

2018 FOOTBALL



2018 NORTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY HUSKIES

2018 SCHEDULE

Day, Date	Opponent (TV)	Time (CT)
Sat., Sept. 1	at Iowa (BTN)	L, 33-7
Sat., Sept. 8	UTAH (ESPNews)	L, 17-6
Sat., Sept. 15	C. MICHIGAN* (ESPN+)	W, 24-16
Sat., Sept. 22	at Florida State (ESPNU)	L, 37-19
Sat., Sept. 29	at E. Michigan* (ESPN+)	W, 26-23 (3OT)
Sat., Oct. 6	at Ball State* (ESPN3)	W, 24-16
Sat., Oct. 13	OHIO* - HC (ESPN+)	W, 24-21
Sat., Oct. 27	at BYU (ESPNU)	2:30 p.m.
Thu., Nov. 1	at Akron* (ESPNU/CBSSN)	6 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 7	TOLEDO* (ESPN2/ESPNU)	6 or 7 p.m.
Wed., Nov. 14	MIAMI* (ESPN2/ESPNU)	6 or 7 p.m.
Tues., Nov. 20	at W. Michigan* (ESPN2/U)	6 p.m.
Fri., Nov. 30	MAC Championship (ESPN2) Ford Field, Detroit, Mich.	6 p.m.

*Mid-American Conference Game; All Times Central.



Saturday, Oct. 27, 2018 - 2:30 PM CT

Provo, Utah

LaVell Edwards Stadium (63,470)



RADIO



NIU HUSKIES

(4-3, 4-0 MAC)

Head Coach: Rod Carey (48-27, Sixth Season)

VS



BYU COUGARS

(4-3)

Head Coach: Kalani Sitake (17-16, Third Season)

HUSKIE FOOTBALL FACTS

2017 Record/MAC Record/Finish.....	8-5/6-2/T2nd West
Head Coach.....	Rod Carey
Record at NIU/Years.....	48-27/Sixth
Career Record/Years.....	48-27/Sixth
Alma Mater/Year.....	Indiana/1993
Basic Offense/Defense.....	Multiple/4-3
First Year of Football.....	1899
All-Time Record.....	583-491-51
Last Bowl Game.....	2017 Quick Lane Bowl (Detroit)
.....	Duke 36, NIU 14
Bowl Appearances (FBS).....	12
MAC Championship Appearances, Last.....	7, 2015
Letterwinners Returning/Lost.....	54/28
Starters Returning.....	17 (9 offense, 6 defense, 2 specialists)
Starters Lost.....	9 (3 offense, 5 defense, 1 specialist)

NIU FACTS

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

HUSKIE BITES

- NIU heads back on the road to conclude its 2018 non-conference schedule as the Huskies take on the BYU Cougars for the first time in school history.
- NIU and BYU are both coming off open dates; NIU enters the game on a three-game winning streak while the Cougars' last contest was a 49-23 home win over Hawaii.
- In 75 games as NIU's head coach, Rod Carey is 48-27 overall for a .640 winning percentage; he is 11-12 in regular season non-conference games, including a school record four wins over Big Ten opponents.
- Left tackle Max Scharping, a 46-game starter, scored the first two points of his NIU career versus Ohio when he took a lateral pass from Marcus Childers and rumbled into the end zone to record NIU's first successful two-point conversion since 2011. Scharping, a graduate student who will earn his master's degree in December, was named the MAC's Male Scholar-Athlete of the Week.
- NIU is one of just three teams from a "Group of 5" conference to play in nine bowl games in the last 10 seasons.
- NIU defensive end Sutton Smith forced a fumble while sacking the quarterback for the third time this season when he hit Ohio U. QB Nathan Rourke, forcing a fumble and recovering it to set up the Huskies' go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter. The MAC leader in sacks (7) and tackles for loss (13), Smith had 2.5 tackles for loss, two sacks and two fumble recoveries in the game versus the Bobcats to earn his second MAC West Defensive Player of the Week honor.
- NIU ran for 255 yards on 46 carries in the win over Ohio, giving the Huskies their ninth straight win when rushing for more than 200 yards.
- Marcus Childers' season and career high 169 rushing yards was the fourth 100-yard rushing game by a Huskie this season; he became the third different NIU player to top the 100-yard mark in 2018.



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NIU Athletics

— WEEKLY MEDIA SCHEDULE —

MONDAY MAC COACHES' TELECONFERENCE

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

NIU WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE

- NIU will host a weekly press conference with Rod Carey and several Huskie players throughout the season.
- Remaining dates for the weekly press conferences this year are: Oct. 23 (Tuesday), Oct. 29 (Monday); Nov. 9 (Friday) and Nov. 16 (Friday)
- Press conferences, except for October 29 (Monday), will be held at 12:15 p.m. CT in the McCareins Auditorium (2nd floor) of the Yordon Center.
- The Oct. 29 press conference is tentatively scheduled for Fatty's Pub & Grille on West Lincoln Highway at 12:30 p.m., following the weekly radio show.
- Telephone access is available (except for Oct. 29). Contact NIU for the number.
- Watch the press conference live on Facebook and later on NIUHuskies.com.

NIU PLAYER & COACH AVAILABILITY

- Huskie players and coaches are available for interviews after practice on select days of the week.
- Contact the NIU Athletics Communications Office to arrange either in-person or phone interviews.
- Please provide 24-hour notice for phone interviews.
- Contact Joe Summins (players) or Donna Turner (coaches) to arrange interviews.

PRACTICE COVERAGE

- NIU practices, held at Huskie Stadium and the Chessick Practice Center, are open to the media.
- Media are asked to remain in the end zone (HS) or along the wall (CPC) and to inform NIU Athletics Communications in advance if you plan to attend.
- Contact the NIU Athletics Communications Office for the weekly practice schedule.
- Video shooting times may be limited.

INFORMATION, VIDEO & PHOTO REQUESTS

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

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THIS WEEK'S GAME

SERIES HISTORY: This is the first meeting between NIU and BYU, however, it is the second team from the state of Utah the Huskies are facing this season. The Huskies suffered a 17-6 setback to Utah in NIU's home opener in the first-ever meeting between the two schools.

SOME STRETCH: NIU is in the midst of a stretch of five of six games played away from Huskie Stadium. Following the game at BYU, NIU travels to Akron for a Nov. 1 MACtion date with the Zips. The Huskies are 4-1 during this stretch, with NIU's only loss coming at Florida State on Sept. 22. NIU is 2-2 on the road this season and are looking to extend its current road winning streak to three with a win over BYU.

SCHEDULING CHALLENGES: Entering Saturday's final nonconference game with BYU, the combined record of NIU's nonconference opponents is 21-11. Iowa owns a 6-1 mark and a No. 18 ranking in both the Associated Press Poll and the Coaches Poll. Utah ranks No. 23 in both the AP Poll and No. 24 the Coaches Poll, while Florida State and BYU are 4-3 in 2018.

STEPPING OUT OF THE MAC: Saturday's matchup with BYU is the latest nonconference game for NIU since 2009 when the Huskies closed out the regular season by playing host to Navy on Nov. 25, 2009. The last time NIU's MAC schedule was interrupted with a nonconference game was Nov. 17, 2007 when NIU traveled to Navy ahead of the season finale against Ball State.

COMMON FOE: NIU and BYU have one common foe on their respective 2018 schedules as both teams face Utah. The Huskies fell to Utah, 17-6, in the home opener Sept. 8, while BYU travels to Salt Lake City to face the Utes on Nov. 24 in the Cougars' regular season finale.

GO WEST YOUNG MEN: For the fifth time in the last six years, NIU will travel to the West for a football game when the Huskies travel to Utah to face BYU Saturday. The Huskies posted a 45-35 win at Idaho in 2013 and a 48-34 victory at UNLV in 2014. NIU fell at Wyoming in 2016, 40-36, in triple overtime and dropped a 34-28 decision at San Diego State last season.

STRIPPING AGENT: Sutton Smith's strip sack of Ohio's Nathan Rourke in the fourth quarter was his third of the season and fourth of his career. Smith recorded a strip sacks in the season opener at Iowa (Sept. 1), and at Florida State (Sept. 22) this year, and a half sack and forced fumble last season at Buffalo (Oct. 14). Smith has six career forced fumbles.

NIU BONEYARD WINS

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

NIU vs. THE

POWER FIVE: NIU fell to 15-72 versus teams that were in an autonomous conference (ACC, Big Ten, Big 12, SEC & Pac-12) at the time the Huskies played them following its 37-19 loss at Florida State on Sept. 22. Of those 15 wins, seven have come in the last nine years, beginning with NIU's 28-20 win over Purdue in 2009. The Huskies will face three teams from an autonomous five conference, as well as independent BYU, this year and have played a team from one of those five conferences in 35 of the last 36 years. NIU did not play a team from an autonomous five conference in 2016.

RECAPPING LAST GAME

DOUBLE-DIGIT DEFICIT RALLY: The Huskies overcame a 12-point fourth quarter deficit to defeat Ohio, 24-21, in NIU's 112th Homecoming game. It was the first double-digit fourth-quarter deficit the Huskies have overcome in a win since Oct. 26, 2017 when NIU rallied from a 14-point Eastern Michigan lead to defeat the Eagles, 30-27, in overtime.

GAINING GROUND: The Huskie offense amassed a season-best 400 yards of total offense in the victory over Ohio, including a season-high 255 rushing yards. It was NIU's first 400-yard performance since Nov. 9, 2017 when the Huskies tallied 433 yards of total offense in a victory over Ball State at Huskie Stadium. NIU recorded six games of 400 yards or more of total offense in 2017 and went 4-2 in those contests.

ANYTHING YOU CAN DO: For the third-straight week, NIU had a 100-yard rusher as quarterback Marcus Childers rushed for 169 yards on 23 carries versus Ohio. It was the most yards by a Huskie rusher this season and the most since Jordan Huff rushed for 185 yards versus Western Michigan on Nov. 15, 2017. Huskie tailback Marcus Jones tallied 130 yards on 12 carries in the victory at Ball State a week after Tre Harbison amassed 136 yards at Eastern Michigan. It's the first time since 2016 NIU has had 100-yard rushers in three consecutive games (Sept. 24-Oct. 8).

QUARTERBACK FOR 100: Childers became the first Huskie quarterback to rush for 100 yards in a game since Anthony Maddie gained 125 yards on 15 carries in a 44-7 NIU victory over Buffalo on Oct. 22, 2016. Childers ranks third on the team in rushing with 242 yards on 90 carries.

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

CONFERENCE CALL

HUSKIES IN THE MAC: With its 24-21 victory over Ohio Saturday, NIU improved to 150-99-2 all-time in MAC play and 114-54 (.679) in league action since 1997. Since 2010, NIU is 58-9 and has recorded three undefeated campaigns and two one-loss seasons in league play, winning six-straight division championships during that stretch. The Huskies are in their 33rd season as a member of the Mid-American Conference in 2018-19, including an initial stint in the league from 1975-85.

NIU VS. MAC EAST: NIU has won 24 of its last 25 regular season games over MAC East Division opponents and 29 of 31 since the 2008 season. Ohio is the only MAC East foe to defeat the Huskies during that time, posting wins in 2009 at Ohio, and 2015 in DeKalb. The Bobcat victory on Nov. 24, 2015 was NIU's last regular season loss to a MAC East foe. NIU defeated former league members Temple in 2010 and UMass in 2012 and 2013. The Huskies are 3-3 versus the MAC East in conference title games since 2010, defeating Ohio (2011), Kent State (2012) and Bowling Green (2014), while falling to Miami (2010) and Bowling Green (2013 & 2015).

NIU vs...	Since 2009
Buffalo	7-0
Kent State	6-0
Bowling Green	5-0
Akron	4-0
Miami	4-0
Ohio	2-2

CAREY KERNELS

HUSKIE HEAD MAN RANKINGS: NIU head coach Rod Carey currently ranks fourth on NIU's all-time coaching list for wins with 48, 16 behind Joe Novak (1996-2007). George "Chick" Evans (1929-54) is NIU's all-time leader with 132 wins. Carey also ranks fourth in games coached with 75.

— FOLLOW THE HUSKIES —

TV: NIU-BYU ON ESPNU

- The NIU-BYU game is the fourth of at least eight NIU games this season to be nationally televised on a broadcast network, the third to air on an ESPN Network, and the second on ESPNU.
- In addition to ESPNU, watch the game on mobile devices via the ESPN App or online (with appropriate provider login) at ESPN.com.
- The announce crew for the NIU-BYU game are Kevin Brown (play-by-play) and Andre Ware (color analyst).

RADIO: HUSKIE SPORTS NETWORK

- The Huskie Sports Radio Network broadcast for the BYU game begins at 2 p.m. CT, 30 minutes prior to kickoff.
- The game will be carried on NIU network affiliates WLBK AM 1360/FM 98.9 (DeKalb), AM 560 The Answer (Chicago) and joined in progress on SportsFan Radio AM 1330 (Rockford).
- Hear the broadcast online via NIUTube (subscription), and on mobile devices via TuneIn. Download the app for free and find the NIU Huskies channel.
- Bill Baker is in his 39th season as the radio play-by-play "Voice of the Huskies." Color analyst Mark Lindo joins him for the 33rd season, while Andy Garcia is in his sixth season on the NIU sidelines.

INSIDE HUSKIE FOOTBALL RADIO SHOW

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

NIU WEEKLY RADIO SHOW

- The 30-minute show features interviews with football coach Rod Carey, other NIU head coaches and guests.
- Airing Friday at 10 p.m. CT in Chicago on AM 560 The Answer, Saturday at 9 a.m. on WLBK AM 1360/FM 98.9 in DeKalb and on Sports Fan Radio 1330 in Rockford at 6:30 a.m. Also available on-demand on NIUTube (subscription).
- Andy Garcia and NIU Director of Athletics Sean T. Frazier host.

NIUTUBE (HUSKIE ALL-ACCESS)

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

GETTING SOCIAL

- Twitter: @NIUAthletics, @NIUScores, @NIU_Football
- Facebook: NIU Huskies, NIU Football
- Instagram: niuhuskies, niufootball
- YouTube: NIU Athletics
- See NIU Athletics' social media hub online for all the team and staff accounts.

2018 TEAM STATS COMPARISON

Huskies	Category	Cougars
18.6	Points/G	25.1
16 (8-8)	TDs (Rush-Pass)	23 (12-10)
130	First Downs	128
295.7	Total Yards/G	330.0
160.1	Rush Yards/G	139.9
135.6	Pass Yards/G	190.1
9	Turnovers Lost	8
29:04	Time of Possession/G	30:33
37% (41-112)	3rd Down Conversions	36% (32-88)
33% (4-12)	4th Down Conversions	45% (5-11)
36.9	Net Punting Avg.	40.2
16.7	Kickoff Return Avg.	18.4
6.5	Punt Return Avg.	8.3
44-54.6	Penalties-Yards/G	46-58.0
79% (19-24)	Red Zone Scores	(21-25) 84%
58% (14-24)	Red Zone TDs	(18-25) 72%
23.3	Points Allowed/G	24.4
18 (10-7)	TDs Allowed (Rush-Pass)	23 (12-10)
142	First Downs Allowed	137
350.7	Total Yards/G Allowed	353.7
114.4	Rush Yards/G Allowed	149.4
236.3	Pass Yards/G Allowed	204.3
40% (45-113)	3rd Down Conv. Allowed	39% (35-90)
46% (6-13)	4th Down Conv. Allowed	64% (9-14)
14	Turnovers Gained	11

NIU BY THE NUMBERS

- 1.9 Tackles for loss per game by Sutton Smith, to rank fourth in the nation; his 44.5 career tackles for loss are fourth all-time at NIU.
- 3 Opponents who have rushed for less than 100 yards in 2018.
- 8 College graduates on the 2018 roster
- 9 Blocked kicks in the last two seasons for the Huskies (6 punts, 3 FGs), including three in 2018
- 10 Fumble recoveries by NIU so far in 2018, surpassing last year's season total of seven
- 20 Rod Carey's rank on MAC all-time wins list
- 22 Total point differential in NIU's four wins, an average of 5.5 points per game
- 24 Number of freshmen - true (9) and redshirt (15) - who have seen action in NIU's games this year
- 46 Consecutive games started by OT Max Scharping, every game since the 2015 season opener
- 50 Seasons as an FBS program for NIU
- 84 Graduation Success Rate of the NIU Football team, tied for 20th in the FBS in 2017
- 169 Team season high, and career-high, rushing yards for Marcus Childers in the win over Ohio.
- 1,354 Miles between DeKalb, Illinois and Provo, Utah

ON THE WATCH

Four 2018 Huskies have been named to one or more of the Watch Lists, or have been nominated, for a national college football award.

Sutton Smith, DE, Jr.	Ted Hendricks Award
.....	Bronko Nagurski Award
.....	Chuck Bednarik Award
.....	Lott IMPACT Trophy Nominee
Max Scharping, LT, Sr.	Outland Trophy
.....	Wuerffel Trophy
Luke Shively, C, Sr.	Rimington Trophy
Matt Ference, P, Soph.	Ray Guy Award Nominee

MOVING UP IN THE MAC: With NIU's win over Ohio, Huskie head coach Rod Carey won his 48th game as head coach and cracked the Mid-American Conference's Top 20 list for overall wins. Carey is tied at 20th with Terry Hoepfner (Miami, 1999-2004) and Frank Lauterbur (Toledo, 1963-70). Carey's career winning percentage of .640 currently ranks 14th in MAC history, and he needs to get to .658 to move into the top 10.

HUSKIE HEADLINERS

OPEN DATE SUCCESS: NIU is 2-1 under Rod Carey following an open date. The Huskies fell to San Diego State, 34-28, on Sept. 30, 2017 following their last open date. NIU defeated Kent State, 17-14, on Oct. 4, 2014, following after an off week and scored a 45-35 win at Idaho (Sept. 14) two weeks after defeating Iowa in 2013. The Huskies are facing BYU after having last week off.

EIGHT IS ENOUGH: NIU won its fourth game this season in games decided by eight points or less following its three-point victory over Ohio. The Huskies are tied with Notre Dame and San Diego State with a nation's best 4-0 in such games. NIU defeated both Central Michigan (Sept. 15) and Ball State (Oct. 6) by identical scores of 24-16, and posted a 26-23 win over Eastern Michigan (Sept. 29) in overtime. The Huskies are 17-11 in games decided by eight points or less since 2013.

ONE SCORE FBS GAMES IN 2018

1.	Eastern Michigan	2-4	33.33%	6
2.	Texas	4-1	80.00%	5
3.	Notre Dame	4-0	100.00%	4
	NIU	4-0	100.00%	4
	San Diego State	4-0	100.00%	4
	Texas A&M	3-1	75.00%	4
	Northwestern	2-2	50.00%	4
	Ohio	2-2	50.00%	4
	Washington	2-2	50.00%	4
	Ball State	1-3	25.00%	4
	Western Kentucky	1-3	25.00%	4
	Arizona State	1-3	25.00%	4

FINISHING STRONG: NIU produced its best fourth quarter of the season on both sides of the ball against Ohio, scoring a season-high 15 points in the quarter while tallying 148 yards of total offense, including 105 rushing yards. The Huskie defense shutout the Bobcats in the quarter and held Ohio to 27 yards of total offense. NIU's previous season-high in points scored in the fourth was seven at Iowa, while the Huskies recorded 77 yards in the fourth quarter at Florida State. Ohio is the first opponent NIU has shut out in the fourth quarter this season.

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

HUSKIES IN THE PROS

Four Huskies are on NFL rosters in 2018, including Tommylee Lewis, who is currently on injured reserve. In addition, former Huskie Chad Beebe is on the Vikings' practice squad, and three NIU alums are playing in the Canadian Football League. Now in his sixth year in the league, Rashaan Melvin is the veteran of the NFL group, while Courtney Stephen is in his sixth season in the CFL.

National Football League

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

Canadian Football League

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



HUSKIE HONOREES: Defensive end Sutton Smith earned his second Mid-American Conference West Division Player of the Week honor of the season and fifth of his career following his performance against Ohio. Smith, who earlier was named MAC West Defensive POTW following his game against Utah, tallied five tackles, two-and-half for loss, two sacks, including a strip sack, and recovered two fumbles, while forcing another in NIU's win last week. Antonio Jones-Davis earned the same honor from the MAC following his performance in NIU's win at Eastern Michigan (Sept. 29).

SACK LUNCH: The Huskie defense recorded four sacks against Ohio, giving NIU 22 on the season. Through seven games last season, the NIU defense totaled 23 sacks. Jack Heflin became the 10th different Huskie to record a sack when he tallied his first career sack in the win over the Bobcats. Sutton Smith leads the way with seven this season. The Huskies lead the MAC and rank 18th in the nation in quarterback sacks, averaging 3.14 sacks a game.

WORKING OVERTIME: The Huskies improved to 8-4 in overtime games with their triple overtime win at Eastern Michigan. It was the third consecutive overtime game between the Huskies and Eagles, all NIU victories. The Huskies defeated EMU, 31-24, in Ypsilanti in 2016 and 30-27 at Huskie Stadium last season. This year's game was the first triple overtime contest for NIU since a 34-28 loss to Central Michigan Oct. 15, 2016.

DOUBLE TROUBLE: Huskie linebackers Antonio Jones-Davis and Kyle Pugh combined for 26 tackles in NIU's win at Ball State on Oct. 6. Jones-Davis tied his career best with 16 tackles, including 12 solo stops and a sack, while Pugh tallied a season-high 10 tackles. It was the third career double-digit tackle performance for Jones-Davis, all coming this season, and the most since he made 16 tackles against Central Michigan (Sept. 15). It was Pugh's third double-digit tackle game of his career and first of the season. He made a career-best 17 stops against Boston College (Sept. 1) and 11 at Nebraska (Sept. 16) last season.

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

NINE TIMES: After EMU scored on its first two possessions of the game (including a field goal after starting a drive at the NIU 28 off an interception), the Huskie defense held EMU without a first down on its next NINE possessions and on 10 of the Eagles' 12 possessions the rest of the game. The dominance continued in the second and third overtimes as, after scoring a touchdown in the first OT, EMU gained just four total yards in the second and third OTs.

SCHOOL TIES: NIU coordinators Mike Uremovich (offense) and Jeff Knowles (defense) went to high school together at Providence Catholic in New Lenox, Ill. The pair were members of the 1994 state championship team and graduated in 1995. This is the third coaching stop the two have made together. Knowles was an assistant on Uremovich's staff at St. Francis (Ill.) from 2008-11 before joining the N.C. State staff in 2014, where Uremovich was the offensive line coach.

DOGGED DEFENSE

GROUNDING: The NIU defense held Ohio, who entered the game as the league's leading rushing offense averaging 203.8 yards per game, to 46 yards on the ground in its victory over the Bobcats. It was the first time since Oct. 14, 2017 the Huskies held a team under 50 yards rushing (Buffalo, 39 yards). It was the third time this season the NIU defense held an opponent to under 100 yards rushing. The Huskies, who lead

the league and rank 18th in the nation in rushing defense, allowed Utah (Sept. 8) just 68 rushing yards and gave up 62 rushing yards to Eastern Michigan (Sept. 29).

ECONOMICAL EFFORT: A week after defending a season-high 96 plays in NIU's victory at Ball State, the NIU defense limited Ohio to 55 in the Huskies' 24-21 win over the Bobcats. The previous season low was 70 plays by Utah (Sept. 8). The last time NIU held an opponent to 55 plays or less was Aug 28, 2014 when Presbyterian ran 49 plays.

THE LONG AND SHORT (FIELD) OF IT: Of NIU opponents' 97 drives this season, 16 have started in NIU territory. The NIU defense has allowed touchdowns on 56.3 percent of those drives and field goal attempts on 26.7 percent, while forcing two turnovers. However, of the 81 drives that start in the opposition's territory, the Huskie defense has allowed touchdowns on just 13.5 percent of those drives and field goal attempts on 13.5 percent of those drives as well, while forcing nine turnovers.

	Opponent Possession Starts		
	-30 Yardline	-50 Yardline	+50 Yardline
Possessions	9	16	81
Touchdowns	4	9	11
Field Goals Made	3	3	8
Field Goals Attempted	5	5	11
Turnovers	0	2	9

FORCING THE ISSUE: The NIU defense forced three turnovers, two fumbles and an interception, in the Huskies' win over Ohio. The Huskies lead the MAC and rank 11th in the country in turnovers gained. The Huskies also rank second in the nation and lead the MAC in fumble recoveries with 10 on the season after recovering two versus the Bobcats. The NIU offense has converted the 14 turnovers into 38 points. NIU forced a season-high four turnovers in its game at Florida State (Sept. 22), converting two of them into 13 points.

SUTTON ON THE SACK: Smith assumed sole possession of fifth place on NIU's all-time list for quarterback sacks after recording two against Ohio. The Huskie junior, who leads the MAC and ranks 12th in the country in quarterback sacks, has 22 career sacks. Huskie great Larry English amassed a school record 31.5 sacks from 2004-08. With one more sack, Smith will move into fourth place on NIU's quarterback sack list, tying Scott Kellar (1982-84).

AT A LOSS: With 2.5 tackles for loss against Ohio, Smith moved up to fourth place on the Huskie all-time list for tackles for loss. The Huskie defensive end leads the MAC and ranks fifth in the nation averaging 1.9 tackles for loss a game. Larry English holds the school record for career tackles for loss with 63. With three more tackles for loss, Smith will move up to third place on NIU's all-time list.

THE FIRM: Antonio Jones-Davis - nicknamed "Law Firm" - leads the Huskies with 71 tackles after his five tackles against Ohio. He tallied a game-high 16 stops at Ball State. It was the third 10-plus tackle performance of his career as he established a career-high with 16 tackles in NIU's win over Central Michigan (Sept. 15) and tallied 13 at Eastern Michigan, to earn him MAC West Defensive Player of the Week.

THREE OF A KIND: The Huskie linebacking corps of Pugh, Jones-Davis and Lance Deveaux Jr. combined for 35 tackles, two sacks, three tackles for loss, a pass break up and fumble recovery at Ball State. In addition to Pugh's and Jones-Davis' double-digit tackle performance versus the Cardinals, Deveaux Jr. tallied nine tackles, a season-high, for the third-straight week while adding a sack, two tackles for loss and a pass break up. On the season, the Huskie trio have accounted for 12 tackles for loss, seven pass break ups and four fumble recoveries.

STUCK IN THE MIDDLE WITH PUGH: After missing the final nine games of the 2017 season, Pugh returned to the starting line-up in 2018. He is third on the team in tackles with 47 and is tied for the team lead with two fumble recoveries. After sitting out the FSU game due to injury, Pugh started at Eastern Michigan, recording seven stops and tallied a season-best 10 at Ball State. The Huskie redshirt junior, who made 17 tackles and an interception versus Boston College in last year's season opener, led the team in tackles with nine stops, six solo, at Iowa.

ON THE OFFENSE

RUNNING TO WINS: The NIU offense rushed for more than 200 yards for the third straight week when it tallied a season-best 255 yards against the Bobcats. The Huskies have won their last nine games when rushing for more than 200 yards, dating back to Nov. 25, 2016 when NIU rushed for 215 yards in a win over Kent State. The last time the Huskies rushed for 200 yards or more and lost was against Toledo on Nov. 9, 2016 when NIU gained 214 yards on the ground.

QUITE THE COMPARISON: The NIU offense is averaging 13.8 points more a game in conference play than in its non-conference games to date. The Huskies have tripled their rushing average in MAC play, with 224.2 yards a game compared to 74.7 in its three non-conference games. On the season, NIU is averaging 160.1 rushing yards a game.

	MAC	Non-conference	Season
Games	4	3	7
Points/GM	24.5	10.7	18.6
Points/GM Allowed	19.0	29.0	23.3
Rush Yds/GM	224.2	74.7	160.1
Rush/GM Allowed	100.8	132.7	114.4
Total Offense/GM	352.5	220.0	295.7
Total Offense/GM Allowed	319.0	393.0	350.7

HUNDRED FOR HARBISON: NIU tailback Tre Harbison recorded his second career 100-yard game and scored the game-winning touchdown in NIU's overtime win at EMU (Sept. 29). The Huskie sophomore rushed for a career-high 136 yards on 32 carries in the victory. His previous career-best was 124 yards on 13 carries in NIU's win over Central Michigan in week three. Harbison is averaging 5.0 yards per carry this season and ranks eighth in the league in rushing, averaging 63.1 yards a game.

PLAY IT AGAIN: The NIU offense ran 97 plays in its triple overtime win at Eastern Michigan with 62 rushing and 35 pass attempts. The last time the Huskies ran 97 plays in a game was Oct. 24, 2015 in a 49-21 victory over Eastern Michigan. NIU amassed 59 rushing attempts, and 38 pass attempts in that contest. The school record for plays run in a game is 109 set against Presbyterian (Aug. 24, 2014).

TOUCHDOWNS TO SHARE: Quarterback Marcus Childers has thrown touchdown passes to five different players in 2018 after connecting with Ty Harmston in overtime at Eastern Michigan. Childers completed TDs to Juaun Wesley and D.J. Brown at Florida State and threw a season-best three TD passes versus Central Michigan, hitting receivers Spencer Tears (14 yards), Dennis Robinson (seven yards) and Brown (two yards). Childers has thrown for 2,335 yards in 17 games (13 starts) over the last two seasons.

WHAT CAN BROWN DO FOR YOU?: Huskie wide receiver D.J. Brown tallied his first rushing touchdown and third of his career when he rushed for a 28-yard score in the second quarter of NIU's win over Ohio. Brown's last rushing touchdown came against Ball State (Nov. 9) last year on a six-yard run. The Huskie senior leads the team in receptions (36), receiving yards (327) and receiving TDs (3). He recorded a career-

high 117 yards on seven receptions, including a 66-yard touchdown catch at Florida State.

YOUTH IS SERVED: Wide receiver Dennis Robinson made a career-high three catches at Ball State as freshmen now rank third (Cole Tucker) and fourth (Robinson) on the Huskie receiving chart this year. Tucker leads the young group with 13 catches for 91 yards, including a career-high six catches for 40 yards at FSU. Robinson, who made his first career start at Ball State, now has nine catches, including a touchdown, in his redshirt season.

WORKING ON THE LINE: The Huskies return every player who started a game on its offensive line a year ago, led by Academic All-American tackle Max Scharping who has started a team-leading 46 consecutive games, every game of his NIU career. NIU's returning offensive linemen have combined to make 138 starts over the last four seasons with seniors Scharping (46) and Luke Shively (32) and junior Jordan Steckler (28) leading the way. Isaac Hawn, who started four games last year, started at right tackle for the first time in 2018 against Ohio.

SPECIAL FORCES

JUST FOR KICKS: Graduate transfer Andrew Gantz improved to seven-of-10 on the season when he hit a 36-yard field goal to open the scoring in NIU's Homecoming victory over Ohio. He has made a field goal in each of the last three games and has now made seven of his last eight attempts. His first field goal as a Huskie, a 49-yarder in the first quarter against Utah, was NIU's longest field goal since Christian Hagan's 52-yard boot at Toledo in 2015. The grad transfer from Cincinnati made 39-of-50 field goals during his 29-game career at Cincinnati. He leads NIU in scoring with 32 points.

PINNING THEM DEEP: Sophomore punter Matt Ference landed five of his seven punts against Ohio inside the 20-yard line, including two inside the 10-yard line. On the season, Ference has placed 18 of his 49 punts inside the 20-yard line and has eight punts of 50 yards or more. He outdueled Ray Guy award winner Matt Wishnowsky of Utah, averaging 46.0 yards on eight punts, and pinned Utah inside the 20 yard-line four times. It was his highest punting average in a game since NIU's win at Nebraska (Sept. 16) last season when he averaged 46.4 yards on eight punts.

BLOCK PARTY: NIU special teams have blocked three kicks this season and have nine blocked kicks in the last two years. Sutton Smith joined the block party with a blocked punt versus CMU. It was the second blocked punt on the season by the Huskies as Juaun Wesley blocked Iowa punter Colten Rastetter's initial punt of the season-opener. NIU also got a blocked field goal versus Utah when Jack Heflin got his hand on the Utes' first field goal attempt.

Player	Block Type	Opponent
Juaun Wesley	Punt	Iowa
Jack Heflin	Field Goal	Utah
Sutton Smith	Punt	Central Michigan

AHEAD OF PACE: With three blocked kicks this season, the Huskies are halfway to their total of last season. NIU blocked six kicks, two field goals and four punts, in 2017. NIU ranks fourth in the nation in blocked kicks and second in blocked punts.

ALL ABOUT THE TEAM

ALL-AMERICA ATTENTION: In addition to being named to numerous preseason watch lists, NIU left tackle Max Scharping and defensive end Sutton Smith garnered multiple preseason All-America honors. Last

2018 NIU FOOTBALL

BYU COUGARS

2017 Record	4-9
Head Coach (Alma Mater/Year).....	Kalani Sitake (BYU, '00)
Record at BYU/Years	17-16/Two
Career Record/Years.....	17-16/Two
Location	Provo, Utah
Enrollment.....	33,517
Conference	Independent
Colors.....	Blue and White
Stadium.....	LaVell Edwards
Surface/Capacity	Natural Grass/63,470
President.....	Kevin J Worthen, J.D.
Athletic Director.....	Tom Holmoe
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2018 BYU SCHEDULE

Day, Date	Opponent (TV)	Time (CT)
Sat. Sept 1	at Arizona	W, 28-23
Sat. Sept 8	CALIFORNIA	L, 21-18
Sat. Sept 15	at Wisconsin	W, 24-21
Sat. Sept 22	McNEESE STATE (BYUtv, ESPN3)	W, 30-3
Sat. Sept 29	at Washington (FOX)	L, 35-7
Fri. Oct 5	UTAH STATE (ESPN2)	L, 45-20
Sat. Oct 13	HAWAII	W, 49-23
Sat. Oct 27	NIU	1:30 p.m.
Sat. Nov 03	at Boise State (ESPN)	7 p.m.
Sat. Nov 10	at UMass (NESN, Eleven Sports Network)	10 a.m
Sat. Nov 17	NEW MEXICO STATE	TBA
Sat., Nov. 24	at Utah	TBA

All Games MDT

NIU OPPONENTS THIS WEEK

NIU Opponent (TV)	This Week
Iowa (BTN)	at Penn State
Utah (ESPN)	at UCLA (Oct. 26)
Central Michigan* (ESPN3)	at Akron
Florida State (ABC)	Clemson
Eastern Michigan* (CBSSN)	Army
Ball State* (ESPN2/CBSSN)	at Ohio (Oct. 25)
Ohio* (ESPN2/CBSSN)	Ball State (Oct. 25)
BYU (ESPN)	NIU
Akron* (ESPN3)	Central Michigan
Toledo* (ESPN2/CBSSN)	at Western Michiganm (Oct. 25)
Miami*	BYE
Western Michigan* (ESPN2/CBSSN)	Toledo (Oct. 25)

*- Mid-American Conference Team

season, Smith became NIU's first consensus All-American since LeShon Johnson in 1993.

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

Max Scharping, OT - USA Today (2nd), Athlon (4th)

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

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

HONORING A LEGEND: In July, NIU and Miami (Ohio) announced that the teams will now play for The Mallory Cup, in honor of the late Bill Mallory, who coached both teams to MAC Championships during a hall of fame career and passed away over the summer. Mallory is the only man to lead two league programs to MAC titles. The first Mallory Cup game will be November 14, 2018 at Huskie Stadium.

POLLING THE MAC: NIU was picked to finish first in the MAC West Division in 2018 by both the MAC media and MAC Coaches. The Huskies edged out Toledo by one point in the Coaches Poll and by eight in the Media Poll. Ohio was picked to win the East in both polls. This is the first time in the five years the MAC has had a Media and Coaches Poll that the Huskies were picked to win the West in both polls. The coaches picked the Huskies as the top team in the division for the third time overall.

MAC PRESEASON POLLS

MEDIA		COACHES	
WEST		WEST	
Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.	Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.
1. NIU (15)	133	1. NIU (5)	61
2. Toledo (7)	125	2. Toledo (3)	60
3. Western Michigan (1)	87	3. Western Michigan (1)	45
4. Eastern Michigan	67	4. Eastern Michigan (1)	35
5. Central Michigan	58	5. Central Michigan (1)	33
6. Ball State	34	6. Ball State (1)	18
EAST		EAST	
Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.	Team (First Place Votes)	Pts.
1. Ohio (21)	140	1. Ohio (10)	70
2. Buffalo (1)	112	2. Buffalo (2)	59
3. Miami (2)	95	3. Miami	42
4. Akron	74	4. Akron	36
5. Bowling Green	58	5. Bowling Green	29
6. Kent State	25	6. Kent State	16

CAREER GAMES PLAYED/STARTED

Name, Pos.	Class	GP	GS
Erik Abrell, LS	Fr.-R	4	-
Mitchell Brinkman, TE	Jr.	22	7
Dale Brown, OL/TE	Sr.-R	32	-
D.J. Brown, WR	Sr.	45	14
Drequan Brown, DE	Sr.-R	13	-
Adam Buirge, S	Jr.-R	29	-
Marcus Childers, QB	So.-R	19	15
Jordan Cole, LB	Fr.-R	7	1
Josh Corcoran, DE	Sr.	41	21
Jaquis Covington, DB	Jr.-R	2	-
Daniel Crawford, TE	Jr.-R	23	3
Calvin Dassow, OT	Fr.-R	2	-
Jawon Denton, DE	Fr.-R	2	-
Lance Deveaux Jr., LB	Jr.	26	8
Jalen Embry, CB	Sr.-R	20	8
Matt Ference, P	So.	20	-
Trayshon Foster, S	Jr.-R	31	9
Andrew Gantz, K	Sr.-R	7	-
Ryan Graham, QB	Sr.-R	19	9
Andrew Gregory, LB	So.-R	9	-
Rayshawn Gay, LB	Fr.-R	3	-
Ezekiel Gueths, OL	So.-R	2	-
Rodney Hall, WR	Fr.-R	3	-
Devin Haney, CB	Fr.	6	-
Tre Harbison, RB	So.-R	17	3
Nathan Harman, LB	Fr.	1	-
Ty Harmston, TE	Sr.-R	28	4
Isaac Hawn, OL	So.	16	5
Jack Heflin, DT	So.-R	20	13
Cortez Hogans, LB	Fr.	7	-
Jaden Huff, TB	Sr.-R	7	-
Vince Hughes, DL	Jr.-R	3	-
Tifonte Hunt, CB	Sr.-R	25	4
Marcus Jones, TB	Jr.-R	33	8
Antonio Jones-Davis, LB	Jr.-R	28	7
Marcus Kelly, DT	Jr.-R	16	1
Michael Kennedy, DE	Fr.-R	4	-
Fotis Kokosioulis, WR	Fr.	4	-
Weston Kramer, DT	So.	20	6
Vinny Labus, LB	Fr.-R	7	1
Ben LeRoy, DT	Jr.	27	19
Corey Lersch, TE	So.-R	8	2
Matt Lorbeck, DE	So.	19	2
Zhamaine March, DB	Fr.	4	-
Jalen McKie, CB	Fr.-R	7	-
Jordan Nettles, TB	Fr.-R	7	-
Benn Olson, OL	So.-R	11	1
Kewan Parker, LB	Fr.	4	-
Brayden Patton, OL	So.-R	10	2
Leon Payne, WR	Fr.	4	1
Christopher Perez Jr., OG	Jr.	7	7
Kyle Pugh, LB	Jr.-R	20	10
Ryan Roberts, OT	Jr.-R	30	10
Dennis Robinson, WR	Fr.-R	7	1
Hayden Sak, LS	Sr.	42	-
Max Scharping, OT	Sr.-R	46	46
Luke Shively, C	Sr.-R	39	32
Albert Smalls, CB	Sr.-R	45	27
Sutton Smith, DE	Jr.-R	32	20
Trequan Smith, S	Jr.-R	18	6
Liam Soraghan, TE	Fr.-R	1	-
Jordan Steckler, OL	Jr.-R	29	25
Spencer Tears, WR	Jr.-R	29	16
Dillon Thomas, S	Fr.-R	7	-
Anthony Thompson, QB	So.-R	2	-
Maximilian Thrower, TE	So.-R	2	-
Maalik Todd, CB	Sr.-R	9	-
Cole Tucker, WR	Fr.-R	7	5
Nathan Veloz, OG	Jr.-R	22	17
Antwain Walker, CB	Fr.	4	-
Danny Walker, LB	Fr.-R	1	-
Austin Warner, OL	So.-R	10	-
Devin Webster, DT	Sr.	12	1
Jauan Wesley, WR	Sr.-R	19	6
Mykelti Williams, S	Jr.-R	20	20
Caleb Wright, DL	Fr.	1	-
Quintin Wynne, DE	Jr.-R	28	1

NIU HEAD COACH ROD CAREY



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

Carey's 48-27 record as NIU's head coach and .640 winning percentage rank the Midwest native among the very best to ever lead the Huskie program. He ranks fourth on NIU's all-time wins list both in wins and winning percentage.

Carey also is climbing the Mid-American Conference coaching charts as his win percentage puts him in the all-time Top 15 in the league. With a 36-8 record – good for a .818 winning percentage – in MAC games, Carey ranks tied for 16th all-time in league wins. NIU's win over Ohio on October 13 moved Carey into the Top 20 for overall wins by a MAC coach.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2018 HUSKIE COACHING STAFF

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

#New to NIU staff in 2018

15 SUTTON SMITH

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

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	FF-FR	PD
2018	7/7	20	9	29	13.0	7.0	3-2	0
Career	32/20	69	38	107	44.5	22.0	6-5	3

• Earned his second MAC West Defensive Player of the Week honor, and fifth of his career, versus Ohio with two sacks, 2.5 tackles for loss, two fumble recoveries, including one on a strip sack when he caused a fumble and made the recovery in the fourth quarter. It was his third strip sack and caused fumble of the year. Ranks fifth in the FBS in TFLs and is 12th in sacks. Made four tackles, two for loss, with a sack at Eastern Michigan. Two of his four tackles at Florida State were for loss and forced a fumble on a sack. Has at least one TFL in 10 of NIU's last 11 games dating back to 2017. Blocked a CMU punt and added a tackle for loss and two hurries. MAC West Defensive Player of the Week after making eight tackles, 4.5 for loss, and two sacks vs. Utah. Recorded five tackles, four solo, at Iowa with a forced fumble and a sack. Preseason second team All-American (Athlon, The Sporting News, The Athletic, USA Today.) On the Ted Hendricks, Chuck Bednarik, Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch Lists. Fifth all-time at NIU in career sacks and fourth in tackles for loss.

73 MAX SCHARPING

OT | 6-6 | 320 | Sr.-R | Green Bay, Wis. | Southwest HS

• Has started 46 consecutive games, every game of his career. Scored on a two-point conversion by taking a lateral pass and rumbling into the end zone vs. Ohio. Led the way for the Huskies' fourth 100-yard rushing game of 2018 as Marcus Childers ran for team season high 169 yards. NIU posted season highs in total yards in each of the last three weeks. Also led the way as Marcus Jones gained 130 yards at Ball State and Tre Harbison recorded his second 100-yard rushing game at EMU. Gave up a sack for the first time since 2015 at Iowa. Named one of Top 10 offensive linemen in the FBS by USA Today. Recorded a pass block efficiency (pressures per snap) of 99.0, according to PFF in 2017. Second team preseason All-America choice by USA Today and on Athlon's fourth team. On the Watch Lists for the Outland and Wuerffel trophies. Nominated for the William Campbell Trophy. Grad student will earn his master's degree in December.

10 DJ BROWN

WR | 5-9 | 185 | Sr. | North Little Rock, Ark. | North Little Rock HS

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2018	7/5	36	327	9.1	3	66	8	53	6.6	1	28
Career	45/14	87	783	9.0	6	69	48	255	5.3	3	28

• Added to his team-leading totals with four catches for 28 yards vs. Ohio, including a fourth down conversion on game-winning drive. Tied his career high with seven catches at Ball State, including a 13-yard touchdown. Has at least four catches in every game this season. Posted a career-best 117 receiving yards on seven catches at Florida State. Scored on a 66-yard catch and run for NIU's longest play of 2018. Earned the first 100-yard day by a Huskie receiver. Leads NIU in catches, receiving yards and touchdowns. Caught four passes for 69 yards with a touchdown vs. CMU. Led NIU with five catches at Iowa and added four vs. Utah. Threw a five-yard pass to QB Marcus Childers at Iowa. Also one of the Huskies' kickoff returners with four returns for 80 yards.

15 MARCUS CHILDERS

QB | 6-0 | 222 | Soph.-R | Adairville, Ga. | Adairville HS

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Comp-Att-Int	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lg
2018	7/7	90	242	2.7	2	32	118-214-5	55.1	949	8	66
Career	19/15	233	715	3.1	7	32	270-479-10	56.4	2,623	24	73

• Accounted for a season-high 314 yards of total offense vs. Ohio with a career high 169 rushing yards on 23 carries and 145 passing yards on 17-of-33 passing. Led NIU to a come-from-behind win. Completed 18-of-29 passes for a season best .621 completion percentage at Ball State. Led the Huskies to triple overtime win at Eastern Michigan with 198 yards of total offense, 77 rushing, and an 11-yard TD pass to tie the game in the first OT. Threw touchdown passes of 20 and 66 yards, and ran for an 11-yard score, at Florida State. Posted his top passing performance of the season with 215 yards on 20-of-41 passing, Threw a season-best three TD passes versus CMU. Threw a 10-yard TD pass at Iowa and caught a five-yard pass or his second career catch. Broke NIU's record for yards of total offense by a freshman in 2017. Took over as NIU's starter in the sixth game of 2017 at Buffalo. Named MAC Freshman of the Year.

12 JOSH CORCORAN

DE | 6-3 | 251 | Sr. | Lakeville, Minn. | Lakeville South HS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PD
2018	5/5	4	5	9	3.5	2.0	0
Career	41/21	43	37	80	19.0	8.5	2

• Posted his best game of the year vs. Ohio with four tackles, three solo, two tackles for loss and a 13-yard sack. Missed the first two games of the season with an injury suffered during fall camp. Recorded his first sack versus CMU and totaled three tackles. Added two stops, one half for loss, at Eastern Michigan. Started 10 games in 2017 and six in 2016 at defensive end. A third-team All-MAC choice last year.

37 LANCE DEVEAUX JR.

LB | 5-11 | 211 | Jr. | Pompano Beach, Fla. | St. Thomas Aquinas HS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PD
2018	6/6	23	14	37	4.0	2.0	2
Career	26/8	46	25	71	5.0	2.0	5

• Recorded his third consecutive nine-tackle game at Ball State with two tackles for loss, a sack and a pass break-up. Missed the EMU game for personal reasons. Starting outside linebacker ranks fourth on the team with 36 tackles. Has surpassed his career total entering the season (34 tackles). Made a career-high 10 stops at Florida State with seven solo and recorded his first sack. That came on the heels of a nine-tackle day versus Central Michigan that included a forced fumble. Broke up a pass and made four tackles versus Utah. Started the season with a tackle for loss and five tackles at Iowa. Made 26 tackles as a freshman in 2016; used primarily as a back-up a year ago.

3 JALEN EMBRY

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

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	INT	PBU
2018	7/7	20	15	35	2.5	0	4
Career	20/8	46	22	68	4.5	0	7

• Fifth on the team with 35 stops. Second on the team with four pass break-ups. Totaled five tackles at Eastern Michigan and vs. Ohio. Added a half tackle for loss vs. the Bobcats. Accounted for four tackles and a pass break-up at Ball State. Tied his season and career high with six stops, four solo, at Florida State with a tackle for loss and a pass break up. Recorded five solo stops and broke up a pair of passes versus Central Michigan. Made six tackles as NIU defense held Utah to 10 points. Started the year with four tackles at Iowa. Also being used on punt and kickoff returns as a senior.

36 MATT FERENCE

P | 5-11 | 198 | Soph. | St. Louis, Mo. | Lafayette HS

Year	G/GS	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	In20	Lg
2018	7/0	49	1,967	40.1	18	57
Career	20/0	132	5,388	40.8	46	70

• Averaging 40.1 yards per punt on the year with 18 of 49 (37%) punts dropped inside the 20-yard line and only 12 returned. Five of his seven punts vs. Ohio forced the Bobcats to start inside their 20-yard line. Punted six times for a 41.0 average at Ball State. Three of his eight punts at Eastern Michigan were inside the 20 with no returns. Punted eight times for a 46-yard average, putting four inside the 20, with his season-long 57 yard punt, versus Utah. Had six punts for a 47.2 yard average at Iowa with a long of 53 and two inside the 20. Ray Guy Award candidate set NIU single season records for most punts (83) and punting yards (3,421) as a freshman. Also serves as NIU's holder on placekicks.

11 TRAYSHON FOSTER

S | 6-0 | 202 | Jr.-R | Tuscaloosa, Ala. | Tuscaloosa Academy

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	Int	PBU
2018	7/7	22	10	32	1.0	1	3
Career	31/9	59	22	81	3.0	2	4

• In on two of Ohio's three turnovers with his first interception of the year and a forced fumble. Returned the INT 17 yards to the Ohio 34-yard line. Also forced a fumble as the Huskies Credited with five tackles and a pass breakup at Ball State. Made seven stops - all solo - at Florida State with a seven-yard tackle for loss and a forced fumble. Registered six tackles vs. both Iowa and Utah and had five stops at Eastern Michigan. Broke up a career-best two passes vs. CMU, and intercepted CMU's two-point pass attempt.

2 ANDREW GANTZ

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

Year	G/GS	KO	Yds.	Avg.	TB	OB	PAT	FG	Lg	Pts
2018	7/0	27	1,607	59.5	10	1	11-11	7-10	49	32

• Grad transfer from Cincinnati has been good on each of his last four field goals and seven of his last eight threes. NIU's leading scorer made a 36-yard field goal vs. Ohio. Connected on a 37-yard effort at Ball State to make it an eight-point game, and made 43 and 26-yard field goals at Eastern Michigan. Booted a season-long 49-yard field goal versus Utah and made a 27-yard field goal in the game. Contributed a 36-yard field goal versus Central Michigan in his only attempt. Missed kicks of 33 and 49 yards at Iowa, and had a 33-yard miss at Florida State. Perfect on PATs and has 10 touchbacks on 27 kickoffs.

22 TRE HARBISON

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

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2018	7/2	90	442	4.9	3	48	3	11	3.7	0	6
Career	17/3	145	732	5.0	6	48	6	68	11.3	0	30

• NIU's leading rusher averages 4.9 yards per carry. Scored a pair of touchdowns on one-yard runs at Ball State. Scored game-winning touchdown at EMU in third overtime on one-yard run. Carried a team season-high 32 times for 136 yards to record his second 100-yard game. Had eight carries in overtime, including the last four of the game. Recorded his first career 100-yard game versus CMU with 124 yards on 13 carries to average 9.5 yards/rush. His day included runs of 48 and 35 yards to set up Huskie scores. Ran for 63 yards on 13 carries versus Utah and for 41 yards on six carries at Iowa. His uncle, Charlie Harbison, is on the coaching staff for the Arizona Cardinals.

48 ANTONIO JONES-DAVIS

LB | 5-11 | 226 | Jr.-R | Vero Beach, Fla. | Vero Beach HS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PBU
2018	7/7	40	31	71	7.0	3.0	5
Career	28/7	74	50	124	10.5	4.0	6

• NIU's leading tackler in four of seven games on the year. Made five tackles with one for loss versus Ohio. Tied his career high with 16 tackles at Ball State. His 12 solo stops were most by a Huskie since Boomer Mays vs. Western Michigan in 2015. Also tallied a six-yard sack. Led the Huskie defensive effort at EMU with 13 tackles, two sacks, 3.5 tackles for loss, two pass break-ups and a fumble recovery to earn MAC West Defensive Player of the Week honors. Leads NIU with five pass break-ups and is second in sacks. Made a team season high and career-best 16 tackles with 10 solo stops vs. CMU. Registered nine tackles, 1.5 for loss, recovered a fumble and broke up a pass at Florida State. Broke up two passes to go with five tackles vs. Utah.

21 MARCUS JONES

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

Year	G/GS	Rush	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2018	7/5	53	282	5.3	2	64	6	13	2.2	0	14
Career	33/8	144	741	5.1	6	73	18	91	5.1	0	18

• Scored the game-winning touchdown on a two-yard run with 4:51 to play versus Ohio. Recorded his first career 100-yard rushing game with 130 yards on 12 carries at Ball State, including a 64-yard run that set up a touchdown. That run helped him average 10.8 yards per carry. Also caught two passes for 10 yards versus the Cardinals. NIU's most experienced tailback ranks second on the team in rushing. Carried the ball a season-high 15 times vs. CMU for 40 yards. Ran seven times for 36 yards vs. Utah and eight times for 33 yards vs. Ohio. A target out of the backfield with six catches on the year.

99 BEN LEROY

DT | 6-3 | 302 | Jr. | Wilmette, Ill. | Loyola Academy

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	PD
2018	7/7	14	11	25	2.0	1.5	0
Career	27/19	34	34	68	9.5	4.5	0

• Made a career-high eight tackles, with 1.5 sacks, vs. CMU. Posted six tackles, four solo, at Iowa. Part of a stellar defensive effort by NIU at Eastern Michigan when defense held EMU without a first down on 10 drives. Contributed four tackles and half a tackle for loss at Ball State and added two stops versus Ohio. In his second season as a starter. Gained 20 pounds after playing at 280 pounds last year.

57 KYLE PUGH

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

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	QS	FF-FR	Int
2018	6/6	30	17	47	1.0	0.0	0-2	0
Career	20/10	45	37	82	2.0	0.0	0-2	1

• Led NIU with nine tackles, eight solo, vs. Ohio. His 47 stops are third on the team. Made a season-high 10 tackles at Ball State and recorded his second fumble recovery as Huskie defense held BSU without a touchdown (minus a three-yard drive after an interception). Registered seven stops at EMU as part of dominant defensive effort. Missed the FSU game due to injury. Made six stops, five solo, vs. CMU and recovered a fumble. Led the Huskies with nine stops, six solo, at Iowa. Came back with six tackles, one for loss, vs. Utah. Missed the final nine games of 2017 with a torn bicep.

64 LUKE SHIVELY

C | 6-3 | 300 | Sr.-3L | Tipton, Ind. | Tipton HS

• Has made 32 consecutive starts over last three seasons. Huskies gained a season-high 400 yards of total offense vs. Ohio, including season-best 169 rushing yards by QB Marcus Childers. Line has helped lead NIU backs to four 100-yard rushing games by Childers (1), Marcus Jones (1) and Tre Harbison (2). Tough and gritty player who also calls all the signals for the Huskie offensive line. Led the way as NIU gained 235 rushing and 356 total yards, and ran 97 plays, at Eastern Michigan without giving up a sack. Helped Tre Harbison to 100-yard rushing games versus CMU and EMU. Biochemistry major.

18 COLE TUCKER

WR | 6-2 | 193 | Fr.-R | DeKalb, Ill. | DeKalb HS

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	PR	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2018	7/5	13	91	7.0	0	13	10	61	6.1	0	27

• Redshirt freshman receiver is also handling Huskies' punt return duties. Ranks third on the team in catches and yards. All but two of his 13 catches have come in NIU's last four games. Caught six passes for 40 yards at Florida State and three for 15 yards at Eastern Michigan. Added one catch for 11 yards at Ball State and made a 10-yard grab vs. Ohio. Made his first career reception, for 13 yards, in season opener at Iowa and had a seven-yard catch versus Central Michigan. Has returned 10 punts for 61 yards, a 6.1-yard average. His career-long 27-yard punt return at Eastern Michigan was the Huskies' longest since 2015.

9 JUAN WESLEY

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

Year	G/GS	Rcv.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2018	7/6	33	319	9.7	2	22
Career	19/6	43	569	13.2	4	70

• Led NIU with six catches for 61 yards vs. Ohio and ranks second on the team with 33 grabs for 319 yards. Leads the team with a 9.7 yards per catch average. Totaled season-best 76 receiving yards on eight catches, with two grabs in overtime, at Eastern Michigan. Tied his career high previously set versus Utah, when he had 73 receiving yards. Made two catches for 23 yards in win at Ball State. Blocked Iowa's first punt, his second career punt block, to set NIU up at the Hawkeyes' 23-yard line. Added a 10-yard touchdown catch.

8 MYKELTI WILLIAMS

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

Year	G/GS	Solo	Asst.	Total	TFL	INT	PBU
2018	7/7	29	20	49	3.5	0	1
Career	20/20	88	34	122	4.5	1	7

• Second on the team in total tackles with 49 with at least five tackles in every game this year. Registered six tackles and added one for loss, in win over Ohio. Made seven tackles, five solo, with a tackle for loss and a pass break-up at Ball State. His tackle for loss came on third-and-goal from the three-yard line and saved a touchdown. Recorded six tackles at Eastern Michigan as the Huskie defense did not allow EMU to get a first down on 12 different possessions in the game. Made seven solo stops, eight total tackles, at Iowa. Added a tackle for loss to go with eight stops at Utah. Totaled season-high nine tackles and added a half tackle for loss, at Florida State. NIU's leading returning tackler from a year ago. Redshirted at Notre Dame as a true freshman.

GAME 1: IOWA 33, NIU 7

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU	Iowa
First Downs (R-P)	15 (8-6)	18 (8-6)
Rushes-Net Yards	36-101	48-209
Passing Yards	110	143
Passes (C-A-I)	15-26-1	13-25-1
Plays-Total Yards	62-211	73-352
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties-Yards	7-65	8-66
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-23	1-27
Punt Returns-Yds	1-10	5-42
3rd Down Conversions	3-12	8-16
4th Down Conversions	0-1	1-2
Punts-Average	6-47.2	5-43.0
Possession Time	25:15	34:45
Sacks By-Yards	1-4	5-43
Red Zone Scores-Chances	1-2	5-5

Rushing - NIU: Nettles 13-74, Harbison 6-41, Jones 5-23, Brown 2-(-4), Childers 10-(-33); Iowa: Yount 8-84, Kelly-Martin 16-62, Sargent 12-40, Geil 5-13, Smith-Marsette 1-5, Ross 1-4, Stanley 3-3, Mansell 1-1, Team 1-(-3).
Passing - NIU: Childers 14-25-1, 105; Brown 1-1-0, 5; Iowa: Stanley 11-23-1, 108; Mansell 2-2-0, 35.
Receiving - NIU: Brown 5-38, Wesley 4-43, Tucker 1-13, Harbison 1-6, Jones 1-5, Childers 1-5, Payne 1-1, Hall 1-(-1). Iowa: Hockenson 4-64, Smith-Marsette 3-28, Fant 3-10, Wieting 1-30, Sargent 1-6, Cooper 1-5.
Tackles - NIU: Pugh 9, Williams 8; Iowa: Welch 11, Jones 6.

GAME 2: UTAH 17, NIU 6

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	Utah	NIU
First Downs (R-P)	19 (4-13)	15 (8-6)
Rushes-Net Yards	39-68	43-117
Passing Yards	286	111
Passes (C-A-I)	20-31-0	18-33-1
Plays-Total Yards	70-354	76-228
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	3-1
Penalties-Yards	6-60	4-43
Kickoff Returns-Yds	0-0	1-20
Punt Returns-Yds	2-9	0-0
3rd Down Conversions	6-15	7-20
4th Down Conversions	0-1	1-3
Punts-Average	5-41.4	8-46.0
Possession Time	28:28	31:32
Sacks By-Yards	3-37	6-38
Red Zone Scores-Chances	1-1	1-2

Rushing - Utah: Moss 16-66, Shyne 1-6, Covey 1-3, Green 1-3, Team 1-(-1), Huntley 19-(-9); NIU: Harbison 13-63, Jones 7-36, Nettles 9-29, Childers 12-12, Brown 1-0, Team 1-(-23).
Passing - Utah: Huntley 20-31-0, 286; NIU: Childers 18-33-1, 111.
Receiving - Utah: Covey 8-129, Dixon 2-50, Nacua 2-23, Boyd 1-25, Simpkins 1-20, Mariner 1-9, Haller 1-8, Enis 1-8, Fotheringham 1-8, Moss 1-6, Kuithe 1-0; NIU: Wesley 8-73, Brown 4-23, Harmston 3-21, Jones 2-(-3), Payne 1-2, Tucker 0-(-5).
Tackles - Utah: Barton 13, Hansen 12; NIU: Smith 8, Williams 8.

GAME 3: NIU 24, CENTRAL MICHIGAN 16

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	CMU	NIU	
First Downs (R-P)	21 (10-11)	15 (8-5)	Rushing - CMU: Ward 16-74, Lazzaro 12-55, Gwilly 10-28, Spalding 2-13, Poljan 6-(-6); NIU: Harbison 13-124, Jones 15-40, Childers 8-28, Nettles 10-27, Team 2-(-39).
Rushes-Net Yards	46-164	48-180	Passing - CMU: Lazzaro 13-22-1, 128; Poljan 5-11-0, 30; NIU: Childers 11-18-0, 109; Thompson 1-1-0, (-5); Ference 0-1-1, 0.
Passing Yards	158	104	Receiving - CMU: Hicks 7-63, Ward 3-23, Cole 2-19, Raimann 2-19, Childress 2-17, Law 1-10, Spalding 1-7; NIU: Brown 4-69, Wesley 2-8, Tears 1-14, Tucker 1-7, Robinson 1-7, Harbison 1-3, Jones 1-1, Nettles 1-(-5).
Passes (C-A-I)	18-33-1	12-20-1	Tackles - CMU: Fountain 18, Jamison 8; NIU: Jones-Davis 16, Deveaux 9.
Plays-Total Yards	79-322	68-284	
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0	
Penalties-Yards	4-31	4-44	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	3-68	1-16	
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0	3-19	
3rd Down Conversions	6-16	5-14	
4th Down Conversions	1-1	0-2	
Punts-Average	6-28.5	6-34.2	
Possession Time	28:31	31:29	
Sacks By-Yards	1-13	3-24	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	3-5	4-4	

GAME 4: FLORIDA STATE 37, NIU 19

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

	NIU	FSU	
First Downs (R-P)	13 (3-9)	23 (10-13)	Rushing - NIU: Nettles 3-13, Harbison 4-7, Jones 2-2, Childers 11-(-16); FSU: Akers 22-64, Patrick 16-56, Rasul 6-28, Francois 9-(-1), Grant 1-(-1), Murray 2-(-5), Team 1-(-20).
Rushes-Net Yards	20-6	57-121	Passing - NIU: Childers 20-41-0, 215; FSU: Francois 23-31-1, 352; Team 0-1-0, 0.
Passing Yards	215	352	Receiving - NIU: Brown 7-117, Tucker 6-40, Wesley 3-35, Tears 2-16, Lersch 2-7, FSU: Gavin 6-93, Murray 5-85, Harrison 3-34, Matthews 3-23, Terry 2-77, McKitty 2-23, Patrick 2-17.
Passes (C-A-I)	20-41-0	23-32-1	Tackles - NIU: Deveaux Jr. 10, Williams 9, Jones-Davis 9; FSU: Jackson 4, Nasirildeen 3, Jones 3.
Plays-Total Yards	61-221	89-473	
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	5-3	
Penalties-Yards	3-15	9-60	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-23	2-39	
Punt Returns-Yds	1-8	3-26	
3rd Down Conversions	4-15	9-17	
4th Down Conversions	0-2	0-1	
Punts-Average	8-39.8	4-43.0	
Possession Time	22:21	37:27	
Sacks By-Yards	2-17	4-26	
Red Zone Scores-Chances	2-3	4-4	

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

GAME 6: NIU 24, BALL STATE 16

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

GAME 7: NIU 24, OHIO 21

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SCORING SUMMARY

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

TEAM & INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

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

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TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	OPP
SCORING	130	163
Points Per Game	18.6	23.3
Points Off Turnovers	38	27
FIRST DOWNS	130	142
Rushing	70	46
Passing	51	78
Penalty	9	18
RUSHING YARDAGE	1121	801
Yards gained rushing	1419	1090
Yards lost rushing	298	289
Rushing Attempts	298	295
Average Per Rush	3.8	2.7
Average Per Game	160.1	114.4
TDs Rushing	8	10
PASSING YARDAGE	949	1654
Comp-Att-Int	120-217-6	138-241-4
Average Per Pass	4.4	6.9
Average Per Catch	7.9	12.0
Average Per Game	135.6	236.3
TDs Passing	8	7
TOTAL OFFENSE	2070	2455
Total Plays	515	536
Average Per Play	4.0	4.6
Average Per Game	295.7	350.7
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	9-150	12-262
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	13-84	12-79
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	4-40	6-109
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	16.7	21.8
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	6.5	6.6
INT RETURN AVERAGE	10.0	18.2
FUMBLES-LOST	10-3	15-10
PENALTIES-Yards	44-382	46-377
Average Per Game	54.6	53.9
PUNTS-Yards	49-1967	38-1515
Average Per Punt	40.1	39.9
Net punt average	36.9	37.1
KICKOFFS-Yards	28-1637	34-2092
Average Per Kick	58.5	61.5
Net kick average	40.2	40.9
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	29:04	30:54
3RD-DOWN Conversions	41/112	45/113
3rd-Down Pct	37%	40%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	4/12	6/13
4th-Down Pct	33%	46%
SACKS BY-Yards	22-162	18-163
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	16	18
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	7-10	12-17
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-0
RED-ZONE SCORES	(19-24) 79%	(21-25) 84%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(14-24) 58%	(14-25) 56%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(11-11) 100%	(17-17) 100%
ATTENDANCE	41254	155081
Games/Avg Per Game	3/13751	4/38770
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
NIU	16	44	20	37	13	130
Opponents	24	25	48	56	10	163

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Lng	Avg/G
HARBISON, Tre	7	90	446	4	442	4.9	3	48	63.1
JONES, Marcus	7	53	290	8	282	5.3	2	64	40.3
CHILDERS, Marcus	7	90	427	185	242	2.7	2	32	34.6
NETTLES, Jordan	7	50	195	15	180	3.6	0	15	25.7
BROWN, D.J.	7	8	61	8	53	6.6	1	28	7.6
TEAM	4	7	0	78	-78	-11.1	0	0	-19.5
Total.....	7	298	1419	298	1121	3.8	8	64	160.1
Opponents.....	7	295	1090	289	801	2.7	10	40	114.4

PASSING	G	Effic.	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
CHILDERS, Marcus	7	100.05	118-214-5	55.1	949	8	66	135.6
THOMPSON, Anthony	1	58.00	1-1-0	100.0	-5	0	0	-5.0
BROWN, D.J.	7	142.00	1-1-0	100.0	5	0	5	0.7
ERENCE, Matt	7	-200.00	0-1-1	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	7	98.67	120-217-6	55.3	949	8	66	135.6
Opponents.....	7	121.18	138-241-4	57.3	1654	7	78	236.3

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
BROWN, D.J.	7	36	327	9.1	3	66	46.7
WESLEY, Jauan	7	33	319	9.7	2	22	45.6
TUCKER, Cole	7	13	91	7.0	0	13	13.0
ROBINSON, Dennis	7	9	78	8.7	1	16	11.1
TEARS, Spencer	5	7	64	9.1	1	14	12.8
JONES, Marcus	7	6	13	2.2	0	14	1.9
HARMSTON, Ty	7	4	32	8.0	1	11	4.6
HARBISON, Tre	7	3	11	3.7	0	6	1.6
NETTLES, Jordan	7	3	0	0.0	0	3	0.0
LERSCH, Corey	6	2	7	3.5	0	7	1.2
PAYNE, Leon	4	2	3	1.5	0	2	0.8
CHILDERS, Marcus	7	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.7
HALL, Rodney	3	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.3
Total.....	7	120	949	7.9	8	66	135.6
Opponents.....	7	138	1654	12.0	7	78	236.3

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
CHILDERS, Marcus	7	304	242	949	1191	170.1
HARBISON, Tre	7	90	442	0	442	63.1
JONES, Marcus	7	53	282	0	282	40.3
NETTLES, Jordan	7	50	180	0	180	25.7
BROWN, D.J.	7	9	53	5	58	8.3
THOMPSON, Anthony	1	1	0	-5	-5	-5.0
TEAM	4	7	-78	0	-78	-19.5
Total.....	7	515	1121	949	2070	295.7
Opponents.....	7	536	801	1654	2455	350.7

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
TUCKER, Cole	10	61	6.1	0	27
SMITH, Sutton	1	13	13.0	0	0
WESLEY, Jauan	1	10	10.0	0	0
EMBRY, Jalen	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	13	84	6.5	0	27
Opponents.....	12	79	6.6	0	15

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
BROWN, D.J.	4	80	20.0	0	25
KOKOSIOULIS, F	3	54	18.0	0	23
HOGANS, Cortez	1	0	0.0	0	0
EMBRY, Jalen	1	16	16.0	0	16
Total.....	9	150	16.7	0	25
Opponents.....	12	262	21.8	0	33

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2018 LONG PLAYS

	No.	Long
NIU	11	66 TD, Childers to Brown at Florida St., 9/22
Rushing	6	64, Jones at Ball State, 10/6
Brown	1	28 TD vs. Ohio, 10/13
Childers	2	32 vs. Ohio, 10/13
Harbison	2	48 vs. C. Michigan, 9/15
Jones	1	64 at Ball State, 10/6
Passing	3	
by Childers	3	66 TD, to D.J. Brown at Florida St., 9/22
to Brown	3	66 TD, from Childers at Florida St., 9/22
Returns	2	27 PR at E. Michigan, 9/29
Brown	1	25 KOR at Ball State, 10/6
Tucker	1	27 PR at E. Michigan, 9/29
OPPONENT	18	78 TD Francois to Terry, FSU, 9/22
Rushing	1	40, Young, Iowa, 9/1
Passing	12	78 TD, Francois to Terry, FSU, 9/22
Returns	5	43 INT by Wilborn, Ball State, 10/6

* 25 Yards or Longer

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
JONES-DAVIS, A	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	1	0	0.0	0	0
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
SMALLS, Albert	1	0	0.0	0	0
LABUS, Vinny	1	6	6.0	0	6
HOGANS, Cortez	1	17	17.0	0	17
FOSTER, Trayshon	1	17	17.0	0	17
Total.....	4	40	10.0	0	17
Opponents.....	6	109	18.2	1	43

FIELD GOALS FG-FGA	Pct	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk	
GANTZ, Andrew	7-10	70.0	0-0	2-2	3-5	2-3	0-0	49	0

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

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
GANTZ, Andrew	27	1607	59.5	10	1			
ERENCE, Matt	1	30	30.0	0	1			
Total.....	28	1637	58.5	10	2	262	40.2	24
Opponents.....	34	2092	61.5	22	1	150	40.9	24

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	50+	Blkd
ERENCE, Matt	49	1967	40.1	57	4	11	18	8	0
Total.....	49	1967	40.1	57	4	11	18	8	0
Opponents.....	38	1515	39.9	69	1	14	7	6	2

SCORING	TD	FGs	|----- PATs -----|					DXP	Saf	Pts.
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass				
GANTZ, Andrew	0	7-10	11-11	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	32
BROWN, D.J.	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	24
HARBISON, Tre	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	18
CHILDERS, Marcus	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	12
WESLEY, Jauan	2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	12
JONES, Marcus	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	12
HARMSTON, Ty	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	6
TEARS, Spencer	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	6
ROBINSON, Dennis	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	6
SCHARPING, Max	0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0	0	0	0	0	2
ERENCE, Matt	0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total.....	16	7-10	11-11	1-3	0	0	0	0	0	130
Opponents.....	18	12-17	17-17	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	163

ALL PURPOSE	G Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G	
BROWN, D.J.	7	53	327	0	80	0	460	65.7
HARBISON, Tre	7	442	11	0	0	0	453	64.7
WESLEY, Jauan	7	0	319	10	0	0	329	47.0
JONES, Marcus	7	282	13	0	0	0	295	42.1
CHILDERS, Marcus	7	242	5	0	0	0	247	35.3
NETTLES, Jordan	7	180	0	0	0	0	180	25.7
TUCKER, Cole	7	0	91	61	0	0	152	21.7
ROBINSON, Dennis	7	0	78	0	0	0	78	11.1
TEARS, Spencer	5	0	64	0	0	0	64	12.8
KOKOSIOULIS, Fotis	4	0	0	0	54	0	54	13.5
HARMSTON, Ty	7	0	32	0	0	0	32	4.6
HOGANS, Cortez	7	0	0	0	0	17	17	2.4
FOSTER, Trayshon	7	0	0	0	0	17	17	2.4
EMBRY, Jalen	7	0	0	0	16	0	16	2.3
SMITH, Sutton	7	0	0	13	0	0	13	1.9
LERSCH, Corey	6	0	7	0	0	0	7	1.2
LABUS, Vinny	7	0	0	0	0	6	6	0.9
PAYNE, Leon	4	0	3	0	0	0	3	0.8
HALL, Rodney	3	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-0.3
TEAM	4	-78	0	0	0	0	-78	-19.5
Total.....	7	1121	949	84	150	40	2344	334.9
Opponents.....	7	801	1654	79	262	109	2905	415.0

NIU FOOTBALL 2018 DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

	GP	|-----Tackles-----|			|-Sacks-|		|---Pass Def---|		QBH	|-Fumbles-|		Blkd	
		Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp		FR-Yds	FF	Kick	Safety
48 JONES-DAVIS, Anthony	7	40	31	71	7.0-33	3.0-17	.	5	1	2-0	.	.	.
8 WILLIAMS, Mykelti	7	29	20	49	3.5-13	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
57 PUGH, Kyle	6	30	17	47	1.0-1	.	.	.	3	2-0	.	.	.
37 DEVEAUX, Lance	6	23	14	37	4.0-24	2.0-17	.	2	.	.	1	.	.
3 EMBRY, Jalen	7	20	15	35	2.5-3	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
11 FOSTER, Trayshon	7	22	10	32	1.0-7	.	1-17	3	.	.	2	.	.
15 SMITH, Sutton	7	20	9	29	13.0-67	7.0-47	.	.	4	2-0	3	1	.
99 LEROY, Ben	7	14	11	25	2.0-14	1.5-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7 HUNT, Tifonte	7	15	9	24	0.5-2	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
93 WYNNE, Quintin	7	13	6	19	5.0-14	1.0-9	.	.	2	1-0	.	.	.
55 KRAMER, Weston	7	8	10	18	3.0-11	1.0-5	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
24 SMITH, Trequan	7	13	3	16	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
45 COLE, Jordan	7	9	4	13	.	.	.	.	1	1-0	2	.	.
41 LORBECK, Matt	7	9	4	13	3.5-17	2.5-15	.	.	1	1-0	1	.	.
50 LABUS, Vinny	7	4	8	12	.	.	1-6	.	.	.	1	.	.
96 KELLY, Marcus	7	5	6	11	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
49 MCKIE, Jalen	7	8	3	11	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12 CORCORAN, Josh	5	4	5	9	3.5-23	2.0-20	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
98 HEFLIN, Jack	7	3	6	9	1.0-7	1.0-7	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
42 GREGORY, Andrew	7	6	1	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25 HOGANS, Cortez	7	3	2	5	0.5-0	.	1-17	.	.	.	.	.	.
29 BUIRGE, Adam	7	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 NETTLES, Jordan	7	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1 SMALLS, Albert	3	2	1	3	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
20 MARCH, Zhamaine	4	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5 HUFF, Jaden	7	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
27 TODD, Maalik	5	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46 GAY, Rashawn	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31 HANEY, Devin	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 PARKER, Kewan	4	.	1	1	0.5-1	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
65 VELOZ, Nathan	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47 KENNEDY, Michael	4	1	.	1	1.0-12	1.0-12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17 ROBINSON, Dennis	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 TUCKER, Cole	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15 CHILDERS, Marcus	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36 FERENGE, Matt	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22 HARBISON, Tre	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10 BROWN, D.J.	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9 WESLEY, Jauan	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
Total.....	7	317	204	521	54-254	22-162	4-40	19	13	10-0	11	3	.
Opponents.....	7	247	266	513	45.0-243	18-163	6-109	28	13	3-0	6	.	1

NIU PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

	Iowa	Utah	CMU	Florida St.	EMU	Ball St.	Ohio	BYU	Akron	Toledo	Miami	WMU
Offense	Jones	Harbison	Harbison	Childers	Childers/ Wesley	Jones	Childers/ Scharping					
Defense	Smalls	Smith	LeRoy	Jones-Davis	Jones-Davis	Jones-Davis	Smith Heflin					
Special Teams	Wesley	Heflin/ Ferenge	Smith	N/A	Tucker	Ferenge	N/A					
Off. Scout	Valentine	J. Wright	Potter	Mitchell	Griffin	J. Wright	Rowell					
Def. Scout	C. Wright	Bonds	Harman	C. Wright	Bostad	Hughes	March					
ST. Scout	Harman	Valentine	DeHaan	Harris	Pollack	Earl	Covington					

Selected by the Huskie coaching staff.

NIU FOOTBALL 2018 PARTICIPATION

No.	Name	GP/GS	Iowa	Utah	CMU	Florida St.	EMU	BSU	Ohio	BYU	Akron	Toledo	Miami	WMU
53	ABRELL, Erik	4/-	-	-	X	-	X	X	X					
89	BRINKMAN, Mitchell	1/-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-					
1	BROWN, Dale	7/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
10	BROWN, D.J.	7/5	WR	WR	WR	X	WR	WR	X					
40	BROWN, Drequan	1/-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-					
29	BUIRGE, Adam	7/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
15	CHILDERS, Marcus	7/7	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB					
45	COLE, Jordan	7/1	X	X	X	X	LB	X	X					
12	CORCORAN, Josh	5/5	-	-	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE					
74	DASSOW, Calvin	2/-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X					
95	DENTON, Jawon	2/-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X					
37	DEVEAUX, Lance	6/6	LB	LB	LB	LB	-	LB	LB					
3	EMBRY, Jalen	7/7	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB					
36	ERENCE, Matt	7/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
11	FOSTER, Trayshon	7/7	S	S	S	S	S	S	S					
2	GANTZ, Andrew	7/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
46	GAY, Rashawn	3/-	-	X	-	-	-	X	X					
42	GREGORY, Andrew	7/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
6	HALL, Rodney	3/-	X	X	X	-	-	-	-					
31	HANEY, Devin	6/-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X					
22	HARBISON, Tre	7/2	X	X	X	X	X	RB	RB					
51	HARMAN, Nathan	1/-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-					
84	HARMSTON, Ty	7/4	X	TE	X	TE	X	TE	TE					
71	HAWN, Issac	4/1	-	-	-	X	X	X	RT					
98	HEFLIN, Jack	7/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
25	HOGANS, Cortez	7/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
5	HUFF, Jaden	7/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
7	HUNT, Tifonte	7/4	X	X	X	CB	CB	CB	CB					
21	JONES, Marcus	7/5	RB	RB	RB	RB	RB	X	X					
48	JONES-DAVIS, A	7/7	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB	LB					
96	KELLY, Marcus	7/1	DT	X	X	X	X	X	X					
47	KENNEDY, Michael	4/-	X	X	X	-	-	X	-					
82	KOKOSIOULIS, Fotis	4/-	-	X	X	X	-	-	X					
55	KRAMER, Weston	7/6	X	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT					
50	LABUS, Vinny	7/1	X	X	X	MLB	X	X	X					
99	LEROY, Ben	7/7	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT					
44	LERSCH, Corey	6/2	-	X	X	TE	X	X	TE					
41	LORBECK, Matt	7/2	DE	DE	X	X	X	X	X					
20	MARCH, Zhamaine	4/-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X					
49	MCKIE, Jalen	7/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
28	NETTLES, Jordan	7/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
61	OLSON, Benn	7/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
18	PARKER, Kewan	4/-	-	X	X	X	X	-	-					
58	PATTON, Brayden	7/3	X	X	X	X	RG	RG	RG					
13	PAYNE, Leon	4/1	WR	X	-	X	X	-	-					
62	PEREZ, Christopher	7/7	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG					
57	PUGH, Kyle	6/6	MLB	MLB	MLB	-	MLB	MLB	MLB					
56	ROBERTS, Ryan	5/2	X	X	X	RT	RT	-	-					
17	ROBINSON, Dennis	7/1	X	X	X	X	X	WR	X					
59	SAK, Hayden	5/-	X	X	X	X	X	-	-					
73	SCHARPING, Max	7/7	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT					
64	SHIVELY, Luke	7/7	C	C	C	C	C	C	C					
1	SMALLS, Albert	3/3	CB	CB	CB	-	-	-	-					
15	SMITH, Sutton	7/7	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE					
24	SMITH, Trequan	7/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
42	SORAGHAN, Liam	1/-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-					
72	STECKLER, Jordan	4/4	RT	RT	RT	-	-	RT	-					
14	TEARS, Spencer	5/4	-	-	WR	WR	WR	X	WR					
21	THOMAS, Dillon	7/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
7	THOMPSON, Anthony	1/-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-					
87	THROWER, Max	1/-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-					
27	TODD, Maalik	5/-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X					
18	TUCKER, Cole	7/5	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	X	X					
65	VELOZ, Nathan	7/4	RG	RG	RG	RG	X	X	X					
26	WALKER, Antwain	4/-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X					
33	WALKER, Danny	1/-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-					
54	WARNER, Austin	7/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
94	WEBSTER, Devin	1/-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-					
9	WESLEY, Jauan	7/6	WR	WR	WR	X	WR	WR	wr					
8	WILLIAMS, Mykelti	7/7	S	S	S	S	S	S	S					
90	WRIGHT, Caleb	1/-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-					
93	WYNNE, Quintin	7/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					

X-indicates played; letters indicate position started

NIU FOOTBALL 2018 TEAM GAME-BY-GAME STATS

Game	Score	---1st Downs---		Rushing	-----Passing-----			Total Off.	Punts	Fum	Penalties	3rd	Time of
		Total	R-P-Pen	No-Yds-TD	C-A-I	Yds	TD	PI-Yds	No-Avg	No-L	No-Yds	Downs	Poss
(9-1) NIU at Iowa	7 33	15 18	8-6-1 8-6-4	36-101, 0 48-209, 3	15-26-1 13-25-1	110 143	1 1	62-211 73-352	6-47.2 5-43.0	2-1 1-0	7-65 8-66	3-of-12 8-of-16	25:15 34:45
(9-8) NIU vs. Utah	6 17	15 19	8-6-1 4-13-2	43-117, 0 39-68, 1	18-33-1 20-31-0	111 286	0 0	76-228 70-354	8-46.0 5-41.4	3-1 3-2	4-43 6-60	7-of-20 6-of-15	31:32 28:28
(9-15) NIU vs. Central Michigan	24 16	15 21	8-5-2 10-11-0	48-180, 0 46-164, 1	12-20-1 18-33-1	104 158	3 1	68-284 79-322	6-34.2 6-28.5	1-0 1-1	4-44 4-31	5-of-14 6-of-16	31:29 28:31
(9-22) NIU at Florida State	19 37	13 23	3-9-1 10-13-0	20-6-1 57-121-2	20-41-0 23-32-1	215 352	2 2	61-221 89-473	8-39.8 4-43.0	2-0 5-3	3-15 9-60	4-of-15 9-of-17	22:21 37:27
(9-29) NIU - 30T at Eastern Michigan	26 23	24 16	17-5-2 5-9-2	62-235-2 33-62-1	20-35-2 17-41-0	121 180	1 1	97-356 74-242	8-34.5 9-43.8	2-1 1-1	8-68 11-85	11-of-23 3-of-18	33:32 26:28
(10-6) NIU at Ball State	24 16	23 26	13-10-0 6-17-3	43-227-2 40-131-1	18-29-1 32-56-0	143 260	1 0	72-370 96-391	6-41.0 4-39.2	0-0 1-1	6-38 2-16	4-of-12 10-of-23	28:38 31:22
(10-13) NIU vs. Ohio	24 21	25 19	13-10-2 3-9-7	46-255-3 32-46-1	17-33-0 15-23-1	145 275	0 2	79-400 55-321	7-38.7 5-39.8	0-0 3-2	12-109 6-59	7 of 16 3 of 8	30:38 29:16
(10-27) NIU at BYU													
(11-1) NIU at Akron													
(11-7) NIU vs. Toledo													
(11-14) NIU vs. Miami													
(11-20) NIU at Western Michigan													

— NIU in the 2018 NCAA and MAC Rankings —

TEAM CATEGORY	Average/No.	NCAA	MAC	TEAM CATEGORY	Avg./No.	NCAA	MAC
Total Offense	299.6	125	11	Sacks	3.14	18	1
Rushing Offense	164.0	76	7	Tackles for Loss	7.7	21	1
Passing Offense	135.6	122	12	Sacks Allowed	2.57	90	8
Passing Efficiency	98.67	124	11	Tackles for Loss Allowed	6.43	87	8
Completion Percentage	.553	102	10	Blocked Kicks	3	4	2
Scoring Offense	18.6	123	11	Blocked Punts	2	2	2
First Downs Offense	131	76	9	Fewest Penalties/Game	6.29	57	3
Red Zone Offense	.792	100	9	Fewest Penalty Yards/Game	54.57	53	2
Total Defense	351.4	41	3	Third Down Conversion Pct.	.369	89	7
Rushing Defense	115.1	18	1	Third Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.402	81	7
Pass Efficiency Defense	121.18	44	4	Fourth Down Conversion Pct.	.333	111	11
Passing Yards Allowed	236.3	86	9	Fourth Down Conv. Pct. Defense	.462	48	5
Scoring Defense	23.3	46	2	Time of Possession	29:03	86	9
Red Zone Defense	.840	72	6				
First Downs Defense	143	88	5	INDIVIDUAL (Top 50, Select)	Avg./No.	NCAA	MAC
Net Punting	36.90	80	6	Sutton Smith, Tackles for Loss/Game	1.9	4	1
Punt Returns	6.46	91	7	Sutton Smith, Sacks/Game	1.00	10	1
Punt Return Defense	6.58	57	3	Sutton Smith, Fumbles Forced	0.43	9	2
Kickoff Returns	16.67	115	8	Antonio Jones-Davis, Total Tackles	10.1	25	4
Kickoff Return Defense	21.83	86	11	Antonio Jones-Davis, Solo Tackles	5.7	19	4
Turnover Margin	0.71	22	2	Kyle Pugh, Solo Tackles	5.0	49	10
Turnovers Gained	14	11	1	Antonio Jones-Davis, Fumbles Recovered	2	8	1
Turnovers Lost	9	57	6	Kyle Pugh, Fumbles Recovered	2	8	1
Passes Had Intercepted	6	75	7	Sutton Smith, Fumbles Recovered	2	8	1
Passes Intercepted	4	83	9	Cole Tucker, Punt Returns	6.1	48	3
Fumbles Lost	3	18	3				
Fumbles Recovered	10	2	1				

NIU FOOTBALL 2018 FINAL INDIVIDUAL GAME-BY-GAME STATS

RUSHING

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

RECEIVING

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

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

Game	Childers
Iowa	14-25-1, 105; 1
Utah	18-33-1, 111; 0
Central Michigan	11-18-0, 109; 3
Florida State	20-41-0, 215; 2
Eastern Michigan	20-35-2, 121; 1
Ball State	18-29-1, 143; 1
Ohio	17-33-0, 145; 0
BYU	
Akron	
Toledo	
Miami (Ohio)	
Western Michigan	

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

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

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

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

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

Brown	Kokosioulis	Embry
3-48, 23; 0	DNP	0-0
0-0	1-20, 20; 0	0-0
0-0	0-0	1-16, 16; 0
0-0	1-23, 23; 0	0-0
2-32, 17; 0	DNP	0-0
1-25, 25; 0	DNP	0-0
0-0	1-11, 11; 0	0-0

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DEFENSE

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

*All tackles on special teams

NIU FOOTBALL 2018 SINGLE GAME CAREER & SEASON HIGHS

RUSHING

	Season Highs	Career Highs
<u>10 D.J. Brown, WR</u>		
Carries	3 (Ball St. 10-6)	10 (Murray St. 9-12-15)
Yards	30 (Ohio 10-13)	55 (Murray St. 9-12-15)
Touchdowns	1 (Ohio 10-13)	1 (EMU 10-24-15; BSU 11-9-15; Ohio 10-13-18)
Long	28 (Ohio 10-13)	28 (Ohio 10-13-18)
<u>15 Marcus Childers, QB</u>		
Carries	23 (Ohio 10-13)	27 (Buffalo 10-14-17)
Yards	169 (Ohio 10-13)	169 (Ohio 10-13-18)
Touchdowns	1 (FSU 9-22, Ohio 10-13)	1(7x) Last: Ohio 10-13
Long	32 (Ohio 10-13)	32 (BSU 11-9-17, Ohio 10-13-18)
<u>17 Ryan Graham, QB</u>		
Carries		18 (Buffalo 11-11-15)
Yards		99 (BC 9-1-17)
Long		60 (BC 9-1-17)
<u>22 Tre Harbison, TB</u>		
Carries	32 (EMU 9-29)	32 (EMU 9-29-18)
Yards	136 (EMU 9-29)	136 (EMU 9-29-18)
Touchdowns	2 (Ball St. 10-6)	2 (Ball St. 10-6-18)
Long	48 (CMU 9-15)	48 (CMU 9-15-18)
<u>21 Marcus Jones, TB</u>		
Carries	15 (CMU 9-15)	15 (CMU 9-15-18)
Yards	130 (Ball St. 10-6)	130 (Ball St. 10-6-18)
Touchdowns	1 (EMU 9-29, Ohio 10-13)	2 (EIU 9-9-17)
Long	64 (Ball St. 10-6)	73 (Miami 10-17-15)
<u>28 Jordan Nettles, TB</u>		
Carries	13 (Iowa 9-1)	13 (Iowa 9-1-18)
Yards	74 (Iowa 9-1)	74 (Iowa 9-1-18)
Long	15 (Iowa 9-1)	15 (Iowa 9-1-18)
<u>14 Spencer Tears, WR</u>		
Carries		2 (SDSU 9-30-17)
Yards		0 (SDSU 9-30-17)
Long		5 (SDSU 9-30-17)
<u>9 Juan Wesley, WR</u>		
Carries		2 (Ball St. 11-9-17)
Yards		9 (BGSU 10-21-17)
Touchdowns		1 (BGSU 10-21-17)
Long		9 (BGSU 10-21-17)

PASSING

	Season Highs	Career Highs
<u>15 Marcus Childers, QB</u>		
Attempts	41 (FSU 9-22)	43 (Toledo 11-2-17)
Completions	20 (FSU 9-22), (EMU 9-29)	23 (EMU 10-26-17; Toledo 11-2-17)
Comp %	62.1 (Ball St. 10-6)	64.5 (Buffalo 10-14-17)
Yards	215 (FSU 9-22)	278 (EMU 10-26-17)
Long	66 (FSU 9-22)	73 (BGSU 10-21-17)
Touchdowns	3 (CMU 9-15)	4 (BSU 11-9-17)
Interceptions	2 (EMU 9-29)	2 (EMU 9-29-18)
<u>11 Ryan Graham, QB</u>		
Attempts		43 (Toledo 11-9-16)
Completions		24 (Toledo 11-9-16)
Comp %		66.7 (WIU 9-24-16)
Yards		227 (Toledo 11-9-16)
Long		68 (Buffalo 11-11-15)
Touchdowns		3 (Toledo 11-9-16)
Interceptions		1 (BC 9-1-17)
<u>7 Anthony Thompson, QB</u>		
Attempts	1 (CMU 9-15)	1 (CMU 9-15-18)
Completions	1 (CMU 9-15)	1 (CMU 9-15-18)
Comp %	1.000 (CMU 9-15)	1.000 (CMU 9-15-18)
Yards	-5 (CMU 9-15)	-5 (CMU 9-15-18)

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RECEIVING

	Season Highs	Career Highs
<u>14 Spencer Tears, WR</u>		
Catches	2 (FSU 9-22, Ball St. 10-6, Ohio 10-13)	5 (SDSU 9-30-17; Buffalo 10-14-17; CMU 11-24-17)
Yards	20 (Ball St. 10-6)	105 (SDSU 9-30-17)
Touchdowns	1 (CMU 9-15)	1 (5x), Last: CMU 9-15-18
Long	14 (CMU 9-15)	81 (SDSU 9-30-17)
<u>10 D.J. Brown, WR</u>		
Catches	7 (FSU 9-22, Ball St. 10-6)	7(4x); Last: Ball St. 10-6-18
Yards	117 (FSU 9-22)	117 (FSU 9-22-18)
Touchdowns	1, (CMU 9-15, FSU 9-22, Ball St. 10-6)	1(6x), Last: Ball St. 10-6-18
Long	66 (FSU 9-22)	69 (EMU 10-26-17)
<u>9 Jauan Wesley, WR</u>		
Catches	8 (Utah 9-8, EMU 9-29)	8 (Utah 9-8-18, EMU 9-29-18)
Yards	76 (EMU 9-29)	109 (Duke 12-26-17)
Touchdowns	1 (Iowa 9-1, FSU 9-22)	1 (4x), Last: FSU 9-22-18
Long	22 (EMU 9-29)	70 (BSU 11-9-17)
<u>18 Cole Tucker, WR</u>		
Catches	6 (FSU 9-22)	6 (FSU 9-22-18)
Yards	40 (FSU 9-22)	40 (FSU 9-22-18)
Long	13 (Iowa 9-1)	13 (Iowa 9-1-18)
<u>13 Leon Payne, WR</u>		
Catches	1 (Iowa 9-1, Utah 9-8)	1 (Iowa 9-1-18; Utah 9-8-18)
Yards	2 (Utah 9-8)	2 (Utah 9-8-18)
Long	2 (Utah 9-8)	2 (Utah 9-8-18)
<u>6 Rodney Hall, WR</u>		
Catches	1 (Iowa 9-1)	1 (Iowa 9-1-18)
Yards	-1 (Iowa 9-1)	-1 (Iowa 9-1-18)
Long	-1 (Iowa 9-1)	-1 (Iowa 9-1-18)
<u>17 Dennis Robinson, WR</u>		
Catches	3 (Ball St. 10-6, Ohio 10-13)	3 (Ball St. 10-6-18, Ohio 10-13-18)
Yards	30 (Ohio 10-13)	30 (Ohio 10-13-18)
Touchdowns	1 (CMU 9-15)	1 (CMU 9-15-18)
Long	16 (Ohio 10-13)	16 (Ohio 10-13-18)

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

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DEFENSE

	Season Highs	Career Highs
<u>29 Adam Buirge, S</u>		
Total Tackles	2 (Iowa 9-1)	7 (BSU 11-9-17)
Tackles for Loss		1.5 (BSU 11-9-17)
<u>45 Jordan Cole, LB</u>		
Total Tackles	3 (3x), Last: EMU 9-29	3 (3x), Last: EMU 9-29-18
<u>12 Josh Corcoran, DE</u>		
Total Tackles	4 (Ohio 10-13)	8 (Toledo 11-9-16)
Tackles for Loss	2.0 (Ohio 10-13)	2.5 (BSU 10-1-16)
Sacks	1.0 (CMU 9-15, Ohio 10-13)	2 (BSU 10-1-16)
Interceptions		1 (Nebraska 9-16-17)
Pass Break-Ups		1 (BC 9-1-17)
<u>37 Lance Deveaux, Jr., LB</u>		
Total Tackles	10 (FSU 9-22)	10 (FSU 9-22-18)
Tackles for Loss	2 (Ball St. 10-6)	2 (Ball St. 10-6-18)
Sacks	1.0 (FSU 9-22, Ball St. 10-6)	1.0 (FSU 9-22-18, Ball St. 10-6-18)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (Utah 9-8, Ball St. 10-6)	1 (5x), last: Ball St. 10-6-18
<u>3 Jalen Embry, CB</u>		
Total Tackles	6 (Utah 9-8, FSU 9-22)	6 (Utah 9-8-18, FSU 9-22-18)
Tackles for Loss	1 (CMU 9-15, FSU 9-22)	2 (BSU 11-9-17)
Pass Break-Ups	2 (CMU 9-15)	2 (CMU 9-15-18)
<u>11 Trayshon Foster, S</u>		
Total Tackles	7 (FSU 9-22)	7 (FSU 9-22-18)
Tackles for Loss	1 (FSU 9-22)	2 (BGSU 10-21-17)
Sacks		2 (BGSU 10-21-17)
Interceptions	1 (Ohio 10-13)	1 (BGSU 10-21-17, Ohio 10-13-18)
Pass Break-Ups	2 (CMU 9-15)	2 (CMU 9-15-18)
<u>42 Andrew Gregory, LB</u>		
Total Tackles	5 (FSU 9-22)	5 (FSU 9-22-18)
<u>98 Jack Heflin, DT</u>		
Total Tackles	2 (3x), last: Ball St. 10-6	2 (3x), last: Ball St. 10-6-18
Tackles for Loss	1 (Ohio 10-13)	1 (WMU 11-15-17, Ohio 10-13-18)
Sacks	1.0 (Ohio 10-13)	1.0 (Ohio 10-13-18)
<u>25 Cortez Hogans, LB</u>		
Total Tackles	4 (FSU 9-22)	4 (FSU 9-22-18)
Tackles for Loss	0.5 (FSU 9-22)	0.5 (FSU 9-22-18)
Interceptions	1 (FSU 9-22)	1 (FSU 9-22-18)
<u>7 Tifonte Hunt, CB</u>		
Total Tackles	6 (EMU 9-29)	6 (EMU 9-29-18)
Tackles for Loss	0.5 (EMU 9-29)	0.5 (EMU 9-29-18)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (Ball St. 10-6)	1 (Ball St. 10-6-18)
<u>48 Antonio Jones-Davis, LB</u>		
Total Tackles	16 (CMU 9-15, Ball St. 10-6)	16 (CMU 9-15-18, Ball St. 10-6-18)
Tackles for Loss	3.5 (EMU 9-29)	3.5 (EMU 9-29-18)
Sacks	2.0 (EMU 9-29)	2.0 (EMU 9-29-18)
Pass Break-Ups	2 (Utah 9-8, EMU 9-29)	2 (Utah 9-8-18, EMU 9-29-18)
<u>96 Marcus Kelly, DT</u>		
Total Tackles	5 (Iowa 9-1)	5 (Iowa 9-1-18)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (FSU 9-22)	1 (FSU 9-22-18)
<u>47 Michael Kennedy, DE</u>		
Total Tackles	2 (CMU 9-15)	2 (CMU 9-15-18)
Tackles for Loss	1 (Utah 9-8)	1 (Utah 9-8-18)
Sacks	1 (Utah 9-8)	1 (Utah 9-8-18)

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

Season Highs

Career Highs

<u>50 Vinny Labus, MLB</u>		
Total Tackles	7 (FSU 9-22)	7 (FSU 9-22-18)
Interceptions	1 (CMU 9-15)	1 (CMU 9-15-18)
<u>55 Weston Kramer, DT</u>		
Total Tackles	7 (Ball St. 10-6)	7 (Ball St. 10-6-18)
Tackles for Loss	1.5 (Utah 9-8)	1.5 (BSU 11-9-17; Utah 9-8-18)
Sacks	1 (Utah 9-8)	1 (BSU 11-9-17; Utah 9-8-18)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (EMU 9-29)	1 (EMU 9-29-18)
<u>99 Ben Leroy, DT</u>		
Total Tackles	8 (CMU 9-15)	8 (CMU 9-15-18)
Tackles for Loss	1.5 (CMU 9-15)	2.5 (CMU 11-24-17)
Sacks	1.5 (CMU 9-15)	1.5 (CMU 9-15-18)
<u>41 Matt Lorbeck, DE</u>		
Total Tackles	4 (Iowa 9-1, Utah 9-8)	5 (Duke, 12-26-17)
Tackles for Loss	3 (Utah 9-8)	3 (Utah 9-8-18)
Sacks	2 (Utah 9-8)	2 (Utah 9-8-18)
Pass Break-Ups		1 (EIU, 10-26-17)
<u>49 Jalen McKie, CB</u>		
Total Tackles	4 (Ball St. 10-6)	4 (Ball St. 10-6-18)
Tackles for Loss	0.5 (FSU 9-22)	0.5 (FSU 9-22-18)
<u>57 Kyle Pugh, LB</u>		
Total Tackles	10 (Ball St. 10-6)	17 (BC 9-1-17)
Tackles for Loss		1 (SDSU 9-30-17)
Interceptions		1 (BC 9-1-17)
Pass Break-Ups		1 (Nebraska 9-16-17)
<u>1 Albert Smalls, CB</u>		
Total Tackles	2 (CMU 9-15)	9 (Toledo 11-2-17)
Tackles for Loss		1(3x), (SDSU 9-17-16; WMU 10-8-16; BC 9-1-17)
Sacks		1 (WMU 10-8-16)
Interceptions	1 (Iowa 9-1)	1(4x) last Iowa 9-1-18
Pass Break-Ups		2 (CMU 11-24-17)
<u>24 Trequan Smith, S</u>		
Total Tackles	8 (Ball St. 10-6)	8 (Ball St. 10-6-18)
Tackles for Loss	1 (Ohio 10-13-18)	1.5 (Kent State 11-25-16)
Interceptions		1 (2x), CMU 10-15-16, Buffalo 10-22-16
Pass Break-Ups		2 (Kent State 11-26-16)
<u>15 Sutton Smith, DE</u>		
Total Tackles	8 (Utah 9-8)	10 (KSU 10-7-17)
Tackles for Loss	4.5 (Utah 9-8)	5.5 (WMU 11-15-17)
Sacks	2.0 (Utah 9-8, Ohio 10-13)	3 (KSU 10-7-17)
Forced Fumbles	1 (Iowa 9-1, FSU 9-22, Ohio 10-13)	1 (6x), last: Ohio 10-13-18
Fumble Recoveries	2 (Ohio 10-13)	2 (Ohio 10-13-18)
Pass Break-Ups		1(3x), (EIU 9-9-17; Nebraska 9-16-17; EMU 10-26-17)
<u>94 Devin Webster, DT</u>		
Total Tackles		3 (Duke, 12-26-17)
Sacks		1, (EIU 9-9-17)
<u>8 Mykelti Williams, S</u>		
Total Tackles	9 (FSU 9-22)	10 (Nebraska 9-16-17)
Tackles for Loss	1 (Utah 9-8, Ball St. 10-6 Ohio 10-13)	1, 4x; last: Ohio 10-13-18
Interceptions		1 (EIU 9-9-17)
Pass Break-Ups	1 (Ball St. 10-6)	1 (7x), last: Ball St. 10-6-18
<u>93 Quintin Wynne, DE</u>		
Total Tackles	5 (EMU 9-29)	5 (EMU 9-29-18)
Tackles for Loss	2 (Utah 9-8, EMU 9-29)	2 (Utah 9-8-18, EMU 9-29-18)
Sacks	1 (Utah 9-8)	1(3x), (Toledo 11-9-16; EIU 9-9-17; Utah 9-8-18)

NIU FOOTBALL - THE LAST TIME

A HUSKIE TEAM

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

HAD AT LEAST 25 FIRST DOWNS – 25 vs. Ohio (10-13-18)

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

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

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

SCORED 40 OR MORE POINTS – 63 vs. Ball State (11-9-17)

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

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

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

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

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

GAINED 500 OR MORE YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE – 577 at Bowling Green (10-21-17)

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

GAINED 100 OR LESS YARDS RUSHING – 6 at Florida State (9-22-18)

GAINED 300 OR MORE YARDS RUSHING – 338 at Bowling Green (10-21-17)

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

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

DID NOT COMMIT A TURNOVER – vs. Ohio (10-13-18)

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

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

HELD OPPONENT TO 100 YARDS OR LESS RUSHING – 46 yards by Ohio (10-13-18)

HELD OPPONENT TO 50 YARDS OR LESS RUSHING – 46 yards by Ohio (10-13-18)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

A HUSKIE OPPONENT

HAD 35 MINUTES OF POSSESSION – 37:27, Florida State (9-22-18)

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

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

RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN – 40 yards, Cole Hansen of Utah (9-8-18)

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

SCORED A SAFETY – Iowa (9-1-18), tackled ballcarrier (Jordan Nettles) in end zone

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

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

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

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

MISSED A PAT KICK (not blocked) – William Holmquist of Duke, Quick Lane Bowl (12-26-17)

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

SHUT OUT THE HUSKIES FOR A HALF – 2nd, Eastern Michigan (9-29-18)

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

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

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

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

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

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

HAD 10 OR MORE RECEPTIONS – 10, Diontae Johnson of Toledo (11-2-17)

HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS – 147, Isiah Cox, Ohio (10-13-18)

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

A HUSKIE PLAYER

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

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

RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN (NOT BLOCKED) – Perez Ashford (44 yards) at Miami (10-24-09)

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

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

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

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

A NON-QB COMPLETED A PASS - WR D.J. Brown (5 yards to QB Marcus Childers) at Iowa (9-1-18)

BLOCKED A PUNT – Sutton Smith vs. Central Michigan (9-15-18)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COMPLETED A 60-YARD PASS – Marcus Childers (66) to D.J. Brown (TD) at Florida State (9-22-18)

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

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

RUSHED FOR 100 OR MORE YARDS – Marcus Childers (169) vs. Ohio (10-13-18)

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

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HAD A RUSH OF 60 YARDS OR LONGER – Marcus Jones (64) at Ball State (10-6-18)

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

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

RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS OR MORE IN CONSECUTIVE GAMES – Jordan Huff, 2 games (9-16 at Nebraska and 9-30-17 at San Diego St.)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NIU FOOTBALL 2018 HIGHS & LOWS

NIU

	HIGH	LOW
Points, Game	26, at Eastern Michigan (9-29)	6, vs. Utah (9-8)
Points, Half	15 , (2nd), vs. Ohio (10-13)	0 (2x); Iowa (9-1), Eastern Michigan (9-29)
Points, Quarter	15 (4th), vs. Ohio (10-13)	0 (7x), Last: 3rd, vs. Ohio (10-13)
First Downs	25, vs. Ohio (10-13)	13, at Florida State (9-22)
Rushing Yards	255, vs. Ohio (10-13)	6, at Florida State (9-22)
Rushing Attempts	62, at Eastern Michigan (9-29)	20, at Florida State (9-22)
Passing Yards	215, at Florida State (9-22)	104, vs. Central Michigan (9-15)
Pass Attempts	41, at Florida State (9-22)	20, vs. Central Michigan (9-15)
Pass Completions	20, at Eastern Michigan (9-29) 20, at Florida State (9-22)	12, vs. Central Michigan (9-15)
Total Offensive Plays	97, at Eastern Michigan (9-29)	61, at Florida State (9-22)
Total Offense Yards	400, vs. Ohio (10-13)	211, at Iowa (9-1)
Penalties	12, vs. Ohio (10-13)	3, at Florida State (9-22)
Turnovers	3, at Eastern Michigan (9-29)	0, at Florida State (9-22), vs. Ohio (10-13)
Sacks (By Defense)	7, vs. Utah (9-8)	1, at Iowa (9-1)
Time of Possession	33:32, at Eastern Michigan (9-29)	22:21, at Florida State (9-22)

OPPONENTS

	HIGH	LOW
Points, Game	37, by Florida State (9-22)	16, by Central Michigan (9-15) 16, by Ball State (10-6)
Points, Half	30 (2nd), by Iowa (9-1)	0 (1st), by Utah (9-8)
Points, Quarter	16 (4th), by Iowa (9-1)	0 (7x), last: 4th by Ohio (10-13)
First Downs	26, by Ball State (10-6)	16, by Eastern Michigan (9-29)
Rushing Yards	209, by Iowa (9-1)	46, by Ohio (10-13)
Rushing Attempts	57, by Florida State (9-22)	32, by Ohio (10-13)
Passing Yards	352, by Florida State (9-22)	143, by Iowa (9-1)
Pass Attempts	57, by Florida State (9-22)	23, by Ohio (10-13)
Pass Completions	32, by Ball State (10-6)	13, by Iowa (9-1)
Total Offensive Plays	96, by Ball State (10-6)	55, by Ohio (10-13)
Total Offense Yards	473, by Florida State (9-22)	242, by Eastern Michigan (9-29)
Penalties	11, by Eastern Michigan (9-29)	2, by Ball State (10-6)
Turnovers	4, by Florida State (9-22)	1 (3x); Last: by Ball State (10-6)
Sacks (By Defense)	5, by Iowa (9-1)	0, by Eastern Michigan (9-29)
Time of Possession	37:27, by Florida State (9-22)	26:28, by Eastern Michigan (9-29)

NIU FOOTBALL 2018 SUPERLATIVES

NIU

Rushing Attempts:	32, Tre Harbison at EMU (9-29)
Net Rushing Yards:	169, Marcus Childers vs. Ohio (10-13)
Rushing TDs:	2, Tre Harbison at Ball State (10-6)
Long TD Run:	28 yards, D.J. Brown vs. Ohio (10-13)
Non-Scoring Run:	64 yards, Marcus Jones at Ball State (10-6)
Passes Attempted:	41, Marcus Childers at Florida State (9-22)
Passes Completed:	20, Marcus Childers at Florida State (9-22)
	20, Marcus Childers at EMU (9-29)
Passes Had Intercepted:	2, Marcus Childers at EMU (9-29)
Completion Percentage:	.621, Marcus Childers at Ball State (10-6)
TD Passes:	3, Marcus Childers vs. CMU (9-15)
Long TD Pass:	66, Childers (to D.J. Brown) at Florida State (9-22)
Non-Scoring Pass:	37, Childers to D.J. Brown vs. CMU (9-15)
Receptions:	8, Jauan Wesley vs. Utah (9-8)
	8, Jauan Wesley at EMU (9-29)
Receiving Yards:	117, D.J. Brown at Florida State (9-22)
Receiving TDs:	1, (8x) by five different players
Punt Returns (not blocks):	5, Cole Tucker at EMU (9-29)
Punt Return Yards:	44, Cole Tucker at EMU (9-29)
Punt Return, Long:	27, Cole Tucker at EMU (9-29)
Kickoff Returns:	2, D.J. Brown at EMU (9-29)
Kickoff Return Yards:	32, D.J. Brown at EMU (9-29)
Kickoff Return, Long:	25, D.J. Brown at Ball State (10-6)
Total Plays:	56, Marcus Childers vs. Ohio (10-13)
Total Offensive Yards:	314, Marcus Childers vs. Ohio (10-13)
All-Purpose Attempts:	33, Tre Harbison at EMU (9-29)
All-Purpose Yards:	169, Marcus Childers vs. Ohio (10-13)
Points:	12, Tre Harbison at Ball State (10-6)
Touchdowns:	2, Tre Harbison at Ball State (10-6)
Points Kicking:	8, Andrew Gantz at EMU (9-29)
Field Goals Attempted:	2, Andrew Gantz at Iowa (9-1)
	2, Andrew Gantz vs. Utah (9-8)
	2, Andrew Gantz at EMU (9-29)
Field Goals Made:	2, Andrew Gantz at EMU (9-29)
	2, Andrew Gantz vs. Utah (9-8)
Longest Field Goal Attempt:	49, Andrew Gantz vs. Utah (9-8)
Longest Field Goal Made:	49, Andrew Gantz vs. Utah (9-8)
Punts:	8, Matt Ference at Florida State (9-22)
	8, Matt Ference vs. Utah (9-8)
	8, Matt Ference at EMU (9-29)
Best Punting Average:	47.2, Matt Ference at Iowa (9-1)
Longest Punt:	57 yards, Matt Ference vs. Utah (9-8)
Tackles:	16, Antonio Jones-Davis vs. CMU (9-15)
	16, Antonio Jones-Davis at Ball State (10-6)
Tackles for Loss:	4.5, Sutton Smith vs. Utah (9-8)
Sacks	2, Sutton Smith vs. Utah (9-8)
	2, Matt Lorbeck vs. Utah (9-8)
	2, Antonio Jones-Davis at EMU (9-29)
	2, Sutton Smith vs. Ohio (10-13)
Interceptions:	1, Albert Smalls at Iowa (9-1)
	1, Vinny Labus vs. CMU (9-15)
	1, Cortez Hogans at Florida State (9-22)
	1, Trayshon Foster vs. Ohio (10-13)
Long Interception Return:	23 yards, Hogans at Florida State (9-22)
Fumbles Forced:	1, (11x) by seven different players
Fumbles Recovered:	2, Sutton Smith vs. Ohio (10-13)
Fumble Return:	NA

OPPONENTS

Rushing Attempts:	22, Cam Akers, Florida State (9-22)
Rushing Yards:	84, Toren Young, Iowa (9-1)
Long TD Run:	14, Shaq Vann, Eastern Michigan (9-29)
Non-Scoring Run:	40 yards, Toren Young, Iowa (9-1)
Passes Attempted:	56, Riley Neal, Ball State (10-6)
Passes Completed:	32, Riley Neal, Ball State (10-6)
Passes Had Intercepted:	1, 4x
Completion Percentage:	.742, Deondre Francois, Florida State (9-22)
Passing Yards:	352, Deondre Francois, Florida State (9-22)
TD Passes:	2, Deondre Francois, Florida State (9-22)
	2, Nathan Rourke, Ohio (10-13)
Long TD Pass:	78 yards, Francois to Terry, Florida State (9-22)
Non-Scoring Pass:	70, Nathan Rourke to Isiah Cox, Ohio (10-13)
Receptions:	8, Britain Covey, Utah (9-8)
Receiving Yards:	147, I. Cox, Ohio (10-13)
Receiving TDs:	1, (7x) by seven different players
Punt Returns:	3, D.J. Matthews, Florida State (9-22)
Punt Return Yards:	42, Kyle Groeneweg, Iowa (9-1)
Punt Return, Long:	15, D.J. Matthews, Florida State (9-22)
Kickoff Returns:	2, Kobe Lewis, CMU (9-15)
	2, Arthur Jackson, EMU (9-29)
	2, Justin Hall, Ball State (10-6)
Kickoff Return Yards:	55, Justin Hall, Ball State (10-6)
Kickoff Return, Long:	33, Justin Hall, Ball State (10-6)
Total Plays:	65, Riley Neal, Ball State (10-6)
Total Offensive Yards:	351, Deondre Francois, Florida State (9-22)
All-Purpose Attempts:	23, Cam Akers, Florida State (9-22)
	23, James Gilbert, Ball State (10-6)
All-Purpose Yards:	147, Isiah Cox, Ohio (10-13)
Points:	13, Ricky Aguayo, Florida State (9-22)
Touchdowns:	1 (18x)
Points Kicking:	13, Ricky Aguayo, Florida State (9-22)
Field Goals Attempted:	5, Chad Ryland, EMU (9-29)
Field Goals Made:	3, Ricky Aguayo, Florida State (9-22)
	3, Chad Ryland, EMU (9-29)
	3, Morgan Hagee, Ball State (10-6)
Longest Field Goal Attempt:	51, Morgan Hagee, Ball State (10-6)
Longest Field Goal Made:	51, Morgan Hagee, Ball State (10-6)
Punts:	9, Jake Julien, EMU (9-29)
Best Punting Average:	53.8, C. Rastetter, Iowa (9-1)
Longest Punt:	69, C. Rastetter, Iowa (9-1)
Tackles:	18, Malik Fountain, CMU (9-15)
Tackles for Loss:	2.5, Chase Hansen, Utah (9-8)
Sacks:	2, Parker Hesse, Iowa (9-1)
	2, Chase Hansen, Utah (9-8)
	2, Kyle Meyers, Florida State (9-22)
Interceptions:	1, (6x)
INT Return, Long:	43, Ray Wilborn, Ball State (10-6)
INT Return, TD:	40 yards, Chase Hansen, Utah (9-8)
Fumble Return:	N/A

2018 NIU HUSKIES FOOTBALL

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (HS/Previous School)	ALPHABETICAL
1	Albert Smalls	CB	6-1	207	Sr.-R	3L	Miramar, Fla. (Monsignor Pace)	1 Albert Smalls CB
1	Dale Brown	TE	6-3	300	Sr.-R	3L	Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit West)	53 Erik Abrell LS
2	Andrew Gantz	K	5-10	192	Sr.-R	GTR	Dayton, Ohio (Centerville/Univ. of Cincinnati)	83 Rod Alexander WR
3	Jalen Embry	CB	5-11	197	Sr.-R	1L	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)	13 Joseph Bonds OLB
5	Jaden Huff	TB	5-7	210	Sr.-R	1L	Bolingbrook, Ill. (Bolingbrook/St. Cloud St.)	37 Brett Bostad FB
6	Rodney Hall	QB	6-2	219	Fr.-R	RS	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)	89 Mitchell Brinkman TE
7	Tifonte Hunt	CB	5-9	183	Sr.-R	3L	Harvey, Ill. (Thornton Township)	10 D.J. Brown WR
7	Anthony Thompson	QB	6-0	214	So.-R	1L	Chicago, Ill. (Mount Carmel)	1 Dale Brown TE
8	Mykelti Williams	S	5-11	208	Jr.-R	1L	Indianapolis, Ind. (Notre Dame/Iowa Western CC)	40 Drequan Brown DE
9	Jauan Wesley	WR	5-11	182	Sr.-R	1L	Markham, Ill. (Thornton Township/Iowa State)	16 Amir Brummett WR
10	D.J. Brown	WR	5-9	185	Sr.	3L	North Little Rock, Ark. (North Little Rock)	29 Adam Buirge S
11	Trayshon Foster	S	6-0	201	Jr.-R	2L	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Tuscaloosa Academy)	15 Marcus Childers QB
11	Ryan Graham	QB	6-1	214	Sr.-R	3L	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton Warrenville South)	45 Jordan Cole LB
12	Jiya Wright	QB	6-0	198	Fr.	HS	Fort Wayne, Ind. (Homestead)	12 Josh Corcoran DE
12	Josh Corcoran	DE	6-3	251	Sr.	3L	Lakeville, Minn. (Lakeville South)	38 Jaquis Covington S
13	Leon Payne	WR	5-10	174	Fr.	HS	Chicago, Ill. (Simeon)	70 Marques Cox OL
13	Joseph Bonds	OLB	6-2	217	Fr.	HS	Chicago, Ill. (De La Salle Institute)	88 Daniel Crawford TE
14	Spencer Tears	WR	6-1	198	Jr.-R	2L	Chicago, Ill. (H.L. Richards)	74 Calvin Dassow OL
15	Marcus Childers	QB	6-0	222	So.-R	1L	Adairsville, Ga. (Adairsville)	80 Mike DeHaan TE
15	Sutton Smith	DE	6-1	237	Jr.-R	2L	Saint Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell)	95 Jawon Denton WR
16	Amir Brummett	WR	6-1	189	Fr.	HS	Decatur, Ill. (MacArthur)	37 Lance Deveaux Jr. LB
16	J.D. Harris	DB	5-10	165	Fr.	HS	Columbus, Ind. (Columbus North)	35 Erick Doke TB
17	Dennis Robinson	WR	6-5	214	Fr.-R	RS	Hollywood, Fla. (South Broward)	39 Joshua Earl S
18	Cole Tucker	WR	6-2	193	Fr.-R	RS	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)	3 Jalen Embry CB
18	Kewan Parker	LB	5-11	198	Fr.	HS	Miami, Fla. (Carol City)	36 Matt Ference P
19	Jyran Mitchell	WR	5-11	194	Fr.	HS	Matteson, Ill. (Rich Central)	11 Trayshon Foster S
20	Jordan Rowell	TB	6-1	203	Fr.-R	RS	Elmhurst, Ill. (Immaculate Conception)	2 Andrew Gantz K
20	Zhamaine March	DB	5-7	168	Fr.	HS	Detroit, Mich. (East English Village Prep)	46 Rayshawn Gay LB
21	Dillon Thomas	S	6-2	188	Fr.-R	RS	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill South)	85 Ryan Gibbons WR
21	Marcus Jones	TB	5-8	199	Jr.-R	2L	Chicago, Ill. (Brother Rice)	11 Ryan Graham QB
22	Tre Harbison	TB	5-11	227	So.-R	1L	Shelby, N.C. (Crest/Virginia)	42 Andrew Gregory LB
23	Justin Hall	DB	5-9	183	Fr.	HS	Homewood, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor)	91 Jeffrey Griffin Jr. DL
24	Trequan Smith	S	5-11	186	Jr.-R	2L	Boynton Beach, Fla. (Boynton Beach)	63 Ezekiel Gueths OL
25	Cortez Hogans	LB	6-2	224	Fr.	HS	Palatine, Ill. (Palatine)	23 Justin Hall DB
26	Antwain Walker	CB	6-1	190	Fr.	HS	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego East)	6 Rodney Hall QB/WR
27	Maalik Todd	CB	5-6	162	Sr.-R	2L	Evanston, Ill. (Evanston Township)	31 Devin Haney CB
28	Jordan Nettles	TB	5-9	181	Fr.-R	RS	Romeoville, Ill. (Romeoville)	22 Tre Harbison TB
29	Adam Buirge	S	6-0	207	Jr.-R	2L	Minneapolis, Minn. (Park Center)	51 Nathan Harman LB
30	Rahveon Valentine	TB	5-7	187	Fr.	HS	Lena, Ill. (Lena-Winslow)	84 Ty Harmston TE
31	Devin Haney	CB	6-1	172	Fr.	HS	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill)	16 J.D. Harris DB
32	Brianjay Ross	S	5-10	179	Fr.	HS	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)	71 Isaac Hawn OL
33	Danny Walker	LB	6-3	223	Fr.-R	RS	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton North)	98 Jack Heflin DT
34	Reggie Jennings	LB	6-0	225	Fr.	HS	Milwaukee, Wis. (Brookfield Central)	25 Cortez Hogans LB
35	Erick Doke	TB	6-1	227	Fr.	HS	Kenosha, Wis. (Bradford)	5 Jaden Huff TB
36	Matt Ference	P	5-11	198	So.	1L	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)	66 Vince Hughes DT
37	Brett Bostad	FB	6-0	241	Fr.	HS	Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale)	7 Tifonte Hunt CB
37	Lance Deveaux Jr.	LB	5-11	211	Jr.	2L	Pompano Beach, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)	34 Reggie Jennings LB
38	Jaquis Covington	S	5-9	161	Jr.-R	1L	Plainfield, Ill. (Plainfield North)	21 Marcus Jones TB
39	John Richardson	K	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	Orland Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)	48 Antonio Jones-Davis LB
39	Joshua Earl	S	6-1	227	Fr.	HS	Naperville, Ill. (Neuqua Valley)	96 Marcus Kelly DT
40	Drequan Brown	DE	6-2	230	Sr.-R	1L	Chicago, Ill. (Bremen/Independence [Kans.] CC)	47 Michael Kennedy DE
41	Matt Lorbeck	DE	6-3	247	So.	1L	Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)	82 Fotis Kokosioulis WR
42	Andrew Gregory	LB	6-1	226	So.-R	1L	Normal, Ill. (Normal Community)	55 Weston Kramer DT
42	Liam Soraghan	TE	6-7	259	Fr.-R	RS	Dearborn, Mich. (Divine Child)	50 Vinny Labus LB
43	Rod Rivera	CB	6-3	180	Fr.	HS	Glen Ellyn, Ill. (Glenbard South)	99 Ben LeRoy DT
44	Corey Lersch	TE	6-2	244	So.-R	1L	McHenry, Ill. (McHenry)	44 Corey Lersch TE
45	Jordan Cole	LB	6-2	213	Fr.-R	RS	Ferguson, Mo. (McCluer South-Berkeley)	41 Matt Lorbeck DE
46	Rayshawn Gay	LB	6-1	219	Fr.-R	RS	Maywood, Ill. (Proviso East)	20 Zhamaine March DB
47	Michael Kennedy	DE	6-1	215	Fr.-R	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)	49 Jalen McKie CB
48	Antonio Jones-Davis	LB	5-11	226	Jr.-R	2L	Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)	19 Jyran Mitchell WR
49	Jalen McKie	CB	5-7	169	Fr.-R	RS	Gurnee, Ill. (Waukegan)	28 Jordan Nettles TB
50	Vinny Labus	LB	6-1	223	Fr.-R	RS	Park Ridge Ill. (Maine South)	

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NUMERICAL ROSTER (2)

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School)
51	Nathan Harman	LB	5-11	215	Fr.	HS	Monticello, Ill. (Monticello)
53	Erik Abrell	LS	6-1	224	Fr.-R	TR	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian/Western Illinois)
54	Austin Warner	OL	6-4	291	So.-R	1L	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego)
55	Weston Kramer	DT	6-1	292	So.	1L	Naperville, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
56	Ryan Roberts	OL	6-6	297	Jr.-R	2L	Northville, Mich. (Northville)
57	Kyle Pugh	LB	6-0	235	Jr.-R	2L	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Bloom Township)
58	Brayden Patton	OL	6-5	306	So.-R	1L	Ellettsville, Ind. (Edgewood)
59	Hayden Sak	LS	6-2	254	Sr.	3L	Aurora, Ill. (West Aurora)
60	Alex Schlee	OL	6-5	293	Jr.-R	1L	Germantown, Wis. (Germantown)
61	Benn Olson	OL	6-4	298	So.-R	1L	Burnsville, Minn. (Burnsville)
62	Christopher Perez	OL	6-1	290	Jr.	TR	Shawnee, Kan. (St. Thomas Aquinas/Butler CC)
63	Ezekiel Gueths	OL	6-5	312	So.-R	1L	Shawano, Wis. (Shawano Community)
64	Luke Shively	OL	6-3	300	Sr.-R	3L	Tipton, Ind. (Tipton)
65	Nathan Veloz	OL	6-5	319	Jr.-R	2L	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)
66	Vince Hughes	DT	6-5	287	Jr.-R	1L	Franklin, Wis. (Franklin)
68	Owen Rozumalski	OL	6-0	271	Fr.	HS	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)
69	Nolan Potter	OL	6-5	280	Fr.	HS	Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Washington)
70	Marques Cox	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	HS	Peoria, Ill. (Peoria)
71	Isaac Hawn	OL	6-6	303	So.	1L	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles North)
72	Jordan Steckler	OL	6-5	306	Jr.-R	2L	Two Rivers, Wis. (Two Rivers)
73	Max Scharping	OT	6-6	320	Sr.-R	3L	Green Bay, Wis. (Southwest)
74	Calvin Dassow	OL	6-7	313	Fr.-R	RS	Menominee Falls, Wis. (Sussex Hamilton)
77	Cole Webster	OL	6-6	300	Fr.-R	RS	Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)
78	Mylan Reeves	OL	6-4	313	Jr.-R	TR	Homewood, Ill. (Homewood Flossmoor/N. Mich)
80	Mike DeHaan	TE	6-5	232	Fr.	HS	Tinley Park, Ill. (Andrew)
81	Matt Pollack	WR	6-0	193	Fr.	HS	Mokena, Ill. (Lincoln Way Central)
82	Fotis Kokosioulis	WR	5-9	170	Fr.	HS	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
83	Rod Alexander	WR	6-0	175	Sr.-R	GTR	Miramar, Fla. (Everglades/St. Francis [Pa.]
84	Ty Harmston	TE	6-4	258	Sr.-R	3L	Stockton, Ill. (Stockton)
85	Ryan Gibbons	WR	5-11	187	So.-R	1L	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
86	Lucas Segobiano	WR	5-10	198	Fr.	HS	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles North)
87	Maximilian Thrower	TE	6-4	238	So.-R	1L	Royal Oak, Mich. (Shrine Catholic)
88	Daniel Crawford	TE	6-2	245	Jr.-R	2L	Macomb, Mich. (Dakota)
89	Mitchell Brinkman	TE	6-3	254	Jr.	2L	Council Bluffs, Iowa (Lewis Central)
90	Caleb Wright	DL	6-3	222	Fr.	HS	Brookfield, Wis. (Brookfield East)
91	Jeffrey Griffin Jr.	DL	6-0	263	Fr.	HS	Homewood, Ill. (Homewood-Flossmoor)
92	A.J. Taylor	DT	6-0	290	Jr.-R	1L	Chicago, Ill. [IMG Academy (Fla.)/Murray State]
93	Quintin Wynne	DE	6-1	240	Jr.-R	2L	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers)
94	Devin Webster	DT	6-2	294	Sr.	1L	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie/Arizona Western)
95	Jawon Denton	WR	6-2	204	Fr.-R	RS	Chicago, Ill. (Morgan Park)
96	Marcus Kelly	DT	6-3	274	Jr.-R	2L	Waukesha, Wis. (West)
98	Jack Heflin	DT	6-3	284	So.-R	1L	Prophetstown, Ill. (Erie-Prophetstown)
99	Ben LeRoy	DT	6-3	302	Jr.	2L	Wilmette, Ill. (Loyola Academy)

ALPHABETICAL

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

KEY: RS -- Has already used a redshirt season. Sq -- Squad member. L -- Letterman. HS -- High School. WO -- Walk-on (new). TR -- Transfer. GTR -- Grad Transfer.

2018 NIU FOOTBALL DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
WR	14	Spencer Tears	6-1	198	Jr.-R	Chicago, Ill. (H.L. Richards)
	13	Leon Payne	5-10	174	Fr.	Chicago, Ill. (Simeon)
WR	10	D.J. Brown	5-9	185	Sr.	North Little Rock, Ark. (North Little Rock)
AND	9	Jauan Wesley	5-11	182	Sr.-R	Markham, Ill. (Thornton Township/Iowa State)
WR	18	Cole Tucker	6-2	193	Fr.-R	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
OR	17	Dennis Robinson	6-5	214	Fr.-R	Hollywood, Fla. (South Broward)
TE	84	Ty Harmston	6-4	258	Sr.-R	Stockton, Ill. (Stockton)
	44	Corey Lersch	6-6	244	So.-R	McHenry, Ill. (McHenry)
	1	Dale Brown	6-3	300	Sr.-R	Lee's Summit, Mo. (Lee's Summit West)
TB	21	Marcus Jones	5-8	199	Jr.-R	Evergreen Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
OR	22	Tre Harbison	5-11	227	So.-R	Shelby, N.C. (Crest/Virginia)
	28	Jordan Nettles	5-9	181	Fr.-R	Romeoville, Ill. (Romeoville)
QB	15	Marcus Childers	6-0	222	So.-R	Adairsville, Ga. (Adairsville)
	7	Anthony Thompson	6-0	214	So.-R	Chicago, Ill. (Mt. Carmel)
OR	11	Ryan Graham	6-1	214	Sr.-R	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton Warrenville South)
LT	73	Max Scharping	6-6	320	Sr.-R	Green Bay, Wis. (Southwest)
	74	Calvin Dassow	6-7	313	Fr.-R	Menominee Falls, Wis. (Sussex Hamilton)
LG	62	Christopher Perez, Jr.	6-1	290	Jr.	Shawnee, Kansas (St. Thomas Aquinas/Butler CC)
	54	Austin Warner	6-4	291	So.-R	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego)
C	64	Luke Shively	6-3	300	Sr.-R	Tipton, Ind. (Tipton)
	61	Benn Olson	6-4	298	So.-R	Burnsville, Minn. (Burnsville)
RG	58	Brayden Patton	6-5	306	So.-R	Ellettsville, Ind. (Edgewood)
OR	65	Nathan Veloz	6-5	319	Jr.-R	Oak Creek, Wis. (Oak Creek)
RT	71	Isaac Hawn	6-6	303	So.	St. Charles, Ill. (St. Charles North)
OR	56	Ryan Roberts	6-6	297	Jr.-R	Northville, Mich. (Northville)

DEFENSE

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
DE	15	Sutton Smith	6-1	237	Jr.-R	Saint Charles, Mo. (Francis Howell)
	93	Quintin Wynne	6-1	240	Jr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Christian Brothers)
DT	99	Ben Leroy	6-3	302	Jr.	Wilmette, Ill. (Loyola Academy)
	96	Marcus Kelly	6-3	274	Jr.-R	Waukesha, Wis. (West)
DT	55	Weston Kramer	6-1	292	So.	Naperville, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
	98	Jack Heflin	6-3	298	So.-R	Prophetstown, Ill. (Erie-Prophetstown)
DE	12	Josh Corcoran	6-3	251	Sr.	Lakeville, Minn. (Lakeville South)
	41	Matt Lorbeck	6-3	247	So.	Green Bay, Wis. (Bay Port)
OLB	48	Antonio Jones-Davis	5-11	226	Jr.-R	Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)
	42	Andrew Gregory	6-1	226	So.-R	Normal, Ill. (Normal Community)
MLB	57	Kyle Pugh	6-0	235	Jr.-R	Chicago Heights, Ill. (Bloom Township)
	50	Vinny Labus	6-1	223	Fr.-R	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
	25	Cortez Hogans	6-2	224	Fr.	Palatine, Ill. (Palatine)
OLB	37	Lance Deveaux Jr.	5-11	211	Jr.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)
	45	Jordan Cole	6-2	213	Fr.-R	Ferguson, Mo. (McCluer South-Berkeley)
CB	3	Jalen Embry	5-11	197	Sr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)
	49	Jalen McKie	5-7	169	Fr.-R	Gurnee, Ill. (Waukegan)
S	8	Mykelti Williams	5-11	208	Jr.-R	Indianapolis, Ind. (Notre Dame/Iowa Western)
	29	Adam Buirge	6-0	207	Jr.-R	Minneapolis, Minn. (Park Center)
S	24	Trequan Smith	5-11	186	Jr.-R	Boynton Beach, Fla. (Boynton Beach)
	11	Trayshon Foster	6-0	201	Jr.-R	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Tuscaloosa Academy)
CB	7	Tifonte Hunt	5-9	183	Sr.-R	Harvey, Ill. (Thornton Township)
	31	Devin Haney	6-1	172	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill)
OR	26	Antwain Walker	6-1	190	Fr.	Oswego, Ill. (Oswego East)

SPECIALISTS

	No.	Name	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
K	2	Andrew Gantz	5-10	192	Sr.-R	Dayton, Ohio (Centerville/Cincinnati)
	39	John Richardson	5-11	190	Fr.	Orland Park, Ill. (Brother Rice)
P	36	Matt Ference	5-11	198	So.	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
HO	36	Matt Ference	5-11	198	So.	St. Louis, Mo. (Lafayette)
	11	Ryan Graham	6-1	214	Sr.-R	Wheaton, Ill. (Wheaton Warrenville South)
LS	53	Erik Abrell	6-1	224	Fr.-R	Aurora, Ill. (Aurora Christian/Western Illinois)
	59	Hayden Sak	6-2	254	Sr.	Aurora, Ill. (West Aurora)
KR	10	D.J. Brown	5-9	185	Sr.	North Little Rock, Ark. (North Little Rock)
	82	Fotis Kokosioulis	5-9	170	Fr.	Park Ridge, Ill. (Maine South)
AND	3	Jalen Embry	5-11	197	Sr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)
PR	18	Cole Tucker	6-2	193	Fr.-R	DeKalb, Ill. (DeKalb)
	3	Jalen Embry	5-11	197	Sr.-R	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King/Iowa Central CC)

PRONUNCIATIONS

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

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