ohio (10-13)
All-Purpose Attempts:	33, Tre Harbison at EMU (9-29)
All-Purpose Yards:	187, Tre Harbison at Akron (11-1)
Points:	12, Tre Harbison at Ball State (10-6)
	12, Marcus Childers vs. Toledo (11-7)
Touchdowns:	2, Tre Harbison at Ball State (10-6)
	2, Marcus Childers vs. Toledo (11-7)
Points Kicking:	10, Andrew Gantz at Akron (11-1)
Field Goals Attempted:	3, Andrew Gantz at Akron (11-1)
Field Goals Made:	2, Andrew Gantz at EMU (9-29)
	2, Andrew Gantz vs. Utah (9-8)
	2, Andrew Gantz at Akron (11-1)
Longest Field Goal Attempt:	49, Andrew Gantz vs. Utah (9-8)
Longest Field Goal Made:	49, Andrew Gantz vs. Utah (9-8)
Punts:	9, Matt Ference at BYU (10-27)
Best Punting Average:	47.2, Matt Ference at Iowa (9-1)
Longest Punt:	62 yards, Matt Ference at WMU (11-20)
Tackles:	16, Antonio Jones-Davis vs. CMU (9-15)
	16, Antonio Jones-Davis at Ball State (10-6)
Tackles for Loss:	5.0, Sutton Smith at WMU (11-20)
Sacks	4.0, Sutton Smith at WMU (11-20)
Interceptions:	2, Jalen McKie at Akron (11-1)
Long Interception Return:	25 yards (TD), Jalen McKie at Akron (11-1)
Fumbles Forced:	1, (12x) by seven different players
Fumbles Recovered:	2, Sutton Smith vs. Ohio (10-13)
Fumble Return:	85 yards (TD), Sutton Smith at WMU (11-20)

OPPONENTS

Rushing Attempts:	22, Cam Akers, Florida State (9-22)
Rushing Yards:	84, Toren Young, Iowa (9-1)
Long TD Run:	14, Shaq Vann, Eastern Michigan (9-29)
Non-Scoring Run:	40 yards, Toren Young, Iowa (9-1)
Passes Attempted:	56, Riley Neal, Ball State (10-6)
Passes Completed:	32, Riley Neal, Ball State (10-6)
Passes Had Intercepted:	2, Alex Ramart, Akron (11-1)
Completion Percentage:	.742, Deondre Francois, Florida State (9-22)
Passing Yards:	352, Deondre Francois, Florida State (9-22)
TD Passes:	2, Deondre Francois, Florida State (9-22)
	2, Nathan Rourke, Ohio (10-13)
	2, Kato Nelson, Akron (11-1)
Long TD Pass:	78 yards, Francois to Terry, Florida State (9-22)
Non-Scoring Pass:	70, Nathan Rourke to Isiah Cox, Ohio (10-13)
Receptions:	8, Britain Covey, Utah (9-8)
	8, Andre Williams, Akron (11-1)
	8, Cody Thompson, Toledo (11-7)
Receiving Yards:	147, Isiah Cox, Ohio (10-13)
Receiving TDs:	2, Kwadarrius Smith, Akron (11-1)
Punt Returns:	4, M. Shelton, BYU (10-27)
Punt Return Yards:	42, Kyle Groeneweg, Iowa (9-1)
Punt Return, Long:	15, D.J. Matthews, Florida State (9-22)
Kickoff Returns:	3, Ronnie Jones, Toledo (11-7)
Kickoff Return Yards:	55, Justin Hall, Ball State (10-6)
Kickoff Return, Long:	36, Tyler Allgier, BYU (10-27)
Total Plays:	65, Riley Neal, Ball State (10-6)
Total Offensive Yards:	351, Deondre Francois, Florida State (9-22)
All-Purpose Attempts:	23, Cam Akers, Florida State (9-22)
	23, James Gilbert, Ball State (10-6)
All-Purpose Yards:	147, Isiah Cox, Ohio (10-13)
Points:	13, Ricky Aguayo, Florida State (9-22)
Touchdowns:	2, Kwadarrius Smith, Akron (11-1)
Points Kicking:	13, Ricky Aguayo, Florida State (9-22)
Field Goals Attempted:	5, Chad Ryland, EMU (9-29)
Field Goals Made:	3, Ricky Aguayo, Florida State (9-22)
	3, Chad Ryland, EMU (9-29)
	3, Morgan Hagee, Ball State (10-6)
Longest Field Goal Attempt:	51, Morgan Hagee, Ball State (10-6)
	51, Skyler Southam, BYU (10-27)
Longest Field Goal Made:	51, Morgan Hagee, Ball State (10-6)
Punts:	10, Kyle Kramer, Miami (11-14)
Best Punting Average:	53.8, Colton Rastetter, Iowa (9-1)
Longest Punt:	69, Colton Rastetter, Iowa (9-1)
Tackles:	18, Malik Fountain, CMU (9-15)
Tackles for Loss:	3.0, Ralph Holley, WMU (11-20)
Sacks:	2, Parker Hesse, Iowa (9-1)
	2, Chase Hansen, Utah (9-8)
	2, Kyle Meyers, Florida State (9-22)
	2, Ralph Holley, WMU (11-20)
Interceptions:	1, (7x)
INT Return, Long:	43, Ray Wilborn, Ball State (10-6)
INT Return, TD:	40 yards, Chase Hansen, Utah (9-8)
Fumble Return:	N/A

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NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (HS/Previous School)
1	Albert Smalls	CB	6-1	207	Sr.-R	3L	Miramar, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)
1	Dale Brown	TE	6-3	300	Sr.-R	3L	Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit West)
2	Andrew Gantz	K	5-10	192	Sr.-R	GTR	Dayton, Ohio (Centerville/Univ. of Cincinnati)
3	Jalen Embry	CB	5-11	197	Sr.-R	1L	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)
5	Jaden Huff	TB	5-7	210	Sr.-R	1L	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Bolingbrook/St. Cloud St.)
6	Rodney Hall	QB	6-2	219	Fr.-R	RS	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
7	Tifonte Hunt	CB	5-9	183	Sr.-R	3L	Harvey, Ill. (Thornton Township)
7	Anthony Thompson	QB	6-0	214	So.-R	1L	Chicago, Ill. (Mount Carmel)
8	Mykelti Williams	S	5-11	208	Jr.-R	1L	Indianapolis, Ind. (Notre Dame/Iowa Western CC)
9	Jauan Wesley	WR	5-11	182	Sr.-R	1L	Markham, Ill. (Thornton Township/Iowa State)
10	D.J. Brown	WR	5-9	185	Sr.	3L	North Little Rock, Ark. (North Little Rock)
11	Trayshon Foster	S	6-0	201	Jr.-R	2L	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Tuscaloosa Academy)
11	Ryan Graham	QB	6-1	214	Sr.-R	3L	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton Warrenville South)
12	Jiya Wright	QB	6-0	198	Fr.	HS	Fort Wayne, Ind. (Homestead)
12	Josh Corcoran	DE	6-3	251	Sr.	3L	Lakeville, Minn. (Lakeville South)
13	Leon Payne	WR	5-10	174	Fr.	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Simeon)
13	Joseph Bonds	OLB	6-2	217	Fr.	HS	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)
14	Spencer Tears	WR	6-1	198	Jr.-R	2L	Chicago, Ill. (H.L. Richards)
15	Marcus Childers	QB	6-0	222	So.-R	1L	Adairsville, Ga. (Adairsville)
15	Sutton Smith	DE	6-1	237	Jr.-R	2L	Saint Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell)
16	Amir Brummett	WR	6-1	189	Fr.	HS	Decatur, Ill. (MacArthur)
16	J.D. Harris	DB	5-10	165	Fr.	HS	Columbus, Ind. (Columbus North)
17	Dennis Robinson	WR	6-5	214	Fr.-R	RS	Hollywood, Fla. (South Broward)
18	Cole Tucker	WR	6-2	193	Fr.-R	RS	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
18	Kewan Parker	LB	5-11	198	Fr.	HS	Miami, Fla. (Carol City)
19	Jyran Mitchell	WR	5-11	194	Fr.	HS	Matteson, Ill. (Rich Central)
20	Jordan Rowell	TB	6-1	203	Fr.-R	RS	Elmhurst, Ill. (Immaculate Conception)
20	Zhamaine March	DB	5-7	168	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (East English Village Prep)
21	Dillon Thomas	S	6-2	188	Fr.-R	RS	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill South)
21	Marcus Jones	TB	5-8	199	Jr.-R	2L	Chicago, Ill. (Brother Rice)
22	Tre Harbison	TB	5-11	227	So.-R	1L	Shelby, N.C. (Crest/Virginia)
23	Justin Hall	DB	5-9	183	Fr.	HS	Homewood, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor)
24	Trequan Smith	S	5-11	186	Jr.-R	2L	Boynton Beach, Fla. (Boynton Beach)
25	Cortez Hogans	LB	6-2	224	Fr.	HS	Palatine, Ill. (Palatine)
26	Antwain Walker	CB	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego East)
27	Maalik Todd	CB	5-6	162	Sr.-R	2L	Evanston, Ill. (Evanston Township)
28	Jordan Nettles	TB	5-9	181	Fr.-R	RS	Romeoville, Ill. (Romeoville)
29	Adam Buirge	S	6-0	207	Jr.-R	2L	Minneapolis, Minn. (Park Center)
30	Rahveon Valentine	TB	5-7	187	Fr.	HS	Lena, Ill. (Lena-Winslow)
31	Devin Haney	CB	6-1	172	Fr.	HS	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill)
32	Brianjay Ross	S	5-10	179	Fr.	HS	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
34	Reggie Jennings	LB	6-0	225	Fr.	HS	Milwaukee, Wis. (Brookfield Central)
35	Erick Doke	TB	6-1	227	Fr.	HS	Kenosha, Wis. (Bradford)
36	Matt Ference	P	5-11	198	So.	1L	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
37	Brett Bostad	FB	6-0	241	Fr.	HS	Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale)
37	Lance Deveau Jr.	LB	5-11	211	Jr.	2L	Pompano Beach, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
38	Jaquis Covington	S	5-9	161	Jr.-R	1L	Plainfield, Ill. (Plainfield North)
39	John Richardson	K	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	Orland Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
39	Joshua Earl	S	6-1	227	Fr.	HS	Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)
40	Drequan Brown	DE	6-2	230	Sr.-R	1L	Chicago, Ill. (Bremen/Independence [Kans.] CC)
41	Matt Lorbeck	DE	6-3	247	So.	1L	Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)
42	Andrew Gregory	LB	6-1	226	So.-R	1L	Normal, Ill. (Normal Community)
42	Liam Soraghan	TE	6-7	259	Fr.-R	RS	Dearborn, Mich. (Divine Child)
43	Rod Rivera	CB	6-3	180	Fr.	HS	Glen Ellyn, Ill. (Glenbard South)
44	Corey Lersch	TE	6-2	244	So.-R	1L	McHenry, Ill. (McHenry)
45	Jordan Cole	LB	6-2	213	Fr.-R	RS	Ferguson, Mo. (McCluer South-Berkeley)
46	Rayshawn Gay	LB	6-1	219	Fr.-R	RS	Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)
47	Michael Kennedy	DE	6-1	215	Fr.-R	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)
48	Antonio Jones-Davis	LB	5-11	226	Jr.-R	2L	Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)
49	Jalen McKie	CB	5-7	169	Fr.-R	RS	Gurnee, Ill. (Waukegan)
50	Vinny Labus	LB	6-1	223	Fr.-R	RS	Park Ridge Ill. (Maine South)
51	Nathan Harman	LB	5-11	215	Fr.	HS	Monticello, Ill. (Monticello)

ALPHABETICAL

1	Albert Smalls	CB
53	Erik Abrell	LS
83	Rod Alexander	WR
13	Joseph Bonds	OLB
37	Brett Bostad	FB
89	Mitchell Brinkman	TE
10	D.J. Brown	WR
1	Dale Brown	TE
40	Drequan Brown	DE
16	Amir Brummett	WR
29	Adam Buirge	S
15	Marcus Childers	QB
45	Jordan Cole	LB
12	Josh Corcoran	DE
38	Jaquis Covington	S
70	Marques Cox	OL
88	Daniel Crawford	TE
74	Calvin Dassow	OL
80	Mike DeHaan	TE
95	Jawon Denton	WR
37	Lance Deveau Jr.	LB
35	Erick Doke	TB
39	Joshua Earl	S
3	Jalen Embry	CB
36	Matt Ference	P
11	Trayshon Foster	S
2	Andrew Gantz	K
46	Rayshawn Gay	LB
85	Ryan Gibbons	WR
11	Ryan Graham	QB
42	Andrew Gregory	LB
91	Jeffrey Griffin Jr.	DL
63	Ezekiel Gueths	OL
23	Justin Hall	DB
6	Rodney Hall	QB/WR
31	Devin Haney	CB
22	Tre Harbison	TB
51	Nathan Harman	LB
84	Ty Harmston	TE
16	J.D. Harris	DB
71	Isaac Hawn	OL
98	Jack Heflin	DT
25	Cortez Hogans	LB
5	Jaden Huff	TB
66	Vince Hughes	DT
7	Tifonte Hunt	CB
34	Reggie Jennings	LB
21	Marcus Jones	TB
48	Antonio Jones-Davis	LB
96	Marcus Kelly	DT
47	Michael Kennedy	DE
82	Fotis Kokosioulis	WR
55	Weston Kramer	DT
50	Vinny Labus	LB
99	Ben LeRoy	DT
44	Corey Lersch	TE
41	Matt Lorbeck	DE
20	Zhamaine March	DB
49	Jalen McKie	CB
19	Jyran Mitchell	WR
28	Jordan Nettles	TB

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NUMERICAL ROSTER (2)

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School)
53	Erik Abrell	LS	6-1	224	Fr.-R	TR	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian/Western Illinois)
54	Austin Warner	OL	6-4	291	So.-R	1L	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego)
55	Weston Kramer	DT	6-1	292	So.	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
56	Ryan Roberts	OL	6-6	297	Jr.-R	2L	Northville, Mich. (Northville)
57	Kyle Pugh	LB	6-0	235	Jr.-R	2L	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Bloom Township)
58	Brayden Patton	OL	6-5	306	So.-R	1L	Ellettsville, Ind. (Edgewood)
59	Hayden Sak	LS	6-2	254	Sr.	3L	Aurora, Ill. (West Aurora)
60	Alex Schlee	OL	6-5	293	Jr.-R	1L	Germantown, Wis. (Germantown)
61	Benn Olson	OL	6-4	298	So.-R	1L	Burnsville, Minn. (Burnsville)
62	Christopher Perez	OL	6-1	290	Jr.	TR	Shawnee, Kan. (St. Thomas Aquinas/Butler CC)
63	Ezekiel Gueths	OL	6-5	312	So.-R	1L	Shawano, Wis. (Shawano Community)
64	Luke Shively	OL	6-3	300	Sr.-R	3L	Tipton, Ind. (Tipton)
65	Nathan Veloz	OL	6-5	319	Jr.-R	2L	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)
66	Vince Hughes	DT	6-5	287	Jr.-R	1L	Franklin, Wis. (Franklin)
68	Owen Rozumalski	OL	6-0	271	Fr.	HS	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)
69	Nolan Potter	OL	6-5	280	Fr.	HS	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)
70	Marques Cox	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	HS	Peoria, Ill. (Peoria)
71	Isaac Hawn	OL	6-6	303	So.	1L	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles North)
72	Jordan Steckler	OL	6-5	306	Jr.-R	2L	Two Rivers, Wis. (Two Rivers)
73	Max Scharping	OT	6-6	320	Sr.-R	3L	Green Bay, Wis. (Southwest)
74	Calvin Dassow	OL	6-7	313	Fr.-R	RS	Menominee Falls, Wis. (Sussex Hamilton)
77	Cole Webster	OL	6-6	300	Fr.-R	RS	Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)
78	Mylan Reeves	OL	6-4	313	Jr.-R	TR	Homewood, Ill. (Homewood Flossmoor/N. Mich)
80	Mike DeHaan	TE	6-5	232	Fr.	HS	Tinley Park, Ill. (Andrew)
81	Matt Pollack	WR	6-0	193	Fr.	HS	Mokena, Ill. (Lincoln Way Central)
82	Fotis Kokosioulis	WR	5-9	170	Fr.	HS	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
83	Rod Alexander	WR	6-0	175	Sr.-R	GTR	Miramar, Fla. (Everglades/St. Francis [Pa.])
84	Ty Harmston	TE	6-4	258	Sr.-R	3L	Stockton, Ill. (Stockton)
85	Ryan Gibbons	WR	5-11	187	So.-R	1L	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
86	Lucas Segobiano	WR	5-10	198	Fr.	HS	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles North)
87	Maximilian Thrower	TE	6-4	238	So.-R	1L	Royal Oak, Mich. (Shrine Catholic)
88	Daniel Crawford	TE	6-2	245	Jr.-R	2L	Macomb, Mich. (Dakota)
89	Mitchell Brinkman	TE	6-3	254	Jr.	2L	Council Bluffs, Iowa (Lewis Central)
90	Caleb Wright	DL	6-3	222	Fr.	HS	Brookfield, Wis. (Brookfield East)
91	Jeffrey Griffin Jr.	DL	6-0	263	Fr.	HS	Homewood, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor)
92	A.J. Taylor	DT	6-0	290	Jr.-R	1L	Chicago, Ill. [IMG Academy (Fla.)/Murray State]
93	Quintin Wynne	DE	6-1	240	Jr.-R	2L	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers)
94	Devin Webster	DT	6-2	294	Sr.	1L	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie/Arizona Western)
95	Jawon Denton	WR	6-2	204	Fr.-R	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)
96	Marcus Kelly	DT	6-3	274	Jr.-R	2L	Waukesha, Wis. (West)
98	Jack Heflin	DT	6-3	284	So.-R	1L	Prophetstown, Ill. (Erie-Prophetstown)
99	Ben LeRoy	DT	6-3	302	Jr.	2L	Wilmette, Ill. (Loyola Academy)

ALPHABETICAL

61	Benn Olson	OL
18	Kewan Parker	LB
58	Brayden Patton	OL
13	Leon Payne	WR
62	Christopher Perez	OL
81	Matt Pollack	WR
69	Nolan Potter	OL
57	Kyle Pugh	LB
78	Mylan Reeves	OL
39	John Richardson	K
43	Rod Rivera	CB
56	Ryan Roberts	OL
17	Dennis Robinson	WR
32	Brianjay Ross	S
20	Jordan Rowell	TB
68	Owen Rozumalski	OL
59	Hayden Sak	LS
73	Max Scharping	OT
60	Alex Schlee	OL
86	Lucas Segobiano	WR
64	Luke Shively	OL
1	Albert Smalls	CB
15	Sutton Smith	DE
24	Trequan Smith	S
42	Liam Soraghan	TE
72	Jordan Steckler	OL
92	A.J. Taylor	DT
14	Spencer Tears	WR
21	Dillon Thomas	S
7	Anthony Thompson	QB
87	Maximilian Thrower	TE
27	Maalik Todd	CB
18	Cole Tucker	WR
30	Rahveon Valentine	TB
65	Nathan Veloz	OL
26	Antwain Walker	CB
33	Danny Walker	LB
54	Austin Warner	OL
77	Cole Webster	OL
94	Devin Webster	DT
9	Jauan Wesley	WR
8	Mykelti Williams	S
90	Caleb Wright	DL
12	Jiya Wright	QB
93	Quintin Wynne	DE

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OFFENSE

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
WR	14	Spencer Tears	6-1	198	Jr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (H.L. Richards)
	17	Dennis Robinson	6-5	214	Fr.-R	Hollywood, Fla. (South Broward)
WR	10	D.J. Brown	5-9	185	Sr.	North Little Rock, Ark. (North Little Rock)
	82	Fotis Kokosioulis	5-9	170	Fr.	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
WR	9	Jauan Wesley	5-11	182	Sr.-R	Markham, Ill. (Thornton Township/Iowa State)
	18	Cole Tucker	6-2	193	Fr.-R	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
TE	84	Ty Harmston	6-4	258	Sr.-R	Stockton, Ill. (Stockton)
	44	Corey Lersch	6-6	244	So.-R	McHenry, Ill. (McHenry)
OR	1	Dale Brown	6-3	300	Sr.-R	Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit West)
	87	Max Thrower	6-4	238	So.-R	Royal Oak, Mich. (Shrine Catholic)
TB	22	Tre Harbison	5-11	227	So.-R	Shelby, N.C. (Crest/Virginia)
	21	Marcus Jones	5-8	199	Jr.-R	Evergreen Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
	28	Jordan Nettles	5-9	181	Fr.-R	Romeoville, Ill. (Romeoville)
QB	15	Marcus Childers	6-0	222	So.-R	Adairsville, Ga. (Adairsville)
	7	Anthony Thompson	6-0	214	So.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)
	11	Ryan Graham	6-1	214	Sr.-R	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton Warrenville South)
LT	73	Max Scharping	6-6	320	Sr.-R	Green Bay, Wis. (Southwest)
	71	Isaac Hawn	6-6	303	So.	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles North)
LG	58	Brayden Patton	6-5	306	So.-R	Ellettsville, Ind. (Edgewood)
	61	Benn Olson	6-4	298	So.-R	Burnsville, Minn. (Burnsville)
C	64	Luke Shively	6-3	300	Sr.-R	Tipton, Ind. (Tipton)
	54	Austin Warner	6-4	291	So.-R	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego)
RG	65	Nathan Veloz	6-5	319	Jr.-R	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)
	56	Ryan Roberts	6-6	297	Jr.-R	Northville, Mich. (Northville)
RT	72	Jordan Steckler	6-5	306	Jr.-R	Two Rivers, Wis. (Two Rivers)
	56	Ryan Roberts	6-6	297	Jr.-R	Northville, Mich. (Northville)

DEFENSE

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
DE	15	Sutton Smith	6-1	237	Jr.-R	Saint Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell)
	93	Quintin Wynne	6-1	240	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers)
DT	98	Jack Heflin	6-3	298	So.-R	Prophetstown, Ill. (Erie-Prophetstown)
	99	Ben Leroy	6-3	302	Jr.	Wilmette, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
DT	55	Weston Kramer	6-1	292	So.	Naperville, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
	96	Marcus Kelly	6-3	274	Jr.-R	Waukesha, Wis. (West)
DE	41	Matt Lorbeck	6-3	247	So.	Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)
	12	Josh Corcoran	6-3	251	Sr.	Lakeville, Minn. (Lakeville South)
OLB	48	Antonio Jones-Davis	5-11	226	Jr.-R	Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)
	42	Andrew Gregory	6-1	226	So.-R	Normal, Ill. (Normal Community)
MLB	57	Kyle Pugh	6-0	235	Jr.-R	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Bloom Township)
	50	Vinny Labus	6-1	223	Fr.-R	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
OLB	37	Lance Deveau Jr.	5-11	211	Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
	45	Jordan Cole	6-2	213	Fr.-R	Ferguson, Mo. (McCluer South-Berkeley)
CB	3	Jalen Embry	5-11	197	Sr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)
	26	Antwain Walker	6-1	190	Fr.	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego East)
S	8	Mykelti Williams	5-11	208	Jr.-R	Indianapolis, Ind. (Notre Dame/Iowa Western)
	29	Adam Buirge	6-0	207	Jr.-R	Minneapolis, Minn. (Park Center)
S	11	Trayshon Foster	6-0	201	Jr.-R	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Tuscaloosa Academy)
	24	Trequan Smith	5-11	186	Jr.-R	Boynton Beach, Fla. (Boynton Beach)
CB	49	Jalen McKie	5-7	169	Fr.-R	Gurnee, Ill. (Waukegan)
OR	7	Tifonte Hunt	5-9	183	Sr.-R	Harvey, Ill. (Thornton Township)
	31	Devin Haney	6-1	172	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill)

SPECIALISTS

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
PK	2	Andrew Gantz	5-10	192	Sr.-R	Dayton, Ohio (Centerville/Cincinnati)
	39	John Richardson	5-11	190	Fr.	Orland Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
KO	2	Andrew Gantz	5-10	192	Sr.-R	Dayton, Ohio (Centerville/Cincinnati)
OR	39	John Richardson	5-11	190	Fr.	Orland Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
P	36	Matt Ference	5-11	198	So.	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
HO	36	Matt Ference	5-11	198	So.	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
	11	Ryan Graham	6-1	214	Sr.-R	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton Warrenville South)
LS	53	Erik Abrell	6-1	224	Fr.-R	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian/Western Illinois)
	59	Hayden Sak	6-2	254	Sr.	Aurora, Ill. (West Aurora)
KR	82	Fotis Kokosioulis	5-9	170	Fr.	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
AND	3	Jalen Embry	5-11	197	Sr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)
OR	49	Jalen McKie	5-7	169	Fr.-R	Gurnee, Ill. (Waukegan)
PR	18	Cole Tucker	6-2	193	Fr.-R	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
	3	Jalen Embry	5-11	197	Sr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)

PRONUNCIATIONS

Name	Pronunciation
Erik ABRELL	AY-brull
AMIR Brummett	uh-MEER
Adam BUIRGE	BURJ
Marcus CHILDERS	CHILL-ders
MARQUES Cox	Marcus
Calvin DASSOW	DASS-oh
Mike DEHAAN	duh-HAWN
Lance DEVEAUX Jr.	duh-VOE
JALEN Embry	JAY-lin
Matt FERENCE	FARE-ents
EZEKIEL GUETHS	uh-ZEEK-ee-ul GEETS
TRE Harbison	TRAY
Isaac HAWN	(rhymes with Yawn)
CORTEZ Hogans	core-TEZ
TIFONTE Hunt	Tih-FON-TAY
FOTIS KOKOSIOULIS	Foe-TEESE
	COE-kuh-SUE-liss
Vinny LABUS	LAY-buss
Ben LEROY	LEE-roy
Corey LERSCH	Lersh
ZHAMAIN March	Jshuh-MAIN
Jalen MCKIE	Mih-KEE
JYRAN Mitchell	JIE-ren
KEWAN Parker	KEY-wahn
Hayden SAK	SACK
Alex SCHLEE	SHLAY
Luke SHIVELY	SHIVE-lee
LIAM SORAGHAN	Lee-UM SORE-uh-GAN
TREQUAN Smith	TRAY-kwon
Spencer TEARS	TEERS
MAALIK Todd	Muh-LEEK
Nathan VELOZ	vell-OHS
ANTWAIN Walker	Ann-TWAN
JAUAN Wesley	Juh-WAHN
MYKELTI Williams	Muh-KELL-tee
JIYA Wright	JIE-yuh
Quintin WYNNE	WIN

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Joe Tripodi	trip-POE-dee
Mike Uremovich	yer-REM-uh-VICH

