

## **HUSKIE FOOTBALL FACTS**

Head CoachThomas I	Hammock
Alma Mater/Year	NIU '02
Record at NIU/Years	25-33/6th
Career Record/Years	Same
Basic Offense/DefenseMult	iple/4-2-5
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	50/21
Starters Returning/Lost	22/7
First Year of Football	
All-Time Record	612-527-51
2023 Record/MAC Record/Finish 7-6/5-3/2	nd (West)
Last Bowl Game2023 Cam	nellia Bowl
NIU 21, Arkansa	as State 19
Bowl Appearances (FBS)	15
MAC Championship Appearances, Last	9, 2021
MAC Championships, Last	6, 2021

## **NIU FACTS**

Location	DeKalb, Illinois
Founded	
Enrollment	
AffiliationNC	AA Football Bowl Subdivision
Conference	Mid-American (West Division)
Colors	Cardinal and Black
Nickname	Huskies
Mascot Mission (liv	e); Victor E. Huskie (costume)
StadiumBrig	gham Field at Huskie Stadium
Surface/Capacity	AstroTurf /23,595
President	Dr. Lisa Freeman
Vice President/Director of At	thleticsSean T. Frazier
Alma Mater, Year	Alabama '92
Tickets	

#### 2024 SCHEDULE

Day, Date	Opponent	Location/Result
Sat., Aug. 31	WESTERN ILLINOIS	W 54-15
Sat., Sept. 7	at Notre Dame	South Bend, Ind.
Sat., Sept. 21	BUFFALO*	DeKALB
Sat., Sept. 28	at North Carolina State	Raleigh, N.C.
Sat., Oct. 5	UMASS	DeKALB
Sat., Oct. 12	at Bowling Green*	Bowling Green, Ohio
Sat., Oct. 19	TOLEDO* (Homecoming)	DeKALB
Tues., Oct. 26	at Ball State*	Muncie, Ind.
Weds., Nov. 6	at Western Michigan*	Kalamazoo, Mich.
Weds., Nov. 13	AKRON*	DeKALB
Tue., Nov. 19	at Miami (Ohio)*	Oxford, Ohio
Sat., Nov. 30	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	DeKALB
Sat., Dec. 7	MAC Championship - For	d Field Detroit, Mich.

\*Mid-American Conference Game

## Saturday, Sept. 7, 2024 - 2:30 pm (CT) - NBC/Peacock South Bend. Ind. • Notre Dame Stadium (77.622)

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NIU		ND
<u>1-0</u>	Overall Record	1-0
<u>0-0 MAC</u>	Conference Record	N/A
Thomas Hammock	Head Coach	Marcus Freeman
<u>NIU '02</u>	Alma Mater	Ohio State '07
25-33/6th	School Record/Years	20-8/3rd
Same	Career Record/Years	Same

## **DOG TREATS**

- After opening the season with a 54-15 win over Western Illinois, the NIU Huskies make the 160-mile trip to South Bend, Indiana to take on Xth-ranked Notre Dame for the first time in school history.
- The Notre Dame game is the first of two "Boneyard" games on the Huskies' 2024 non-conference schedule. Since 1983, NIU wins over teams from the "Power 5" conferences plus have been celebrated as Boneyard Wins. The Huskies have 18 Boneyard Wins all-time, including last year's season opening overtime victory over Boston College.
- NIU plays a ranked team for the 41st time in school history and for the first time since a 31-23 loss to No. 8 Kentucky in 2022. The Huskies' last win over a nonconference ranked opponent was its historic 19-16 at No. 21 Alabama in 2003.
- The Huskies will have a game broadcast nationally on network television (not cable) for the first time in school history. NIU has appeared on an ABC split broadcast three times.
- In his fifth career start, redshirt junior Ethan Hampton recorded the first 300yard passing game for NIU in its last 30 games while completing 18-of-20 passes, including five for touchdowns. Hampton was named the Mid-American Conference Offensive Player of the Week.
- Senior wide receiver Trayvon Rudolph totaled 171 all-purpose yards last week as he scored on a 60-yard rush and a 43-yard reception. Rudolph posted the fifth 100-yard receiving game of his career with 104 yards on four catches.
- Including Western Illinois, NIU has held 10 of its last 14 opponents to 24 points or less. The Huskies had 10 games allowing 24 points or less in the previous four seasons combined. Head coach Thomas Hammock, the 23rd head coach in NIU's 123-year football history, tied Bill Mallory and Jerry Ippoliti for seventh place on the Huskies' career wins chart with last week's win over Western Illinois.
- Backing up Thomas Hammock's characterization of NIU as a "developmental program" which sees players improve throughout their careers is the fact that, of the 32 seniors on the Huskies' 2024 roster (tied for 6th-most in FBS), 26 are listed on the NIU depth chart for the Notre Dame game.
- In addition to the 18 returning starters on offense and defense, the 2024 roster includes 11 players who have played in 40 or more games at NIU.
- Seventy-three Huskies saw action in NIU's win over Western Illinois. Eleven players caught passes, five gained at least 40 yards rushing and 28 recorded tackles.

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## **FOLLOW THE HUSKIES**

#### TV: NIU-NOTRE DAME ON NBC & PEACOCK

- NIU will appear on a nationwide (non cable) network television broadcast for the first time in school history when the NIU-Notre Dame game airs on NBC.
- The game will also be available on Peacock, NBC's streaming service (subscription).
- Dan Hicks (play-by-play) and Jason Garrett (analyst) will be on the call for NBC Saturday with Zora Stephenson on the sidelines.

#### **RADIO: HUSKIE SPORTS NETWORK**

- The Huskie Sports Radio Network coverage for the Notre Dame game begins 30 minutes before kickoff, at 2 p.m. (CT), on 94-9 WDKB in DeKalb.
- Hear the broadcast on mobile devices via the free NIU Huskies mobile app or on TuneIn, or stream online on 949wdkb.com.
- Longtime Huskie Sports Network sideline reporter Andy Garcia is making his NIU play-by-play debut in 2024 in his new role as "Voice of the Huskies" while analyst Mark Lindo is in his 40th consecutive season calling NIU football. The broadcast crew also welcomed Terry Bonadonna as the new sideline reporter.

#### INSIDE HUSKIE FOOTBALL RADIO SHOW

- Fans are invited to attend the one-hour weekly show every Wednesday at Noon at Fatty's Pub & Grille in DeKalb (1312 W. Lincoln Hwy).
- Hear the show live on 94-9 WDKB, on the NIU Huskies app and on Tuneln, or stream on 949wdkb.com.
- Host Andy Garcia interviews NIU Head Coach Thomas Hammock each week, along with Huskie players and special guests.

#### NIU WEEKLY ON YOUTUBE

- New host Terry Bonadonna talks NIU football, basketball and more with the Huskie head coaches and administrators, including a weekly visit during football season from head coach Thomas Hammock. Get all the latest news and updates in this fast-paced show.
- Watch new episodes on the NIU Athletics Official You-Tube Channel on Thursdays.

#### NIU ATHLETICS ON YOUTUBE

- See weekly and post-game press conferences, special features, game highlights, NIU Weekly and more.
- Subscribe for FREE and click the bell to be notified every time NIU posts a new video.
- Search "NIU Athletics" on YouTube or go to YouTube. com/NIUAthleticsOfficial.
- Archived videos and highlights, replays of some of the greatest games in school history and special features are also available 24/7 on YouTube.

#### **NIU HUSKIES MOBILE APP**

- Download the free NIU Huskies mobile app from the Apple Store or Google Play.
- Link to the NIU radio broadcasts, live stats, complete team rosters, digital game programs and more.
- Connect to the NIU social media channels and sign up for notifications on any Huskie team.

## NOTING NIU

**FIRST TIME FOE:** After opening their 123rd season of college football - and 56th as a Football Bowl Subdivision program - with a win over in-state foe Western Illinois last Saturday in Huskie Stadium, the NIU Huskies travel to South Bend, Indiana on September 7 where NIU will face Notre Dame for the first time in school history. At just 159 miles away, Notre Dame is closer to NIU than any of its MAC opponents.

**BONE SEEKERS:** The game at Notre Dame is NIU's first "Boneyard" game of the year. Since 1983, NIU has collected "Boneyard Wins" defined as wins over teams from leagues now designated as "Power 5," along with independents like Notre Dame and (formerly) BYU. NIU has 18 Boneyard wins all-time, including 10 in the last 15 years and two in the last three seasons under Thomas Hammock.

RANKED RECORD: NIU has won six of its previous 40 meetings versus teams ranked in the Associated Press Top 25, dating back to its first game against a "major college" ranked opponent on Nov. 23, 1968. The Huskies last faced a Top 25 team on September 24, 2022, a 31-23 loss at No. 8 Kentucky. NIU's last win over a ranked team was on Nov. 3,

Year	Opponent	H/A	Score
2023	Boston College	А	27-24 OT
2021	Georgia Tech	А	22-21
2018	BYU	А	7-6
2017	Nebraska	А	21-17
2014	Northwestern	А	23-15
2013	Purdue	А	55-24
2013	lowa	А	30-27
2012	Kansas	Н	30-23
2010	Minnesota	А	34-23
2009	Purdue	А	28-20
2003	Iowa State	Н	24-16
2003	#21 Alabama	А	19-16
2003	#15 Maryland	Н	20-13 OT
2002	Wake Forest	Н	42-41
1990	Kansas State	Н	42-35
1989	Kansas State	А	37-20
1988	Wisconsin	А	19-17
1983	Kansas	А	37-34

**NIU BONEYARD WINS** 

2015, a 32-27 win over No. 20 Toledo. The Huskies' last win over a ranked non-conference foe was a 19-16 win over No. 21 Alabama on Sept. 20, 2003.

**NOTABLE RANKED GAMES:** The highest ranked opponent NIU has ever defeated was No. 15 Maryland, a 20-13 overtime win over the Terrapins in Huskie Stadium on August 28, 2003. NIU has twice taken on the No. 1 team in the country - most recently on Sept. 19, 2015 when the Huskies forced five turnovers and held No. 1 Ohio State to 136 passing yards and a 2-of-13 day on third downs. NIU led 7-0 after Shawun Lurry's interception on OSU's first drive and played the Buckeyes to a 10-10 tie at halftime before falling 20-13 on a third-quarter interception return touchdown. NIU also lost at No. 1 Ohio State 35-12 in the 2006 season opener in a game that featured a Buckeye linebacker named Marcus Freeman.

**A FIRST:** The Notre Dame game on NBC marks the first time NIU will appear on a nationwide network television broadcast. The Huskies three previous network television appearances - all on ABC - were split regional broadcasts in 2005 versus Michigan, 2006 at No. 1 Ohio State and 2015 at No. 1 Ohio State.

**MOVING ON UP:** Thomas Hammock's 58 games coached over the last five seasons rank seventh all-time at NIU. With his next win, he will surpass Bill Mallory and Jerry Ippoliti for seventh place on the Huskies' all-time coaching wins chart. He is the 23rd head coach in NIU's 123-year college football history.

**CROSSING PATHS:** Thomas Hammock and Notre Dame offensive line coach Joe Rudolph were on the same offensive staff at Wisconsin in 2011. The team finished 11-3, won the Big Ten title and played in the Rose Bowl. Hammock and ND head coach Marcus Freeman also "kind of" crossed paths in the Huskies' 2006 season opener at No. 1 Ohio State. Hammock, NIU's running backs coach, was on the sidelines while Freeman made nine tackles at linebacker for the Buckeyes.

**WITH THE HUSKIES:** Former Wisconsin and NFL running back James White, who played eight seasons and won three Super Bowls with the New England Patriots, is with the Huskies this season in a player personnel and student-athlete development role. NIU head coach Thomas Hammock was White's position coach for three seasons at WIsconsin.

**MOST SENIORS** 

Seniors\*

39

38

36

34

33

32

32

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\*Can include players in 4th, 5th, 6th year or

beyond.

**NICE START:** The Huskies came out of the gate strong in 2024 with a 54-15 victory over in-state foe Western Illinois at Huskie Stadium. It was the most points scored by NIU in a season opener since 2014 when NIU defeated Presbyterian, 55-3.

**RECAPPING:** NIU defeated Western Illinois, 54-15, at home last Saturday to win its fourth straight season opener. The Huskies scored just two plays into their first possession, but after one quarter, led just 6-3. NIU erupted for four touchdowns in the second quarter, as Ethan Hampton connected with Keyshaun Pipkin (11 yards), Trayvon Rudolph (43) and Grayson Barnes (60) after a Rudolph 60-yard rushing score. The Huskies added a pair of second half scores, on a Jaylen Poe rush to cap a 14-play, 88-yard, 7:06 drive in the third quarter and a five-yard rush by quarterback Jalen Macon in the fourth. WIU added a late touchdown against the NIU reserves for the final margin.

**IN THE GAME:** With a 34-3 halftime lead extended to 47-8 by the end of the third quarter, 73 players saw action for the Huskies last week. Nineteen players, including three true freshmen and four transfer newcomers, made their NIU debuts. Transfers Christian Furhman (LB) and Jake Appleget (TE) were among the five first-time starters along with redshirt freshman safety Santana Banner and defensive linemen Skyler Gill-Howard and Jalonnie Williams. Nine players had rushing yardage, 11 caught at least one pass and 28 defenders recorded tackles.

Team

Indiana

Hawaii

NIU

USC

Eastern Michigan

South Carolina

**Oklahoma State** 

**Bowling Green** 

Florida Atlantic

Georgia Southern

New Mexico

Louisville

Auburn

Stanford

Utah

UTSA

TCU

**THOSE WHO STAY:** After fielding one of the youngest teams in the country in 2021, NIU's 2024 roster includes 32 seniors, which ranks tied for sixth-most nationally (see chart). Even more rare is the fact that of those 32 seniors, 21 have played their entire careers at NIU, a number that ranks third in the nation behind only Stanford and Navy,

Seniors Who Have Played Entire Career at Same School (min. 15)

Stanford	23
Navy	23
NIU	20
Bowling Green	17
Iowa	17
Oklahoma State	16
Eastern Michigan	15

**CLASS BREAKDOWN:** While the senior class is one of the largest in college football, NIU's current 122-person 2024 roster also includes

46 players - 39 true freshmen - who are in

their first year as Huskies. The breakdown of players by year with the program:

Year 64	Year 317
Year 512	Year 227
Year 417	Year 146

**HMMM...:** In each of the Huskies' last 14 games - including last week's win over Western Illinois and every game in 2023 - the team that scored first won the game.

## **ON THE OFFENSE**

**HAVE A DAY:** After battling for the starting quarterback job through spring ball and fall camp, redshirt junior Ethan Hampton had a near perfect day versus Western Illinois last Saturday. He completed 18-of-20 passes for 328 yards and five touchdowns for a 90 percent completion percentage and a single game school record passing efficiency rating of 310.3. That mark broke the 61-year-old mark of 261.3 set by College Football Hall of Famer George Bork in 1963.

HAMPTON'S HISTORY: Hampton's start was his fifth as a Huskie, he started three games in 2022 - versus No. 8 Kentucky, Ball State and Toledo - after starter Rocky

## WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE

#### NIU WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE

- NIU will host a weekly press conference with Thomas Hammock and several Huskie players throughout the season.
- The press conferences prior to the Notre Dame game will be held on Tuesday, September 3rd at 1:00 p.m. CT in the McCareins Auditorium (2nd floor) of the Yordon Center.
- The press conference can be seen live or accessed at any time thereafter on the NIU Athletics' YouTube Channel (NIUAthleticsOfficial).

#### **NIU PLAYER & COACH AVAILABILITY**

- Huskie players and coaches are available for interviews Monday through Thursday on Saturday game weeks.
- Contact the NIU Athletics Strategic Communications Office to arrange in-person, phone or Zoom interviews.
- Please provide 24-hour notice for phone requests.
- Contact Mike Haase (players) or Donna Turner (coaches) to arrange interviews.

#### PRACTICE COVERAGE

- Media who wish to attend practice should contact the NIU Athletics Strategic Communications Office as access is limited for in-season practices.
- Practices are held in the mornings at Huskie Stadium and/or the Chessick Practice Center.
- Social media posts regarding practice whether during or after practice - are not permitted during the season.

#### **INFORMATION, VIDEO & PHOTO REQUESTS**

- To be added to the NIU football e-mail distribution list (media only), contact Donna Turner.
- Contact Mike Haase to request photos and/or video.
- Information on all MAC teams, including releases, depth charts and photos, logos, league stats and more are available online at CollegePressBox.com. Media can register for access at collegepressbox. com/register.

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#### **BY THE NUMBERS**

- 3 FBS programs (NIU, Ole Miss, Tennessee) to have over 700 yards of total offense last week
- 4 Consecutive games the NIU offensive line has not allowed a quarterback sack
- 4.46 NIU penalties per game in 2023, fewest in the MAC
  - 5 Consecutive games in which the Huskies have committed three penalties or less, dating back to last season
  - 5 Season-opening wins (in six seasons) by NIU under Thomas Hammock
  - 6 Rank in passing defense for NIU last season, allowing 171.2 yards per game
  - 6 NIU first time opponents under head coach Thomas Hammock
  - 7 NIU quarterbacks who have thrown five touchdown passes in a single game after Ethan Hampton's five TD passes versus Western Illinois
  - 11 Receivers who caught a pass last week versus Western Illinois
  - 15 Wins (out of 25 total) by eight points or less under head coach Thomas Hammock
- 18.5 Career yards per reception for tight end Grayson Barnes in 14 games
- 21 NIU seniors who have spent their entire career in DeKalb
- 30 Games between 300-yard passing efforts for NIU - Rocky Lombardi's 532 yards at Kent State on Nov. 3, 2021 to Ethan Hampton's 328 last week vs. Western Illinois
- 45 Huskies from the state of Illinois on the 2023 roster
- +52 The Huskies' point differential in the second half of games in 2023
- 159 Miles between DeKalb and South Bend
- 177 Combined number of games played by NIU's starting offensive linemen
- 310.3 Ethan Hampton's passing efficiency rating in last week's win over Western Illinois to break the NIU single-game record
- 706 Yards of total offense for the Huskies' in last week's win vs. Western Illinois, the third-highest total in school history
- 2,102 Career points by Notre Dame women's basketball associate head coach Carol Owens as a student-athlete at NIU (1985-90)
- 2,432 Career rushing yards at NIU for Thomas Hammock, 14th all-time
- 2,592 Career rushing yards at NIU for Antario Brown, 13th all-time
- 3,523 Career all-purpose yards for Trayvon Rudolph

Lombardi went down in the third game of the season. He also got the start in the last regular season game of 2021 versus Western Michigan in relief of Lombardi.

**BEEN A WHILE:** Hampton's 328 yard passing day was the first 300-yard game by a Huskie passer in 30 games, since November 3, 2021 when Rocky Lombardi threw for a school record 532 yards against Kent State. Hampton also became just the seventh NIU QB all-time to throw five or more touchdown passes in a game, and the first since Nov. 1, 2011 when Chandler Harnish threw six TD passes in a classic game at Toledo.

**MAC-COLADE:** Hampton became the first Huskie quarterback since 2021 to be named the MAC Offensive Player of the Week when he collected the award following the Western Illinois game.

**THEY'VE BEEN AROUND:** NIU's five starting offensive linemen have a combined 177 games of experience (all as Huskies) with 119 starts. The group includes a pair of sixth-year Huskies in J.J. Lippe and Logan Zschernitz, fifth-year players John Champe and Evan Buss and the "youngster" Evan Malcore, in his third season at NIU. They are coached by the newest member of the Huskies coaching staff, Luke Meadows, who is in his first season at NIU.

Player	Games	Starts
Champe	46	29
Lippe	40	35
Zschernitz	40	34
Buss	37	13
Malcore	14	8

**CHEESEHEADS:** NIU's five 2024 starting offensive linemen - seniors J.J. Lippe (Milwaukee), Logan Zschernitz (Spencer), Evan Buss (Kimberly) and John Champe (Brookfield) plus redshirt sophomore Evan Malcore (Sun Prairie) - all hail from Wisconsin, carrying on a long tradition of Huskie linemen from the Badger state. The tradition includes names like Manitowoc native Doug Free (2003-06), a 10-year pro for the Dallas Cowboys (2007-16) and current NFL OL Max Scharping (2014-18). Three of NIU's five

### PRESEASON ALL-MAC 2024

Antario Brown, RB, Sr. Athlon (1st Team) Phil Steele (1st Team)

**Ray Thomas, DL, Sr.** Athlon (1st Team) Phil Steele (2nd Team)

JaVaughn Byrd, CB, Sr. Athlon (1st Team) Phil Steele (2nd Team)

**Devonte O'Malley, DT, Sr.** Phil Steele (1st Team) Athlon (2nd Team)

Nate Valcarcel, S, Sr. Phil Steele (1st Team) Athlon (2nd Team)

Isaac Hatfield, LS, Jr. Phil Steele (1st Team)

**Trayvon Rudolph, Sr.** Athlon (2nd Team) - WR Phil Steele (2nd Team) - WR Athlon (3rd Team) - KR

John Champe, OL, Sr. Athlon (2nd Team) Phil Steele (4th Team) **Logan Zschernitz, OL, Sr.** Athlon (2nd Team) Phil Steele (4th Team)

J.J. Lippe, OL, Sr. Phil Steele (2nd Team) Athlon (3rd Team)

Jaden Dolphin, LB, Sr. Phil Steele (2nd Team) Athlon (4th Team)

**Grayson Barnes, Sr.** Athlon (3rd Team) - WR Phil Steele (4th Team) - TE

Jashon Prophete, DB, Sr. Athlon (3rd Team)

**Tom Foley, P, Sr.** Phil Steele (3rd Team) Athlon (4th Team)

**Christian Fuhrman, LB, Sr.** Phil Steele (4th Team)

**Gavin Williams, RB, Sr.** Athlon (4th Team)

Dane Pardridge, PR, Soph. Athlon (4th Team) second team offensive linemen are also Wisconsinites.

WHAT CAN BROWN DO NOW? Senior running back Antario Brown, а 2023 first team All-MAC selection who was named to the preseason watch lists for the Doak Walker (RB), Maxwell (MVP), Walter Camp Player of the Year and Senior Bowl, is already one of the top 13 running backs in NIU history. Against Western Illinois, his receiving skills were on display with a pair of catches for 45 yards, including a career long 33-yard catch. Brown came into the game with 59 career receiving yards on 13 catches.

**IMPRESSIVE AVERAGE:** Antario Brown, who surpassed head coach Thomas Hammock to move into 13th place all-time at NIU in career rushing yards, averaged 8.6 yards per carry with 69 yards on eight runs in limited action last week. Brown's career yards per carry average of 6.31 ranks fifth all-time at NIU.

**DISPLAY OF SPEED:** Senior receiver Trayvon Rudolph totaled 171 allpurpose yards on just six plays last Saturday. He scored on a 60-yard run for his longest run since 2021 and caught a 43-yard touchdown pass en route to a 104-yard receiving game, the fifth 100-plus yard day of his NIU career. Rudolph, who was named to the Paul Hornung Award Watch List for his versatility, has 3,373 career all-purpose yards on 204 plays for an average of 16.5 yards per play.

**DISTRIBUTION:** Eleven Huskies caught passes last Saturday as NIU totaled 394 passing yards, the Huskies' best total since the 2021 game at Kent State. In addition to Rudolph, tight end Grayson Barnes caught five passes for 95 yards. Five players caught touchdown passes, including the first NIU career scores for Keyshaun Pipkin and Cam Thompson, marking the first time since Nov. 9, 2017 that five players had touchdown catches in a single game.

YARDS AND YARDS: NIU's 706 yards of total offense versus Western Illinois are the third-most in a single game in school history, and the most since a 710-yard outburst against Ball State on Nov. 15, 2011 in a 41-38 win and an 806-yard game versus Fresno State on Oct. 6, 1990.

## **DETAILING THE DEFENSE**

**BACK AND BETTER?:** NIU returns nine starters on defense, with a pack of Huskies with playing experience filling the defensive two- and threedeep. The 2023 version of the NIU defense was NIU's best in more than a decade. NIU opponents' average of 319.5 yards per game was the fewest allowed by a Huskie defense since 2008, while the 21.0 scoring average was the lowest since the 2012 NIU Orange Bowl defense allowed just 19.8 points per game. Just three teams threw for more than 200 yards against the Huskies in 2023, leading to a Top 10 ranking in pass efficiency defense and passing yards allowed.

**STRONG START:** The Huskie defense opened 2024 where it left off, limiting Western Illinois to one touchdown, scored with 2:59 on the clock against NIU reserves. The Leathernecks totaled just 94 rushing yards, and did not gain a yard on the ground in the second quarter while the NIU offense put 28 point on the board.

WILLIAMS X 2: The duo of Roy and Jalonnie Williams - no relation started at defensive end for NIU in the season opener. Roy Williams sacked Western Illinois QB Nate Lamb on the first play of the game and finished with a career high six tackles to lead the Huskies. Jalonnie Williams, who missed the first seven games of last season with an injury, made his first career start.

**TEAM EFFORT:** Twenty-nine players recorded tackles for NIU against Western Illinois. In addition to Roy Williams' sack, six players were in on tackles for loss and four recorded pass break-ups, led by cornerback Jacob Finley's two knockdowns.

**STINGY:** Including Western Illinois, NIU has held 10 of its last 14 opponents to 24 points or less. The Huskies had 10 games allowing 24 points or less in the previous four seasons combined

## **AND THIS**

**PRESEASON ACCOLADES:** Seventeen Northern Illinois University football players were named to the 2024 Preseason All Mid-American Conference teams released by Athlon Sports and Phil Steele. The Athlon Sports preseason All-MAC team featured 15 Huskies with wide receiver and kickoff returner Trayvon Rudolph making the list at both positions. Fourteen NIU players were named to Phil Steele's preseason All-MAC team. See the list below.

PR	MAC RESEASON F	POLL	
Т	eam (1st Place)	Points	
1.	Miami (9)	119	
2.	Toledo (3)	109	
3.	Bowling Green	92	
	NIU	92	
5.	Ohio	81	
6.	Eastern Michigan	64	
7.	Western Michigar	n 60	
8.	Central Michigan	59	
9.	Ball State	42	
10.	Buffalo	37	
11.	Akron	24	
12.	Kent State	13	
MAC	MAC Football Champion Votes		
Miami (10), Toledo (2)			
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MAC PRESEASON POLL: In the first year since the elimination of divisions, NIU tied with Bowling Green for third place in the MAC Coaches Preseason Poll. The Huskies and Falcons each totaled 92 points. 2023 MAC Champion Miami (Ohio) led the way with 119 points and nine first-place votes while Toledo tallied 109 points. Under the MAC's new scheduling format, the Huskies play Bowling Green and Toledo every year. NIU will also take on Miami in Oxford in 2024.

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE: NIU offensive lineman J.J. Lippe is NIU's nominee for the 2024 Campbell Trophy. Lippe, who has become one of the top leaders on the Huskie team,

has earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees in business from NIU over the past five years. A member of the Captain's Council, the NIU Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the Marketing Student Advisory Board, he also found time to complete a pair of internships.

HUSKIE GRADS: There are 18 players on the Huskie roster who are already college graduates, including all four senior members of the

starting offensive line, eight players listed as first team on the current NIU depth chart and another six on the two-deep.

POTPOURRI: NIU running back Justin Lynch is the younger brother of 2013 Heisman finalist and two-time Huskie All-American guarterback Jordan Lynch. The younger Lynch played guarterback for his brother at Mt. Carmel High School in Chicago and came to NIU as a quarterback (from Temple)... NIU Faculty Athletics Representative Dr. M. Courtney Hughes is a Notre Dame alumna who earned the Knute Rockne Scholar Athlete Award as a member of the Fighting Irish women's tennis team.

### GRADUATES

60 Evan Buss, OL 11 Chris Carter, TE 76 John Champe, OL 52 Ivan Davis, DE 26 Jaden Dolphin, LB 98 Tom Foley, P 44 Christian Fuhrman, LB\* 7 Jordan Hansen, S 79 J.J. Lippe, OL 13 Ty Myles, N 1 Jashon Prophete, N 10 Demond Taylor Jr., DT 64 Matthew Schooley, C 82 Tristen Tewes, TE 4 Raishein Thomas, DE 32 Quinn Urwiler, LB 96 Jacob Waskow, DT 65 Logan Zschernitz, OL

\*Came to NIU with degree from previous school.

#### **A CHAMPIONSHIP TRADITION**

**CHAMPIONSHIP PEDIGREE:** NIU's five MAC Championship game wins are more than any other current league member. The Huskies have played in the game nine times in the 27 years the game has been played. NIU has won six Mid-American Conference titles all-time, as the Huskies' first MAC crown came in 1983 before the days of conference championship games.

#### MAC Championships (since 1997)

MAC Championships (since 1997)			
MAC Champ. Game	MAC		
Appearances	Championships		
9	5		
8	4		
6	4		
5	0		
4	3		
4	2		
3	1		
3	1		
2	1		
2	1		
2	0		
0	0		
	MAC Champ. Game Appearances 9 8 6 5 4 4 4 3 3 3 2 2 2		

**HUSKIE BOWL FACTS:** NIU played in its 12th bowl game in the last 16 seasons in 2023, dating back to the 2008 Independence Bowl. The Camellia Bowl marked the Huskies' 15th bowl as a FBS team (since 1969) and 20th all-time. The Huskies appeared in a MAC-record eight consecutive bowl games from 2008-15. NIU's 12 bowl appearances since 2008 and 14 since 2003 lead the MAC. The Huskies' modern bowl history began at the 1983 California Bowl when the MAC Champions defeated Cal State Fullerton. NIU has won at least six games 18 times since 2000,

but were not selected for a bowl in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003 (with 10 wins!) and 2005 (despite playing in the MAC Championship game).

THOSE WHO STAY ...:

Former NIU head coach

Joe Novak, who played

for the legendary Bo

Schembechler at Miami

(Ohio), posted a sign reading "Those Who Say Will Be Champions" on the wall of the NIU locker room when he took over the program in 1996. Over the last 14

MAC BOWL APPEARANCES*			
NIU Ohio Toledo Central Michigan Bowling Green Western Michigan Miami Ball State Buffalo Eastern Michigan Kent State Akron		ANCES* Since 2008 12 12 11 9 8 8 6 6 6 5 3 2	
*includes 2023			

years, that promise has been fulfilled as every freshman class since 2008 has left NIU with at least one MAC Championship ring.

**HUSKIES IN THE MAC:** In 38 seasons as a member of the Mid-American Conference, the Huskies are 169-122-2 all-time. The Huskies own a winning percentage of .635 (134-77) versus MAC foes since re-joining the league in 1997. Since 2010, NIU is 78-32 (.709) against the MAC with three undefeated campaigns, two one-loss seasons and eight division championships, including a run of six-straight (2010-15). NIU originally competed in the MAC from 1975-85.

**MAC MVPS:** Dating back to 2006, Huskie players have won eight of the last 18 MAC Vern Smith Leadership Awards, which goes to the most valuable player in the Mid-American Conference as voted by MAC head coaches. NIU consensus All-American Sutton Smith was the last NIU player to earn the award in 2018. No other league team has had more than three players honored.

### **"THE HARD WAY"**

"The Hard Way" has been a mantra for NIU Football long before hashtags or Twitter/X. The slogan has been embraced by Huskie players and coaches alike since 1996 when it was first introduced at NIU by a junior college transfer named Kenneth Williams during preseason camp. The Hard Way describes the hard work, sacrifice and determination required to get the job done no matter the obstacle. It describes a culture of toughness. The hashtag evolved from a song/chant that is sung in the Huskie locker room following victories.

**NATIONAL RECOGNITION:** In the past 14 seasons, five Huskies have earned first or second team All-America recognition from a major outlet seven times, with Jordan Lynch and Sutton Smith collecting the honor in multiple years. In the 40 years prior (1969-2009), three NIU players earned first or second team All-America honors four times.

LAND OF LINCOLN LEADERS: Since 2010, NIU is the winningest football program among Illinois' seven Division I football programs. The Huskies are 1-1 versus in-state FBS programs with a 2014 win over Northwestern and a 2010 loss at Illinois. With its win over Western Illinois in the 2024 season opener, NIU is 5-1 versus in-state FCS opponents over the last 13 seasons. NIU has also played more games (180) since 2010 than any other state school.

Illinois' Division I School	s Since 2010		
Team	W	L	Pct.
NIU	111	70	.613
Illinois State	94	66	.587
Northwestern	91	83	.523
Southern Illinois	75	85	.469
Eastern Illinois	62	93	.400
Illinois	66	103	.390
Western Illinois	52	105	.331

**LEADER OF THE MAC:** NIU currently ranks just behind Toledo for the most wins by a Mid-American Conference team since 2010. The Huskies have the edge in trips to the conference championship game and MAC championships (2011, 2012, 2014, 2018, 2021) while the Rockets have played in the game three times in that time (2017, 2022, 2023).

#### MAC W-L Records Since 2010

W	L
117	59
111	70
106	68
88	83
77	93
74	95
74	93
74	94
73	98
65	104
60	105
44	122
	117 111 106 88 77 74 74 74 74 73 65 60

**TIGHT COMPETITION:** According to research conducted by CBS Sports' Tom Fornelli, since 2014 (minus 2020), the MAC had the third highest percentage of conference games decided by one score or less among all FBS conferences (41.5%) and played the second fewest number of "blowouts" (17+ point differential).

### **2024 NIU PERSONNEL CHART**

#### **LETTERWINNERS\* RETURNING - 50**

Offense (19): TE Grayson Barnes, RB Antario Brown, OL Evan Buss#, TE Chris Carter, OG John Champe, QB Ethan Hampton, WR Jalen Johnson, FB Brock Lampe, OG J.J. Lippe, RB Justin Lynch#, OL Evan Malcore, OL Izzy Ozoh, WR Dane Pardridge, OL Matthew Schooley, WR Trayvon Rudolph, TE Tristen Tewes, WR Cam Thompson, RB Gavin Williams, OG Logan Zschernitz.

Defense (27): CB JaVaughn Byrd, DT Cam Crowell, CB Shaad Dabney, DE Ivan Davis#, LB Jaden Dolphin, CB Jacob Finley, LB Jake Gassaway, DT Skyler Gill-Howard, DT Cade Haberman, S Jordan Hansen, S Muhammed Jammeh, CB Amariyun Knighten, S Cyrus McGarrell, CB Ty Myles, DT Devonte O'Malley, DE Pierce Oppong#, S Trey Porter, S Jashon Prophete, LB Joey Rattin, DE Nevaeh Sanders, DT Demond Taylor Jr., DE Raishein Thomas, LB Quinn Urwiler#, S Nate Valcarcel, DT Jacob Waskow, DL Jalonnie Williams, DL Roy Williams.

Specialist (4): P Tom Foley, LS Isaac Hatfield, KO Jake Seibert, PK Kanon Woodill

#### **LETTERWINNERS LOST - 21**

**Offense (12):** TE Drew Cassens, WR Billy Dozier, OL Drew Hoth, QB Rocky Lombardi, OL Pete Nygra, WR Davis Patterson, OL Luke Pinnick, OL Tyler Pitcel#, OT Nolan Potter, WR Kacper Rutkiewicz, OL Seth Thompson, WR Trey Urwiler

**Defense (9):** CB Gabriel Amegatcher, S C.J.Brown#, DT James Ester, S Louis Frye#, LB Daron Gilbert, DE George Gumbs#, LB Tyler Jackson, S Devin Lafayette, LB Rashon Myles **Specialists (0):** 

# Previous year letterwinner (not 2023).

#### **+RETURNING STARTERS - 22**

Offense (9): RB Antario Brown, @OT Evan Buss, OG John Champe, WR Jalen Johnson, FB Brock Lampe, OG J.J. Lippe, OT Evan Malcore, WR Trayvon Rudolph, @C Logan Zschernitz **Defense (9):** CB JaVaughn Byrd, LB Jaden Dolphin, CB Jacob Finley, S Jordan Hansen, DT Devonte O'Malley, DB Jashon Prophete, DE Rashein Thomas, S Nate Valcarcel, DE Roy Williams

Specialists (4): P Tom Foley, LS Isaac Hatfield, KO Jake Seibert, PK Kanon Woodill

#### +STARTERS LOST - 7

Offense (4): WR Davis Patterson (6), QB Rocky Lombardi, CB Pete Nygra, OT Nolan Potter. Defense (3): DT James Ester, DE George Gumbs, LB DaRon Gilbert. Specialists (0):

+Started at least 6 games in 2023 unless otherwise noted. @2022 starter

#### **NEW TRANSFERS - 7**

,TE Jake Appleget (Nebraska), **LB Christian Fuhrman (SEMO)**, WR Kenji Lewis (UAPB), QB Kenny Lueth (American River College), QB Jalen Macon (UAPB), WR Andrew McElroy (St. Thomas), LB Marc Pretto (Fordham).

#### 2023 REDSHIRTS - 21

S Santana Banner, OL Evan Buss, S Owen Belman, DE Ivan Davis, RB Garrett Gensler, WR Christopher Gore, DT Mark Hensley, QB Josh Holst, OL Landon Hron, OL Michael Jimmar, RB Justin Lynch, LB Filip Maciorowski, OL Christian Medlock, DE Pierce Oppong, OL Thomas Paasch, RB Jaylen Poe, OL Luke Skartvedt, TE Jay'Shon Thomas, WR Kyle Thomas, S Ethan Tierney, OL Jacob Welch.

Bold indicates has undergraduate degree

### **ROSTER BREAKDOWN**

BY EXPERIENCE	E Off.	Def.	Spec.	Total
6th Season	3	1	0	4
5th Season	3	7	2	12
4th Season	4	9	2	15
3rd Season	5	12	0	17
2nd Season	17	8	2	27
1st Season	21	21	2	44

#### **BY POSITION**

Offensive Line	
Tight End	8
Fullback	
Wide Receiver	13
Running Back	9
Quarterback	5
Defensive End	
Defensive Tackle	
Linebacker	
Safety	11
Cornerback	10
Kicker/Punter	
Long Snapper	2

#### **BY STATE/PROVINCE**

Illinois	45
Wisconsin	20
Georgia	11
lowa	8
Michigan	6
FIORIDa	5
Nebraska	5
California	3
Indiana	3
Ohio	
Tennessee	2
Alabama	1
Arizona	1
Colorado	1
Minnesota	1
Missouri	1
New Jersey	1
South Carolina	1
Virginia	1
Ontario (Canada)	1

### **NIU OPPONENTS THIS WEEK**

Western Illinois	at Indiana (Fri.)
Notre Dame	NIU
Buffalo	at Missouri
N.C. State	Tennessee
UMass	at Toledo
Bowling Green	at Penn State
Toledo	UMass
Ball State	Missouri State
Western Michigan	
Akron	at Rutgers
Miami (Ohio)	Idle
Central Michiganat F	Iorida International

## **ABOUT THE OPPONENT**

## **NOTRE DAME FIGHTING IRISH**

Head Coach (Alma Mater/Year)	
Record at Notre Dame/Years	
Career Record/Years	Same
2023 Record	
Location	Notre Dame, Ind.
Enrollment	
Conference	Independent
Colors	Blue and Gold
Stadium	Notre Dame Stadium
Surface/Capacity	
President	
Athletic Director	
Athletics Website	FightingIrish.com
Twitter	0 0

#### **SERIES HISTORY**

#### FIRST MEETING

#### **NOTRE DAME 2024 SCHEDULE**

Day, Date	Opponent (TV)	Time (CT)
Sat., Aug. 31	at #20 Texas A&M (ABC)	W, 23-13
Sat., Sept. 7	NIU (NBC/Peacock)	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 14	at Purdue (CBS)	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 21	MIAMI (NBC/Peacock)	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 28	LOUISVILLE (Peacock)	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 12	STANFORD (NBC/Peacock)	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 19	vs. Georgia Tech (TBA)	TBA
Sat., Oct. 26	vs. Navy (ABC/ESPN)	11:00 a.m.
Sat., Nov. 9	FLORIDA STATE (NBC/Peacock)	6:30 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 16	VIRGINIA (NBC/Peacock)	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 23	ARMY WEST POINT (NBC/Peacock)	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 30	at USC (TBA)	TBA

#### **TEAM COMPARISON**

<b>NIU</b> 54.0 15.0 312.0	<b>ND</b> 23.0 13.0
15.0	
	13.0
312.0	
012.0	198.0
94.0	146.0
394.0	158.0
204.0	100.0
706.0	356.0
298.0	246.0
0/0	0/2
1/0	1/1
7.5%/25.0%	16.7%/30.8%
6.7%/0.0%	100%/100%
0.0	19.0
10.0	0.0
2-1	1-0
<b>3</b> /25.0	11/99.0
0-0	3-3
	394.0 204.0 706.0 <b>298.0</b> 0/0 1/0 7.5%/25.0% 6.7%/0.0% 0.0 10.0 2-1 <b>3</b> /25.0

## **NIU-WIU GAME RECAP**

			LAST	WEE	K				
A	ug. :	31, 20	24 • DeKalb, III.				F	inal	
	2	V	Vestern Illinois	3	0	5	7	15	5
		<b>5</b> N	IIU	6	28	13	7	54	
			Scoring S	Sumn	nary				
Team	Qtr.	Time	Scoring Play				PlYds	тор	Score
NIU	1st	12:21	Hampton 8 pass to Pardrid	ge (Woo	odill PAT r	nissed)	2-46	0:25	0-6
WIU	1st	0:51	Chadha 44 FG				11-61	4:35	3-6
NIU	2nd	12:36	Hampton 11 pass to Tho	mpson	(Woodil	I PAT)	8-75	3:15	3-13
NIU	2nd	8:47	Rudolph 60 rush (Wo	odill P/	AT)		1-60	0:08	3-20
NIU	2nd	1:55	Hampton 11 pass to P	ipkin (	Woodill	PAT)	9-68	5:05	3-27
NIU	2nd	0:40	Hampton 43 pass to R	udolph	(Woodi	ll PAT)	4-60	0:44	3-34
NIU	3rd	13:28	Hampton 60 pass to E	Barnes	(Wood	ill PAT)	3-75	1:32	3-41
NIU	3rd	4:22	Poe 7 rush (Woodill P.	AT blo	cked)		14-88	7:06	3-47
WIU	3rd	4:22	Greenhoward blocked	d PAT r	return				5-47
WIU	3rd	1:39	Chadha 46 FG				8-50	2:36	8-47
NIU	4th	8:00	Macon 5 rush (Woodi	ll PAT)			12-64	5:31	8-54
WIU	4th	2:59	Lamb 27 pass to Farm	ner Jr. (	Chadha	a PAT)	9-81	4:56	15-54

### **TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

	WI
First Downs (R-P)	17 (7-10
Rushes-Net Yards	29-9
Passing Yards	20
Passes (C-A-I)	17-29-
Plays-Total Yards	58-29
Fumbles-Lost	0-
Penalties-Yards	5-4
Kickoff Returns-Yds	9-16
Punt Returns-Yds	0-
3rd Down Conv.	3-1
4th Down Conv.	0-
Punts-Average	6-37.
Possession Time	28:2
Sacks By-Yards	0-

7 (7-10)30 (14-16)
29-94 41-312
204
17-29-023-29-0
58-298 70-706
0-02-1
5-433-25
9-1640-0
0-01-10
3-127-8
0-00-0
6-37.01-32.0
28:26
0-01- <b>4</b>

# NU Rushing - WIU: Smith 14-51, Lamb 0)...30 (14-16) 8-28, Farmer Jr. 6-13; NIU: Brown 94.......41-312 8-69, Rudolph 2-67-1TD, Poe 7-42 14.........394 1TD, Lynch 6-42, Williams 9-41, -0......23-29-0 Macon 5-27-1TD.

- Passing WIU: Lamb 17-29-0-1TD, 204; <u>NIU:</u> Hampton 18-20-0-5TD, 328.
- **Receiving** <u>WIU</u>: Duncan 5-68, Aragon 3-26, Anaya 3-13, Davis 2-46, Farmer Jr. 2-36-1TD. <u>NIU</u>: Barnes 5-95-1TD, Rudolph 4-104-1TD, Brown 2-45, Thompson 2-36, Dimopoulos 2-25, Poe 2-25, Williams 2-8.
- Tackles WIU: Jones 13, Crandall 6. <u>NIU:</u> R. Williams 6, Jammeh 4, Fuhrman 4.



## **NIU Head Coach Thomas Hammock**

In five seasons as head coach at Northern Illinois University, Thomas Hammock has successfully guided the Huskies through the COVID-19 season of 2020, won a Mid-American Conference Championship in 2021 and, in 2023, led NIU to its first bowl victory in 12 seasons. A two-time first team CoSIDA Academic All-American and two-time first team All Mid-American Conference running back durng his Huskie playing days (1999-2002), Hammock still ranks 14th on NIU's all-time rushing list with 2,432 yards in 32 games. He was inducted into the NIU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2022.

Hammock, who came back to NIU in January 2019 as head coach after five seasons (2014-18) as an assistant coach with the Baltimore Ravens, ranks seventh all-time at NIU in number of games coached and needs one win to move into seventh on the career wins list. The New Jersey native who originally came to NIU from Fort Wayne, Indiana, is the first African-American head coach in NIU football history and the first alumnus to lead the Huskies as a FBS program.

In his third season as head coach in 2021, Hammock led the second-youngest team in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) to a 9-5 record and the Mid-American Conference Championship after the Huskies went winless (0-6) during the COVID-shortened 2020 campaign. NIU became the first FBS team to win its conference championship game one year



after going winless. Hammock was named the MAC Coach of the Year and was one of 13 finalists for the FWAA's Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award, becoming just the fourth coach from a MAC school to be named a finalist for the honor.

Hammock began his coaching career at Wisconsin, where he spent two seasons as a graduate assistant, followed by two seasons as an assistant at NIU under his college coach, Huskie Hall of Famer Joe Novak (2005-06). He was an assistant at Minnesota and Wisconsin before joining the Ravens in 2014.

In five seasons as the running backs coach for the Ravens, Baltimore's rushing attack finished in the top 11 in the NFL three times, including in 2018 when the Ravens had the second-best rushing offense in the league. The Ravens made the playoffs twice during his time in Baltimore.

Hammock helped mentor running back Justin Forsett to his first career Pro Bowl in 2014 as he rushed for a career-high 1,266 yards, fifth-most in the NFL. Baltimore fullback Kyle Juszczyk was selected to the Pro Bowl for the first time in 2016 after leading the NFL in catches (37) and receiving

### **ABOUT HAMMOCK**

#### **COACHING EXPERIENCE**

2019-	NIU (Head Coach)
2014-18	Baltimore Ravens (Running Backs)
2011-13	Wisconsin
	Asst. Head Coach/RBs/Recruiting Coord. (2012-13)
	• Running Backs (2011)
2007-10	Minnesota
	Running Backs (2007-09)     George (Durphing Backs (2010)
2005-06	Co-Offensive Coord./Running Backs (2010)
2003-06	NIU (Running Backs) Wisconsin (Graduate Assistant)
2003-04	Wisconsin (Graduate Assistant)
POSTSEAS	ON EXPERIENCE
2023	Camellia Bowl (NIU)
2021	Tailgreeter Cure Bowl (NIU)
2021	MAC Championship (NIU)
2018	NFL Playoffs (Baltimore Ravens)
2014	NFL Playoffs (Baltimore Ravens)
2013	Capital One Bowl (Wisconsin)
2012	Rose Bowl Game (Wisconsin)
2012	Big Ten Championship Game (Wisconsin)
2011 2011	Rose Bowl Game (Wisconsin) Big Ten Championship Game (Wisconsin)
2009	Insight Bowl (Minnesota)
2008	Insight Bowl (MInnesota)
2006	Poinsettia Bowl (NIU)
2005	MAC Championship (NIU)
2004	Outback Bowl (Wisconsin)
2003	Music City Bowl (Wisconsin)
PLAYING EX	
1999-2002	NIU (Tailback)

#### EDUCATION

College	B.S., NIU, 2002
-	M.S., Wisconsin, 2005
High School	Bishop Luers (Ind.), 1999

#### PERSONAL

Birthplace	Jersey City, N.J.
Hometown	Fort Wayne, Ind.
Family	Wife, Cheynnitha, daughter Tierra; son Thomas
-	Douglas

yards (266) by a fullback.

Prior to his five seasons in Baltimore, Hammock spent three years at Wisconsin as running backs coach and assistant head coach. In 2011, the Badgers ranked 11th nationally in rushing, while Montee Ball led the nation in rushing yards (1,923) and broke the NCAA single-season touchdown record with 39. Ball was a consensus first team All-American and a Heisman Trophy finalist as the Badgers finished 11-3 and played in the Rose Bowl.

The following season, Wisconsin again ranked among the nation's elite rushing teams, Ball became the NCAA's all-time leader in rushing scores and won the Doak Walker Award as the nation's top running back.

Hammock returned to DeKalb as an assistant coach in 2005-06. In his first season, NIU Hall of Famer Garrett Wolfe rushed for 1,580 yards and 16 touchdowns in just nine games as NIU won the MAC West Division and appeared in the MAC Championship Game for the first time.

During the 2006 campaign, Wolfe rushed for an NCAA-best 1,928 yards as the Huskies reached the Poinsettia Bowl. Hammock helped Wolfe earn All-America and first team All-MAC honors in both 2005 and 2006. Wolfe was also the Vern Smith Leadership Award winner as the MAC's Most Valuable Player in 2006.

Hammock spent the 2007-10 seasons as the running backs coach at the University of Minnesota, helping the Golden Gophers to the Insight Bowl in both 2008 and 2009. Hammock was named the co-offensive coordinator at Minnesota for the 2010 season and the Gophers moved up 26 spots nationally in rushing and 34 spots in total offense.

Hammock earned his bachelor's degree in marketing from NIU in December 2002, and a master's in educational leadership and policy analysis from Wisconsin in 2004. He and his wife, Cheynnitha, also a NIU alum, have a daughter, Tierra, and a son, Thomas Douglas.

Y	<b>7EAR BY</b>	YEAR R	ECORD
Year	Overall	MAC	Finish
2019			3rd, West
2020*	0-6		6th, West
2021		6-2	MAC Champions
2022			6th, West
2023	7-6		2nd, West
2024			
Total	25-33	17-21	•••••
	*Season shortened d	ue to COVID-19	

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#### **NIU COACHING STAFF**

## **NICK BENEDETTO**

Defensive Co	ordinator/Safeties
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Third Season at NIU

Sioux Falls

D.J. B

Game Location: Coaches' Box

**ADAM BRESKE** 

Game Location: Coaches' Box

Second Season at NIU Northern Colorado

Linebackers/Special Teams Coordinator





Offensive Coordinator/Running Backs

Second Season at NIU

South Dakota

Game Location: Coaches' Box

	LUKE MEADOWS
-	Offensive Line
k	First Season at NIU
	South Dakota State
3	Game Location: Sidelines

D.J. BLAND	
Cornerbacks	
Second Season at NIU	
Eastern Illinois	
Game Location: Sidelines	

ERIC EIDSNESS
Quarterbacks
Sixth Season at NIU
Sioux Falls
Came Location: Coaches' Boy



Game Location: Coaches' Box	

JORDAN GIGLI	
Defensive Line	
Defensive Run Game Coordinator	
Sixth Season at NIU	
Trine	

Game Location: Sidelines





TRAVIS MOORE		CORY WHITE
Defensive Ends		Tight Ends
Sixth Season at NIU		Second Season at NIU
NIU		Humboldt State
Game Location: Sidelines		Game Location: Sidelines

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### MAC CHAMPIONS 1983, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2018, 2021

### **NIU PLAYERS TO WATCH**

#### **81 GRAYSON BARNES** Avg. Lg Year G/GS Rec. TD Yds. 2022 1/0 5 95 19.0 60 1 TE | 6-5 | 225 | Sr. | Rocklin, Calif. | Rocklin HS/American River CC 6 Career 14/1 28 517 18.5 60

• Had a team-high five receptions against Western Illinois (8-31) for 95 yards... Scored on a 60-yard touchdown reception, the longest catch of his NIU career... Second on the team in receiving yards in 2023 with 422... Led the Huskies with 18.3 yards per reception... Had a season-high five receptions and 105 yards with a touchdown in NIU's Camellia Bowl win over Arkansas State (12-23-23)... First NIU tight end with 100 receiving yards in a game since Mitchell Brinkman at Ohio on Oct. 12, 2019... Caught a 16-yard touchdown pass in NIU's bowl-clinching win at Kent State (11-25-23)... Had a 58-yard touchdown reception in win over Ohio (10-14-23)... Caught two passes for 31 yards in his NIU debut at Boston College (9-2-23).

## **1 ANTARIO BROWN**

RB | 5-10 | 219 | Sr. | Savannah, Ga. | Beach HS

Year	G/GS	Att.		Avg.		
2024	1/1	8	69	8.6	0	23
Career	1/1 33/17	411	69 2592	6.3	22	86

• 2024 Maxwell, Walter Camp and Doak Walker Award watch list...2024 Preseason First Team All-MAC by

Athlon and Phil Steele... Led NIU with 69 rushing yards in win over Western Illinois (8-31)... Also had a career-high 45 receiving yards... 2023 All-MAC Offensive First Team selection... The leading returning rusher in the MAC after posting 1,296 yards and 10 touchdowns... Had four games of at least 150 rushing yards in 2023... Ran for 132 yards in the Huskies' Camellia Bowl win over Arkansas State (12-23-23)... Had 89 yards and a touchdown in bowl-clinching win at Kent State (11-25-23)... Ran for 159 yards and two TDs on 21 carries in win over WMU (11-14-23)... Posted his third 100-yard rushing game of the season with 167 yards and a touchdown at CMU (10-31-23)...MAC West Offensive Player of the Week (10-9-23) after rushing for a career-high 280 yards and four touchdowns in win at Akron (10-7-23)... Sixth Huskie to run for over 275 yards in a game... Averaged 21.5 yards per rush, breaking an NIU single-game record set by Stacey Robinson in 1989... Ran for 152 yards on 16 carries at Toledo (9-30-23).

2 JAVAUGHN BYRD		G/GS						
CB   6-0   186   Sr.   Milwaukee, Wis.   Rufus King HS	2024 Career	., .	•	1 111	0.0	•	•	Ũ

. 2024 Preseason First Team All-MAC by Athlon, Preseason Second Team All-MAC by Phil Steele... Named to 2023 All-MAC Second Team Defense... Tied for team lead in interceptions with three... Made four tackles, including a tackle for loss, and intercepted a pass in NIU's Camellia Bowl win over Arkansas State (12-23-23)... Had three tackles, including a tackle for loss, in win over WMU (11-14-23)... Made a season-high five tackles and forced a fumble in win over Eastern Michigan (10-21-23)... Had three tackles and an interception in win over Ohio (10-14-23)... Also had three tackles at Nebraska (9-16-23)... Recorded his first career interception in overtime win at Boston College (9-2-23)... Started six of eight games played in 2022, making 38 tackles... Started the last seven games of the 2021 MAC Championship season... Made five tackles in the MAC title game victory over Kent State (12-4-21)... Had a fumble recovery against Bowling Green (10-16-21).

## **76 JOHN CHAMPE**

OL | 6-4| 321 | Sr. | Brookfield, Wis. | Brookfield East

• 2024 Preseason Second Team All-MAC selection by Athlon and Fourth Team by Phil Steele... Has played in 46 games in his NIU career, starting 29... The NIU offensive line has not allowed a sack in five consecutive games...Started all 13 games at right guard in 2023... NIU ranked second in the MAC in both rushing offense (179.6 yards per game) and total offense (369.4 yards per game)... Blocked as Huskies ran for three touchdowns and clinched a bowl berth at Kent State (11-25)... Helped offense as it amassed a season-high 380 yards against Akron (10/7)... Key member of 2022 offensive line which led the MAC and was 10th in the nation in sacks allowed... Team ranked 34th in the FBS in rushing yards with 190.4 per game... In 2021 he appeared in all 12 games.

26 JADEN DOLPHIN		G/GS					
LB   6-2   220   Sr.   Des Plaines, III.   Maine West HS	2024 Career		 _	3 155	 -	-	0 5

• 2024 Preseason Second Team All-MAC by Phil Steele, Fourth Team by Athlon... NIU's leading

returning tackler with 61 in 2023... Had a team-high six tackles in NIU's Camellia Bowl win over Arkansas State (12-23-23)... Led NIU in tackles with eight in the Huskies' win over Eastern Michigan (10-21-23), adding two pass breakups... Made a team-high seven tackles in win at Akron (10-7)... Led NIU with seven tackles at Toledo (9-30)... Recorded five tackles with a tackle for loss vs. Tulsa (9-23)... Had four tackles and a pass breakup at Nebraska (9-16)... Made five tackles vs. SIU (9-9)... Fourth on the team in tackles in 2022 with 52...Added two tackles for loss, two pass breakups and a forced fumble... Tallied a career-high 16 tackles against Central Michigan (11-2-22) in his first start of 2022, adding a forced fumble and a pass breakup.

2 ETHAN HAMPTON	Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Comp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD Lg
		1/1	1	8	8.0	0	8	18-20-0	90.0	328	5 60
QB   6-3   216   JrR   Elburn, III.   Aurora Christian HS	Career	11/5	22	-2	-0.1	0	9	113-185-8	61.1	1296	14 70

• MAC Offensive Player of the Week (9-2)... Threw for a career-high 328 yards and five touchdowns in last week's win over Western Illinois (8-31)... First 300-yard game from an NIU QB since Rocky Lombardi threw for a school record 532 yards at Kent State on Nov. 3, 2021... Also first five-touchdown game for an NIU passer since Nov. 1, 2011 when Chandler Harnish had six against Toledo... Broke the NIU single-game passer efficiency record with a mark of 310.3... Started four games in the 2022 season, throwing for 798 yards and seven touchdowns... Made his first career start at Kentucky (9-24-22), going 13-for-25 for 196 yards and a two-yard touchdown pass that put NIU up 7-0 in the first quarter.

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### **NIU PLAYERS TO WATCH**

## 79 J.J. LIPPE

#### OL | 6-5 | 311 | Sr.-R | Milwaukee, Wis. | Whitefish Bay

• 2024 Preseason Second Team All-MAC by Phil Steele and Third Team by Athlon... A three-time Academic All-MAC selection... Helped pave the way for NIU's 706 yards of total offense last week against Western Illinois (8-31), the third-most yards in a single game in NIU history... The NIU offensive line has not allowed a sack in five straight games... Started all 13 games in 2023 at left guard... Blocked for an NIU offense that racked up 506 yards of total offense at Central Michigan (10-31-23)... Helped lead Huskies to a season-high 380 rushing yards and 571 yards of total offense at Akron (10-7-23)... Played in nine games while starting seven in 2022... Started at left guard, right tackle and center... Huskies rushed for 190.4 per game in 2022, good for 34th in FBS... Played and started all 14 games in 2021 MAC Championship season... Helped the Huskies to a No. 2 ranking in FBS in fewest sacks allowed with 10 in 14 games.

## **8 DEVONTE O'MALLEY**

DT | 6-2 | 288 | Sr. | Midlothian, III. | Bremen HS

Year				Total			FF	PBU
2023	13/13	15	20	35	4.5	3.0	0	0
Career	45/33	46	45	91	4.5 18.5	14.5	3	0

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• 2024 Preseason All-MAC First Team selection by Phil Steele and All-MAC Second Team selec-

tion by Athlon... Leads all current NIU defensive linemen with 14.5 career sacks... Had 35 tackles in 2023 with 4.5 tackles for loss and three sacks... Made four tackles and a tackle for loss in bowl-clinching win at Kent State (11-25-23)... Had a sack and an interception against Eastern Michigan (10-21-23)... Also recorded a sack in win at Akron (10-7-23)... Had a season-high five tackles at Toledo (9-30-23), tying a career-high... Made four tackles in NIU's season-opening overtime win at Boston College (9-2-23)... 2022 All-MAC Second Team selection... Tied for the team lead in sacks (5.5) and second in tackles for loss (7.0) in 2022... Collected a career-high two sacks at Eastern Michigan (10-15-22) with four tackles...Made a career-high five tackles at Kentucky (9-24-22) with 1.5 tackles for loss and half a sack.

## **1 JASHON PROPHETE**

I JASHUN FRUFHEIE		6/65				
DB   5-11   175   Sr.   Pompano Beach, Fla.   Blanche Ely	2024 Career	1/1 38/18				0 1

• 2024 Preseason All-MAC Third Team selection by Athlon... Started all 13 games for the Huskies in 2023... Led the team with eight pass breakups... Made two tackles in Huskies' bowl-clinching win at Kent State (11-25-23) while adding a season-high three pass breakups... Made five tackles including a tackle for loss and one pass breakup against Western Michigan (11-14-23)... Added four tackles at Central Michigan (10-31-23)... Had four tackles and two pass breakups against Eastern Michigan (10-21-23)... Added five tackles in win over Ohio (10-14)... Forced a fumble in the Huskies' matchup at Toledo (9-30-23).

85 TRAYVON RUDOLPH	Year 2024	G/GS 1/0		Avg. 26.0	Lg	Rush	Yds. 67	TD 1	Lg 60
WR   5-10   187   SrR   Crete, III.   Crete-Monee HS	Career	34/19	1759		75	32	362		75

• 2024 Preseason All-MAC Second Team selection by both Athlon and Phil Steele... Had his fifth career 100-yard receiving game in season-opener against Western Illinois (8-31), catching four passes for 104 yards and a touchdown... Also rushed for 67 yards, 60 of which were on a second quarter touchdown reverse... Named to 2023 All-MAC Offensive Third Team... Led NIU with 51 receptions and 531 receiving yards... Had at least five receptions in five of the last six games of the 2023 season... Recorded a 34-yard rush and two receptions for 38 yards in bowl-clinching win at Kent State (11-25-23)... Posted his third game of 2023 with over 100 all-purpose yards vs. Ball State (11-7)... Caught six passes for 57 yards against the Cardinals, rushed for 69 yards including a 35-yard touchdown run, and had a 23-yard kick return... Had a season-high eight receptions and 172 receiving yards at CMU (10-31); scored on a 72-yard touchdown pass from Rocky Lombardi, the longest pass play of the season for NIU... Had 141 all-purpose yards in NIU's win at Akron (10-7)... Returned a kickoff 48 yards against the Zips.

9 NATE VALCARCEL				Total 3		-
S   6-1   192   Sr.   Greenfield, Wis.   Whitnall HS/South Dakota	Career	 -	-	-	 -	

• 2024 Preseason All-MAC First Team selection by Phil Steele and Second Team selection by Athlon... Made three tackles and broke up a pass in NIU's win over Western Illinois (8-31)... Had 46 tackles in 2023, tying for the team lead with three interceptions... Made four tackles in NIU's Camellia Bowl win over Arkansas State (12-23-23)... Had three tackles at Kent State in final game of regular season (11-25-23)... Recorded a turnover for the fourth straight game with an interception against Ohio (10-14-23)... Had an interception and two tackles in win at Akron (10-7-23)... Scored his first career touchdown at Toledo (9-30-23), returning a fumble recovery 50 yards... Recorded his first career interception against Tulsa (9-23-23)... Led NIU with a career-high nine tackles at Nebraska (9-16-23)... Had five tackles, including a tackle for loss, in win at Boston College (9-2-23).

97 ROY WILLIAMS	Year 2024	G/GS 1/1					
DE   6-6   251   Jr.   Crestwood, III.   Alan B. Shepard	Career		 -	31	 	-	1

• Led NIU with a career-high six tackles and a sack in win over Western Illinois (8-31)...Started first five games of season while appearing in all 13 in 2023... Also started the Camellia Bowl (12-23-23), recording a tackle for loss... Finished 2023 with 5.5 tackles for loss and 3.5 sacks... Had a half-sack in shutout win over Western Michigan (11-14-23)... Made three tackles in win over Eastern Michigan (10-21-23)... Had a seven-yard sack and three solo tackles in win at Akron (10-7-23)... Season-high four tackles came against Tulsa (9-23-23).... Had first sack of career and a pass breakup in season-opening win at Boston Colege (9-2-23) ... Appeared in six games in 2022.

## **NIU FOOTBALL 2024 STATISTICS**

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## **TEAM STATISTICS**

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			NI	J		OPP			
SCORING			54	4		15	Ē		
Points Per Game			54.0	0		15.0	H		
Points Off Turnovers				0		3	F		
FIRST DOWNS			30			17			
Rushing			14			7	F		
Passing			1			10	İ		
Penalty				0		0			
RUSHING YARDAGE			312			94	1		
Yards gained rushing			319			104 10			
Yards lost rushing			4	7 1		29	١.		
Rushing Attempts			4 7.0			3.2			
Average Per Rush Average Per Game			312.0			94.0	İ		
TDs Rushing				3		94.0 0	ł		
PASSING YARDAGE			394			204.0			
Comp-Att-Int		2	23-29-0		1	7-29-0			
Average Per Pass		-	13.0		•	7.0	E		
Average Per Catch			17.			12.0	E		
Average Per Game			394.0			204.0			
TDs Passing				5		1	E		
TOTAL OFFENSE			70	6		298			
Total Plays			70	0		58			
Average Per Play			10.	1		5.1	l		
Average Per Game			706.0	0		298.0	F		
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards			0-0			9-164	Ì		
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards			1-1(			0-0	<u>F</u>		
INT RETURNS: #-Yards			0-0			0-0	0		
KICK RETURN AVERAGE			0.0			18.2	1		
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE			10.0			0.0	Ī		
INT RETURN AVERAGE			0.0			0.0	1		
FUMBLES-LOST			2-			0-0	E		
PENALTIES-Yards			3-2: 25.0			5-43 43.0	F		
Average Per Game PUNTS-Yards			25.0 1-32			43.0 6-222	Ē		
Average Per Punt			32.0			37.0	1		
Net punt average			32.0			35.5	ŀ		
KICKOFFS-Yards			9-51			4-255	F		
Average Per Kick			57.			63.8	11		
Net kick average			39.4			40.0	1		
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game			31:34			28:26	0		
3RD-DOWN Conversions			7/3			3/12	١.		
3rd-Down Pct			88%			25%	<u>F</u>		
4TH-DOWN Conversions			0/0	0		0/0	1		
4th-Down Pct			0%	6		0%			
SACKS BY-Yards			1-4	4		0-0			
MISC YARDS			(	0		0			
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED			1	8		1			
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS			0-0	0		2-3	0		
ON-SIDE KICKS			0-0			0-0			
RED-ZONE SCORES									
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS			-6) 67%		-	-0) 0%			
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(6-	-8) 75%		(1-1)	100%				
ATTENDANCE			1082						
Games/Avg Per Game		1	/1082	В					
Neutral Site Games									
SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	от	Total			
NIU	6	28	13	7	0	<u>54</u>			
Opponents	3	0	5	7	0	15			
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RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	La	<u>Avg/G</u>
BROWN, Antario	1	8	72	3	69	8.6	0	23	69.0
RUDOLPH, Trayvon	1	2	67	Ō	67	33.5	1	60	67.0
LYNCH, Justin	1	6	45	3	42	7.0	0	31	42.0
POE, Jaylen	1	7	42	0	42	6.0	1	10	42.0
WILLIAMS, Gavin	1	9	41	Õ	41	4.6	Ó	7	41.0
MACON, Jalen	1	5	27	ŏ	27	5.4	Ĭ	9	27.0
PARDRIDGE, Dane	1	1	15	ŏ	15	15.0	Ó	15	15.0
HAMPTON, Ethan	1	1		ŏ	8	8.0	Ŏ	.8	8.0
LAMPE, Brock	1	1	ž	ŏ	ž	2.0	Ŏ	2	2.0
TEAM	1	1	Ō	1	-1	-1.0	Õ	Ō	-1.0
Total	1	41	319	7	312	7.6	3	60	
Opponents	1	29	104	10	94	3.2	Õ	15	94.0
PASSING	GΕ	ffic.		C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	١a	Ava/G
HAMPTON, Ethan	<u> </u>	10.3		20-0	90.0	328	5	60	<u>Avg/G</u> 328.0
MACON, Jalen	1 1	17.1		1-7-0	57.1	50	0	14	50.0
HOLST, Josh	1 1	17.2		1-2-0	50.0	16	Ő	16	16.0
Total		50.3		29-0	79.3	394	5	60	394.0
Opponents		29.1		29-0	58.6	204	1	29	204.0
	-				_				
RECEIVING	<u> </u>	N	<u>lo.</u>	<u>Yds</u>	<u>Avg</u>			Lg	<u>Avg/G</u>
BARNES, Grayson	1		5	95	19.0			60	95.0
RUDOLPH, Trayvon	1		4	104	26.0	-		47	104.0
WILLIAMS, Gavin	1		2 2 2 2 2	8	4.0			8	8.0
BROWN, Antario	1		2	45	22.5			33	45.0
THOMPSON, Cam	1		2	36	18.0			25	36.0
POE, Jaylen	1		2	25	12.5			14	25.0
DIMOPOULOS, Geo			2	25	12.5			14	25.0
LYNCH, Justin	1		1	16	6.0			6	6.0
MCELROY, Andrew	1		1	16	16.0			16	16.0
PARDRIDGE, Dane	1		1	23	23.0			23	23.0
PIPKIN, Kendrell	1		1	11	11.0			11	11.0
Total	1		23	394	17.1			60	394.0
Opponents	1		17	204	12.0	1		29	204.0
TOTAL OFFENSE	G	PI	ays	Rush	n P	ass	To	tal	Avg/G
HAMPTON, Ethan	1		21	8		328		36	336.0
MACON, Jalen	1		12	27		50	0	77	77.0
BROWN, Antario	1		8	69		Õ		69	69.0
RUDOLPH, Trayvon	1		2	67		ŏ		67	67.0
LYNCH, Justin	1		6	42		ŏ		42	42.0
POE, Jaylen	1		7	42		0		42	42.0
	1		9	42				42 41	42.0
WILLIAMS, Gavin	-		2		-	0			
HOLST, Josh	1			(		16		16	16.0
PARDRIDGE, Dane	1		1	15		0		15	15.0
LAMPE, Brock	1		1	2		0		2	2.0
TEAM	1		0	-1		0		-1	-1.0
Total	1		70	312	2	394		06	706.0
Opponents	1		58	94	1	204	2	98	298.0
PUNT RETURNS			No	<b>)</b> .	Yds	Avq	т	D	Long
PARDRIDGE, Dane				<u>,</u> 1	10	10.0		0	10
Total				1	10	10.0		0	10
					0				
Opponents				0	0	0.0		0	0
KICK RETURNS			No		Yds	Avg	T	D	Long
				**	0	0.0		()	
Total				0	0	0.0		0	0
Total Opponents				9	164	18.2		0	29

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS** 

## **NIU FOOTBALL 2024 STATISTICS**

2024 LONG PLAYS												
1	lo.	Long										
NIU	1	60, Rudolph! & Barnes! vs. WIU, 8/31										
<u>Rushing</u>	1	60, Rudolph! vs. WIU, 8/31										
Rudolph	1	60! vs. WIU, 8/31										
Passing	5	60, Hampton to Barnes! vs. WIU, 8/31										
by Hampton	5	60 to Barnes! vs. WIU, 8/31										
to Rudolph	2	47 from Hampton vs. WIU, 8/31										
to Barnes	1	60 from Hampton! vs. WIU, 8/31										
to A. Brown	1	33 from Hampton vs. WIU, 8/31										
to Thompson	1	25 from Hampton vs. WIU, 8/31										
Returns	6	55, Pardridge! punt return vs. WMU, 11/14										
by Valcarcel	2	50 fumble recovery! at Toledo, 9/30										
by Dozier	1	29 kick return at Toledo, 9/30										
by McGarrell	1	35 INT return vs. Ohio, 10/14										
by Pardridge	1	55 punt return! vs. WMU, 11/14										
by Rudolph	1	48 kick return at Akron, 10/7										
OPPONENT	4	50 Lamb to Duncan, WIU, 8/31										
Rushing	0											
Passing	3 1	50 Lamb to Duncan, WIU, 8/31										
Returns	1	29 Tate kick return, WIU, 8/31										
* 25 Yards or L	onge	r/!-TD										

				PA	Ts				
SCORING	TD	FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	Pts
RUDOLPH, Trayvon	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
WOODILL, Kanon	-	-	6-8	-	-	-	-	-	6
MACON, Jalen	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
THOMPSON, Cam	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
PARDRIDGE, Dane	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
PIPKIN, Keyshaun	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
POE, Jaylen	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
BARNEŚ, Grayson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	8 1	0-0	6-8	0	0	0	0	0	54
Opponents	I	2-3	1-1	0	0	0	1	0	15
ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Δ	∕q/G
RUDOLPH, Trayvon	1		104	0	0	0	171		71.0
BROWN, Antario	1		45	Õ	Ō	Ō	114	1	14.0
BARNES, Grayson	1	0	95	0	0	Ó	95		95.0
POE, Jaylen	1	42	25	0	0	0	67		67.0
WILLIAMS, Gavin	1		8	0	0	0	49		49.0
LYNCH, Justin	1		6	0	0	0	48		48.0
PARDRIDGE, Dane	1		23	10	0	0	48		48.0
THOMPSON, Cam	1	0	36	0	0	0	36		36.0
MACON, Jalen	1	27	0	0	0	0	27		27.0
DIMOPOULOS, Geo		-	25	0	0	0	25		25.0
MCELROY, Andrew	1	-	16	0	0	0	16		16.0
PIPKIN, Keyshaun	1	0	11	0 0	0	0	11		11.0
HAMPTON, Ethan	1	8 2	0	0	0	0 0	8 2		8.0 2.0
LAMPE, Brock TEAM	1	-1	0	0	0	0	-1		-1.0
Total	1		394	10	0	0	706	7	06.0
Opponents	1		204	0	164	0	462		62.0
000000000000000000000000000000000000000	'	74	204	0	104	0	-702	-	02.0

INTERCEPTIONS			No.	Yd	ls –	Avg	т	D	Long
Total Opponents			0 0		0 0	0.0 0.0		0 0	0 0
FUMBLE RETURN	1S		No.	Yd	ls .	Avg	Т	D	Long
Total Opponents			0 0		0 0	0.0 0.0		0 0	0 0
PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg L	ong	ТВ	FC	120	50+	Blkd
FOLEY, Tom	1	32	<u>32.0</u>	32	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	32	32.0	32	0	0	0	0	0
Opponents	6	222	37.0	45	0	4	1	0	0
KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	s Avg	ТВ	ОВ	Re	tn	Net	YdLn
BULLOCK, Austin	9	519	) 57. <b>7</b>	0	0				
Total	9	519	9 57.7	0	0		9	39.4	25
Opponents	4	255	63.8	3	0		0	40	25
FIELD GOALS	FG-FGA	A Pc	t 1-19	20-2	930-	39 4	0-49	50+	<u>Lg Blk</u>
FG SEQUENCE	ľ	UIV						nent	
Western Illinois	-					3	8,(44	),(46)	

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made

NIU	E	00'	TB/		2024	4 DE	FENS	SIVE	ST/	<b>ITIST</b>	<b>IC</b> S	3	
		Та	ckles			-Sacks-	Pass	Def		-Fumb	les-	Blkd	
	GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	QBH	FR-Yds	FF	Kick	Safety
WILLIAMS, Roy	1	4	2	6	1-4	1-4							
FUHRMAN, Christian	1	1	3	4	0.5-2								
URWILER, Quinn	1	2	2	4	0.5-1								
JAMMEH, Muhammad	1	3	1	4				1					
GILL-HOWARD, Skyler	1	2	2	4									
DOLPHIN, Jaden	1	1	2	3	0.5-0								
GASSAWAY, Jake	1	3		3	1-1								
VALCARCEL, Nate	1	3		3				1					
MCGARRELL, Cyrus	1	3		3									
MACIOROWSKI, Filip	1	2		2									
HENSLEY, Mark	1		2	2	1-2								
BANNER, Santana	1		2	2									
PORTER, Trey	1	2		2									
O'MALLEY, Devonte	1	1	1	2	0.5-1				1				
PROPHETE, Jashon	1	1	1	2									
HANSEN, Jordan	1	1	1	2									
MYLES, Ty	1		1	1									
RATTIN, Joey	1	1		1									
BYRD, JaVaughn	1	1		1									
HABERMAN, Cade	1	1		1									
WILLIAMS, Jalonnie	1		1	1									
FINLEY, Jacob	1	1		1				2					
OPPONG, Pierce	1		1	1									
WASKOW, Jacob	1	1		1									
DAVIS, Ivan	1		1	1									
SANDERS, Nevaeh	1		1	1					1				
BELMAN, Owen	1	1		1									
TIERNEY, Ethan	1	1		1				1					
TAYLOR, Demond	1							1					
Total	1	36	24	60	5-11	1-4	0-0	5	3	0-0	0	0	0
Opponents	1	34	32	66	2-5	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-0	0	1	0
	WILLIAMS, Roy FUHRMAN, Christian URWILER, Quinn JAMMEH, Muhammad GILL-HOWARD, Skyler DOLPHIN, Jaden GASSAWAY, Jake VALCARCEL, Nate MCGARRELL, Cyrus MACIOROWSKI, Filip HENSLEY, Mark BANNER, Santana PORTER, Trey O'MALLEY, Devonte PROPHETE, Jashon HANSEN, Jordan MYLES, Ty RATTIN, Joey BYRD, JaVaughn HABERMAN, Cade WILLIAMS, Jalonnie FINLEY, Jacob OPPONG, Pierce WASKOW, Jacob DAVIS, Ivan SANDERS, Nevaeh BELMAN, Owen TIERNEY, Ethan TAYLOR, Demond <b>Total</b>	Image           WILLIAMS, Roy         1           FUHRMAN, Christian         1           URWILER, Quinn         1           JAMMEH, Muhammad         1           GILL-HOWARD, Skyler         1           DOLPHIN, Jaden         1           GASSAWAY, Jake         1           VALCARCEL, Nate         1           MCGARRELL, Cyrus         1           MACIOROWSKI, Filip         1           HENSLEY, Mark         1           PORTER, Trey         1           O'MALLEY, Devonte         1           PROPHETE, Jashon         1           HANSEN, Jordan         1           MYLES, Ty         1           RATTIN, Joey         1           HABERMAN, Cade         1           WILLIAMS, Jalonnie         1           FINLEY, Jacob         1           OPPONG, Pierce         1           OPONGN, Pierce         1           DAVIS, Ivan         1           SANDERS, Nevaeh         1           BELMAN, Owen         1           TIERNEY, Ethan         1           TAYLOR, Demond         1	Image: Part of the stress of the st	Image: Image:	GPSoloAstTotalWILLIAMS, Roy1426FUHRMAN, Christian1134URWILER, Quinn1224JAMMEH, Muhammad1314GIL-HOWARD, Skyler1224DOLPHIN, Jaden1123GASSAWAY, Jake133VALCARCEL, Nate133MCGARRELL, Cyrus122HENSLEY, Mark122PORTER, Trey122O'MALLEY, Devonte1112PROPHETE, Jashon1111RATTIN, Joey111BYRD, JaVaughn111HABERMAN, Cade111FINLEY, Jacob111DAVIS, Ivan111BLMAN, Owen111BLMAN, Owen111ANDERS, Nevaeh111ANDERS, Nevaeh111FINLEY, Ethan11TIERNEY, Ethan11TIERNEY, Ethan1TIERNEY, Ethan1TIENENTA	Image: Figure	Image: Image:	IP	Image: Constraint of the stress of	Image: Note of the solution of the sol	Image: Nome of the sector of the se	Image: Constraint of the straint of the str	GP         Solo         Ast         Total         TFL/Yds         No-Yds         Int-Yds         BrU         QBH         FR-Yds         FF         Kick           WILLIAMS, Roy         1         4         2         6         1-4         1-4         .

## **NIU FOOTBALL 2024 PARTICIPATION**

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No.	Name	GP/GS	WIU	ND	Buffalo	NCST	UMass	BG	Toledo	BallSt	WMU	Akron	Miami	СМИ
0	GILL-HOWARD, Skyler	1/1	DT											
0	THOMPSON, Cam	1/-	XXX											
1	BROWN, Antario	1/1	RB											
1 2	PROPHETE, Jason BYRD, JaVaughn	1/1 1/1	N CB											
2	HAMPTON, Ethan	1/1	QB											
3	FINLEY, Jacob	1/-	XXX											
3	RUDOLPH, Trayvon	1/-	XXX											
5	KNIGHTEN, Amariyun	1/1	CB											
5	LYNCH, Justin	1/1	RB											
6 7	JAMMEH, Muhammed HANSEN, Jordan	1/- 1/-	XXX XXX											
7	PIPKIN, Keyshaun	1/-	XXX											
8	O'MALLEY, Devonte	1/-	XXX											
8	PARDRIDGE, Dane	1/-	XXX											
9	VALCARCEL, Nate	1/1	S											
10	TAYLOR, Demond	1/- 1/-	XXX											
10 11	THOMAS, Kyle CARTER, Chris	1/-	XXX XXX											
11	WILLIAMS, Jalonnie	1/1	DE											
12	DABNEY, Shaad	1/-	XXX											
13	MYLES, Ty	1/-	XXX											
14	ARMSTRONG, Malik	1/-	XXX											
14 15	MACON, Jalen BANNER, Santana	1/- 1/1	XXX S											
15	HOLST, Josh	1/-	XXX											
16	JOHNSON, Jalen	1/-	XXX											
16	THOMAS, Jay'shon	1/-	XXX											
17	MACIOROWSKI, Filip	1/-	XXX											
18	TIERNEY, Ethan	1/-	XXX											
19 19	MCELROY, Andrew BRAGG, Isaiah	1/- 1/-	XXX XXX											
20	COBB, Andre	1/-	XXX											
21	WILLIAMS, Gavin	1/1	RB											
22	MCGARRELL, Cyrus	1/-	XXX											
24	GIBSON, Dashaun	1/-	XXX											
25	GASSAWAY, Jake	1/-	XXX											
26 27	DOLPHIN, Jaden PORTER, Trey	1/1 1/-	LB XXX											
28	POE, Jaylen	1/-	XXX											
28	SANDERS, Nevaeh	1/-	XXX											
31	BELMAN, Owen	1/-	XXX											
32	URWILER, Quinn	1/-	XXX											
37 42	RATTIN, Joey MONROE, Jordan	1/- 1/-	XXX XXX											
42	FUHRMAN, Christian	1/1	LB											
49	LAMPE, Brock	1/-	XXX											
51	HABERMAN, Cade	1/-	DT											
52	DAVIS, Ivan	1/-	XXX											
54 55	MALCORE, Evan CURRY, Abiathar	1/1 1/-	LT XXX											
55 57	HENSLEY, Mark	1/-	XXX											
60	BUSS, Evan	1/1	RT											
64	SCHOOLEY, Matthew	1/-	XXX											
65	ZSCHERNITZ, Logan	1/1	С											
	MEDLOCK, Christian	1/-	XXX											
75 76	PAASCH, Thomas CHAMPE, John	1/- 1/1	XXX RG											
70	OZOH, Izzy	1/-	XXX											
	LIPPE, J.J.	1/1	LG											
80	APPLEGET, Jake	1/1	TE											
81	BARNES, Grayson	1/-	XXX											
82	TEWES, Tristen	1/1	TE											
84 90	DIMOPOULUS, George JEAN, Reggie	1/- 1/-	XXX XXX											
91	HATFIELD, Isaac	1/-	XXX											
92	WOODILL, Kanon	1/-	XXX											
96	WASKOW, Jacob	1/-	XXX											
97	WILLIAMS, Roy	1/1	DE											
98 99	FOLEY, Tom BULLOCK, Austin	1/- 1/-	XXX XXX											
99 99	OPPONG, Pierce	1/-	XXX											
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## **NIU FOOTBALL 2024 STARTERS**

#### **OFFENSIVE STARTERS GAME-BY-GAME** QB TB TE/FB TE WR WR WR/TE LT LG С RG RT **Opponent** Western Illinois Hampton A. Brown Appleget Tewes Lynch (RB) G. Williams (RB) Malcore Lippe Zschernitz Champe Buss Notre Dame Buffalo NC State UMass **Bowling Green** Toledo Ball State WMU Akron Miami CMU

DEFENSIVE STARTERS GAME-BY-GAME												
<u>Opponent</u>	DE	DT	DT	DE	LB	LB	LB	N/DB	СВ	S	S	СВ
Western Illinois	J. Williams	Gill-Howar	d Haberman	R. Williams	Dolphin	Fuhrman		Prophete	Byrd	Banner	Valcarcel	Knighten
Notre Dame												
Buffalo												
NC State												
UMass												
Bowling Green												
Toledo												
Ball State												
WMU												
Akron												
Miami												
CMU												

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Name, Pos.	Class	GP	GS	Name, Pos.	Class	GP	GS	Name, Pos.	Class	GP	GS
Jake Appleget, TE	SoR	1	1	Jordan Hansen, S	Sr.	40	28	Jashon Prophete, CB	Sr.	38	18
Malik Armstrong, CB	SoR	7	-	Isaac Hatfield, LS	JrR	25	-	Joey Rattin, LB	Sr.	25	-
Santana Banner, S	FrR	5	1	Mark Hensley, DT	FrR	1	-	Trayvon Rudolph, WR	SrR	34	19
Grayson Barnes, WR	Sr.	14	1	Josh Holst, QB	FrR	1	-	Nevaeh Sanders, DE	Jr.	13	-
Owen Belman, S	Sr.	1	-	Muhammed Jammeh, S	JrR	29	5	Jake Seibert, K	JrR	13	-
Isaiah Bragg, CB	JrR	1	-	Reggie Jean, DT	SoR	1	-	Matthew Schooley, OL	SrR	19	-
Antario Brown, RB	Sr.	33	17	Jalen Johnson, WR	SoR	11	7	Demond Taylor Jr., DT	SrR	48	12
Austin Bullock, K	Fr.	1	-	Amariyun Knighten, CB	SoR	19	7	Tristen Tewes, LB/TE	SrR	44	13
Evan Buss, OL	Sr.	37	13	Brock Lampe, FB	Sr.	34	13	Jay'shon Thomas	FrR	1	-
JaVaughn Byrd, CB	Sr.	36	27	J.J. Lippe, OL	SrR	40	35	Kyle Thomas, WR	FrR	4	-
Chris Carter, TE	SrR	13	4	Justin Lynch, QB/RB	JrR	15	4	Ray Thomas, DE	Sr.	45	41
John Champe, OL	Sr.	46	29	Filip Maciorowski, LB	FrR	1	-	Cam Thompson, WR	SoR	9	-
Andre Cobb, DB	SoR	1	-	Jalen Macon, QB	JrR	1	-	Ethan Tierney, S	Fr-R	1	-
Cam Crowell, DE	SoR	5	-	Evan Malcore, OL	SoR	14	8	Quinn Urwiler, LB	SrR	18	-
Abiathar Curry, OL	SoR	1	-	Andrew McElroy, WR	Sr.	1	-	Nate Valcarcel, S	Sr.	40	13
Shaad Dabney, CB	Sr.	14	-	Cyrus McGarrell, S	JrR	23	3	Jacob Waskow, DT	SrR	40	-
Ivan Davis, DÉ	Sr.	26	-	Christian Medlock, OL	FrR	1	-	Gavin Williams, RB	SrR	14	3
George Dimopoulos, WR	Fr.	1	-	Jordan Monroe, LB	Sr.	8	-	Jalonnie Williams, DL	SoR	9	1
Jaden Dolphin, S/LB	Sr.	44	17	Ty Myles, CB	JrR	24	-	Roy Williams, DE	Jr.	20	7
Jacob Finley, CB	SoR	18	10	Devonte O'Malley, DL	Sr.	46	34	Kanon Woodill, K	Sr.	16	-
Tom Foley, P	SrR	26	-	Pierce Oppong, DE	JrR	34	8	Logan Zschernitz, OG	SrR	40	34
Christian Fuhrman, LB	Sr.	1	1	Izzy Ozoh, OL	JrR	21	2				
Jake Gassaway, LB	SoR	10	-	Thomas Paasch, OL	FrR	1	-				
Dashaun Gibson, CB	Fr.	1	-	Dane Pardridge, WR	SoR	16	2				
Skyler Gill-Howard, DT	JrR	14	1	Keyshaun Pipkin, WR	SoR	9	2				
Cade Haberman, DT	Sr.	39	2	Jaylen Poe, RB	FrR	2	-				
Ethan Hampton, QB	JrR	11	5	Trey Porter, S	SoR	16	-				
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## **NIU FOOTBALL 2024 SCORING DRIVES**

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Opponent	Plays	Yds.	ТОР	Score	Qtr./Time	Play
WIU	2	46	0:25	6-0	1/12:21	Pardridge 23 TD (P)
WIU	8	75	3:15	13-3	2/12:36	Thompson 11 TD (P)
WIU	1	60	0:08	20-3	2/8:47	Rudolph 60 TD (R)
WIU	9	68	5:05	27-3	2/1:55	Pipkin 11 TD (P)
WIU	4	60	0:44	34-3	2/0:40	Rudolph 43 TD (P)
WIU	3	75	1:32	41-3	3/13:28	Barnes 60 TD (P)
WIU	14	88	7:06	47-3	3/4:22	Poe 7 TD (R)
WIU	12	64	5:31	54-8	4/8:00	Macon 5 TD (R)

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Opponent	Plays	Yds.	ТОР	Score Q	tr./Clock	Play
WIU	11	l 61	4:35	6-3	1/0:51	Chadha 44 FG
WIU	8	3 50	2:36	47-8	3/1:59	Chadha 46 FG
WIU	ç	9 81	4:56	54-15	4/2:59	Farmer Jr. 27 TD (P)

(R) - Rushing TD (P) - Receiving TD

		1st	t Downs	Rushing	Pas	sing		Total Off.	Punts	Fum	Penalties	3rd	Time o
Game	Score	Tota	R-P-Pen	No-Yds-TD	C-A-I	Yds	TD	PI-Yds	No-Avg	No-L	No-Yds	Downs	Poss
(8-31) NIU	54	30	14-16-0	41-312-3	23-29-0	394	5	70-706	1-32.0	2-1	3-25	7-of-8	31:34
vs. Western Illinois	15	17	7-10-0	29-94-0	17-29-0	204	0	58-298	6-35.3	0-0	5-43	3-of-12	28:26

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TEAM CATEGORY	Avg./No.	NCAA	MAC	TEAM CATEGORY	Avg./No.	NCAA	мас
Total Offense	706.0	3	1	Time of Possession	31:34	40	3
Rushing Offense	312.0	9	1	Fewest Penalties/Game	3.00	12	2
Passing Offense	394.0	10	1	Fewest Penalty Yards/Game	25.00	19	3
Passing Efficiency	250.33	3	1	Third Down Conversion Pct.	.875	2	1
Completion Percentage	0.793	4	1	Third Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.250	34	1
Scoring Offense	54.0	16	2	Fourth Down Conversion Pct.	.000	83	9
First Downs Offense	30	15	1	Fourth Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.000	1	1
Red Zone Offense	0.667	105	10				
Total Defense	298.0	69	4	Individuals (Top 60 Nationally)			
Rushing Defense	94.0	51	2	Trayvon Rudolph, All-Purpose Yds/G	171.00	23	2
Pass Efficiency Defense	129.09	93	7	Ethan Hampton, Completion Pct.	0.900	2	1
Passing Yards Allowed	204.0	80	7	Ethan Hampton, Completions/G	18.00	59	2
Scoring Defense	15.0	64	6	Jacob Finley, Passes Defended	2.00	14	1
Red Zone Defense	.000	1	1	Ethan Hampton, Passing Efficiency	310.3	3	1
First Downs Defense	17	63	4	Ethan Hampton, Passing TDs	5	1	1
Net Punting	32.00	115	9	Ethan Hampton, Passing Yards	328	23	2
Punt Returns	10.00	44	3	Ethan Hampton, Passing Yards/G	328.0	18	2
Punt Return Defense	0.00	7	1	Ethan Hampton, Passing Yards/Comp.	18.22	12	2
Kickoff Returns	-	-	-	Ethan Hampton, Pts Reponsible For	30	5	1
Kickoff Return Defense	18.22	71	3	Ethan Hampton, Pts Responsible For/G	30.0	4	1
Turnover Margin	-1.00	90	9	Trayvon Rudolph, Receiving Yards	104	41	4
Turnovers Gained	-	-	-	Grayson Barnes, Receiving Yards	95	58	7
Turnovers Lost	1	43	5	Trayvon Rudolph, Receiving Yards/G	104.0	36	4
Passes Had Intercepted	0	1	1	Grayson Barnes, Receiving Yards/G	95.0	55	7
Passes Intercepted	-	-	-	Roy Williams, Sacks	1.00	46	5
Fumbles Lost	1	82	7	Trayvon Rudolph, Scoring	12.0	27	2
Fumbles Recovered	-	-	-	Ethan Hampton, Total Offense	336.0	26	2
Sacks	1.00	83	6	Trayvon Rudolph, Touchdowns	2	17	2
Tackles for Loss	5.00	79	5	Ethan Hampton, Yards/Attempt	16.40	3	1
Sacks Allowed	0.00	1	1	Trayvon Rudolph, Yards/Catch	26.00	39	3
Tackles for Loss Allowed	2.00	8	3				

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## **INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATS**

<b>RUSHING</b>	(NoYards/TD)
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	Total	WIU	ND	Buffalo	NCST	UMASS	BG	Toledo	BallSt	WMU	Akron	Miami	CMU
BROWN, Antario	8-69/0	8-69/0											
RUDOLPH, Trayvon	2-67/1	2-67/1											
POE, Jaylen	7-42/1	7-42/1											
LYNCH, Justin	6-42/0	6-42/0											
WILLIAMS, Gavin	9-41/0	9-41/0											
MACON, Jalen	5-27/1	5-27/1											
PARDRIDGE, Dane	1-15/0	1-15/0											
HAMPTON, Ethan	1-8/0	1-8/0											
LAMPE, Brock	1-2/0	1-2/0											
<b>RECEIVING</b> (/	VoYar	ds/TD)											
	Total	WIU	ND	Buffalo	NCST	UMASS	BG	Toledo	BallSt	WMU	Akron	Miami	CMU
BARNES, Grayson	5-95/1	5-95/1											
RUDOLPH, Trayvon	4-104/1	4-104/1											
BROWN, Antario	2-45/0	2-45/0											
THOMPSON, Cam	2-36/1	2-36/1											
DIMOPOULUS, George	2-25/0	2-25/0											
POE, Jaylen	2-25/0	2-25/0											
WILLIAMS, Gavin	2-8/0	2-8/0											
PARDRIDGE Dana	1_22/1	1-23/1											

 PARDRIDGE, Dane
 1-23/1
 1-23/1

 MCELROY, Andrew
 1-16/0
 1-16/0

 PIPKIN, Keyshaun
 1-11/1
 1-11/1

 LYNCH, Justin
 1-6/0
 1-6/0

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

Game	Hampton	Macon	Holst
Western Illinois	18-20-0, 328; 5	4-7-0, 50; 0	1-2-0, 16; 0
Notre Dame			
Buffalo			
NC State			
UMass			
Bowling Green			
Toledo			
Ball State			
Western Michigan			
Akron			
Miami			
Central Michigan			
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#### **PUNTING** (No.-Average, Inside 20; Long)

Game	Foley
Boston College	1-32, 0; 32
Notre Dame	
Buffalo	
NC State	
UMass	
Bowling Green	
Toledo	
Ball State	
Western Michigan	
Akron	
Miami	
Central Michigan	

## KICK RETURNS (No.-Yards, Long; TD)

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#### DEFENSE

Solo-Ast.	WIU	ND	Buffalo	NCST	UMASS	BG	Toledo	BallSt	WMU	Akron	Miami	СМИ
BANNER, Santana	0-2											
BYRD, JaVaughn	1-0											
DAVIS, Ivan	0-1											
DOLPHIN, Jaden	1-2											
	0.5 TFL											
FINLEY, Jacob	1-0											
	2 PBU											
FUHRMAN, Christian												
	0.5 TFL											
GASSAWAY, Jake	3-0											
	TFL											
GILL-HOWARD, Skyle												
HABERMAN, Cade	1-0											
HENSLEY, Mark	0-2 1.0 TFL											
JAMMEH, Muhammed	d 3-1 PBU											
MACIOROWSKI, Filip	2-0											
MCGARRELL, Cyrus	3-0											
MYLES, Ty	0-1											
O'MALLEY, Devonte	1-1 0.5 TFL											
OPPONG, Pierce	0-1											
PORTER, Trey	2-0											
PROPHETE, Jashon	1-1											
SANDERS, Nevaeh	0-1											
TIERNEY, Ethan	1-0 PBU											
URWILER, Quinn	2-2 0.5 TFL											
VALCARCEL, Nate	3-0 PBU											
WASKOW, Jacob	1-0											
WILLIAMS, Jalonnie	0-1											
WILLIAMS, Roy	4-2 QS											

## THE LAST TIME A HUSKIE TEAM...

RECORDED A SHUTOUT - 24-0 vs. Western Michigan (11-14-23) SHUTOUT AN OPPONENT FOR A HALF - 2nd vs. Western Michigan (11-14-23) HAD AT LEAST 25 FIRST DOWNS - 26 vs. Arkansas State (12-23-23) HAD AT LEAST 30 FIRST DOWNS - 30 vs. Western Illinois (8-31-24) 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 - 41 vs. Coastal Carolina (12-17-21, Cure Bowl) SCORED 45 OR MORE POINTS - 47 at Kent State (11-3-21) SCORED 50 OR MORE POINTS - 54 vs. Western Illinois (8-31-24) SCORED 60 OR MORE POINTS - 63 vs. Ball State (11-9-17) SCORED A SAFETY - Michael Kennedy, tackled RB in end zone at Eastern Michigan (12-12-20) SCORED TWO OR MORE DEFENSIVE TOUCHDOWNS - 2 (Fumble Recovery in End Zone; INT Return) vs. Akron (10-26-19) GAINED 200 OR LESS YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE - 149 at Nebraska (9-16-23) GAINED 500 OR MORE YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE - 571 at Akron (10-7-23) GAINED 600 OR MORE YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE - 706 vs. Western Illinois (8-31-24) GAINED 100 OR LESS YARDS RUSHING - 26 at Nebraska (9-16-23) GAINED 300 OR MORE YARDS RUSHING - 312 vs. Western Illinois (8-31-24) GAINED 400 OR MORE YARDS RUSHING - 433 vs. Miami (10-18-14) THREW FOR LESS THAN 100 YARDS - 23 vs. Western Michigan (11-23-21) THREW FOR MORE THAN 300 YARDS - 394 vs. Western Illinois (8-31-24) DID NOT COMMIT A TURNOVER - vs. Western Michigan (11-14-23) HAD A SUCCESSFUL ON-SIDE KICK - 2 vs. Toledo (10-8-22) HAD 40 MINUTES TIME OF POSSESSION - vs. Arkansas State, Camellia Bowl (12-23-23) HELD OPPONENT TO 100 YARDS OR LESS RUSHING - 94 yards vs. Western Illinois (8-31-24) HELD OPPONENT TO 50 YARDS OR LESS RUSHING - 24 yards vs. Western Michigan (11-14-23) HELD OPPONENT TO NEGATIVE YARDS RUSHING - (-11) at Miami (10-24-09) HELD OPPONENT TO 100 YARDS OR LESS PASSING - 51 yards vs. Akron (10-26-19) HELD OPPONENT TO 200 YARDS OR LESS TOTAL OFFENSE - 145 vs. Akron (10-26-19) HELD OPPONENT TO 150 YARDS OR LESS TOTAL OFFENSE - 145 vs. Akron (10-26-19) HELD OPPONENT TO 100 YARDS OR LESS TOTAL OFFENSE - 64 vs. Kent State (10-8-11) HELD AN OPPONENT WITHOUT A TOUCHDOWN - vs. Western Illinois (8-31-24) WAS INVOLVED IN AN OVERTIME GAME - W, 27-24 (OT) at Boston College (9-2-23)

## THE LAST TIME A HUSKIE OPPONENT...

HAD 35 MINUTES OF POSSESSION - 36:06, Akron (10-7-23) RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN - 100 yards, D'Wayne Eskridge of Western Michigan (11-28-20) RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN - 91 yards, LaVon Brazill of Ohio (11-21-09) RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN - 76 yards, Tyson Durant of Akron (11-26-22) RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN - 0 yards, Kyle Moretti of Central Michigan (11-2-22) SCORED A SAFETY - Tulsa (9-23-23), NIU fumble recovery in own end zone BLOCKED A PUNT - Corey Suttle of Miami (11-16-22) 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 - Mayo Bola of Western Illinois (8-31-24) MISSED A PAT KICK (not blocked) - Thiago Kapps of Western Michigan (11-28-20) SHUT OUT THE HUSKIES - Navy 16, NIU 0 (11-25-08) SHUT OUT THE HUSKIES FOR A HALF - 1st, Southern Illinois (9-9-23) PASSED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS - 312, Jeff Undercuffler of Akron (11-26-22) PASSED FOR 400 OR MORE YARDS - 403, John Paddock of Ball State (10-1-22) RUSHED FOR 100 OR MORE YARDS - 106, Jase Bauer of Central Michigan (10-31-23) RUSHED FOR 200 OR MORE YARDS - 202, Marion Lukes of Central Michigan (10-31-23) HAD A RUSH OF 60 YARDS OR LONGER - 60, Braydon Bennett of Coastal Carolina, Cure Bowl (12-17-21) TWO OR MORE PLAYERS RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS - 202, Marion Lukes and 106, Jase Bauer of Central Michigan (10-31-23) HAD 10 OR MORE RECEPTIONS - 11, Corey Crooms of Western Michigan (11-9-22) HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS - 107, Corey Rucker of Arkansas State (12-23-23) HAD 200 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS - 206, Skyy Moore of Western Michigan (11-23-21)

## THE LAST TIME 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 - Trayvon Rudolph (100 yards) vs. Bowling Green (10-16-21) RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN (NOT BLOCKED) - Dane Pardridge (55 yards) vs. Western Michigan (11-14-23) RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN - James Ester (0 yards) at Eastern Michigan (10-15-22) RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN - Jacob Finley (0 yards) at Kent State (11-25-23) SCORED A SAFETY - Michael Kennedy (tackled RB in end zone) at Eastern Michigan (12-12-20) A NON-QB THREW A TOUCHDOWN PASS - P Tom Foley (32 yards to PK Kanon Woodill) vs. Arkansas State (12-23-23) A NON-QB COMPLETED A PASS - P Tom Foley (32 yards to PK Kanon Woodill) vs. Arkansas State (12-23-23) BLOCKED A PUNT - Corey Lersch at Ohio (10-12-19) BLOCKED TWO PUNTS IN A GAME - Jordan Delegal (2) at Ball State (11-20-10) BLOCKED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN - Corey Lersch blocked; Adam Buirge scored on a three-yard return at Ohio (10-12-19) BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL - Devonte O'Malley at Georgia Tech (9-4-21) BLOCKED A PAT KICK - James Ester vs. Coastal Carolina, Cure Bowl (12-17-21) CONVERTED A FAKE FG FOR A TOUCHDOWN - Kanon Woodill 32 yard pass from Tom Foley vs. Arkansas State (12-23-23) RAN A SUCCESSFUL FAKE PUNT - Andrew Haidet to Messiah Travis (8-yard pass) at Western Michigan (11-28-20) MISSED A PAT KICK (not blocked) - Kanon Woodill vs. Western Illinois (8-31-24) CONVERTED A TWO-POINT ATTEMPT - Trayvon Rudolph pass from Rocky Lombardi vs Arkansas State (12-23-23) FAILED TO CONVERT A TWO-POINT ATTEMPT - Gavin Williams rush failed vs Arkansas State (12-23-23) PASSED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS - Ethan Hampton (328) vs. Western Illinois (8-31-24) PASSED FOR 400 OR MORE YARDS - Rocky Lombardi (532) at Kent State (11-3-21) - NIU SCHOOL RECORD THREW FOUR OR MORE TD PASSES IN A GAME - Marcus Childers (4) vs. Buffalo, MAC Championship (11-30-18) THREW FIVE OR MORE TD PASSES IN A GAME - Ethan Hampton (5) vs. Western Illinois (8-31-24) COMPLETED A 60-YARD PASS - Ethan Hampton (60) to Grayson Barnes (TD) vs. Western Illinois (8-31-24) COMPLETED A 70-YARD PASS - Rocky Lombardi (72) to Trayvon Rudolph (TD) at Central Michigan (10-31-23) 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 - Antario Brown (132) vs Arkansas State (12-23-23) RUSHED FOR 200 OR MORE YARDS - Antario Brown (280) at Akron (10-7-22) 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 - Trayvon Rudolph (60, TD) vs. Western Illinois (8-31-24) HAD A RUSH OF 70 YARDS OR LONGER - Antario Brown (80) at Toledo (9-30-23) HAD A RUSH OF 80 YARDS OR LONGER - Antario Brown (80) at Toledo (9-30-23) CONSECUTIVE GAMES RUSHING FOR 100 YARDS OR MORE - Antario Brown, 2 games (at Toledo, 9-30-23; at Akron, 10-7-23) RUSHED FOR FOUR OR MORE TOUCHDOWNS IN A GAME - Antario Brown (4) at Akron (10-7-23) RUSHED FOR TWO OR MORE TDS IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES - Tre Harbison vs. Ball State (2), Ohio (3) - (10-5-19 to 10-12-19) TWO PLAYERS RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS, SAME GAME - Jay Ducker (146) & Antario Brown (105) vs. Coastal Carolina, Cure Bowl (12-17-21) TWO PLAYERS HAD 100 RECEIVING YARDS, SAME GAME - Trayvon Rudolph (108) and Cole Tucker (103) vs. Ball State (11-10-21) QB RUSHED FOR 150 YARDS OR MORE - Marcus Childers (169) vs. Ohio (10-13-18) HAD 10 OR MORE RECEPTIONS - Harrison Waylee (10) vs. Toledo (10-8-22) HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS - Trayvon Rudolph (104) vs. Western Illinois (8-31-24) HAD 200 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS - Trayvon Rudolph (309) at Kent State (11-3-21) - NIU SCHOOL RECORD CAUGHT TWO OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN A GAME - Kacper Rutkiewicz (2) at Ball State (10-1-22) CAUGHT THREE OR MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN A GAME - Trayvon Rudolph (3) at Kent State (11-3-21) 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 - Antario Brown (4 rushing) at Akron (10-7-23) INTERCEPTED TWO OR MORE PASSES IN A GAME - Eric Rogers (2) vs. Eastern Illinois (9-1-22) HAD 10+ TACKLES IN A GAME - Tyler Jackson (10) vs. Ball State (11-7-23) HAD 15+ TACKLES IN A GAME - Antonio Jones-Davis (17) vs. Ball State (10-5-19) SCORED A RUSHING AND RECEIVING TD IN A GAME - Trayvon Rudolph (1 rushing, 1 receiving) vs. Western Illinois (8-31-24) KICKED A FG OF 50 OR MORE YARDS - 53 yards, John Richardson at Western Michigan (11-9-22) SCORED 15 OR MORE POINTS KICKING - 15, John Richardson at Eastern Michigan (10-15-22) KICKED FOUR OR MORE FIELD GOALS IN A GAME - 4, John Richardson vs. Akron (11-26-22)

## **NIU TEAM HIGHS & LOWS**

#### HIGH

#### LOW

20 (2nd) vs. Western Illinois (8-31) 6 (1st) vs. Western Illinois (8-31)

Points, Game	54 vs. Western Illinois (8-31)
Points, Half	34 (1st) vs. Western Illinois (8-31)
Points, Quarter	28 (2nd) vs. Western Illinois (8-31)
First Downs	30 vs. Western Illinois (8-31)
Rushing Yards	312 vs. Western Illinois (8-31)
<b>Rushing Attempts</b>	41 vs. Western Illinois (8-31)
Passing Yards	394 vs. Western Illinois (8-31)
Pass Attempts	29 vs. Western Illinois (8-31)
Pass Completions	23 vs. Western Illinois (8-31)
<b>Total Offensive Plays</b>	70 vs. Western Illinois (8-31)
Total Offense Yards	706 vs. Western Illinois (8-31)
Punts	1 vs. Western Illinois (8-31)
Penalties	3 vs. Western Illinois (8-31)
Turnovers Lost	1 vs. Western Illinois (8-31)
Sacks (By Defense)	1 vs. Western Illinois (8-31))
Time of Possession	31:34 vs. Western Illinois (8-31)

### **OPPONENTS TEAM HIGHS & LOWS**

#### HIGH

Points, Game	15 by Western Illinois (8-31)
Points, Half	12 (2nd) by Western Illinois (8-31)
Points, Quarter	7 (4th) by Western Illinois (8-31)
First Downs	17 by Western Illinois (8-31)
Rushing Yards	94 by Western Illinois (8-31)
<b>Rushing Attempts</b>	29 by Western Illinois (8-31)
Passing Yards	204 by Western Illinois (8-31)
Pass Attempts	29 by Western Illinois (8-31)
Pass Completions	17 by Western Illinois (8-31)
Total Offensive Plays	58 by Western Illinois (8-31)
Total Offense Yards	298 by Western Illinois (8-31)
Punts	6 by Western Illinois (8-31)
Penalties	5 by Western Illinois (8-31)
Turnovers Lost	
Sacks (By Defense)	
Time of Possession	28:26 by Western Illinois (8-31)

#### LOW

3 (1st) by Western Illinois (8-31)

0 (2nd) by Western Illinois (8-31)

0 by Western Illinois (8-31) 0 by Western Illinois (8-31)

#### NIU **OPPONENTS Rushing Attempts:** 8, Antario Brown vs. Western Illinois (8-31) **Rushing Attempts:** 14, Cameren Smith, Western Illinois (8-31) Net Rushing Yards: 69, Antario Brown vs. Western Illinois (8-31) Net Rushing Yards: 51, Cameren Smith, Western Illinois (8-31) **Rushing TDs:** 1, T. Rudolph, J. Poe, J. Macon vs. Western Illinois (8-31) **Rushing TDs:** Long TD Run: 60 yards, Trayvon Rudolph vs. Western Illinois (8-31) Long TD Run: Non-Scoring Run: 31 yards, Justin Lynch vs. Western Illinois (8-31) Non-Scoring Run: 15, Nathan Lamb, Western Illinois (8-31) **Passes Attempted:** 20, Ethan Hampton vs. Western Illinois (8-31) Passes Attempted: 29, Nathan Lamb, Western Illinois (8-31) **Passes Completed:** 18, Ethan Hampton vs. Western Illinois (8-31) **Passes Completed:** 17, Nathan Lamb, Western Illinois (8-31) 328, Ethan Hampton vs. Western Illinois (8-31) **Passing Yards:** Passes Had Intercepted: **Passes Had Intercepted: Completion Percentage:** 58.6 (17-29), Nathan Lamb, Western Illinois (8-31) 204, Nathan Lamb, Western Illinois (8-31) **Completion Percentage:** 90.0 (18-20), Ethan Hampton vs. Western Illinois (8-31) Passing Yards: **TD Passes:** 5, Ethan Hampton vs. Western Illinois (8-31) **TD Passes:** 1, Nathan Lamb, Western Illinois (8-31) Long TD Pass: 60, Hampton to Barnes vs. Western Illinois (8-31) Long TD Pass: 27 yards, N. Lamb to T. Farmer Jr., Western Illinois (8-31) Non-Scoring Pass: 29 yards, N. Lamb to T. Duncan, Western Illinois (8-31) Non-Scoring Pass: 47, Hampton to Rudolph vs. Western Illinois (8-31) 5, Grayson Barnes vs. Western Illinois (8-31) **Receptions:** 5, Tristan Duncan, Western Illinois (8-31) **Receptions: Receiving Yards:** 104, Trayvon Rudolph vs. Western Illinois (8-31) **Receiving Yards:** 68, Tristan Duncan, Western Illinois (8-31) **Receiving TDs:** 1, 5 players vs. Western Illinois (8-31) **Receiving TDs:** 1, Torrance Farmer Jr., Western Illinois (8-31) Punt Returns (not blocks): 1, Dane Pardridge vs. Western Illinois (8-31) Punt Returns: **Punt Return Yards:** 10, Dane Pardridge vs. Western Illinois (8-31) **Punt Return Yards:** ---10, Dane Pardridge vs. Western Illinois (8-31) Punt Return, Long: Punt Return, Long: **Kickoff Returns:** ---**Kickoff Returns:** 9, Toriano Tate, Western Illinois (8-31) **Kickoff Return Yards: Kickoff Return Yards:** 164, Toriano Tate, Western Illinois (8-31) **Kickoff Return, Long:** ---**Kickoff Return, Long:** 29, Toriano Tate, Western Illinois (8-31) 21, Ethan Hampton vs. Western Illinois (8-31) **Total Plays:** Total Plays: 37, Nathan Lamb, Western Illinois (8-31) 336, Ethan Hampton vs. Western Illinois (8-31) **Total Offensive Yards: Total Offensive Yards:** 232, Nathan Lamb, Western Illinois (8-31) All-Purpose Attempts: 10, Antario Brown vs. Western Illinois (8-31) All-Purpose Attempts: 14, Cameren Smith, Western Illinois (8-31) All-Purpose Yards: 171, Trayvon Rudolph vs. Western Illinois (8-31) All-Purpose Yards: 164, Toriano Tate, Western Illinois (8-31) Points & Touchdowns: 12 & 2, Trayvon Rudolph vs. Western Illinois (8-31) Points & Touchdowns: 1 & 6, Torrance Farmer Jr., Western Illinois (8-31) Points Kicking: 6, Kanon Woodill vs. Western Illinois (8-31) Points Kicking: 7, Antonio Chadha, Western Illinois (8-31) Field Goals Attempted: **Field Goals Attempted:** 3, Antonio Chadha, Western Illinois (8-31) Field Goals Made: ---Field Goals Made: 2, Antonio Chadha, Western Illinois (8-31) Longest Field Goal Attempt: ---Longest Field Goal Attempt: 46, Antonio Chadha, Western Illinois (8-31) Longest Field Goal Made: ---Longest Field Goal Made: 46, Antonio Chadha, Western Illinois (8-31) Punts: 1, Tom Foley vs. Western Illinois (8-31) 6, Jared Campbell, Western Illinois (8-31) Punts: **Best Punting Average:** 32.0, Tom Foley vs. Western Illinois (8-31) Best Punting Average: 37.0, Jared Campbell, Western Illinois (8-31) Longest Punt: 32, Tom Foley vs. Western Illinois (8-31) 45, Jared Campbell, Western Illinois (8-31) Longest Punt: Tackles: 6, Roy Williams vs. Western Illinois (8-31) Tackles: 13, Willie Jones, Western Illinois (8-31) Tackles for Loss: 1.0, Roy Williams vs. Western Illinois (8-31) Tackles for Loss: 1.0, Gage Freeman, Western Illinois (8-31) 1.0, Jake Gassaway vs. Western Illinois (8-31) 1.0, Tommy Brunner, Western Illinois (8-31) Sacks: 1.0, Roy Williams vs. Western Illinois (8-31) Sacks: Interceptions: ---Interceptions: Long Interception Return: ---**INT Return, Long: INT Return, TD:** ---**INT Return, TD: Fumbles Forced:** ---**Fumbles Forced: Fumbles Recovered:** ---**Fumbles Recovered:** 1, Braylen Brooks, Western Illinois (8-31) Long Fumble Return: ---Long Fumble Return:

## **SEASON & CAREER HIGHS**

#### **RUSHING**

Name 2024 Antario Brown Career

2024 Brock Lampe Career

2024 Ethan Hampton Career\*

2024 Justin Lynch Career\*

2024 Jalen Macon Career\*

2024 Jaylen Poe Career

2024 Gavin Williams Career\*

#### RECEIVING

#### Name

2024	Grayson Barnes Career
2024	Antario Brown Career

2024 Chris Carter Career\*

2024 Jalen Johnson Career

2024 Brock Lampe Career

2024 Dane Pardridge Career

2024 Trayvon Rudolph Career

2024 Tristen Tewes Career

2024 Gavin Williams Career\*

#### Carries 8 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 25 at Arkansas State, 12-23-23

1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 3 at Boston College, 9-2-23

1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 5, 2x (M.R. vs. Toledo, 10-8-22)

6 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 21 vs. Boston College, 9-11-21

5 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 12 vs. Southern, 9-30-23

7 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 7 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31-24

9 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 17 at Kent State, 11-25-23

Catches 5 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 5, 2x (M.R. vs. Western Illinois, 8-31-24)

2 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 5 vs. Ohio, 10-14-23

---3, 2x (M.R. vs. SIU, 9-9-23)

---3, 2x (M.R. vs. Tulsa, 9-23-23)

2, 2x (M.R. vs. Ball State 11-7) 2, 2x (M.R. vs. Ball State 11-7)

1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 2, 3x (M.R. vs. WMU, 11-14-23)

4 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 14 at Kent St, 11-3-21

---6 at Kentucky, 9-24-22

2 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 5 vs. SIU, 9-9-23 **Yards** 69 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 280 at Akron, 10-7-23

2 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 14 at Boston College, 9-2-23

8 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 8 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31-24

42 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 89 at Ball State, 10-1-22

27 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 54 vs. MVSU, 10-14-23

42 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 44 vs. Western Michigan, 11-14-23

41 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 103 at Kent State, 11-25-23

> Yards 95 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 105 vs. Arkansas State, 12-23-23

45 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 45 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31-24

78 at Richmond, 9-4-21

31 at Toledo, 9-30-23

28 at Boston College, 9-2 31 at Western Michigan, 11-9-22

23 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 44 at Kent State, 11-25-23

104 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 #309 at Kent St, 11-3-21

70 vs. Central Michigan, 11-2-22

8 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 34 vs. Nevada, 9-17-22

#### **TDs** ---4 at Akron, 10-7-23 --1 at Boston College, 9-2-23

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1, 5x last vs. Tulsa, 9-23-23

1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31-24

1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31-24

2 at Akron, 10-7-23

**TDs** 1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 1, 6x (M.R. vs. WIU, 8-31-24)

---1 at Boston College, 9-2-23

---2 at Hampton, 9-3-22

1 at Toledo, 9-30-23

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1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 1, 2x (M.R. vs. WIU, 8-31-24)

1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 3 at Kent St, 11-3-21

2 at Kentucky, 9-24-22

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23 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31
44 at Kent State, 11-25-23
47 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31
75 last at Kent St, 11-3-21

31 at Western Michigan, 11-9-22

---34 vs. Central Michigan, 11-2-22

> 8 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 32 vs. Nevada, 9-17-22

#### PASSING

Name	Completions	Attempts	Interceptions	Touchdowns	Yards	Long
2024 Ethan Hampton	18 <b>vs. WIU, 8-31</b>	20 <b>vs. WIU, 8-31</b>		5 vs. WIU, 8-31	328 vs. WIU, 8-31	60 vs. WIU, 8-31
Career	30 vs. Toledo, 10-8-22	49 vs. Toledo, 10-8-22	4 vs. Toledo, 10-8-22	5 vs. WIU, 8-31	328 vs. WIU, 8-31-24	70 vs. Vanderbilt, 9-17-22
2024 Jalen Macon	4 <b>vs. WIU, 8-31</b>	<b>7 vs. WIU, 8-31</b>			50 vs. WIU, 8-31	14 vs. WIU, 8-31
Career*	19 vs. Tenn. St., 9-9-23	29 at Ala. A&M, 9-21-23	3 at Southern, 10-1-22	2 at Ala. A&M, 9-21-23	227 at Ala. A&M, 9-21-23	80 at Ala. A&M, 9-21-23
2024 Justin Lynch						
Career*	23 at Tulsa, 11-20-21	38 at Tulsa, 11-20-21	2 vs. Houston, 11-13-21	2 at Akron, 9-11-21	255 at Akron, 9-11-21	70 at Akron, 9-11-21

\*Including at previous school | #NIU record

### Long

23 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 86 vs. Miami, 11-16-22

2 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 11 vs. Ohio, 10-14

8 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 9, 2x (M.R. at Ball St., 10-1-22)

31 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 52 at WMU, 11-9-22

9 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 47 vs. MVSU, 10-14-23

10 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 21 vs. Western Michigan, 11-14-23

> 7 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 53 vs. Ohio, 10-14-23

60 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31

33 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31

64 at Richmond, 9-4-21

24 at Toledo, 9-30-23

26 at Toledo, 9-30

60 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31-24

33 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31-24

Long

#### **DEFENSE - FRONT SEVEN**

Name	Total Tackles	Solo Stops	Tackles for Loss	Sacks
2024 Jaden Dolphin	3 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	0.5 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	
Career	16 vs. CMU, 11-2-22	6, last at Akron 10-7-23	2.0 at MAC Champ., 12-4-21 1	0 last vs. Coastal Carolina, 12-17-21.
2024 Christian Fuhrman	4 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	0.5 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	
Career*	9 at UT Martin, 11-11-23	5, 2x (M.R. at Kansas State, 9-2-23)	2.0 vs. Southern Illinois, 9-10-22 1,	4x (M.R. vs. Robert Morris, 11-4-23)
2024 Jake Gassaway	3 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	3 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	1.0 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	
Career	3 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31-24	3 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31-24	1.0 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31-24	
2024 Skyler Gill-Howard	4 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	2 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31		
Career	5 at CMU, 10-31-23	3, last at CMU, 10-31-23	1.0, 4x last vs. WMU, 11-14-23	1.0 vs. WMU, 11-14-23
2024 Cade Haberman	1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31		
Career	5 at Kent State, 11-3-21	4 at Kent State, 11-3-21	1.0 last vs. Coastal Carolina, 12-17-2	1 0.5 last at Kentucky, 9-24-22
2024 Mark Hensley Career	2 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 2 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31-24		1.0 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 1.0 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31-24	
2024 Devonte O'Malley	2 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	0.5 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	2.0 at EMU, 10-15-22
Career	5, last at Toledo, 9-30-23	3 last at EMU, 10-15-22	2.0 at EMU, 10-15-22	
2024 Demond Taylor				
Career	7 at Kentucky, 9-24-22	3, last at Kentucky 9-24-22	1.5 vs Ball State, 11-7	1.0, 2x last at Kentucky, 9-24-22
2023 Ray Thomas	11 vs. Tulsa, 9-23	7 vs. Tulsa, 9-23	2.0 vs. SIU, 9-9	1.0 vs. SIU, 9-9
Career	11 vs. Tulsa, 9-23-23	7 vs. Tulsa, 9-23-23	4.0 at WMU, 11-9-22	1.0, last vs. SIU, 9-9-23
2024 Quinn Urwiler	4 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	2 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	0.5 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	
Career*	5 at Akron, 10-7-23	2, 3x (M.R. vs. WIU, 8-31-24)	1.0, 2x (M.R. at Ball St., 10-1-22)	1.0 at Utah State, 9-10-21
2024 Jalonnie Williams	1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31			
Career	1, 5x (M.R. vs. WIU, 8-31-24)	1 vs. WMU, 11-14-23	0.5 vs. Arkansas State, 12-23-23	0.5 vs. Arkansas State, 12-23-23
2024 Roy Williams	6 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	4 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	1.0 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	1.0 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31
Career	6 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31-24	4 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31-24	1.0,4x (last vs. WIU, 8-31-24)	1.0, 3x (M.R. vs. WIU, 8-31-24)

#### **DEFENSE - BACKFIELD**

Name	Total Tackles	Solo Stops	Tackles for Loss	Pass Break Ups	Interceptions
2024 Santana Banner Career	2 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 2 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31-24				
2024 JaVaughn Byrd	1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31			
Career	10 last vs. Akron, 11-26-22	8 vs. WMU, 11-23-21	1.0, last vs. Arkansas St, 11-23	2 vs Ball State, 11-7 1, last v	s. Arkansas St. 12-23-23
2024 Jacob Finley	1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31		2 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	
Career	10 last vs. Akron, 11-26-22	8 vs. WMU, 11-23-21		2 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31-24	1
2024 Jordan Hansen	2 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31			
Career	9 at Kent St, 11-3-21	7 at Kent State, 11-3-21	1.0, last vs. Arkansas St, 9-23	1 last vs. Ohio, 10-14-23	1 vs. Toledo, 12-5-20
2024 Muhammed Jammeh	4 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	3 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31		1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	
Career	8 vs. Kent St. (MACC), 12-4-21	2, last vs. Tulsa, 9-23-23	1.0, last vs. WMU, 11-14-23	1 at Tulsa, 9-10-22	1, last vs. Tulsa, 9-23-23
2024 Amariyun Knighten Career	 10 at Ball St., 10-1-22	 6 at Ball St., 10-1-22		 1 last at EMU, 10-15-22	
2024 Cyrus McGarrell Career	3 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 5 at Akron, 10-7-23	3 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31 4 at Akron, 10-7-23			 1, last vs. EMU, 10-21-23
2024 Jashon Prophete	2 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31			
Career	9 vs. WMU, 11-23-21	5 vs. WMU, 11-23-21	1.0 last vs. WMU, 11-14-23	3 at Kent State, 11-25-23	
2024 Nate Valcarcel	3 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	3 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	1.0 at Boston College, 9-2-23	1 vs. Western Illinois, 8-31	
Career	9 at Nebraska, 9-16-23	3, 3x (M.R. vs. WIU, 8-31-24)		1, 2x (M.R. vs. WIU, 8-31-24)	1, 3x (M.R. vs. Ohio 10-14-23)

## **NIU ROSTERS**

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No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (HS/Previous School)	No.	Name	Pos.
0	Cam Thompson	WR	6-0	198	SoR	Boardman, Ohio (Boardman/Eastern Illinois)		Devon Akers	TE
0	Skyler Gill-Howard	DT	6-1	285	JrR	Milwaukee, Wis. (Greenfield/Upper Iowa)	80	Jake Appleget	TE
1	Antario Brown	RB	5-10	219	Sr.	Savannah, Ga. (Beach)	14	Malik Armstrong	CB
1	Jashon Prophete	DB	5-11	187	Sr.	Pompano Beach, Fla. (Blanche Ely)	15	Santana Banner	S
2	Ethan Hampton	QB	6-3	216	JrR	Elburn, Ill. (Aurora Christian)	81	Grayson Barnes	TE
2	JaVaughn Byrd	CB	6-0	191	Sr.	Milwaukee, Wis. (Rufus King)	59	Chidu Bekee	LB
3	Jacob Finley	CB	5-11	176	SoR	Birmingham, Ala. (Hoover)	31	Owen Belman	S
3	Trayvon Rudolph	WR	5-10	187	SrR	Crete, III. (Crete-Monee)	19	Isaiah Bragg	CB
4	Kenji Lewis	WR	6-1	200	Jr.	Memphis, Tenn. (Memphis East/UAPB)	1	Antario Brown	RB
4	Raishein Thomas	DE	6-4	262	Sr.	Racine, Wis. (Washington Park)	87	La'Don Bryant Austin Bullock	WR
5 5	Amariyun Knighten Justin Lynch	CB RB	6-0 6-1	174 220	SoR JrR	Hollywood, Fla. (Stranahan) Chicago, III. (Mount Carmel/Temple)	99 60	Evan Buss	K OL
6	Muhammed Jammeh	S	6-1	196	JrR	Detroit, Mich. (Renaissance)		JaVaughn Byrd	CB
6	Kenny Lueth	QB	6-4	220	Jr.	Rocklin, Calif. (Rocklin/American River College)	48	Sirmaine Campbell	DT
7	Jordan Hansen	S	6-1	192	Sr.	Arlington Heights, Ill. (John Hersey)	11	Chris Carter	TE
7	Keyshaun Pipkin	WR	6-2	202	SoR	Indianapolis, Ind. (North Central)	76	John Champe	OL
8	Devonte O'Malley	DT	6-2	293	Sr.	Midlothian, III. (Bremen)	20	Andre Cobb	DB
8	Dane Pardridge	WR	5-11	175	SoR	DeKalb, III. (Marmion Academy)	93	Cam Crowell	DT
9	Nate Valcarcel	S	6-1	192	Sr.	Greenfield, Wis. (Whitnall/South Dakota)	55	Abiathar Curry	OL
10	Demond Taylor Jr.	DT	6-2	308	SrR	East St. Louis, III. (East St. Louis)	12	Shaad" Dabney	CB
10	Kyle Thomas	WR	6-2	174	FrR	Richton, Ill. (Marian Catholic)	52	Ivan Davis	DE
11	Chris Carter	TE	6-7	240	SrR	Detroit, Mich. (Detroit Country Day/Howard)	84	George Dimopoulus	
11	Jalonnie Williams	DE	6-4	286	JrR	Milwaukee, Wis. (Greenfield)	26	Jaden Dolphin	LB
12	Cam'Ron "Shaad" Dabney	CB	5-11	186	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga. (Cherokee Bluff/Kansas)	3	Jacob Finley	CB
12	Christopher Gore	WR	5-11	200	FrR	Homewood, III. (Homewood-Flossmoor)	98	Tom Foley	Р
13	Luke Marble	QB	6-4	200	Fr.	Smyrna, Ga. (Campbell)	83	Jason Fowler	TE
13	Ty Myles	DB	5-10	186	JrR	Blackshear, Ga. (Pierce County)	44	Christian Fuhrman	LB
14	Jalen Macon	QB	6-5	230	SoR	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro/UAPB)	25	Jake Gassaway	LB
14	Malik Armstrong	CB	6-0	179	SoR	Joliet, III. (Minooka Community)	24	Dashaun Gibson	CB
15	Josh Holst	QB	6-4	192	FrR	Marengo, III. (Marengo Community)	0	Skyler Gill-Howard	DT
15	Santana Banner	S	6-3	202	FrR	Flint, Mich. (Mountain View [Ga.])	12	Christopher Gore	WR
16	Jalen Johnson	WR	6-3	205	SoR	Aurora, III. (Metea Valley)	45	AJ Guida	LB
16	Jay'shon Thomas	DE	6-4	231	FrR	Cataula, Ga. (Harris County)	61	Ben Gustafson	OL
17	Filip Maciorowski	LB	6-3	215	FrR	Carol Stream, Ill. (Glenbard West)	51	Cade Haberman	DT
17	Jamari McIvory	WR	6-0	175	Fr.	Guyton, Ga. (Savannah Christian Prep)	2	Ethan Hampton	QB
18	Ethan Tierney	DB	6-0	182	FrR	DeKalb, III. (DeKalb)	7	Jordan Hansen	S
19 10	Andrew McElroy	WR CB	6-3 5-9	192 175	Sr.	Bolingbrook, III. (Bolingbrook/St. Thomas)	91 57	Isaac Hatfield Mark Hensley	LS DT
19 20	Isaiah Bragg Romelo Ware	RB	5-9 5-9	175 175	JrR Fr.	Chicago, III. (Saint Rita of Cascia) Orlando, Fla. (Olympia)	57 15	Josh Holst	QB
20	Andre Cobb	DB	6-1	175	SoR	Naperville, III. (Neuqua Valley)	63	Landon Hron	OL
20	Dev'ion Reynolds	CB	6-1	180	Fr.	Zion, III (Carmel Catholic)	35	Tristan Hunter	S
21	Gavin Williams	RB	5-11	209	SrR	Altoona, Iowa (Dowling Catholic/Iowa)	95	Lance Ingold	DE
22	Cyrus McGarrell	S	6-2	197	JrR	Windsor, Ontario, Can. (Clearwater Acad. Int'l. [Fla.])		Muhammed Jamme	
22	Telly Johnson Jr.	RB	5-11	205	Fr.	Augusta, Ga. (Hephzibah)	90	Reggie Jean	DT
23	Marc Pretto	LB	6-2	220	Jr.	Montclair, N.J. (St. Peter's Prep/Fordham)	70	Michael Jimmar	OL
24	Dashaun Gibson	CB	6-2	180	Fr.	Manassas, Va. (Mt. Zion Prep)	16	Jalen Johnson	WR
24	Elijah Porter	RB	5-11	190	Fr.	Ankeny, Iowa (Centennial)	22	Telly Johnson Jr.	RB
25	Jake Gassaway	LB	6-0	225	SoR	Omaha, Neb. (Millard South)	5	Amariyun Knighten	CB
26	Jaden Dolphin	LB	6-2	220	Sr.	Des Plaines, III. (Maine West)	49	Brock Lampe	FB
27	Ahmir Smith	RB	5-10	200	Fr.	Santee, S.C. (Calhoun County)	4	Kenji Lewis	WR
27	Trey Porter	S	6-0	193	SoR	Des Moines, Iowa (Ankeny Centennial)	58	Ross Liegel	DE
28	Jaylen Poe	RB	5-10	207	FrR	Dallas, Ga. (North Paulding)	79	J.J. Lippe	OL
28	Nevaeh Sanders	DE	6-4	220	Jr.	Flint, Mich. (Powers Catholic/Iowa Western CC)		Kenny Lueth	QB
29	Romelo Walker	CB	6-1	185	Fr.	Orlando, Fla. (Olympia)	5	Justin Lynch	RB
30	Adrian Thomas II	S	6-2	185	Fr.	Milwaukee, Wis. (Nicolet)	17	Filip Maciorowski	LB
30	Jake Seibert	К	6-1	197	JrR	Cincinnati, Ohio (La Salle/Ohio State)	14	Jalen Macon	QB
31	Owen Belman	S	6-1	195	Sr.	Davenport, Iowa (Pleasant Valley/Iowa Western CC)	66	Lane Mahnesmith	OL
32	Quinn Urwiler	LB	6-0	226	SrR	Mooseheart, III. (Batavia/North Dakota)	54	Evan Malcore	OL
33	Taylor Powell	S	6-4	190	Fr.	Belleville, III (East St. Louis)	13	Luke Marble	QB
34	Ryan Williams	СВ	6-0	175	Fr.	Chicago, III. (Chicago Hope)	19	Andrew McElroy	WR

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No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (HS/Previous School)	No.	Name	Pos.
35	Tristan Hunter	S	6-2	200	Fr.	Chicago, III. (Urban Prep)	22	Cyrus McGarrell	S
37	Joey Rattin	LB	6-0	217	Sr.	Palatine, III. (Fremd/Upper Iowa)	17	Jamari McIvory	WR
38	Joshua Tillman	S	6-3	195	Fr.	Waterford, Mich. (West Bloomfield)	41	KJ McRae	LB
40	Chase Schutty	TE	6-4	220	Fr.	Ankeny, Iowa (Centennial)	72	Christian Medlock	OL
41	KJ McRae	LB	6-3	225	Fr.	Covington, Ga. (Riverwood)	42	Jordan Monroe	LB
42	Jordan Monroe	LB	6-1	235	Sr.	Covina, Calif. (Charter Oak/Pasadena City Col.)	54	Ivan Moore Jr.	DE
44	Christian Fuhrman	LB	6-1	235	Sr.	Mesa, Ariz. (Queen Creek/Garden City CC/	13	Ty Myles	DB
						SEMO)	8	Devonte O'Malley	DT
45	AJ Guida	LB	6-2	220	Fr.	Highlands Ranch, Colo. (Mullen)	50	Aiden Olson	OL
46	CJ Wade	DE	6-3	230	Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Prairie)	99	Pierce Oppong	DE
48	Sirmaine Campbell	DT	6-3	275	Fr.	Olympia Fields, Ill. (Rich Township)	77	lzuchukwu "lzzy" O:	zohOL
49	Brock Lampe	FB	6-1	252	Sr.	Kenosha, Wis. (Bradford)	75	Thomas Paasch	OL
50	Aiden Olson	OL	6-4	311	Fr.	Clinton, Wis. (Elkhorn Area HS)	8	Dane Pardridge	WR
51	Cade Haberman	DT	6-2	300	Sr.	Blair, Neb. (Westside)	92	Tanner Phelps	DT
52	Ivan Davis	DE	6-3	254	Sr.	Canton, Mich. (Plymouth)	7	Keyshaun Pipkin	WR
53	Luke Skartvedt	OL	6-3	325	FrR	Indianapolis, Ind. (Roncalli)	28	Jaylen Poe	RB
54	Evan Malcore	OL	6-6	298	SoR	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie)	24	Elijah Porter	RB
54	Ivan Moore Jr.	DE	6-4	215	Fr.	Chicago, III. (Kenwood Academy)	27	Trey Porter	S
55	Abiathar Curry	OL	6-3	301	SoR	Janesville, Wis. (Parker)	33	Taylor Powell	S
57	Mark Hensley	DT	6-3	285	FrR	Labadie, Mo. (Washington)	23	Marc Pretto	LB
58	Ross Liegel	DE	6-6	245	Fr.	Rock Springs, Wis. (Baraboo)	1	Jashon Prophete	DB
59	Chidu Bekee	LB	6-3	230	Fr.	Plainfield, III. (Plainfield East)	37	Joey Rattin	LB
60	Evan Buss	OL	6-6	312	Sr.	Kimberly, Wis. (Kimberly)	21	Dev'ion Reynolds	CB
61	Ben Gustafson	OL	6-8	285	Fr.	Elkhorn, Neb. (Elkhorn South)	3	Trayvon Rudolph	WR
62	Grey Rumohr	OL	6-5	305	Fr.	Wales, Wis. (Kettle Moraine)	62	Grey Rumohr	OL
63	Landon Hron	OL	6-3	325	FrR	Hartford, Wis. (Hartford)	28	Nevaeh Sanders	DE
64	Matthew Schooley	OL	6-2	298	SrR	Wisconsin Rapids, Wis. (Lincoln)	64	Matthew Schooley	
65	Logan Zschernitz	OL	6-3	305	SrR	Spencer, Wis. (Spencer)	40	Chase Schutty	TE
66	Lane Mahnesmith	OL	6-8	320	Fr.	Troy, III. (Triad)	30	Jake Seibert	K
68	Samir Senenat	DT	6-4	270	Fr.	Carol Stream, III. (Glenbard North)	68	Samir Senenat	DT
70	Michael Jimmar	OL	6-5	301	FrR	Plainfield, III. (Plainfield East)	53	Luke Skartvedt	OL
72	Christian Medlock	OL	6-5	304	FrR	Homewood, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor)	27	Ahmir Smith	RB
75	Thomas Paasch	OL	6-5	306	FrR	Green Bay, Wis. (Green Bay Southwest)	85	Joe Stein	TE
76	John Champe	OL	6-4	321	Sr.	Brookfield, Wis. (Brookfield East)	10	Demond Taylor Jr.	DT
77	lzuchukwu "Izzy" Ozoh	OL	6-4	263	JrR	Hazel Crest, III. (Homewood-Flossmoor)	88	Rickey Taylor Jr.	WR
78	Jacob Welch	OL	6-6	310	FrR	Johnsburg, Ill. (Johnsburg)	82	Tristen Tewes	TE
79	J.J. Lippe	OL	6-5	311	SrR	Milwaukee, Wis. (Whitefish Bay)	30	Adrian Thomas II	S
80	Jake Appleget	TE TE	6-4	245	SoR	Lincoln, Neb. (Southeast HS/Nebraska)	16	Jay'shon Thomas	DE
81	Grayson Barnes		6-5	225	Sr.	Rocklin, Calif. (Rocklin/American River CC)	10	Kyle Thomas	WR
82	Tristen Tewes Jason Fowler	TE	6-3	251	SrR	Pleasant Plains, Ill. (Pleasant Plains)	4	Raishein Thomas	DE
83		TE WR	6-5	240	Fr.	Skokie, III. (Niles West)	0	Cam Thompson	WR
84 85	George Dimopoulus		6-2	195 245	Fr.	Crystal Lake, III. (Crystal Lake Central)	18	Ethan Tierney	DB
85 86	Joe Stein Devon Akers	TE TE	6-6 6-7	245 215	Fr. Fr.	Grand Island, Neb. (Northwest)	38	Joshua Tillman	S
86 87	La'Don Bryant	WR	6-4	195	Fr.	Ankeny, Iowa (Ankeny) Savannah, Ga. (Benedictine Military School)	32	Quinn Urwiler	LB
88	Rickey Taylor Jr.	WR	6-4 6-1	160	Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (Brother Rice)	9	Nate Valcarcel	S
90	Danny Vuckovic	K	6-1	206	FrR	Kildeer, III. (Lake Zurich)	90	Danny Vuckovic	K
90 90	Reggie Jean	DT	6-1	200 292	SoR	Ocoee, Fla. (Foundation Academy)	46	CJ Wade	DE
90 91	Isaac Hatfield	LS	6-2	292	JrR	Georgetown, Ind. (Floyd Central)	29	Romelo Walker	CB
92	Kanon Woodill	K	0-2 5-11	167	Sr.	Plainfield, III. (Plainfield North)	20 96	Romelo Ware Jacob Waskow	RB DT
92 92	Tanner Phelps	DT	6-3	252	Fr.	Milwaukee, Wis. (Greenfield)			LS
92 93	Cam Crowell	DT	6-3	275	SoR	Columbus, Ga. (Carver)	93 70	Sean Weigand	
93 93	Sean Weigand	LS	6-2	275	Fr.	North Aurora, Ill. (West Aurora)	78	Jacob Welch Gavin Williams	OL
	Lance Ingold	DE					21		RB
95 96	Jacob Waskow	DE DT	6-5 6-2	240 302	Fr. SrR	Rochester, III. (Rochester) Canton, III. (Canton)	11	Jalonnie Williams	DE
90 97	Roy Williams	DE	6-6	302 251	Jr.	Crestwood, Ill. (Shepard)	97 34	Roy Williams Ryan Williams	DE CB
97 98	Tom Foley	P	6-4	231	SrR	Peoria, III. (Peoria Notre Dame/Minnesota)	34 92	,	
98 99	Austin Bullock	г К	0-4 5-10	234 195	Fr.	Bettendorf, Iowa (Pleasant Valley)	92 65	Kanon Woodill	K
99 99	Pierce Oppong	DE	6-3	255	JrR	Bloomington, Minn. (Jefferson)	05	Logan Zschernitz	OL
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#### **OFFENSE**

<u></u>	No.	- Name (Hgt., Wgt., Yr., Hometown, High School/Previous School)
QB	2	Ethan Hampton (6-3, 216, JrR, Elburn, Ill., Aurora Christian HS)
	14	Jalen Macon (6-5, 230, SoR, Nashville, Tenn., Hillsboro HS/UAPB)
RB	1	Antario Brown (5-10, 219, Sr., Savannah, Ga., Beach HS)
	21	Gavin Williams (5-11, 209, SrR, Altoona, Iowa, Dowling Catholic HS/Iowa)
FB/TE	49	Brock Lampe (6-1, 252, Sr., Kenosha, Wis., Bradford HS)
	82	Tristen Tewes (6-3, 251, SrR, Pleasant Plains, III., Pleasant Plains HS)
TE	81	Grayson Barnes (6-5, 225, Sr., Rocklin, Calif., Rocklin HS/American River CC)
	80	Jake Appleget (6-4, 245, SoR, Lincoln, Neb., Southeast HS/Nebraska)
WR	0	Cam Thompson (6-0, 198, SoR, Boardman, Ohio, Boardman HS/Eastern Illinois)
	16	Jalen Johnson (6-3, 205, SoR, Aurora, Ill., Metea Valley HS)
WR	19	Andrew McElroy (6-3, 192, Sr., Bolingbrook, Ill., St. Thomas HS)
	84	George Dimopoulos (6-2, 195, Fr., Crystal Lake, III., Crystal Lake Central HS)
WR	3	Trayvon Rudolph (5-10, 187, SrR, Crete, III., Crete-Monee HS)
	8	Dane Pardridge (5-11, 175, SoR, DeKalb, Ill. Marmion Academy)
LT	54	Evan Malcore (6-6, 298, SoR, Sun Prairie, Wis., Sun Prairie HS)
	77	Izzy Ozoh (6-4, 263, SrR, Hazel Crest, Ill., Homewood-Flossmoor HS)
LG	79	J.J. Lippe (6-5, 311, SrR, Miaukee, Wis., Whitefish Bay HS)
	53	Luke Skartvedt (6-3, 325, FrR, Indianapolis, Ind., Roncalli HS)
С	65	Logan Zschernitz (6-3, 305, SrR, Spencer, Wis., Spencer HS)
	64	Matthew Schooley (6-2, 298, SrR, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Lincoln HS)
RG	76	John Champe (6-4, 321, Sr., Brookfield, Wis., Brookfield East HS)
	55	Abiathar Curry (6-3, 301, FrR, Janesville, Wis., Parker HS)
RT	60	Evan Buss (6-6, 312, Sr., Kimberly, Wis., Kimberly HS)
	75	Thomas Paasch (6-5, 306, FrR, Green Bay, Wis., Southwest HS)
DEF	ENSE	
	No.	- Name (Hgt., Wgt., Yr., Hometown, High School/Previous School)
DE	11	Jalonnie Williams (6-4, 286, JrR, Milwaukee, Wis., Greenfield HS)
	99	Pierce Oppong (6-3, 255, JrR, Bloomington, Minn., Jefferson HS)
	95	Lance Ingold (6-5, 240, Fr., Rochester, III., Rochester HS)
DT	8	Devonte O'Malley (6-2, 293, Sr., Midlothian, Ill., Bremen HS)
	0	Skyler Gill-Howard (6-1, 285, JrR, Milwaukee, Wis., Greenfield HS/Upper Iowa)
	57	Mark Hensley (6-3, 285, FrR, Labadie, Mo., Washington HS)
DT	51	Cade Haberman (6-2, 300, Sr., Blair, Neb., Westside HS)
	10	Demond Taylor Jr. (6-2, 308, SrR, East St. Louis, III., East St. Louis HS)

- 10 Demond Taylor Jr. (6-2, 308, Sr.-R, East St. Louis, III., East St. Louis HS DE 97 Roy Williams (6-6, 251, Jr., Crestwood, III., Shepard HS)
- be an analysis (6-8, 23, 51, Crestwood, III, Shepard RS)
  ivan Davis (6-3, 254, Sr., Canton, Mich., Plymouth HS)
  iay'shon Thomas (6-4, 231, Fr.-R, Cataula, Ga., Harris County HS)
  iaden Dolphin (6-2, 220, Sr., Des Plaines, III., Maine West HS)
  iake Gassaway (6-0, 206, So.-R, Omaha, Neb., Millard South HS)
- LB 44 Christian Fuhrman (6-1, 235, Sr., Mesa, Ariz., Queen Creek HS/SEMO) 32 Quinn Urwiler (6-0, 226, Sr.-R, Mooseheart, III., Batavia HS/North Dakota)
- N 1 Jashon Prophete (5-11, 187, Sr., Pompano Beach, Fla., Blanche Ely HS)
- 13 Ty Myles (5-10, 186, Jr.-R, Blackshear, Ga., Pierce County HS)
- CB 2 JaVaughn Byrd (6-0, 191, Sr., Milwaukee, Wis., Rufus King HS)
- 12 Shaad Dabney (5-11, 186, Sr., Atlanta, Ga., Cherokee Bluff HS/Kansas)
- S 15 Santana Banner (6-3, 202, Fr.-R, Flint, Mich., Mountain View [Ga.] HS)
- 6 Muhammed Jammeh (6-1, 196, Jr.-R, Detroit, Mich., Renaissance HS)
- S 9 Nate Valcarcel (6-1, 192, Sr., Greenfield, Wis., Whitnall HS/South Dakota)
- 22 Cyrus McGarrell (6-2, 197, Jr.-R, Windsor, Ontario, Canada, Clearwater Acad. Int'l. [Fla.])
- CB 5 Amariyun Knighten (6-0, 174, So.-R, Hollywood, Fla., Stranahan HS) 3 Jacob Finley (5-11, 176, So.-R, Birmingham, Ala., Hoover HS)

#### SPECIALISTS

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	No.	Name (Hgt., Wgt., Yr., Hometown, High School/Previous School)	
Р	98	Tom Foley (6-4, 234, SrR, Peoria, III., Peoria Notre Dame HS/Minnesota)	
	90	Danny Vuckovic (6-1, 206, FrR, Killdeer, Ill., Lake Zurich HS)	
PK	92	Kanon Woodill (5-11, 167, Sr., Plainfield, Ill., Plainfield North HS)	
	99	Austin Bullock (5-10, 195, Fr., Bettendorf, Iowa, Pleasant Valley HS)	
KO	99	Austin Bullock (5-10, 195, Fr., Bettendorf, Iowa, Pleasant Valley HS)	
LS	91	Isaac Hatfield (6-2, 227, JrR, Georgetown, Ind., Floyd Central HS)	
HO	98	Tom Foley (6-4, 234, SrR, Peoria, III., Peoria Notre Dame HS/Minnesota)	
KOR	3	Trayvon Rudolph (5-10, 187, SrR, Crete, Ill., Crete-Monee HS)	
AND	28	Jaylen Poe (5-10, 207, FrR, Dallas, Ga., North Paulding HS)	
PR	8	Dane Pardridge (5-11, 175, SoR, DeKalb, III. Marmion Academy)	

0 Cam Thompson (6-0, 198, So.-R, Boardman, Ohio, Boardman HS/Eastern Illinois)

#### Pronunciations

Name	Pronunciation			
DEVON AKers				
CHIDU BEKEE	Chee-DO BAY-kay			
ANTARIO Brown				
John CHAMPE				
Cameron CROWELL				
ABIATHAR Curry				
SHAAD Dabney				
George DIMOPOULOS				
JADEN Dolphin	JAY-den			
AJ GUIDA				
Cade HABERMAN	Hobb-ER-man			
Landon HRON				
Muhammed JAMMEH	Juh-MAY			
Michael JIMMAR	Ji-MAR			
JALEN Johnson				
AMARIYUN Knighten				
Brock LAMPE				
Ross LIEGEL	5			
J.J. LIPPE				
Kenny LUETH	Leath			
Filip MACIOROWSKI				
DEVONTE O'Malley				
Pierce OPPONG				
Izzy OZOH				
Thomas PAASCH				
Marc PRETTO				
JASHON PROPHETE				
Joey RATTIN				
DEV'ION Reynolds	dev-EE-on			
Grey RUMOHR				
NEVAEH Sanders				
Matthew SCHOOLEY				
Jake SEIBERT SAMIR SENENAT				
Luke SKARTVEDT	SUN-IVIEER SEIN-EN-INOT			
AHMIR Smith				
Joe STEIN				
DEMOND Taylor Jr.				
Tristen TEWES				
Ethan TIERNEY				
Quinn URWILER				
Nate VALCARCEL				
Jacob WASKOW				
Sean WEIGAND				
KANON Woodill				
Danny VUCKOVIC				
Logan ZSCHERNITZ				
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Coaches				
Nick BENEDETTO				
Wesley BESCHORNER				
Eric EIDSNESS				
Jordan GIGLIGEE-lee				
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