



2007 Northern Illinois Huskies vs. Ball State Cardinals

Nov. 24, 2007 – 3 p.m. (CST) – Comcast SportsNet Chicago
DeKalb, Ill. – Brigham Field at Huskie Stadium (24,000)

SEASON FINALE: Northern Illinois (2-9, 1-5 MAC) closes out the 2007 campaign by playing host to MAC West Division rival Ball State (6-5, 4-2) at Huskie Stadium.

SENIOR SALUTE: The Huskies will honor its nine-member senior class, eight of whom are Illinois "locals," prior to kickoff Saturday, along with their parents. Although small in number, this year's seniors have been a part of the winningest era in Northern Illinois football. They have been a part of three winning seasons, two MAC West titles and two bowl appearances while helping make Huskie Stadium a tough place to play, winning 75 percent of their home games. Off the field, all nine seniors will leave Northern Illinois with their undergraduate degrees. The 2007 Northern Illinois football senior class:

OT	Chris Acevedo	Lyons, Ill.
TE	Brandon Davis	Broadview, Ill.
DT	Zach Holycross	Georgetown, Ill.
LB	Saul Ibarra	Elmwood Park, Ill.
TE	Tom Kelly	Elgin, Ill.
K	Chris Nendick	Naperville, Ill.
RB	Cas Prime	Janesville, Wisc.
S	Mark Reiter	New Lenox, Ill.
NG	Adam Schroeder	Loves Park, Ill.

TROPHY GAME: Northern Illinois and Ball State have agreed to make their annual MAC match-up the latest college football "trophy game" to spur interest in one of the Huskies' oldest, and closest, league rivalries. Local DeKalb artist and sculptor Renee' Bemis is designing a trophy depicting a cornstalk, the

image chosen in a tribute to the locales of both institutions. The actual trophy will make its debut at next year's NIU-Ball State game although a clay model of "The Stalk" is expected to be on display Saturday.

HOME-FIELD ADVANTAGE: The Huskies are 127-92-2 (.579) on Brigham Field since moving to Huskie Stadium in 1966. Under Joe Novak, Northern Illinois is 37-28 (.569) at home over the last 11 seasons and has won 36 of its last 47 contests in DeKalb. Since the beginning of the 2003 season, Northern Illinois is 20-7 at home for a winning percentage of 74 percent.

MAC MARK: Northern Illinois enters the Ball State game with an even 82-82-2 (.500) mark in the Mid-American Conference in 20 total seasons as a member of the league. Since beginning its second stint in the MAC in 1997, NIU and head coach Joe Novak are 47-37 (.559) versus its conference foes.

WELCOME MAC: At home, Northern is 46-36-1 (.560) in MAC games all-time and has gone 25-17 (.595) under Joe Novak. NIU is 1-2 in its league home games so far this year after defeating Kent State, 27-20, in its last Huskie Stadium outing. Earlier this year, NIU dropped a two-point decision to Eastern Michigan (Sept. 15) and a four-point game to Western Michigan (Oct. 13) at home.

NOVAK'S NUMBERS: In his 12th season at the helm of the Huskie program, NIU Head Coach Joe Novak is the dean of Mid-Ameri-

Series Recap

Overall.....BSU leads 18-14-2
In DeKalb..... BSU leads 10-6-2
In Muncie..... Series tied 8-8
In MAC GamesBSU leads 13-8
First Meeting BSU 6, NIU 6
.....Oct. 4, 1941
Last Meeting NIU 40, BSU 28
..... Sept. 30, 2006

can Conference coaches. Novak, who ranks second all-time at NIU in games coached (138) and is third in victories (63), tied former Western Michigan coach Al Molde (1987-96) for eighth place on the MAC career wins list with 62 (his first win came before NIU re-joined the league). Novak's 47 victories in league games puts him in an eighth place tie with Gary Blackney (BGSU, 1991-99) and Paul Schudel (BSU, 1985-94).

TRUE INDICATION: Novak's numbers since 1996, his first season as the NIU head coach, do not provide a true indication of his success in DeKalb as he spent the first three years of his tenure tearing down and rebuilding the football program from scratch. After enduring a 3-34 start to his head coaching ledger, the Ohio native is 60-41 (.594 winning percentage) since the fifth game of the 1999 season. After losing their first four games in 1999, the Huskies went 5-2 and then posted seven straight winning campaigns from 2000-07 (one of only 18 FBS programs to do so) before close losses and a record number of injuries derailed this season.

A FOR EFFORT: Northern Illinois produced another excellent effort but fell to a bowl-bound Navy team in Annapolis last week. NIU pulled within four points of the Midshipmen in the fourth quarter but could not get any closer. The Huskies got a gutsy performance from back-up quarterback Ryan Morris, who completed 21-of-35 passes for 206 yards and two TDs, while a determined Huskie defense forced Navy into a season-high three punts while holding the Midshipmen five points below their season scoring average.

SEE SAW SERIES: The series between Northern Illinois and Ball State, which dates back to 1941, has been marked by periods

2007 NIU SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	IOWA - Soldier Field, Chicago (ESPNU)	L, 16-3
Sept. 8	SOUTHERN ILLINOIS (Comcast SN)	L, 34-31
Sept. 15	EASTERN MICHIGAN* (ESPN Regional)	L, 21-19
Sept. 22	at Idaho (Go Vandals Network)	W, 42-35
Sept. 29	at Central Michigan* (ESPN Regional)	L, 35-10
Oct. 6	at Temple*	L, 16-15
Oct. 13	WESTERN MICHIGAN*^ (Comcast SN)	L, 17-13
Oct. 20	at Wisconsin (Big Ten Network)	L, 44-3
Oct. 27	at Toledo*	L, 70-21
Nov. 10	KENT STATE* (Comcast SN)	W, 27-20
Nov. 17	at Navy (CSTV)	L, 35-24
Nov. 24	BALL STATE* (Comcast SN)	3 pm

*MAC Game; ^Homecoming; All Times Central.

HUSKIE FACTS

2007 Record	2-9
2007 MAC Record	1-5
Head Coach	Joe Novak
Alma Mater/Year	Miami (OH) 1967
Record at NIU/Year	63-75/12th
Career Record/Year	Same
Location	DeKalb, Illinois
Enrollment	25,254
Conference	Mid-American (West Division)
Colors	Cardinal and Black
Stadium	Brigham Field at Huskie Stadium
Surface/Capacity	Field Turf /24,000
President.....	Dr. John Peters
Associate VP/Athletic Director.....	Dr. Jim Phillips
Ticket Information.....	815-752-6800



of domination by one team or the other. NIU owns the most recent "streak" as the Huskies have won seven of the last eight meetings between the teams dating back to 1999. Prior to that, Ball State had claimed seven straight wins over the Huskies and won 16 of 17 meetings between 1974 and 1998. Northern earned wins in six of seven games, with a 10-10 tie thrown in, from 1966-73.

REMEMBERING...: One of the greatest performances in Huskie history came a year ago versus Ball State (Sept. 30) when tailback Garrett Wolfe rushed for a school record 353 yards on 31 carries to lead Northern Illinois to a 40-28 victory in Muncie. Wolfe put on an amazing display with touchdown runs of 51, 48 and 53 yards while becoming the first player in NCAA FBS history to reach the 1,000-yard mark in the fifth game of the season. Still, Ball State battled with QB Nate Davis adding a pair of late touchdown passes to pull the Cardinals within 12 points as he threw for 298 yards on the night.

THANKSGIVING WEEK: NIU Head Coach Joe Novak will slightly alter the Huskies' normal practice schedule to accommodate the Thanksgiving holiday. With school closed beginning Wednesday, Northern Illinois will practice Wednesday morning and then gather that evening to share a Thanksgiving dinner. Only the travel squad will practice early Thursday morning before Novak dismisses that group until late Friday afternoon when the team resumes its pregame routine.

WORKHORSE: Justin Anderson carried the load for the NIU offense versus Navy as the sophomore carried the ball a season-high 39 times for 140 yards and caught seven passes for 36 yards. In all, Anderson touched the ball on 46 of the Huskies' 79 offensive plays, posting his seventh 100-yard game (in nine starts) this season in the process. He totaled 176 all-purpose yards versus Navy for his second-highest total of the season.

MAGNIFICENT SEVEN: Entering the Navy game, Northern Illinois' performance on fourth down had been unremarkable as the Huskies converted just 3 of 12 (25 percent) of their fourth-down tries in its first 10 games of the season. But against Navy, everything clicked for the Huskies on fourth down as the NIU offense converted all seven of their fourth down attempts in the game. Northern Illinois' second touchdown came on a one-yard Justin Anderson run on fourth down, and during its last drive of the game (ending in a Chris Nendick missed field goal), Ryan Morris and crew converted on three fourth down plays, including a fourth and 10.

TOP FROSH: NIU leading tackler Alex Kube, a redshirt freshman from Cary, Ill., surpassed the 100-tackle threshold with a career-best and team season high 15 stops, nine solo, in the Navy game. Kube is the **leading freshman tackler in the country** with his average of 10.09 tackles per game and 111 total stops on the year. He ranks sixth in the MAC and 31st in the country in tackles and has made 10 or more stops in seven games.

13 DEFENDERS: Northern Illinois used just 13 players on defense Saturday at Navy, the lowest total of the season. The only back-ups to see the field on defense Saturday were safety Spencer Williamson and nose guard Mike Krause. Six players - ends Larry English and Brandon Bice, cornerbacks Chase Carter and Melvin Rice, safety Bradley Pruitt and linebacker John Tranchitella - were on the field for every play while Alex Kube (64), Zach Larsen (64) and Alex Krutsch (63) missed only one or two snaps. Coaches credited Kube with 17 tackles, counted 16 stops for Tranchitella (press box totals said 8) and 12 for Larsen.

RECORD RECEIVER: Tailback Justin Anderson has rewritten the Huskie record-book as a pass catcher this year. With seven receptions versus Navy, Anderson broke NIU's 44-year old record for most catches by a tailback in a single season. Anderson is now tied with Matt Simon for the team lead with 45 catches, surpassing the 43 by Jack Dean in 1963. He has at least one catch in every game this year and has caught four or more passes in six games. With eight catches versus Southern Illinois, Anderson posted the highest single-game catch total for an NIU running back in at least 25 years, since prior to the 1983 season.



Huskie Head Coach Joe Novak

The dean of Mid-American Conference coaches, Joe Novak is in his 12th season at the helm of the Northern Illinois football program

and owns a career and NIU record of 63-75 as a head coach. Novak led the Huskies to a school-record seven consecutive Football Bowl Championship Subdivision winning seasons from 2000-06, along with post-season appearances in each of the last three years. Northern Illinois won or shared the MAC West title in four of the last six years. Novak ranks tied for eighth among MAC coaches all-time in victories (62) and is tied for eighth in league wins (47). The Huskies' victory in the 2004 Silicon Valley Classic marked NIU's first bowl game in 21 seasons, since the year Novak helped Northern Illinois to the California Bowl as the Huskies' defensive coordinator. Novak spent four seasons (1980-83) in that role on Bill Mallory's staff before following Mallory to Indiana for 12 seasons and making six bowl trips. A native of Mentor, Ohio, Novak played for Bo Schembechler at Miami (Ohio) and began his collegiate coaching career there in 1974.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS MULTIMEDIA

Watch It... on Comcast SportsNet Chicago. Dave Kaplan returns to provide the play-by-play while former coach Bob Chmiel joins the broadcast as the color analyst and Ken McReynolds will serve as color analyst.

Hear It... on the Huskie Sports Radio Network. Bill Baker returns for his 28th year as the play-by-play voice of the Huskies while Mark Lindo is back for his 23rd season on the broadcast team. Casey Kahler enters his second season as the adidas sideline reporter.

WSCR-AM	Chicago	670
WLBK-AM	DeKalb	1360
WSEY-FM	Rockford	95.7
WRHL-AM	Rochelle	1060
WTJK-AM	Beloit, Wisc.	1380

On the Net... to hear every Huskie Radio Network broadcast as well as SEE live video of select NIU

games, sign up for the Huskie All Access package at www.niuhuskies.com. Purchase the monthly package for \$6.95 or a season-long pass for \$49.95.

Review It... on "Inside Huskie Sports", weekly on Comcast SportsNet Chicago. The 30-minute highlight show airs every Thursday at 4 p.m. Also, join Head Coach Joe Novak and host Brad Hoey at the live taping of "IHS" Mondays at 6 p.m. at Fatty's Pub and Grille, 1312 West Lincoln Highway in DeKalb.

Live It... on "NIU Live." The weekly 30-minute show airs on WSCR AM 670 "The Score" in Chicago Wednesday nights at 10 p.m. WSCR sports director Andy Garcia and Huskie athletic director Jim Phillips co-host the show with guest appearances by Northern coaches, including Joe Novak.

Read It... on www.niuhuskies.com. For the latest statistics, feature stories, player Q&As and weekly and daily updates.



JUST-IN TIME: With his seventh 100-yard game of the season, Anderson moved into a tie for seventh on the NIU list for 100-yard games in a season while his 268 carries this year is tied for ninth on Northern Illinois' single season list. Except for a two-yard loss on his last carry versus Kent State (when he sat out most of the second half due to injury) that knocked his game total to 98 yards, Anderson would have eight 100-yard efforts. He continues to rank second on the team in receiving and has scored 11 of Northern Illinois' 25 touchdowns on the year (eight rushing, three receiving) while accounting for 76 percent of the team's rushing yardage. He has scored touchdowns in seven of the Huskies' 11 games. Anderson is averaging 139 rushing yards per game in NIU's six MAC contests so far this year and has six 130-yard efforts.

NOBODY DOES IT BETTER: Justin Anderson became the latest Northern Illinois tailback to tally a 1,000-yard season when the sophomore surpassed the total versus Kent State. Northern Illinois is the only school in the country to have a running back pass the 1,000-yard mark in each of the last nine years, every season since 1999. A list of the Huskies' 1,000-yard rushers since 1999 with their season rushing totals follows:

1999	William Andrews	1,127
2000	Thomas Hammock	1,083
2001	Thomas Hammock	1,096
2002	Michael Turner	1,915
2003	Michael Turner	1,648
2004	Garrett Wolfe	1,656
2005	Garrett Wolfe	1,580
2006	Garrett Wolfe	1,928
2007	Justin Anderson (to date)	1,236

21 GRAND: Since 1948, there have been 21 1,000-yard rushing seasons recorded by 12 different Huskie running backs, including Justin Anderson this season. Anderson's total of 1,236 rushing yards in 2007 now ranks 13th on the NIU single-season rushing list. He needs 104 yards in the Huskies' final game to move into the Northern Illinois single season top 10. His current yardage total ranks Anderson second all-time among NIU sophomores, behind only former teammate Garrett Wolfe (1,656 yards in 2004).

A FINE LINE: After entering the season with two new starters and just one senior, the Huskie offensive line has proven to be one of the bright spots on the NIU offense in 2007. The quintet of tackles Chris Acevedo and Jon Brost, guards Kevin Skatrud and Jason Onyebuagu and center Eddie Adamski have paved the way for seven 100-yard rushing games, five 200-yard passing games by Huskie quarterbacks and four 200-yard receiving days. For the ninth straight year,

an NIU line has paved the way for a 1,000-yard rusher (Justin Anderson), while their 16 sacks surrendered through 10 games ranks tied for 31st in the country for fewest sacks allowed. The offensive line has been helped by its ability (knock on wood) to stay healthy as Adamski, Brost, Onyebuagu and Acevedo are the only players on offense to start every game this season. Four of the five starters, along with reserves Tony Holmes and Tim Mayerbock, will be back next season.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE: Junior offensive tackle Jon Brost was named to the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V Football Team by the College Sports Information Directors of America to become NIU's 11th first-team All-District honoree in the last six years. Brost, an electrical engineering major, carries a 3.56 grade point average. Brost has played every snap at left tackle for the Huskies this year. The Maple Grove, Minn. native is now eligible for Academic All-America consideration.

RARE FEAT: Alex Kube is set to become the first freshman to lead the Huskies in tackles in 31 years, since all-time leader Frank Lewandoski started his run of four straight seasons as NIU's leading tackler in his freshman season of 1976. Kube was born in 1987, 11 years AFTER Lewandoski led the team in his rookie campaign. Lewandoski is the only NIU player (since tackle records began in 1971) to lead the Huskies in tackles four times.

BREAKOUT SEASON: Matt Simon continues his stellar season as the junior recorded his fourth 100-yard receiving day of the season with five grabs for 100 yards and two touchdowns at Navy. The Farmington, Minn. product has caught at least one pass in every game this season; his 883 yards are the eighth-highest single-season total in Northern Illinois history while his 19.6 yards per catch average is currently fourth on the NIU season charts. He has 553 MORE receiving yards than NIU's next-highest total (Davis with 330), and ranks 35th nationally in receiving yards.

LONG PLAY MAN: Simon added to his record as NIU's long play specialist with TD grabs of 46 and 24 yards at Navy. He has six of the Huskies' nine "long" (25 yards or more) passing plays this year. His TD catches have gone for 59 (vs. Idaho, Western Michigan), 92 (Central Michigan), 46 and 24 (Navy). He also pulled down receptions of 38 (Wisconsin) and 50 (Kent State) yards.

MAC HONORS: Sophomore defensive end Brandon Bice picked up MAC West Defensive Player of the Week honors Monday after making a career-best eight tackles with 1.5

MEDIA INFORMATION

Mid-American Conference Coaches' Teleconference

NIU Head Coach Joe Novak – Mondays, 8:45 a.m. (Central). Contact the NIU or MAC Media Relations Office for the phone number or for a complete schedule of all coaches.

NIU Weekly Press Conference with Joe Novak and Huskie Players

Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m. Yordon Center – McCareins Auditorium. Media should pick up a parking pass in the Yordon Center Lobby before proceeding upstairs. Novak and up to four NIU players will be available for interviews each week. Quotes will be posted on www.niuhuskies.com on Tuesday afternoons.

NIU Weekly Conference Call with Joe Novak and Huskie Players

The NIU weekly conference call will now be held concurrently with the press conference and feature NIU players as well as Head Coach Joe Novak. Dial in on Tuesday at 12:15 p.m. (Central) and hold on the line until an announcement is made regarding the beginning of the call. Contact the NIU Media Relations Office to get the phone number.

NIU Player and Coach Availability

Northern Illinois players are available for interviews Sunday through Wednesday. Contact the NIU Media Relations Office to arrange interviews with Huskie players or coaches. For best results, please give one day's advance notice.

Practice Coverage

Please contact the NIU Media Relations Office to make arrangements to cover practice. In general, cameras (photo or video) are permitted to shoot the first 30 minutes of practice on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Reporters are admitted to practice on a case-by-case basis by request only. Note that there is no practice on Monday.

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Statistical Comparison

Huskies	Category	Cardinals
18.9	Points/G	32.0
25 (10-12)	TDs (Rush-Pass)	45 (17-25)
196	First Downs	242
344.9	Total Offense/G	437.3
147.9	Rush Yards/G	156.6
197.0	Pass Yards/G	280.6
30	Turnovers Lost	10
28:38	Time of Possession/G	29:31
31%	3rd Down Conversions	48%
33.5	Net Punting Avg.	37.0
17.4	Kickoff Return Avg.	22.7
10.1	Punt Return Avg.	10.1
58-47.8	Penalties-Yards/G	69-59.4
31.2	Points/G Allowed	26.8
45 (26-14)	TDs Allowed (Rush-Pass)	38 (19-16)
248	First Downs Allowed	233
440.1	Total Yards/G Allowed	433.1
225.2	Rush Yards/G Allowed	215.0
214.9	Pass Yards/G Allowed	218.1
40%	Third Down Conv. % Allowed	40%
15	Turnovers Gained	25

Huskies by the Numbers

- 5 Quarterback sacks by NIU DE Larry English versus Idaho, a school record and the highest total in the NCAA FBS this year.
- 7 Number of players who have started every game for the Huskies this season.
- 9 Straight seasons with a 1,000-yard rusher for Northern Illinois after Justin Anderson passed the century mark versus Kent St.
- 15 Consecutive completions for QB Dan Nicholson versus SIU, a school record.
- 44.2 Average punt yardage for Andy Dittbenner, a number that is on pace to break the single-season school record average of 41.78 (Jimmy Erwin, 2001).
- 66 Percent of players on the 2007 NIU roster from Illinois (78 of 113).
- 97.2 Percent of NIU defensive plays that Larry English has been on the field for this year.
- 205 Receiving yards for Matt Simon versus Central Michigan, the sixth-highest total in NIU history.
- 61,500 Official attendance for the 2007 NIU-Iowa game at Soldier Field, establishing an NIU record for a home game.

2007 BALL STATE SCHEDULE

Aug. 30	MIAMI*	L, 14-13
Sept. 8	at Eastern Michigan*	W, 38-16
Sept. 15	at Navy	W, 34-31 (OT)
Sept. 22	at #24 Nebraska	L, 41-40
Sept. 29	BUFFALO*	W, 49-14
Oct. 6	CENTRAL MICHIGAN*	L, 58-38
Oct. 13	WESTERN KENTUCKY	W, 35-12
Oct. 20	at Western Michigan*	W, 27-23
Oct. 27	at Illinois	L, 28-17
Nov. 3	at Indiana	L, 38-20
Nov. 13	TOLEDO*	W, 41-20
Nov. 24	at Northern Illinois*	4 p.m.

All Times Eastern.

quarterback sacks and two tackles for loss in NIU's win over Kent State. Bice, who ranks third among Huskie defensive linemen in tackles with 38, collected the first sacks of his career and was in on a total of four negative yardage tackles while on the field for a total of 85 plays in the KSU game.

SCORING STREAK: Chris Nendick has scored at least one point in every game of his Huskie career, a school-record 48 straight contests, dating back to the first game of his freshman season. Nendick's streak is tied for the second-longest in the nation along with Oregon State's Alexis Serna and Louisville's Art Carmody. Travis Bell of Georgia Tech owns the longest scoring streak in the nation at 49 consecutive games.

RELIABLE RELIEVER: Back-up quarterback Ryan Morris made his second career start, and second start of the season, versus Navy and responded with his best performance of the year. With Dan Nicholson sidelined by a concussion, Morris completed 21-of-35 passes for 206 yards and two scores in the game after starting the game by completing seven of his first nine throws for 91 yards. In October versus Western Michigan in his first start, the former walk-on completed 13-of-25 passes for 144 yards in his first career start. In that game, he recorded the first interception-free game by NIU in 14 outings and over a year, since the 2006 Ball State game (Sept. 30).

39/7/20: With the addition of tight end Brandon Beal, who made his first career start last week at Navy, 39 different players now have started games for NIU in 2007 as only seven - four on offense and three on defense - have started every game this season. The seven "survivors" (11-game starters) so far this year are LB Josh Allen, CB Chase Carter and DE Larry English on defense and offensive linemen Eddie Adamski (C), Jon Brost (T), Chris Acevedo (T) and Jason Onyebuagu (G).

CARDINALS' FACTS

2007 Record	6-5
2007 MAC Record	4-2
Head Coach	Brady Hoke
Alma Mater/Year	Ball State 1982
Record at BSU/Year	21-36/5th
Career Record/Year	Same
Location	Muncie, Ind.
Enrollment	17,285
Conference	Mid-American
Colors	Cardinal and White
Stadium	Scheumann
Surface/Capacity	FieldTurf/22,500
President	Dr. Jo Ann M. Gora
Athletic Director	Tom Collins
Ticket Information	1-888-BSU-TICKET or 765-285-1474

In addition, 20 players have made their first career appearance in the starting line-up, including Beal, receivers Marcus Lewis and Evans Adonis and defensive tackle (and former offensive guard) Dan Keller.

LONG DISTANCE: In his third season as NIU's punter, Andy Dittbenner is enjoying the best year of his career, distance-wise; he currently ranks 14th nationally with a punting average of 44.2 with 15 of his 53 punts downed inside the 20. At this rate, the junior will destroy the Northern Illinois record for single season punting average of 41.78 yards, set by Jimmy Erwin in 2001 on 60 punts.

INJURY MONSTER: The rash of injuries that have hit Northern Illinois in 2007 reached record proportions. To date, 14 starters have missed at least one full game due to injury. In addition, 25 players listed on the depth chart at one point this season have lost at least one game to injury, with 24 of those spending multiple games on the sideline. In all, 13 players - NG Adam Schroeder, TB Montell Clanton, DT Craig Rusch, DE Anthony Antonacci, LB Saul Ibarra, TE David Koronkiewicz, DT Zach Holycross, DE Jake Coffman, RB Ricky Crider and DE John Hopkins, MLB Tim McCarthy, RB Cas Prime and WR Marcus Perez were sidelined for the year. Three of the Huskies top four wide receivers - Britt Davis, Perez and Greg Turner along with three tight ends (Brandon Davis, Reed Cunningham, Koronkiewicz) missed multiple games. The latest to go down was reserve tailback and special teams expert Chad Spann, who suffered a torn knee ligament versus Kent State.

D-LINE D-MOLISHED: No position has been hit with injuries as hard as the defensive line. Nine players on NIU's defensive line have missed time due to injury with six lost for the season. In fact, it is easier to make a listing of the NIU defensive linemen who have NOT been injured this year. Starters Larry Eng-



lish and Alex Krutsch are the lone defensive linemen to play in every game this season although the interior line has been helped of late by the return of freshmen Mike Krause and D.J. Pirkle. Craig Rusch, Anthony Antonacci, Adam Schroeder, Zach Holycross, Mike Krause, D.J. Pirkle, Jake Coffman, John Hopkins and Brandon Bice have all missed games.

SENIOR SHORTAGE: NIU opened the season with only nine seniors on the roster and only four of those - LT Chris Acevedo, TE Brandon Davis, SS Mark Reiter and K Chris Nendick - have played significant roles for the Huskies in 2007. Acevedo, Davis and Reiter have started 11, six and six games for Northern Illinois, respectively, this year while Nendick is finishing up his fourth year as the Huskies' starting kicker. Four seniors - NG Adam Schroeder, LB Saul Ibarra, DT Zach Holycross and RB Cas Prime - are among those out for the season due to injury.

STALWARTS: With all the injuries up front, a trio of defensive linemen have logged more than their share of playing time in 2007. Defensive end Larry English leads the way as he has been in on all but 22 (828) of NIU's 850 plays, or 97.4 percent, including every defensive down of the Temple, Eastern Michigan, Navy and Kent State games. On the inside, tackle Alex Krutsch has not missed a game and been on the field for 711 plays (83.6 percent). Despite missing the Idaho game with a hip pointer, Brandon Bice has barely left the field since he returned and has totaled 657 plays or 77.3 percent of the team's total.

POSITIVE NEGATIVE YARDAGE: NIU defensive end Larry English has at least one tackle for loss or quarterback sack in nine of NIU's last 10 games after he was limited to six tackles (coaches' totals) Saturday at Navy. The Aurora, Ill. native is tied for first in the MAC and 11th in the country in quarterback sacks with 9.5 (0.86/game) and ranks tied for second in the league and 14th in the country in tackles for loss with 16 (1.45/game). He ranks fourth on the team, and leads all defensive linemen, with 64 tackles in 2007.

CHART CLIMBER: English continues to make his mark on the NIU record books as the junior now needs only one-half sack to tie Scott Kellar for second place on the Huskies' all-time list. Cary Caliendo (31 sacks) is the NIU record-holder, while Kellar has 23, followed by English with 22.5. His 39 career tackles for loss are tied for sixth on the NIU records list (with Max Gill). English's 9.5 QB sacks this year are fifth-best on the NIU single-season chart while his 16 TFLs match his 2006 total and are tied for fourth.

On The Charts

Where current Huskies rank in the NIU record book.

CAREER SCORING

1. 370 Steve Azar (2000-03)
2. 344 Garrett Wolfe (2004-2006)
3. 329 Chris Nendick (2004-present)

CAREER KICK SCORING

1. 370 Steve Azar (2000-03)
2. 329 Chris Nendick (2004-present)

CAREER PATS MADE

1. 158 Chris Nendick (2004-present)
2. 151 Steve Azar (2000-03)

CAREER PATS ATTEMPTED

1. 162 Chris Nendick (2004-present)
2. 158 Steve Azar (2000-03)

CAREER FIELD GOALS MADE

1. 73 Steve Azar (2000-03)
2. 57 Chris Nendick (2004-present)

CAREER FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

1. 92 Steve Azar (2000-03)
2. 79 Chris Nendick (2004-present)

CAREER PUNTING AVERAGE

1. 40.6 Mike Kent (1985-86)
2. 40.43 Todd Van Keppel (1981-84)
3. 40.39 Tom Wittum (1969-71)
4. 40.17 Andy Dittbenner (2005-present)

CAREER PUNTS

1. 257 Kent Baker (1996-99)
2. 255 Todd Van Keppel (1981-84)
3. 229 Jim Hannula (1977-80)
6. 180 Jim Gilbert (1972-74)
7. 167 Jimmy Erwin (2000-02)
8. 162 Andy Dittbenner (2005-present)

CAREER PUNTING YARDS

1. 10,312 Todd Van Keppel (1981-84)
2. 9,724 Kent Baker (1996-99)
5. 7,623 Jamie Dobay (1992-95)
6. 6,874 Jim Gilbert (1972-74)
7. 6,594 Jimmy Erwin (2000-02)
8. 6,508 Andy Dittbenner (2005-present)

CAREER TACKLES FOR LOSS

1. 53 Cary Caliendo (1987-90)
2. 47 Scott Kellar (1982-84)
3. 43 Doug Bartlett (1983-86)
4. 42 C.J. Rose (1992-95)
5. 40 Larry Williams (1999-2002)
6. 39 Larry English (2004-present)
- 39 Max Gill (1979-82)

CAREER QUARTERBACK SACKS

1. 31 Cary Caliendo (1987-90)
2. 23 Scott Kellar (1982-84)
3. 22.5 Larry English (2004-present)

CAREER RECEPTIONS

1. 204 Justin McCareins (1997-2000)
5. 143 Deon Mitchell (1995-98)
- 143 Sam Hurd (2002-05)
7. 142 Gary Stearns (1960-63)
8. 138 John Spilis (1966-68)
9. 128 Britt Davis (2005-present)

CAREER PASSING YARDAGE

1. 6,782 George Bork (1960-63)
2. 6,551 Chris Finlen (1997, 99-2001)
6. 4,076 Bob Heimerdinger (1948-51)
7. 3,290 Pete Kraker (1976-78)
8. 3,233 Lew Flinn (1957-59)
9. 3,112 Dan Nicholson (2005-present)

CAREER PASS COMPLETIONS

1. 577 George Bork (1960-63)
2. 502 Chris Finlen (1997, 99-2001)
3. 427 Josh Haldi (2001-04)
4. 397 Phil Horvath (2004-06)
5. 300 Marshall Taylor (1985-88)
6. 284 Pete Kraker (1976-78)
7. 270 Dan Nicholson (2005-present)

SINGLE-SEASON QUARTERBACK SACKS

1. 12 Scott Kellar (1984)
- 12 Larry English (2006)
3. 10 Cary Caliendo (1987)
- 10 Larry Williams (2002)
5. 9.5 Larry English (2007)

SINGLE-SEASON TACKLES FOR LOSS

1. 20 Scott Kellar (1984)
2. 18 Max Gill (1980)
3. 17 C.J. Rose (1995)
4. 16 Larry English (2007)
- 16 Cary Caliendo (1987)
- 16 Javan Lee (2004)
- 16 Larry English (2006)

SINGLE-SEASON INTERCEPTION RETURN YARDS

1. 120 Chase Carter (2007)
2. 108 Demerist Whitfield (2000)

SINGLE-SEASON PASS COMPLETIONS

1. 244 George Bork (1963)
2. 232 George Bork (1962)
3. 199 Josh Haldi (2003)
4. 173 Ron Christian (1965)
5. 168 Phil Horvath (2005)
6. 166 Chris Finlen (2001)
7. 157 Phil Horvath (2006)
8. 151 Dan Nicholson (2007)

SINGLE-SEASON PUNTING AVERAGE

1. 44.15 Andy Dittbenner (2007)
2. 41.78 Jimmy Erwin (2001)



HONORS & AWARDS

Larry English, DE, Junior

Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List
Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
Ted Hendricks Award Midseason Watch List
MAC West Defensive Player of the Week (9/22)
FWAA/Bronko Nagurski Defensive Player of the Week (9/22)

Tim McCarthy, LB, Junior

Butkus Award Watch List

Chris Nendick, PK, Senior

Lou Groza Award Watch List

Brandon Bice, DE, Sophomore

MAC West Defensive Player of the Week (11/10)

Jon Brost, OT, Junior

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RANKINGS REPORT

Team Rankings

	Avg.....NCAA/MAC
Rushing Offense	147.9168/7
Passing Offense	197.0087/10
Total Offense	344.91 .....91/9
Scoring Offense	18.91 .....108/12
Rushing Defense	225.18 .....113/13
Pass Eff. Defense	128.62 .....71/5
Total Defense	440.09 .....97/11
Scoring Defense	31.18 .....90/9
Net Punting	33.48 .....89/8
Punt Returns	10.11 .....40/2
Kickoff Returns	17.33 .....119/13
Turnover Margin	-1.36 .....116/13
Pass Defense	214.91 .....43/4
Passing Efficiency	114.34 .....95/10
Sacks	1.73 .....T80/7
Tackles for Loss	5.55 .....T86/9
Sacks Allowed	1.45 .....T31/4
Fewest Yds. Penalized/G	47.82 .....31/2
Fewest Penalties/G	5.27 .....15/1
4th Down Conv. %	52.6 .....T54/7

Individual Player Rankings

	Player.....Rank (Avg.)
Rushing	Justin Anderson .....23 (112.36)
All-Purpose	Justin Anderson .....43 (136.27)
Sacks	Larry English .....T11 (.86)
TFLs	Larry English .....T14 (1.45)
Tackles	Alex Kube .....T31 (10.09)
Rcvg. Yds.	Matt Simon .....35 (883)
Rcvg Yds./G	Matt Simon .....35 (80.27)
Punting	Andy Dittbenner .....14 (44.15)
Field Goals	Chris Nendick .....T67 (1.09)
Passing Eff.	Dan Nicholson .....86 (116.88)
Passing Yds.	Dan Nicholson .....86 (1,633)
Pass Yds./G	Dan Nicholson .....67 (181.44)

OH SO CLOSE: Despite the injuries and the number of players who have started and played for the first time in 2007, four of NIU's nine losses have hinged on just a play or two. Northern Illinois has lost games by one (Temple), two (Eastern Michigan), three (Southern Illinois) and four (Western Michigan) points. Temple was helped by a pair of NIU missed extra points, EMU won when penalties made a potential game-winning field goal a 50-yard try and SIU triumphed after recovering an on-side kick and catching two tipped passes for scores in the final minute. Those four losses have come by a total of 10 points.

DOWN PAT: NIU senior kicker Chris Nendick has claimed the NIU all-time records for career PATs made and attempted this season, surpassing the totals of Steve Azar (2000-03), while also climbing into the upper echelons of the Mid-American Conference charts in each category. Nendick has hit 158-of-162 extra point attempts in his career which ranks third in league history in PATs made and fourth in attempts. His 329 career points (third-best at NIU) are sixth in MAC history and third all-time among kickers. The Naperville product ranks fourth in the NCAA among active kickers in career PATs made and is fifth in scoring.

HANG TIME: Punter Andy Dittbenner is moving up the Huskie career punting charts as well. The junior's current career punting average of 40.17 yards would rank fourth all-time at NIU and be the top mark since school record-holder Mike Kent's 40.6 average from 1985-86. Dittbenner's 162 punts and 6,508 punting yards rank eighth on the NIU career lists as he chases seventh-place Jimmy Erwin (2000-02) in both categories.

INTRODUCING...: Twenty-one different players have made their Huskie debuts in 2007, including 11 redshirt freshmen, seven true freshmen, transfers Anthony Mason and Chase Carter, and junior Vincent Matthew. True freshmen John Hopkins, D.J. Pirkle, Chad Spann, Patrick George, Nolan Owen, Landon Cox and Kyle Skarb have all seen playing time this year. NIU's redshirt rookies are Alex Kube, Ed Jackson, Mike Lepper, Bryan Beckner, Ricky Crider, Justin Stewart, Jake Coffman, Mike Krause, Jason Cruikshank, Tyler Clasey and Vernon Sims with Kube (S), Jackson (DT), Pirkle (NG), Beckner (TE) and Krause (NG) all starting at least one game. Included in the group are six current or former walk-ons.

HITTING THE AIRWAVES: Saturday's Comcast SportsNet Chicago broadcast of the NIU-Ball State game is the 10th Northern Illinois football game to air on television in 2007. NIU has appeared on national television 14

times since 2004, with 42 total games aired. Comcast SportsNet Chicago aired four Huskie home games this season while last week's NIU-Navy contest was broadcast by CSTV. Northern Illinois' games versus Eastern and Central Michigan were selected as the ESPN Plus MAC Games of the Week and were picked up by ESPN GamePlan. ESPNU aired the Iowa game, and the regionally syndicated telecast of the Idaho contest also was available through ESPN GamePlan. The Huskies' Oct. 20 tilt at Wisconsin was shown on the Big Ten Network.

OLD SCHOOL: The NIU-Toledo game, which was broadcast on a tape-delayed basis in the Toledo market and on-line, marked just the second time in Northern's last 24 contests - since Nov. 5, 2005 when Northern Illinois faced Central Michigan in Mt. Pleasant - that a Huskie football game was NOT available via an over-the-air telecast. The final three games of the 2005 campaign were televised along with every game last season (13) and each of the first five games this year. The streak of 21 consecutive broadcast games ended with the Temple game earlier this season. During that 21-game span, NIU appeared on ESPN or ESPN2 six times, on ABC once, was part of an ESPN Plus or ESPN GamePlan package four times, played on ESPNU on three occasions, and had seven games televised by Comcast SportsNet.

TAILBACK TIMES TWO: With Justin Anderson limited during the second half of the Kent State game, sophomore David Bryant had a chance to shine and the St. Louis product rushed for a career-best 110 yards on 28 carries to record the first 100-yard day of his NIU tenure. Bryant entered the game with just 90 career rushing yards on 15 carries after spending the 2006 campaign at linebacker, but surpassed both numbers in just a little over one half of work against the Golden Flashes.

CALLING ALL CAPTAINS: Northern Illinois teammates elected four juniors as captains for the 2007 season, the first time under Joe Novak that the permanent captains do not include a senior. Unfortunately, three of those four captains - wide receiver Britt Davis, quarterback Dan Nicholson and linebacker Tim McCarthy - have missed at least one game due to injury, leaving defensive end Larry English to carry the captain's mantle by himself in several games.

HAPPY RETURNS: Chase Carter brought his first career pick-off back 95 yards for a score versus Idaho, tying him for the eighth-longest scoring play in Northern Illinois history, and recording the second-longest interception return TD ever (behind Dave Petway's 100-



yard INT return versus SIU in 1977). Then, by bringing his second interception (versus Temple) back 25 yards, Carter broke the NIU record for interception return yards in a season with 120. That total also ranks 10th on the school's CAREER list for INT returns.

BIG PICK: Sophomore linebacker John Tranchitella made one of his biggest plays of the season to preserve the Huskies' 27-20 win over Kent State as he intercepted KSU QB Jon Brown at the NIU 10-yard line to halt the Golden Flashes' final drive with 1:14 on the clock. Tranchitella's interception was his second of the season, tying him for the team lead, and the team's seventh of the year.

NICHOLSON'S NUMBERS: Junior quarterback Dan Nicholson is climbing the NIU single season and career passing charts after just 14 career starts. His 151 completions are the eighth-best single season total and his 60.9 completion percentage ranks fourth in the single season record book as do his 181.4 yards per game. Nicholson already has passed for 3,112 yards to become just the ninth Huskie quarterback to reach that mark. His 270 completions rank seventh in Huskie history while his 458 pass attempts are 10th.

DOMINATING DAY: Defensive end Larry English's five sacks versus Idaho remains the top single-game performance by any FBS defender this season as the junior from Aurora sacked Vandals' QB Nathan Enderle five times to break the school single-game record he set last year versus Temple (4.5). English also was credited with five quarterback pressures and a career-high 12 tackles versus Idaho. He forced a fumble and recovered it in the end zone for his first career score. Despite playing 90 of the Huskies' 95 defensive plays, his game-saving sack on the final play of the game preserved the NIU victory. For his efforts, English was named the MAC West Defensive Player of the Week and earned the FWAA Bronko Nagurski Defensive Player of the Week award.

BITS 'N PIECES: Dan Nicholson set a school record for most consecutive pass completions versus Southern Illinois when he connected on 15 straight passes... Matt Simon's career-best and team season-high nine-catch, 205-yard effort versus Central Michigan was the sixth 200-yard receiving day in NIU history, highlighted by a 92-yard touchdown play, the fourth-longest in school history... Simon also tallied the first punt block of his Huskie career at Idaho. The block was recovered by Jeff Fontana in the end zone for a Northern touchdown... NIU scored a touchdown on its first drive of the game for the first time this season at Navy when QB Ryan Morris hit

Matt Simon with a 46-yard scoring toss to give the Huskies an early 7-0 lead... Led by cornerbacks Melvin Rice (6) and Chase Carter (5) and linebacker John Tranchitella (5), NIU has recorded 33 pass break-ups in 2007, surpassing its 2006 total of 30 PBUs with one game still to play.

EVERY WHICH WAY: Huskie opponents have scored in nearly every way this season with a punt return (Idaho), a kickoff return (Central Michigan), two interception returns (SIU), and a fumble recovery and return (Temple). Northern Illinois has scored three "other" TDs of its own - with all of those coming in the Idaho game - on a blocked punt recovery in the end zone by Jeff Fontana, Larry English's fumble recovery in the end zone and Chase Carter's 95-yard interception return.

YORDON CENTER DEDICATED: On Sept. 8, 2007, NIU officially dedicated the new Jeffrey and Kimberly Yordon Center. Located adjacent to the North End Zone of Huskie Stadium, the Yordon Center houses nearly all of Northern Illinois' student-athlete support units and serves as the home for the Huskie Football team. From the "smart" classrooms in the academic center to the rehabilitation pools in the athletic training center to the expandable storage area in the equipment room, everything about the Yordon Center says "first-class." The football team meets together in the tiered, 150-seat auditorium while technology-enhanced position meeting rooms, coaches offices overlooking Brigham Field and a locker room large enough to accommodate the entire team highlight the "football" areas of the 62,000-square foot building.

Construction on the \$14-million privately-funded facility began in June 2006. It is named for Northern Illinois supporters Jeffrey and Kimberly Yordon, who in November 2006 announced a \$2.5 million gift to the project, the largest gift to Huskie Athletics in the 107-year history of the institution.

HUSKIES IN THE NFL: As the National Football League opened regular season play, seven former NIU players were on team rosters, including 2007 draft choices RB Garrett Wolfe (Chicago Bears) and OT Doug Free (Dallas Cowboys). The rest of the Huskie NFL contingent includes: OT Ryan Diem (Indianapolis Colts), WR Sam Hurd (Cowboys), WR Justin McCareins (New York Jets), NT Hollis Thomas (New Orleans Saints) and RB Michael Turner (San Diego Chargers). Since that time, 2006 senior TE Jake Nordin has been signed to the Baltimore Ravens practice squad and TE Brad Cieslak was recently re-signed by the Buffalo Bills, giving the Huskies nine players in the "the league". Nordin was on the sideline for the Northern Illinois-Navy game.

On the MAC Charts

Current Huskies in the league record book.

CAREER WINS

1. 110 Herb Deromedi, CMU (1978-93)
2. 108 Bill Hess, Ohio (1958-77)
3. 79 Bob Pruett, Marshall (1997-03)
4. 77 Doyt Perry, BGSU (1955-64)
5. 73 Gary Pinkel, Toledo (1991-2000)
6. 66 Trevor Rees, KSU (1951-63)
7. 64 Bill Mallory, Miami (1969-73)/NIU (1980-83)
8. 62 Joe Novak, NIU (1997-present)
- 62 Al Molde, WMU (1987-96)

CAREER MAC WINS

1. 90 Herb Deromedi, CMU (1978-93)
2. 64 Bill Hess, Ohio (1958-77)
3. 54 Bob Pruett, Marshall (1997-03)
4. 53 Gary Pinkel, Toledo (1991-2000)
5. 49 Doyt Perry, BGSU (1955-64)
- 49 Denny Stolz, BGSU (1977-85)
7. 48 Al Molde, WMU (1987-96)
8. 47 Joe Novak, NIU (1997-present)
- 47 Paul Schudel, BSU (1985-94)
- 47 Gary Blackney, BGSU (1991-99)

CAREER POINTS BY A KICKER

1. 370 Steve Azar, NIU (2000-03)
2. 361 Shaun Suisham, BGSU (2001-04)
3. 329 Chris Nendick, NIU (2005-)

CAREER PAT KICKS MADE

1. 226 Shaun Suisham, BGSU (2001-04)
2. 211 Jason Robbins, Toledo (2002-05)
3. 158 Chris Nendick (2005-)

CAREER PAT KICKS ATTEMPTED

1. 233 Shaun Suisham, BGSU (2001-04)
2. 223 Jason Robbins, Toledo (2002-05)
3. 164 Brad Selent, WMU (1997-2000)
4. 162 Chris Nendick (2005-)

CAREER FIELD GOALS MADE

1. 73 Steve Azar, NIU (2000-03)
2. 69 Andrew Wellock, EMU (2003-06)
6. 62 Kenny Stucker, BSU (1988-91)
7. 59 Todd France, Toledo (1998-01)
8. 57 Chris Nendick, NIU (2005-)

CAREER FIELD GOALS ATTEMPTED

1. 99 Rusty Hanna, Toledo (1989-92)
2. 94 Gary Gussman, Miami (1984-87)
3. 92 Steve Azar, NIU (2000-03)
8. 84 Todd France, Toledo (1998-01)
9. 80 Mike Prindle, WMU (1984-84)
10. 79 Chris Nendick, NIU (2005-)



Northern Illinois Post-Season Awards Candidates

ALL-AMERICA CANDIDATE

51 LARRY ENGLISH, DE
 6-3, 255, Junior
 Aurora, Ill./Marmion Academy

- ▶ Tied for the MAC lead (tied for 11th nationally) in sacks per game (0.86) and is tied for second (tied for 14th nationally) in TFLs per game (1.63). Owns 22.5 career sacks, placing him third on the NIU all-time list and just 0.5 behind second place.
- ▶ Recorded a sack and/or TFL in nine of the last 10 games. Tops all NIU defensive linemen with 64 tackles, the fourth-best total on the team. Is three tackles away from the 200 mark for his career.
- ▶ Team captain has played all but 22 plays (828 of 850) for the Huskie defense this season while leading a young defensive line that has seen 10 players miss games due to injury and six lost for the season.
- ▶ Earned Bronko Nagurski National Defensive Player of the Week and MAC West Defensive Player of the Week accolades after totaling a school-record five sacks, career-high 12 tackles, and recovering his own forced fumble for a touchdown at Idaho (9/22). His five-sack total broke his own school mark and is the NCAA single-game high this season.
- ▶ Credited with seven or more stops in six games this year and hit double figures twice (Idaho, Toledo) with nine tackles vs. Kent State.
- ▶ Member of the Rotary Lombardi Award, Bronko Nagurski Award and Ted Hendricks Award watch lists. Consensus preseason All-MAC selection and the preseason Defensive Player of the Year pick by *Blue Ribbon*, *Lindy's* and *CollegeFootballNews.com*.

ENGLISH'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Assist	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sk.-Yds.	FF/FR	Int/PBU
2004	1/0	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0/0
2005	11/9	35	43	78	7-24	1-5	0/1	0/0
2006	13/13	32	19	51	16-92	12-77	4/1	0/0
2007	11/11	26	38	64	16.0-81	9.5-69	1/1	0/2
Career	36/33	96	101	197	38.5-197	22.5-151	5/3	0/2

ENGLISH'S CAREER GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 12, at Idaho, 9-22-07
TFLs: 5.5, vs. Temple, 10-21-06
Sacks: 5.0, at Idaho, 9-22-07

ENGLISH ON THE NIU CHARTS

CAREER QUARTERBACK SACKS

- 31 Cary Caliendo (1987-90)
- 23 Scott Kellar (1982-84)
- 22.5 Larry English (2004-)

SINGLE-SEASON QUARTERBACK SACKS

- 12 Scott Kellar (1984)
- 12 Larry English (2006)
- 10 Cary Caliendo (1987)
- 10 Larry Williams (2002)
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- 20 Scott Kellar (1984)
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- 16 Cary Caliendo (1987)
- 16 Javan Lee (2004)
- 16 Larry English (2006)

ALL-MAC CANDIDATES

50 EDDIE ADAMSKI, C
 6-2, 286, Sophomore-R
 Kildeer, Ill./Carmel

Also an All-Sophomore pick!

- ▶ Started at center in all 23 of his career games, including 11 in 2007, and makes all the line calls for the Huskies. On the field for every offensive snap through the first six games, and has sat out only 28 offensive plays on the year.
- ▶ NIU's leader and best pass protector who has not allowed a sack this season and posted the highest o-line grade on the team in seven games this year.
- ▶ Graded out at 80 or above in eight games this year with a season-best 85 versus Southern Illinois (9/8) and again at Navy (11/17).
- ▶ Tied for the team high with an 83 percent grade against Kent State (11/10). Led team with seven knockdowns and had no missed assignments, sacks or pressures allowed at Central Michigan (9/29). Totaled four knockdown blocks against Eastern Michigan (9/15).

21 JUSTIN ANDERSON, TB
 5-11, 213, Sophomore-R
 Chicago, Ill./Steinmetz

Also an All-Sophomore pick!

- ▶ Surpassed the 1,000-yard plateau to become the ninth consecutive 1,000-yard rusher at NIU, the nation's longest active streak. Has accounted for 44% of team's touchdowns and 32% of scoring this season; already ranks 13th in single season rushing yards.
- ▶ Owns a 10-game reception streak and with 45 catches, set a new NIU record for receptions by a running back in a season. Reception total is tied for the team lead.
- ▶ Averaging 139.0 rushing yards per game in six MAC contests this season. Rushed for 130-plus yards in each of his first five starts in 2007.
- ▶ Ranks fourth in the MAC and 23rd nationally in rushing (112.4 yards per game). No. 7 in the MAC in all-purpose yards (136.3 yards per game), tied for 12th in receptions per game (4.09) and tied for 14th in scoring (6.0 points per game).

- ▶ Has seven 100-yard games on the year (tied for the school's seventh-highest season total) plus a 98-yard total versus Kent State despite not becoming the starting tailback until NIU's third game of the season.

ANDERSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Rushing

Year	G/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Yds/Gm
2006	11/0	25	117	4.7	1	16	10.6
2007	11/9	268	1,236	4.6	8	52	112.4
Career	22/9	293	1,353	4.6	9	52	61.0

Receiving

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Yds/Gm
2006	11/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2007	11/9	45	263	5.8	3	23	23.9
Career	22/9	45	263	5.8	3	23	12.0

Anderson's career highs on next page.



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ALL-MAC CANDIDATES (continued)**ANDERSON'S CAREER GAME HIGHS****Rushing****Attempts:** 39, at Navy, 11-17-07**Yards:** 168, vs. Eastern Michigan, 9-15-07**TDs:** 2, at Temple, 10-6-07**Long Gain:** 52, vs. Western Michigan, 10-14-07**Receiving****Catches:** 8, vs. Southern Illinois, 9-8-07**Yards:** 87, vs. Southern Illinois, 9-8-07**Touchdowns:** 2, vs. Southern Illinois, 9-8-07**Long Gain:** 23, vs. Southern Illinois, 9-8-07**All-Purpose Yards:** 213, vs. Eastern Michigan, 9-15-07

60 JON BROST, OT
6-6, 303, Junior
Maple Grove, Minn./Maple Grove

▶ Having a "breakout Doug Free-type junior season" according to Huskie coaches, and is considered NIU's best lineman in 2007.

▶ Leads team in career starts (34) and tops offensive linemen in career games played (36). Did not allow a sack until game seven (Western Michigan, 10/14) and has played every offensive snap.

▶ Recorded a "perfect game" with no missed assignments, a season-best five knockdown blocks and had a team-high 83 percent grade vs. Kent State (11/10).

▶ Earned a season-best 87 percent grade and had no missed assignments at Central Michigan (9/29). Graded out at 83 percent versus KSU (11/10) and 82 percent at Idaho (9/22) and Navy (11/17).

▶ Named to ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District team (3.56 GPA in electrical engineering) and is now eligible for Academic All-America selection.

36 CHASE CARTER, CB
5-11, 172, Junior
Wichita, Kan./Coffeyville C.C.

▶ Set NIU record with 120 interception return yards this season and ranks 10th on the school's career list. Turned in a 95-yard "pick six" at Idaho for the second-longest interception return in NIU history and the longest touchdown of the season.

▶ Tied for the team lead with two interceptions and his five pass break-ups are tied for second on the squad.

▶ Impact player in his first season who is one of only three defensive players to start every game in 2007 and has been on the field for 694 of 785 defensive plays (88 percent) on the year. In NIU's last nine games, that number has risen to 93 percent.

CARTER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Assist	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sk.-Yds.	FF/ER	Int/PBU
2007	11/11	21	18	39	0.5-0	0-0	0/0	2/5

CARTER'S CAREER GAME HIGHS**Tackles:** 6, vs. Kent State, 11-10-07**TFLs:** 0.5, vs. Kent State, 11-10-07**Interceptions:** 1, twice, last at Temple, 10-6-07**PBUs:** 1, five times, last at Navy, 11-17-07

18 ANDY DITTBENNER, P
6-1, 194, Junior
Bloomington, Ill./Normal University

▶ On pace to break the NIU single-season record for punting average by more than three yards with a mark of 44.2 in 2007.

▶ Punting average ranks 14th in the country, fifth in the MAC, and includes a career-long 62-yard effort versus Kent State.

▶ Eighth on the Huskies' career lists for punts and yardage while his current career average is fourth all-time.

▶ Has dropped 15 punts inside the 20-yard line while another nine have been fair caught.

DITTBENNER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	GP	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TB	FC	I20
2005	12	54	2,083	38.6	56			16
2006	13	55	2,085	37.9	58	2	9	14
2007	11	53	2,340	44.2	62	7	9	15
Career	35	162	6,508	40.2	62			45

DITTBENNER'S CAREER GAME HIGHS**Punts:** 8, three times, last at Wisconsin, 10-20-07**Average:** 47.8 (8 punts), vs. Idaho, 9-29-07**Long:** 62, vs. Kent State, 11-10-07**Inside 20:** 4, vs. Toledo, 10-27-07

85 MATT SIMON, WR
6-2, 205, Junior
Farmington, Minn./Farmington

▶ Leads NIU in receiving yards, tied for first in receptions, ranks second in all-purpose yards (92.5 per game), and in touchdowns (5). Fifth in the MAC in receiving yards per game (80.3) and is tied for 12th with 4.09 receptions per contest; his 883 receiving yards rank 35th nationally. Owns four 100-yard receiving games and has caught at least one pass in every game this season.

▶ Racked up 205 receiving yards on nine catches (career highs) at Central Michigan (9/29). Hauled in a 92-yard touchdown strike from Dan Nicholson for the sixth-longest NCAA FBS pass completion of 2007. His 205-yard performance ties for the 20th-highest NCAA FBS game total this season and was the sixth 200-yard receiving game in NIU history.

▶ Surpassed his 2006 receiving totals in five games in 2007, while his 883 yards are 553 more than NIU's next-highest total and account for 41 percent of the team's passing yardage this season.

▶ Recorded his first 100-yard receiving game with 115 yards, including a 59-yard touchdown reception, at Idaho (9/22). Also blocked a punt that was recovered for a touchdown in that game.

▶ On the receiving end of five of NIU's longest plays of the year with the 92-yard catch at CMU, two 59-yard grabs, a 38-yard pick-up at Wisconsin, a 50-yard reception versus Kent State and a 46-yard touchdown last week at Navy.

SIMON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Yds/Gm
2004	8/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2006	13/4	20	314	15.7	1	62	24.2
2007	11/10	45	883	19.6	5	92	80.3
Career	32/14	65	1,197	18.4	6	92	37.4



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ALL-MAC CANDIDATES *(continued)*

MATT SIMON'S CAREER GAME HIGHS

Catches: 9, at Central Michigan, 9-29-07

Yards: 205, at Central Michigan, 9-29-07

Touchdowns: 2, at Navy, 11-17-07

Long Gain: 92, at Central Michigan, 9-29-07

Long Punt Return: 40, vs. Central Michigan, 11-17-06

MORE ALL-SOPHOMORE CANDIDATES

56 BRANDON BICE, DE
6-3, 254, Sophomore-R
McCook, Ill./Lyons Township

► Started all 10 games he has played at defensive end and has been on the field for 592 plays (85.9 percent) this year, excluding the Central Michigan game which he missed with a hip pointer.

► Third among Huskie defensive linemen in tackles with 38, including a career and season-best eight versus Kent State (11-10), when he also established career highs for tackles for loss (2) and sacks (1.5) to earn MAC West Defensive Player of the Week honors.

► Fourth on the team, and tops among defensive linemen, in passes broken up with four and has made six tackles or more in three games this season.

BICE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Assist	Total	TFL-Yds.	QS-Yds.	FF/ER	Int/PBU
2006	3/0	4	0	4	2-6	1-1	0/0	0/0
2007	10/10	14	24	38	2.5-15	1.5-12	0/0	0/4
Career	13/10	18	24	42	4.5-21	2.5-13	0/0	0/4

BICE'S CAREER GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 8, vs. Kent State, 11-10-07

TFLs: 2, vs. Kent State, 11-10-07

Sacks: 1.5, vs. Kent State, 11-10-07

65 JASON ONYEBUAGU, OL
6-2, 310, Sophomore
Indianapolis, Ind./Warren Central

► One of the Huskies' most consistent offensive players this season who had a team season best nine knockdown blocks versus Kent State (11-10).

► Led the offensive line at Wisconsin with his season-best and team-high grade of 84 percent, one of eight games in which he has graded out to an 80 percent mark or higher.

► On the field for all but 17 offensive snaps in 2007 while playing right guard and backing up Eddie Adamski at center.

► His grades ranked first or second on the team in eight games so far this year; made six knockdown blocks versus both EMU (9-15) and CMU (9-29).

ALL-FRESHMAN CANDIDATE

37 ALEX KUBE, SS
6-1, 203, Freshman-R
Gary, Ill./Cary-Grove

► Top freshman tackler in the nation. Leads Northern Illinois in tackles with 111; ranks sixth in the MAC and tied for 31st nationally with 10.09 tackles per game

► The first freshman to lead NIU in tackles in 41 seasons, since Frank Lewandowski in 1976.

► Set a career-high with 15 tackles at Navy (11/17), the highest total by a Huskie player this season. Also owns the second-highest total with 14 tackles at Temple (10/6), and added 12 stops versus Western Michigan. Owns seven 10-plus tackle outings.

► Has broken up three passes, and caused one fumble and recovered one versus Southern Illinois.

KUBE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Assist	Total	TFL-Yds.	QS-Yds.	FF/ER	Int/PBU
2007	11/9	49	62	111	0.5-1	0-0	1/1	0/3

KUBE'S CAREER GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 15, at Navy, 11-17-07

TFLs: 0.5, vs. Eastern Michigan, 9-15-07

PBUs: 1, three times, last at Toledo, 10-27-07



Game Recaps

Iowa 16
Northern Illinois 3 **1**
Soldier Field (61,500) - Chicago, Ill.
Sept. 1 - ESPN

Iowa used a stout defense and an efficient ground attack to outlast Northern Illinois 16-3 in the "GEICO Soldier Field Showdown" in front of a sellout crowd of 61,500 at Soldier Field on Saturday afternoon.

Hawkeye running back totaled 250 rushing yards, including 145 from senior Albert Young, and 110 from Damian Sims. Where the Hawkeyes flourished, the Huskies struggled, tallying only 21 yards on the ground, 19 of which came in the first half.

The Huskies held Iowa to only three scores, though the Hawkeyes made their way into Northern Illinois territory eight times.

After a jittery first quarter that included six total punts, Iowa got on the board in the second as Young scored on a seven-yard scamper. Hawkeye punt returner Andy Brodell provided the key play to set up the drive as he returned an Andy Dittbenner punt 56 yards to the Huskie 20-yard line. Iowa missed the PAT, to take a 6-0 lead with 12:19 left in the first half.

Dittbenner, who was injured on the Brodell return, was replaced by Huskie place kicker Chris Nendick. On the ensuing series, Nendick was back for the first punt of his career and boomed a 55-yard punt, pinning Iowa on their own five yard line.

Hawkeye quarterback Jake Christensen then led his team on an eight play 95-yard drive, highlighted by a 40-yard pass to James Cleveland, to give Iowa a 13-0 advantage.

Northern Illinois responded on its next drive with a 33-yard field goal from Nendick, and entered halftime trailing by 10.

To open the third quarter, NIU put together its strongest drive of the game. Quarterback Dan Nicholson completed a 40-yard pass to Greg Turner, who was tackled on the Iowa three yard line. One play after a false start penalty pushed the Huskies back to the eight, Nicholson fired another pass to Turner, which deflected of his hands into the waiting arms of Hawkeye cornerback Charles Godfrey for one of three Iowa interceptions in the game.

After the Huskies' opening drive, the second half saw offensive futility from both sides, as only one of the teams' combined 13 possessions ended in a score. Iowa put the points on the board with a 22-yard Signor field goal with 1:25 left in the third, giving the Hawkeyes a 16-3 lead, which they held for the win.

Nicholson saw highs and lows in the game, as he completed 26-of-42 passes for 214 yards, but also threw three interceptions. Christenson found his target on 12-of-29 attempts, while throwing one of the game's two touchdowns.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Iowa	0	13	3	0	16
Northern Illinois	0	3	0	0	3

SCORING SUMMARY

Iowa - Young 7 run (kick failed), 2nd 12:19 (3-20, 1:00)
 Iowa - Myers 5 pass from Christensen (Signor kick), 2nd 7:11 (8-95, 3:31)
 NIU - Nendick 33 FG, 2nd 3:05 (9-49, 4:05)
 Iowa - Signor 22 FG, 3rd 1:25 (11-52, 4:18)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing

Iowa: Young 23-144, Sims 16-110, Pugh 2-9, Cleveland 1-1.
NIU: Clanton 13-49, Anderson 3-3, Nicholson 5-(-31).

Passing

Iowa: Christensen 12-29-0, 133.
NIU: Nicholson 26-42-3, 214.

Receiving

Iowa: Cleveland 3-61, Moeaki 3-32, Brodell 2-18, Myers 2-12.
NIU: Britt Davis 6-75, Cunningham 5-34, Anderson 5-27, Turner 3-49, Clanton 3-12, Simon 2-9, Brandon Davis 2-8.

Tackle Leaders

Iowa: Klinkenborg 9, Shada 8, Godfrey 7, Moylan 7, Edds 7, Humpal 6.
NIU: Rice 10, Tranchitella 10, Reiter 9, Kube 7, McCarthy 7, Rusch 6.

Weather: 79 degrees, sunny.
 Time of Game: 3:08

Wind: NNE 1 mph.

Southern Illinois 34
Northern Illinois 31 **2**
Huskie Stadium (24,182) - DeKalb, Ill.
Sept. 8 - Comcast SportsNet

Southern Illinois scored three fourth-quarter touchdowns to overcome a 31-14 deficit and defeat Northern Illinois 34-31, Saturday at Huskie Stadium.

The Saluki comeback was sparked early in the fourth, when Southern Illinois cornerback Brandon Williams intercepted a Dan Nicholson pass and returned it 52 yards for a touchdown. The score brought SIU to within 10 points, down 21-31.

After the teams exchanged possessions on fumbles, the Salukis began an 84-yard drive that ended with a 26-yard touchdown pass from Nick Hill to Ryan Kernes. The score brought Southern Illinois to within three with 58 seconds remaining in the game.

Saluki kicker Ryan Dougherty let loose with an onside kick on the following play, which Southern Illinois' Williams recovered on the SIU 43-yard line.

The Salukis converted the recovery with a five-play drive, which ended as Hill found Justin Allen for the game-winning touchdown.

The defensive touchdown that sparked the Saluki resurgence mirrored the game's opening score. Southern Illinois struck first, when defensive tackle Larry Luster intercepted a pressured Nicholson, and returned the pick 55 yards for a touchdown.

The Huskies responded five plays later, as junior Montell Clanton burst through the middle and outran the Saluki defense for a 59-yard touchdown, NIU's first of the season.

Northern Illinois scored two more touchdowns before the half, both from the hands of Anderson, to take a 21-7 lead into the locker room. The Huskies would add a touchdown on the first drive of the second half to strengthen the advantage to 28-7.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Southern Illinois	0	7	7	20	34
Northern Illinois	0	21	10	0	31

SCORING SUMMARY

SIU - Luster 55 interception return (Dougherty kick), 2nd 14:28
 NIU - Clanton 59 run (Nendick kick), 2nd 12:12 (4-80, 2:16)
 NIU - Anderson 23 pass from Nicholson (Nendick kick), 2nd 1:34 (11-80, 5:21)
 NIU - Anderson 22 pass from Nicholson (Nendick kick), 2nd 0:30 (4-37, 0:27)
 NIU - Anderson 1 run (Nendick kick), 3rd 8:47 (13-78, 6:04)
 SIU - Turner 26 pass from Hill (Dougherty kick), 3rd 5:49 (7-64, 2:52)
 NIU - Nendick 46 FG (8-43, 3:11)
 SIU - Williams 52 interception return (Dougherty kick), 4th 10:30
 SIU - Kernes 26 pass from Hill (Dougherty kick), 4th 1:01 (15-84, 3:05)
 SIU - Allen 30 pass from Hill (kick failed), 4th 0:22 (5-57, 0:36)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing

SIU: Karim 9-48, Warner 11-40, Randle 8-20, Hill 8-10.
NIU: Clanton 13-91, Anderson 21-78, Spann 6-32, Perez 1-19.

Passing

SIU: Hill 21-33-0, 238.
NIU: Nicholson 21-27-3, 223.

Receiving

SIU: Kernes 6-69, Turner 4-53, Goforth 3-51, Karim 2-10, Warner 2-8, Allen 1-30, Burgess 1-9, Lewis 1-4, Sherman 1-4.
NIU: Anderson 8-87, Turner 3-42, Simon 3-24, Britt Davis 2-16, Perez 2-16, Beal 1-14, Clanton 1-13, Cunningham 1-11.

Tackle Leaders

SIU: Jordan 15, Moe 12, Johnson 12, Rodgers 9, Thurston 7, Mixon 7.
NIU: Pruitt 11, Reiter 10, Kube 10, Allen 9, McCarthy 9, Rice 7, English 7.

Weather: 77 degrees, sunny.
 Time of Game: 2:58

Wind: NE 11 mph.



Game Recaps

Eastern Michigan 21
Northern Illinois 19 **3**
Huskie Stadium (20,012) - DeKalb, Ill.
Sept. 15 - ESPN Plus

Eastern Michigan's Eric Young blocked a last-second field goal attempt by Northern Illinois placekicker Chris Nendick, allowing the Eagles to hold on to a 21-19 come-from-behind, Mid-American Conference victory over the Huskies at Huskie Stadium.

Trailing 13-0 in the second quarter, EMU running back Pierre Walker (2 TDs, 66 yards) and DeAnthony White (78 yards) combined for three consecutive scores to give the Eagles a 21-13 advantage, a lead they would not relinquish.

Early in the game, NIU (0-3, 0-1 MAC) built a 13-0 lead on the strength of two Nendick field goals and a one-yard touchdown run from Justin Anderson, his fourth score of the season.

The Eagles narrowed the Huskie advantage to 13-7 with a one-yard touchdown run by Walker with 22 seconds left in the opening half. The score was set-up by a 39-yard pass from Andy Schmitt to White, and capped an eight-play, 68-yard drive.

Eastern Michigan took a 14-13 lead over the Huskies in the third quarter, as DeAnthony White took an end-around 68 yards into the endzone with Sean Dutcher providing the PAT for the Eagles.

The Eagles were able to capitalize on the only turnover in the game in the fourth quarter as EMU linebacker Daniel Holtzclaw picked off a Dan Nicholson pass with 7:16 left at the Huskie 16-yard line. Four plays later, Walker found paydirt for his second touchdown with 5:29 remaining in the game, giving the Eagles a 21-13 advantage.

The Huskies responded on their ensuing possession, as a 46-yard dash from Justin Anderson set-up a 7-yard touchdown pass from Nicholson to Brandon Davis. Northern Illinois attempted to tie the game with a two-point conversion, but Nicholson's pass for Greg Turner went awry, leaving the Huskies down 21-19.

Northern Illinois' defense held EMU to three-and-out on its next possession, and regained the ball at its own 39-yard line with 1:54 on the clock.

The Huskies took the drive to the Eagle 25-yard line before consecutive holding penalties backed NIU up to the EMU 31. Nicholson then rushed the ball to the center of the field, setting up Nendick for the game's final play.

Nicholson completed 20-of-28 passes for 160 yards and a touchdown. Anderson led the Huskie rushing attack with a career-high 168 yards on 28 attempts, and caught six receptions for 45 yards. Northern Illinois totaled 344 yards of total offense in the loss. Nendick added field goals of 45 and 47 yards.

Eastern Michigan countered with 378 offensive yards, split at 189 yards both through the air and on the ground. Schmitt completed 16-of-24 passes and rushed eight times for 21 yards.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Eastern Michigan	0	7	7	7	21
Northern Illinois	10	3	0	6	19

SCORING SUMMARY

- NIU - Nendick 45 FG, 1st 11:50 (9-53, 3:10)
- NIU - Anderson 1 run (Nendick kick), 1st 2:30 (14-92, 5:47)
- NIU - Nendick 47 FG, 2nd 9:27 (12-36, 5:24)
- EMU - Walker 1 run (Dutcher kick), 2nd 0:22 (8-68, 2:49)
- EMU - White 68 run (Dutcher kick), 3rd 7:23 (4-89, 1:55)
- EMU - Walker 1 run (Dutcher kick), 4th 5:29 (4-16, 1:47)
- NIU - Brandon Davis 7 pass from Nicholson (pass failed), 4th, 4:20 (4-58, 1:01)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing

EMU: White 3-78, Walker 25-66, Schmitt 8-21, Blevins 3-16, Priest 1-6.
NIU: Anderson 28-168, Spann 3-23, Nicholson 4-(-5).

Passing

EMU: Schmitt 16-24-0, 189.
NIU: Nicholson 20-28-1, 160.

Receiving

EMU: White 5-89, Jones 5-38, Bohnet 2-7, Lewis 1-24, Stone 1-13, Priest 1-11, Walker 1-7.
NIU: Anderson 6-45, Simon 5-50, Britt Davis 5-30, Turner 2-23, Brandon Davis 1-7, Onyebuagu 1-5.

Tackle Leaders

EMU: Hatchett 13, Holtzclaw 13, Wyatt 9, Downard 9, Matthews 7, Jones 6.
NIU: Tranchitella 11, Hanson 11, Allen 10, Kube 10, English 8, Pruitt 7.

Weather: 51 degrees, sunny.
 Time of Game: 3:24

Wind: NNE 4 mph.

Northern Illinois 42
Idaho 35 **4**
Kibbie Dome (12,461) - Moscow, Idaho
Sept. 22 - Go Vandals Network

Northern Illinois used big plays on offense, defense and special teams to build a 35-7 first half lead and then hung on to defeat Idaho, 42-35 for its first victory of the season.

Despite building a sizable first-half advantage, NIU could not put the Vandals away as Idaho pulled within seven points on a Nathan Enderle to Eddie Williams completion with 1:01 remaining. After Idaho recovered the ensuing on-side kick, Enderle drove the Vandals to the NIU 18. But the battered Northern Illinois defense rose to the challenge, ending the game on a sack by Larry English.

English lived in the Idaho backfield as the junior defensive end collected a school-record five quarterback sacks and made a career-high 12 tackles. He finished the game with 19 career sacks, tied for third on the Huskie career list.

The defensive stand ended a wild game that included three non-offensive scores for the Huskies in the first half - a 95-yard interception return touchdown by Chase Carter, a Matt Simon blocked punt recovered in the end zone by Jeff Fontana for another score, and a fumble recovery in the end zone by English who also forced the Nathan Enderle fumble. Meanwhile, one of Idaho's touchdowns came on a 100-yard punt return touchdown by Shiloh Keo.

After falling behind 7-0 in the first quarter, NIU scored five straight touchdowns to build a 28-point lead. First, Dan Nicholson hit Matt Simon down the right sideline for a 59-yard touchdown pass. On Idaho's next possession, the Vandals drove to the NIU eight before Carter stepped in front of an Enderle pass and returned it 95 yards for a 14-7 lead.

Northern Illinois put together a six-play, 59-yard drive on its next possession that resulted in a Nicholson to Britt Davis TD pass that made it 21-7.

After an exchange of punts, the Huskies stopped Idaho again but this time Simon busted through for the first punt block of his career, with Fontana covering the ball in the end zone for the score. Two Idaho possessions later, English made it 35-7 when he charged through to pressure Enderle into a fumble and recovered it in the end zone.

After Keo made it 35-14 at the half, the second half was dominated by Anderson, who gained 94 of his 167 yards and carried the ball 19 times.

Northern Illinois' most critical drive of the half came after Idaho scored on an eight-yard run by Deonte Jackson with 9:57 left in the third. The Huskies answered with an eight-play, 93-yard drive capped by a one-yard run by Anderson that put NIU back up by 21 and provided the cushion needed in the fourth quarter.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Northern Illinois	14	21	7	0	42
Idaho	7	7	7	14	35

SCORING SUMMARY

- Idaho- Jackson 8 run (Amancio kick), 1st 8:03 (9-69, 4:02)
- NIU - Simon 59 pass from Nicholson (Nendick kick), 1st 6:01 (4-80, 1:47)
- NIU - Carter 95 INT return (Nendick kick), 1st 3:14
- NIU - Britt Davis 2 pass from Nicholson (Nendick kick), 2nd 12:11 (6-59, 2:33)
- NIU - Fontana blocked punt recovery in end zone (Nendick kick), 2nd 8:28
- NIU - English fumble recovery in end zone (Nendick kick), 2nd 4:00
- Idaho- Keo 100 punt return, 2nd 0:34 (Amancio kick), 2nd 0:34
- Idaho- Jackson 8 run (Amancio kick), 3rd 9:57 (6-80, 2:01)
- NIU - Anderson 11 run (Nendick kick), 3rd 6:45 (8-93, 3:06)
- Idaho- Shaw 10 pass from Enderle (Amancio kick), 4th 9:18 (9-92, 2:23)
- Idaho- Williams 15 pass from Enderle (Amancio kick), 4th 1:01 (6-63, 0:52)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing

NIU: Anderson 35-167, Crider 5-20, Spann 2-6, Nicholson 1-(-3).
Idaho: Jackson 20-111, Bird 8-52, Komar 2-26, Lumbala 1-2.

Passing

NIU: Nicholson 10-17-1, 168.
Idaho: Enderle 27-54-3, 423.

Receiving

NIU: Simon 4-115, Turner 2-27, Koronkiewicz 1-15, Davis 1-6, Anderson 1-3, Britt Davis 1-2.
Idaho: Komar 5-92, Shaw 5-86, Bjorvik 5-86, Bird 5-72, Williams 4-50.

Tackle Leaders

NIU: English 12, Kube 11, Hanson 10, Reiter 6, Allen 5, Brown 4, Rice 4.
Idaho: Vobora 12, Ratti 10, Keo 7, Blevins 7, Smith 7, Musika 6.

Weather: Indoors
 Time of Game: 3:37



Game Recaps

Central Michigan 35
Northern Illinois 10 **5**
Kelly/Shorts Stadium (18,465) - Mt. Pleasant, Mich.
Sept. 29 - ESPN Plus

Northern Illinois had plenty of opportunities during Saturday's game at Central Michigan, but the Huskies' inability to take advantage of those opportunities and the Chippewas ability to capitalize resulted in a 35-10 defeat.

The Huskies ran 88 offensive plays and collected a season-best 521 yards, but Northern Illinois was able to convert on only one of its five trips into the red zone while turning the ball over six times on four interceptions and two fumbles. In addition, NIU was penalized seven times for 85 yards in the game and gave up a touchdown on a kickoff return for the first time since 2004.

NIU started the game in promising fashion as they received the kickoff and embarked on a 17-play, 64-yard drive to the CMU four-yard line. But a mis-handled snap on Chris Nendick's 21-yard field goal try resulted in a short kick and Central Michigan took over.

Central Michigan took advantage of the Huskie miscue and drove 80 yards with Justin Hoskins scoring on a 40-yard rush to put CMU ahead 7-0.

The Huskies' second drive was as impressive as the first. Justin Anderson, who finished the day with 157 yards on 28 carries, and David Bryant picked up chunks of yardage on the ground before Anderson coughed up the ball on the one-yard line while heading into the end zone and CMU recovered.

From the one-yard line, CMU quarterback Dan LeFevour engineered a 99-yard, nine-play drive, completing passes of 27, 16 and 11 yards on the first three plays. Then, CMU went into its bag of tricks as Duane Brooks took a hand off to the right, drawing the NIU defenders, before hitting LeFevour with a perfect 32-yard strike and putting the Huskies down 14-0.

On its next play, NIU quarterback Dan Nicholson hooked up with receiver Matt Simon for a 92-yard score, the fourth-longest scoring pass in Huskie history. CMU answered when Antonio Brown brought the ensuing kickoff back 90 yards for a touchdown to make it 21-7.

More trouble awaited the Huskies as they fumbled the ensuing kickoff, and Central Michigan recovered on the NIU 28-yard line. Five plays later, LeFevour went in from two yards out and CMU had an insurmountable 28-7 lead.

Northern Illinois came back with a 16-play, 64-yard drive that resulted in a Nendick 25-yard field goal, but CMU responded with a touchdown drive to go up 35-10 before halftime.

The Northern Illinois defense kept the Huskies in the game in the second half, but NIU could not generate any momentum on offense. NIU quarterbacks Dan Nicholson and Ryan Morris threw four second half interceptions to end Northern drives.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Northern Illinois	7	3	0	0	10
Central Michigan	21	14	0	0	35

SCORING SUMMARY

CMU - Hoskins 40 run (Aguila kick), 1st 8:46 (4-80, 1:01)
 CMU - LeFevour 32 pass from Brooks (Aguila kick), 1st 2:04 (9-99, 3:17)
 NIU - Simon 92 pass from Nicholson (Nendick kick), 1st 1:46 (1-92, 0:18)
 CMU - Brown 90 KO return (Aguila kick), 1st 1:31
 CMU - LeFevour 2 run (Aguila kick), 2nd 14:57 (5-28, 1:28)
 NIU - Nendick 25 FG, 2nd 7:57 (16-64, 7:00)
 CMU - Hoskins 5 run (Aguila kick), 2nd 3:05 (11-80, 4:52)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing

NIU: Anderson 28-157, Bryant 7-39, Turner 1-8, Nicholson 3-(-1).
CMU: Hoskins 14-93, LeFevour 9-42, Sneed 12-39, Brooks 1-5.

Passing

NIU: Nicholson 21-41-2, 293, Morris 3-8-2, 25.
CMU: LeFevour 18-27-0, 172, Brooks 1-1-0, 32.

Receiving

NIU: Simon 9-205, Britt Davis 6-60, Turner 4-24, Anderson 3-13, Crider 1-9, Cox 1-7.
CMU: Brown 7-74, Bradley 3-51, Anderson 3-30, Hoskins 2-4, LeFevour 1-32.

Tackle Leaders

NIU: Allen 9, Brown 8, Reiter 8, Rice 7, Pruitt 6, Krutsch 6, Hanson 6, Tranchitella 6.
CMU: Keith 10, Edwards 9, Bellore 9, Brown 9, Fraser 8, Zombo 6.

Weather: 60 degrees, sunny.
 Time of Game: 3:32

Wind: SSE 5-8 mph.

Temple 16
Northern Illinois 15 **6**
Lincoln Financial Field (21,065) - Philadelphia, Pa.
Oct. 6

Northern Illinois got a gritty performance from its battered defense, which did not surrender a touchdown all day, but could not find any kind of rhythm on offense as the Huskies fell to Temple, 16-15, at Lincoln Financial Field.

Temple kicker Jake Brownell hit a 39-yard field goal with nine seconds left on the clock to give the Owls the win as quarterback Adam DiMichele led Temple on a 12-play, 56-yard drive to set up the winning score.

Despite its offensive struggles, the Huskies nearly pulled out the victory thanks to running back Justin Anderson, who powered NIU to a 15-13 lead by scoring on a 39-yard touchdown run with 7:08 remaining.

With back-up quarterback Ryan Morris in the game for injured starter Dan Nicholson, Anderson gained 68 of his 163 rushing yards on the Huskies seven-play, 95-yard drive that put NIU ahead for the first time in the second half.

But following the Anderson score, normally reliable Huskie kicker Chris Nendick missed his second extra point of the game and Northern Illinois' lead was just two.

The teams traded punts before Temple started its eventual game-winning drive on its own 22-yard line with 3:47 left on the clock.

In a game that featured 20 penalties, four turnovers and two missed extra points, Brownell hit three field goals for the Owls, including a 25-yarder on the last play of the half that gave Temple a 10-6 halftime lead. That three came after DiMichele hit Marquis Liverpool on a 48-yard completion to the Huskie eight-yard line.

Earlier in the half, Temple had taken a 7-6 lead on a 66-yard fumble recovery and return by defensive tackle Terrance Knighton in the second quarter, the fifth defensive or special teams touchdown by an NIU opponent this year. Knighton forced the fumble by Nicholson, then picked up the ball and rumbled in for the score.

After a slow start to the game that saw the teams trade punts and turnovers throughout an error-filled first half, Northern Illinois took a 6-0 lead when Justin Anderson scored on a one-yard run at the 5:57 mark of the second quarter. The Huskies took advantage of Chase Carter's second interception of the year which he returned 25 yards to the Temple 26-yard line. From there, Nicholson hit Marcus Perez, who led NIU in receiving with five catches for 63 yards, with a 22-yard pass to the four before Anderson scored on his second try.

Nendick missed the extra point after new holder Jeff Fontana, subbing for the injured Greg Turner, had trouble handling a high snap.

Nendick's 23-yard field goal early in the fourth quarter brought the Huskies within four at 13-9, setting up the final quarter action.

SCORING BY QUARTERS

	1	2	3	4	Total
Northern Illinois	0	6	0	9	15
Temple	0	10	3	3	16

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Anderson 1 run (kick failed), 2nd 5:57 (3-26, 1:03)
 TU - Knighton 66 fumble return (Brownell kick), 2nd 2:54
 TU - Brownell 25 FG, 2nd 0:00 (6-74, 1:05)
 TU - Brownell 38 FG, 3rd 2:15 (19-66, 9:49)
 NIU - Nendick 23 FG, 4th 12:48 (12-61, 4:17)
 NIU - Anderson 39 run (kick failed), 4th 7:08 (7-95, 2:26)
 TU - Brownell 39 FG, 4th 0:09 (12-56, 3:38)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing

NIU: Anderson 29-163, Perez 1-14, Crider 1-0, Morris 3-(-12), Nicholson 1-(-15).
TU: Robinson 14-71, DiMichele 14-55, Harper 11-20, Grigsby 2-4.

Passing

NIU: Nicholson 12-25-2, 101, Morris 1-3-0, 12.
TU: DiMichele 18-32-1, 202, Robinson 0-1-0, 0.

Receiving

NIU: Perez 5-63, Brandon Davis 3-18, Simon 2-17, Lewis 1-13, Cunningham 1-5, Anderson 1-(-3).
TU: Francis 4-51, Armstrong 4-37, Shelton 4-21, Crudup 2-22, Liverpool 1-48.

Tackle Leaders

NIU: Kube 14, Rice 12, Hanson 10, Pruitt 9, Allen 5, Larsen 4, Krutsch 4, Carter 4, English 4.
TU: Harris 10, Schulters 7, Jarrett 6, Galette 5, Ferla 4, Kamara 4, Joseph 4.

Weather: 73 degrees, mostly cloudy.
 Time of Game: 3:10

Wind: SSW 7 mph.



Game Recaps

Western Michigan 17
Northern Illinois 13 **7**

Huskie Stadium (23,057) - DeKalb, Ill.
Oct. 13 - Comcast SportsNet

Western Michigan junior tight end Brandon Ledbetter hauled in a seven-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter that proved to be the difference as the Broncos picked up the Mid-American Conference road victory over Northern Illinois at Huskie Stadium on homecoming.

The Broncos winning drive was set-up by an NIU turnover. Sophomore tailback Justin Anderson, who rushed for 132 yards on 29 carries, coughed up the ball on the NIU 40-yard line. Western Michigan's Dustin Duclou recovered the pigskin, giving the Broncos the short field.

One play later, WMU tailback Mark Bonds rushed for 32 of his 104 total yards, putting the Broncos on the NIU seven-yard line. Two plays later, WMU quarterback Tim Hiller found Ledbetter in the endzone for what would be the game-winning score, giving the Broncos a 17-13 advantage that they would not relinquish.

The touchdown put Northern Illinois down for the first time in the game. The Huskies took the early lead when senior placekicker Chris Nendick connected on a 22-yard field goal in the first, putting NIU up 3-0.

The Broncos answered on the ensuing drive with a field goal of their own to tie the game with 10:40 left in the opening period. The Huskies retook the lead later in the first. Quarterback Ryan Morris handed off to wide receiver, who chucked the ball to Matt Simon for a 59-yard touchdown. The score was the second passing score of Perez's career, and gave NIU a 10-3 advantage with 5:32 left in the opening period.

Western Michigan tied the game with 8:13 left in the second, as Bonds finished an eight-play 42-yard drive with a one-yard touchdown run to tie the game at 10.

Nendick added a 28-yard field goal later in the second to give the Huskies the 13-10 lead, which they carried into halftime.

Simon led the Northern Illinois offense with 160 yards receiving on six catches. Morris, starting his first game as a Huskie, connected on 13-of-25 pass attempts for 144 yards.

For Western Michigan, Hiller went 20-for-29 with one touchdown and one interception, but was sacked three times by the NIU defense.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Western Michigan	3	7	7	0	17
Northern Illinois	10	3	0	0	13

SCORING SUMMARY

- NIU - Nendick 22 FG, 1st 12:20 (6-24, 2:27)
- WMU - Jones 21 FG, 1st 10:40 (6-78, 1:40)
- NIU - Simon 59 pass from Perez (Nendick kick), 1st 5:32 (4-71, 1:57)
- WMU - Bonds 1 run (Jones kick), 2nd 8:13 (8-42, 2:27)
- NIU - Nendick 28 FG, 2nd 4:49 (7-51, 3:16)
- WMU - Ledbetter 7 pass from Hiller (Jones kick), 3rd 13:10 (3-40, 0:54)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing

WMU: Bonds 27-104, West 15-75, Julien 1-13, Simmons 1-0, Hiller 3-(-20).
NIU: Anderson 29-132, Perez 1-7, Larsen 1-2, Crider 1-0, Morris 1-(-11).

Passing

WMU: Hiller 20-29-1, 226.
NIU: Morris 13-25-0, 144, Perez 1-1-0, 59.

Receiving

WMU: Simmons 5-57, Ledbetter 5-33, Nunez 4-95, Bonds 3-25, West 3-16.
NIU: Simon 6-160, Anderson 6-30, Perez 1-10, Beal 1-3.

Tackle Leaders

WMU: Duclou 10, McCornell 6, Gebhart 6, Delmas 5, Varcadipane 5.
NIU: Larsen 13, Kube 12, Reiter 10, English 7, Bice 7, Hanson 7, Pruitt 6.

Weather: 57 degrees, cloudy.
 Time of Game: 3:03

Wind: SSW 6 mph.

Wisconsin 44
Northern Illinois 3 **8**

Camp Randall Stadium (81,883) - Madison, Wisc.
Oct. 20 - Big Ten Network

Wisconsin's P.J. Hill gained 184 yards on the ground and scored two of the Badgers' four rushing TDs, and the UW defense held Northern Illinois to minus 13 yards rushing to power Wisconsin to a 44-3 win over NIU at Camp Randall Stadium.

Wisconsin scored 31 points in the first half as Northern Illinois punted six times and earned just two first downs through the first 30 minutes.

UW opened its scoring on a 25-yard pass from Tyler Donovan to Graham Garrett at the 10:11 mark and got a 72-yard run from Hill to jump ahead 14-0.

They extended the lead to 31-0 before half but got just one touchdown drive in the second half along with two of Taylor Mehlhaff's three field goals on the day.

"By the end of the game, we had a converted offensive guard (Dan Keller) and a 220-pound defensive end (Mike Lepper) playing at our two defensive tackle spots," said NIU Head Coach Joe Novak, who continues to discount the Huskies' long injury list while focusing on the players on the field. "That's what you do. You find a way. We knew it was going to be tough...but we didn't block and we didn't tackle. You don't do that, I don't care what your schemes are. It's awful hard to beat a good football team when you're not doing those basic things."

NIU tailbacks Justin Anderson and David Bryant were limited to 11 yards on 15 carries in the game. Matt Simon led the Huskies' receiving efforts as he caught four balls for 86 yards, including a 38-yarder which set up NIU's lone score of the day, a 34-yard field goal by Chris Nendick with 51 seconds left in the third quarter.

Northern Illinois lost running back Ricky Crider to a broken leg on the very first play of the game, and quarterback Dan Nicholson did not play in the second half after sustaining a concussion. The Huskies entered the game minus nine of their top 11 defensive linemen.

Spencer Williamson, who played the second half for an injured Alex Kube, led NIU with 11 tackles while Zach Larsen had 10 stops for NIU. Cory Hanson recorded the Huskies' sixth interception of the season to stop another Wisconsin drive.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Northern Illinois	0	0	3	0	3
Wisconsin	14	17	10	3	44

SCORING SUMMARY

- UW - Graham 25 pass from Donovan (Mehlhaff kick), 1st 10:11 (9-65, 4:49)
- UW - Hill 72 run (Mehlhaff kick), 1st 8:50 (1-72, 0:13)
- UW - Pressley 10 run (Mehlhaff kick), 2nd 14:55 (8-48, 3:59)
- UW - Smith 9 run (Mehlhaff kick), 2nd 10:30 (5-33, 1:56)
- UW - Mehlhaff 32 FG, 2nd 2:34 (11-42, 6:11)
- UW - Hill 1 run (Mehlhaff kick), 3rd 9:56 (3-4, 1:23)
- UW - Mehlhaff 21 FG, 3rd 2:59 (9-62, 4:20)
- NIU - Nendick 34 FG, 3rd 0:51 (5-46, 1:59)
- UW - Mehlhaff 34 FG, 4th 8:28 (14-46, 7:13)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing

NIU: Anderson 13-14, Bryant 2-(-3), Morris 1-(-7), Nicholson 2-(-17).
UW: Hill 21-184, Smith 11-47, Pressley 5-31, Donovan 5-29, Brown 6-18, Landingham 3-16, Rentmeester 2-6, Jefferson 1-1.

Passing

NIU: Nicholson 9-17-1, 44, Morris 3-8-1, 68.
UW: Donovan 11-19-1, 91, Evridge 1-1-0, 9.

Receiving

NIU: Simon 4-86, Anderson 3-(-5), Turner 2-16, Adonis 2-3, Cox 1-12.
UW: Beckum 4-25, Graham 2-30, Jefferson 2-9, Hubbard 1-14, Jones 1-9, Hill 1-7, Pressley 1-6.

Tackle Leaders

NIU: Williamson 11, Larsen 10, Reiter 9, Allen 8, Pruitt 8, Kube 8, Hanson 7.
UW: Langford 5, Levy 5, Casillas 5, Hodge 4, Standing 3, Newkirk 3.

Weather: 55 degrees, sunny.
 Time of Game: 2:55

Wind: SW 8 mph.



Game Recaps

Toledo 70
Northern Illinois 21
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Glass Bowl (18,545) - Toledo, Ohio
Oct. 27

Toledo scored 21 points in each of the first three quarters and went on to a record-setting 70-21 victory over Northern Illinois at the Glass Bowl in Toledo, Ohio.

The Rockets piled up a Mid-American Conference record 812 yards of total offense to hand NIU its worst defeat since a 73-7 loss to Kansas State on Sept. 12, 1998. It was the most points ever scored against the Huskies in a MAC game.

Toledo scored 42 first-half points as UT quarterback Aaron Opelt completed 16-of-18 passes for four scores and 296 yards in the first half. Nick Moore caught three of the TD passes, two of 33 yards and a 29-yarder.

Ahead 7-0, NIU had the Rockets stopped on their second possession of the game when punter Brett Kern took off and rushed 50 yards to the NIU 9, setting the stage for UT's second score and the beginning of a tough evening for the Huskies.

NIU scored on a 28-yard completion from Dan Nicholson to Britt Davis, who returned after a three-week absence due to injury and caught four passes for 81 yards on the day.

Northern Illinois turned the ball over three times on two fumbles, one on a kickoff return, and an interception. Toledo fumbled twice, but the Huskies could not capitalize. The Rockets punted only one time on the day.

The Huskies got on the scoreboard twice more as they relied on tailback Justin Anderson during a nine-play, 75-yard drive to start the second half, with Anderson scoring from six yards out to make the score 42-14. The NIU sophomore gained 116 yards on 24 carries in the game to record his sixth 100-yard rushing day of the season.

Northern Illinois scored its final TD with three minutes left in the game as back-up running back David Bryant went in from four yards out after taking NIU to the four with a 38-yard carry.

Larry English continued his stellar season with 2.5 tackles for loss and 10 total tackles and Josh Allen led Northern with 15 total stops.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Northern Illinois	0	7	7	7	21
Toledo	21	21	21	7	70

SCORING SUMMARY

UT - Moore 33 pass from Opelt (Steigerwald kick), 1st 12:43 (5-80, 2:17)
 UT - Williams 5 pass from Opelt (Steigerwald kick), 1st 7:26 (9-84, 3:20)
 UT - Moore 33 pass from Opelt (Steigerwald kick), 1st 5:04 (4-68, 0:42)
 UT - Opelt 1 run (Steigerwald kick), 2nd 13:51 (9-72, 4:06)
 UT - Moore 29 pass from Opelt (Steigerwald kick), 2nd 9:09 (4-52, 1:05)
 NIU - Davis 28 pass from Nicholson (Nendick kick), 2nd 6:25 (6-62, 2:35)
 UT - Warner 9 run (Steigerwald kick), 2nd 2:20 (8-69, 3:58)
 NIU - Anderson 6 run (Nendick kick), 3rd 11:42 (9-75, 3:16)
 UT - Parmele 3 run (Steigerwald kick), 3rd 8:55 (9-80, 2:47)
 UT - Collins 2 run (Steigerwald kick), 3rd 5:57 (7-82, 2:05)
 UT - Warner 2 run (Steigerwald kick), 3rd 3:33 (8-31, 2:19)
 UT - Warner 11 run (Steigerwald kick), 4th 4:32 (11-80, 5:43)
 NIU - Bryant 4 run (Nendick kick), 4th 3:00 (4-52, 1:23)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing

NIU: Anderson 24-116, Bryant 6-54, Turner 1-11, Morris 1-(-4).
UT: Collins 15-132, Parmele 16-106, Warner 16-56, Kern 1-50, Washington 4-20, Hawkins 1-19, Lenehan 1-4, Opelt 4-(-3).

Passing

NIU: Nicholson 11-23-1, 155, Morris 2-4-0, 15.
UT: Opelt 22-28-0, 387, Lenehan 4-5-0, 43.

Receiving

NIU: Britt Davis 4-81, Cunningham 4-51, Brandon Davis 3-19, Simon 1-21, Anderson 1-3.
UT: Moore 7-145, Williams 5-83, Hopkins 4-54, Parmele 3-51, Bailey 2-20.

Tackle Leaders

NIU: Allen 15, English 10, Pruitt 9, Brown 9, Kube 9, Williamson 9.
UT: Forestal 8, Pree 7, Church 6, Richmond 5, Hay 5, Harris 4, Hill 4, Summers 4.

Weather: 50 degrees, cloudy.
 Time of Game: 2:55

Wind: NW 9 mph.

Northern Illinois 27
Kent State 20
10
Huskie Stadium (13,831) - DeKalb, Ill.
Nov. 10 - Comcast SportsNet

Northern Illinois tailback Justin Anderson scored two touchdowns, and the Huskies totalled 510 yards of offense to capture a 27-20 victory over Kent State at Huskie Stadium.

Northern Illinois sophomore linebacker John Tranchitella intercepted a Jon Brown pass at the NIU 10-yard line with 1:25 left in the game to halt Kent State's comeback bid and secure the victory for the Huskies.

The Golden Flashes opened up the scoring as starting quarterback Giorgio Morgan found paydirt with a 10-yard touchdown scamper in the first quarter. The Huskies responded on its next drive as Justin Anderson caught a 16-yard pass from Dan Nicholson to tie the game at 7-7.

Northern Illinois added two touchdowns to extend its lead to 21-7 midway through the second period. Anderson accounted for the go-ahead score with a four-yard run, and Reed Cunningham caught a 13-yard touchdown pass to give the Huskies their largest lead of the game.

Kent State's Alan Vanderink brought the Golden Flashes within seven before halftime with a one-yard touchdown reception from Brown.

Both teams kicked field goals in the third period, and NIU placekicker Chris Nendick put a second through to start the fourth quarter, giving the Huskies a 27-17 advantage with 9:32 remaining.

Kent State edged closer with a 40-yard field goal at the 3:07 mark. The Golden Flashes used an onside kick on the ensuing kickoff, but Northern Illinois' Marcus Lewis recovered in Kent State territory.

The Huskies turned the ball over on downs four plays later, giving the Golden Flashes an opportunity for a game-tying drive with 2:39 left. Brown completed five consecutive passes to bring his team to the NIU 29 before Tranchitella's interception ended the drive.

Anderson earned 98 yards in the game, giving NIU a 1,000-yard rusher for the ninth consecutive season. But backup tailback David Bryant took the lion's share of the carries, taking the ball 28 times for a career-high 110 yards.

NIU quarterback Dan Nicholson completed 21-of-28 passes for 275 yards. Matt Simon led the Huskie receivers with 96 yards, while Cunningham caught a game-high seven passes for 65 yards.

Bradley Pruitt recorded 12 tackles to lead the Huskies' defensive effort while NIU collected four quarterback sacks on the day, including one-and-half by defensive end Brandon Bice.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Kent State	7	7	3	3	20
Northern Illinois	7	14	3	3	27

SCORING SUMMARY

KSU - Morgan 10 run (Reed kick), 1st 6:26 (4-28, 1:03)
 NIU - Anderson 16 pass from Nicholson (Nendick kick), 1st 3:26 (7-79, 2:48)
 NIU - Anderson 4 run (Nendick kick), 2nd 13:51 (9-78, 3:11)
 NIU - Cunningham 13 pass from Nicholson (Nendick kick), 2nd 7:24 (11-72, 3:41)
 KSU - Vanderink 1 pass from Brown, 2nd 0:53 (9-65, 2:52)
 KSU - Reed 25 FG, 3rd 13:21 (6-73, 1:39)
 NIU - Nendick 25 FG, 3rd 4:53 (13-56, 5:55)
 NIU - Nendick 40 FG, 4th 9:32 (6-15, 2:00)
 KSU - Reed 40 FG, 4th 3:02 (15-75, 3:07)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing

KSU: Jarvis 20-170, Flowers 7-20, Morgan 7-15, McBryde 1-7, Muldrow 2-7.
NIU: Bryant 28-110, Anderson 19-98, Nicholson 4-19, Simon 1-12.

Passing

KSU: Brown 16-34-1, 132, Morgan 5-8-0, 27.
NIU: Nicholson 21-28-2, 275, Simon 0-1-0, 0.

Receiving

KSU: Vanderink 4-27, Garner 4-25, McBryde 3-36, Robinson 3-29, Muldrow 2-8, Jarvis 1-14, Simpson 1-7, Tukes 1-5, Bobb 1-5, Flowers 1-1.
NIU: Cunningham 7-65, Simon 4-96, Anderson 4-27, Britt Davis 3-43, Brandon Davis 2-36, Turner 1-8.

Tackle Leaders

KSU: Burrell 15, Moss 11, Johnson 10, Murray 10, Ferrell 9, Belgrave 8.
NIU: Pruitt 12, Kube 11, Allen 9, English 9, Bice 8, Rice 7, Carter 6, Larsen 6.

Weather: 49 degrees, cloudy.
 Time of Game: 3:15

Wind: SSE 12 mph.



Game Recaps

Navy

Northern Illinois

Navy-Marine Corps Stadium (34,517) - Annapolis, Md.

Nov. 17 - CSTV

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24 **11**

Northern Illinois mounted a valiant effort on both offense and defense against a bowl-bound Navy squad, but fell short of its upset bid, falling 35-24 to the Midshipmen in Annapolis.

NIU sophomore Justin Anderson ran for 140 yards on 39 carries and added seven catches for 36 yards, while back-up quarterback Ryan Morris threw for 206 yards and two touchdowns on 21-of-35 passing to lead the Huskie offense.

After falling behind by two touchdowns in the first half, the Huskies pulled within four points at 28-24 on Chris Nendick's 42-yard field goal with 11:53 left in the game. But Navy responded with a 10-play, 68-yard drive that ended with Zerbin Singleton scoring from 12-yards out to give the Midshipmen an insurmountable 35-24 lead with 7:51 remaining.

Northern Illinois got off to its best start of the season with a touchdown on the game's opening drive, the first time all season NIU has scored a TD on its first possession. Morris hit Matt Simon on a 46-yard completion to put the Huskies ahead, 7-0.

But the Midshipmen struck back when Singleton scored the first of his three touchdowns on the day on a one-yard run. The speedy running back, who gained 101 yards on just 11 carries on the day, gave the Midshipmen a 14-7 lead on a 26-yard run at the 4:48 mark of the first quarter.

Navy extended its lead to 21-7 midway through the second quarter before NIU responded with a nine-play, 47-yard drive just before halftime, Anderson scoring on a fourth and inches play to pull the Huskies within seven at 21-14 at halftime.

Navy opened the second half with an 80-yard scoring drive to extend the lead once again until Morris hit Simon on a 24-yard scoring toss to pull NIU within seven at 28-21. Simon caught five passes for 100 yards to record his fourth 100-yard receiving day of the season.

Navy quarterback Jared Bryant completed just three-of-six passes but led the Midshipmen with 139 yards rushing on 27 rushes.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Northern Illinois	7	7	7	3	24
Navy	14	7	7	7	35

SCORING SUMMARY

NIU - Simon 46 pass from Morris (Nendick kick), 1st 12:48 (6-70, 2:12)

Navy - Singleton 1 run (Bullen kick), 1st 8:30 (10-54, 4:18)

Navy - Singleton 26 run (Bullen kick), 1st 4:48 (4-44, 1:37)

Navy - White 15 run (Bullen kick), 2nd 5:24 (8-92, 3:14)

NIU - Anderson 1 run (Nendick kick), 2nd 0:27 (9-47, 3:00)

Navy - Bryant 1 run (Harmon kick), 3rd 10:02 (14-80, 4:58)

NIU - Simon 24 pass from Morris (Nendick kick), 3rd 3:55 (12-72, 6:07)

NIU - Nendick 42 FG, 4th 11:53 (11-33, 6:00)

Navy - Singleton 12 run (Harmon kick), 4th 7:51 (10-68, 4:02)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

Rushing

NIU: Anderson 39-140, Bryant 2-8, Simon 1-5, Morris 2-(-4).

Navy: Bryant 27-139, Singleton 11-101, White 8-53, Ballard 7-45, Campbell 2-13, Kettani 4-9.

Passing

NIU: Morris 21-35-1, 206.

Navy: Bryant 3-6-0, 60.

Receiving

NIU: Anderson 7-36, Simon 5-100, Lewis 5-29, Britt Davis 2-23, Turner 1-14, Beal 1-4.

Navy: Singleton 1-37, Kettani 1-14, White 1-9.

Tackle Leaders

NIU: Kube 15, Rice 9, Krutsch 8, Tranchitella 8, Larsen 8, Pruitt 6.

Navy: Pospisil 20, Carter 10, Walsh 9, Middleton 8, Spencer 6, Thrasher 6.

Weather: 48 degrees, fair.

Wind: SE 10 mph.

Time of Game: 3:05



Statistics

TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	OPP
SCORING	208	343
Points Per Game	18.9	31.2
FIRST DOWNS	196	248
Rushing	91	126
Passing	93	108
Penalty	12	14
RUSHING YARDAGE	1627	2477
Yards gained rushing	1863	2745
Yards lost rushing	236	268
Rushing Attempts	400	505
Average Per Rush	4.1	4.9
Average Per Game	147.9	225.2
TDs Rushing	10	26
PASSING YARDAGE	2167	2364
Att-Comp-Int	333-195-18	331-195-7
Average Per Pass	6.5	7.1
Average Per Catch	11.1	12.1
Average Per Game	197.0	214.9
TDs Passing	12	14
TOTAL OFFENSE	3794	4841
Total Plays	733	836
Average Per Play	5.2	5.8
Average Per Game	344.9	440.1
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	51-885	33-738
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	18-182	36-476
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	7-169	18-365
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	17.4	22.4
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	10.1	13.2
INT RETURN AVERAGE	24.1	20.3
FUMBLES-LOST	18-12	10-8
PENALTIES-YARDS	58-526	68-663
Average Per Game	47.8	60.3
PUNTS-YARDS	61-2658	53-2087
Average Per Punt	43.6	39.4
Net punt average	33.5	34.8
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	28:38	31:22
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	47/152	64/159
3rd-Down Pct	31%	40%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	10/19	13/23
4th-Down Pct	53%	57%
SACKS BY-YARDS	19-146	16-122
MISC YARDS	28	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	25	45
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	12-18	10-16
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	2-2
RED-ZONE SCORES	19-30 63%	38-48 79%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	12-30 40%	28-48 58%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	22-24 92%	43-45 96%
ATTENDANCE	142582	186936
Games/Avg Per Game	5/28516	6/31156
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Northern Illinois	55	88	37	28	208
Opponents	87	117	75	64	343

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
ANDERSON, J.	11	268	1287	51	1236	4.6	8	52	112.4
BRYANT, David	6	45	230	22	208	4.6	1	38	34.7
CLANTON, M.	2	26	148	8	140	5.4	1	59	70.0
SPANN, Chad	10	11	61	0	61	5.5	0	14	6.1
PEREZ, Marcus	5	3	40	0	40	13.3	0	19	8.0
CRIDER, Ricky	8	7	20	0	20	2.9	0	6	2.5
TURNER, Greg	9	2	19	0	19	9.5	0	11	2.1
SIMON, Matt	11	2	17	0	17	8.5	0	12	1.5
LARSEN, Zach	10	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	4	0.2
TEAM	5	6	0	12	-12	-2.0	0	0	-2.4
MORRIS, Ryan	7	8	0	38	-38	-4.8	0	0	-5.4
NICHOLSON, Dan	9	21	39	105	-66	-3.1	0	11	-7.3
Total.....	11	400	1863	236	1627	4.1	10	59	147.9
Opponents.....	11	505	2745	268	2477	4.9	26	72	225.2

PASSING	GP	Effic	C-A-I	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
NICHOLSON, Dan	9	116.88	151-248-14	60.9	1633	9	92	181.4
MORRIS, Ryan	7	98.19	43-83-4	51.8	475	2	46	67.9
SIMON, Matt	11	0.00	0-1-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
PEREZ, Marcus	5	925.60	1-1-0	100.0	59	1	59	11.8
Total.....	11	114.30	195-333-18	58.6	2167	12	92	197.0
Opponents.....	11	128.63	195-331-7	58.9	2364	14	77	214.9

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
SIMON, Matt	11	45	883	19.6	5	92	80.3
ANDERSON, J.	11	45	263	5.8	3	23	23.9
DAVIS, Britt	8	29	330	11.4	2	28	41.2
TURNER, Greg	9	18	203	11.3	0	40	22.6
CUNNINGHAM, R.	7	18	166	9.2	1	17	23.7
DAVIS, Brandon	10	12	94	7.8	1	31	9.4
PEREZ, Marcus	5	8	89	11.1	0	22	17.8
LEWIS, Marcus	9	6	42	7.0	0	13	4.7
CLANTON, M.	2	4	25	6.2	0	13	12.5
BEAL, Brandon	9	3	21	7.0	0	14	2.3
COX, Landon	9	2	19	9.5	0	12	2.1
ADONIS, Evans	11	2	3	1.5	0	4	0.3
KORONKIEWICZ	2	1	15	15.0	0	15	7.5
CRIDER, Ricky	8	1	9	9.0	0	9	1.1
ONYEBUAGU, J.	11	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.5
Total.....	11	195	2167	11.1	12	92	197.0
Opponents.....	11	195	2364	12.1	14	77	214.9

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
TURNER, Greg	8	66	8.2	0	19
SIMON, Matt	7	75	10.7	0	19
PEREZ, Marcus	3	41	13.7	0	18
FONTANA, Jeff	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total.....	18	182	10.1	1	19
Opponents.....	36	476	13.2	1	100

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
TRANCHITELLA	2	9	4.5	0	9
CARTER, Chase	2	120	60.0	1	95
PRUITT, Bradley	1	0	0.0	0	0
REITER, Mark	1	22	22.0	0	22
HANSON, Cory	1	18	18.0	0	18
Total.....	7	169	24.1	1	95
Opponents.....	18	365	20.3	2	55

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
ADONIS, Evans	21	404	19.2	0	37
GEORGE, Patrick	13	242	18.6	0	28
PEREZ, Marcus	6	125	20.8	0	30
SIMON, Matt	4	42	10.5	0	20
TURNER, Greg	3	50	16.7	0	26
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0
LEWIS, Marcus	1	0	0.0	0	0
ANTONACCI, Ant.	1	2	2.0	0	0
CRUIKSHANK, J.	1	15	15.0	0	15
WILLIAMS, P.	0	5	0.0	0	5
Total.....	51	885	17.4	0	37
Opponents.....	33	738	22.4	1	9



Statistics

FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
ENGLISH, Larry	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total.....	0	0	0.0	1	0
Opponents.....	1	66	66.0	1	66

SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs					Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP		
ANDERSON, J.	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	66
NENDICK, Chris	0	12-18	22-24	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	58
SIMON, Matt	5	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	30
DAVIS, Britt	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
ENGLISH, Larry	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
FONTANA, Jeff	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
CUNNINGHAM, R.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
BRYANT, David	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
CLANTON, M.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
CARTER, Chase	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
DAVIS, Brandon	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
NICHOLSON, Dan	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	0
Total.....	25	12-18	22-24	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	208
Opponents.....	45	10-16	43-45	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	343

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
NICHOLSON, Dan	9	269	-66	1633	1567	174.1
ANDERSON, J.	11	268	1236	0	1236	112.4
MORRIS, Ryan	7	91	-38	475	437	62.4
BRYANT, David	6	45	208	0	208	34.7
CLANTON, M.	2	26	140	0	140	70.0
PEREZ, Marcus	5	4	40	59	99	19.8
SPANN, Chad	10	11	61	0	61	6.1
CRIDER, Ricky	8	7	20	0	20	2.5
TURNER, Greg	9	2	19	0	19	2.1
SIMON, Matt	11	3	17	0	17	1.5
LARSEN, Zach	10	1	2	0	2	0.2
TEAM	5	6	-12	0	-12	-2.4
Total.....	11	733	1627	2167	3794	344.9
Opponents.....	11	836	2477	2364	4841	440.1

FIELD GOALS	FGM-A	Pct	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg	Bk
NENDICK, Chris	12-18	66.7	0-0	5-8	2-2	5-7	0-1	47	1

FG SEQUENCE	Northern Illinois	Opponents
Iowa	44, (33)	37, (22)
Southern Illinois	(46)	
Eastern Michigan	(45), (47), 50	31, 20
Idaho	-	-
Central Michigan	21, (25)	
Temple	(23)	37,(25),(38),(39)
Western Michigan	(22),(28),25	(21),(22)
Wisconsin	(34)	(32),(21),(34)
Toledo	-	-
Kent State	(25),29,(40)	(25),(40)
Navy	(42),42	53
Ball State		

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
DITTBENNER, A.	53	2340	44.2	62	7	9	15	1
NENDICK, Chris	7	304	43.4	55	0	0	1	0
TEAM	1	14	14.0	14	0	0	0	0
Total.....	61	2658	43.6	62	7	9	16	1
Opponents.....	53	2087	39.4	57	3	15	12	1

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net Yd	Yd/n
NENDICK, Chris	48	3046	63.5	15	0			
Total.....	48	3046	63.5	15	0	738	41.8	28
Opponents.....	63	3602	57.2	7	3	885	40.9	29

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
ANDERSON, J.	11	1236	263	0	0	0	1499	136.3
SIMON, Matt	11	17	883	75	42	0	1017	92.5
ADONIS, Evans	11	0	3	0	404	0	407	37.0
TURNER, Greg	9	19	203	66	50	0	338	37.6
DAVIS, Britt	8	0	330	0	0	0	330	41.2
PEREZ, Marcus	5	40	89	41	125	0	295	59.0
GEORGE, Patrick	11	0	0	0	242	0	242	22.0
BRYANT, David	6	208	0	0	0	0	208	34.7
CUNNINGHAM, R.	7	0	166	0	0	0	166	23.7
CLANTON, M.	2	140	25	0	0	0	165	82.5
CARTER, Chase	11	0	0	0	0	120	120	10.9
DAVIS, Brandon	10	0	94	0	0	0	94	9.4
SPANN, Chad	10	61	0	0	0	0	61	6.1
LEWIS, Marcus	9	0	42	0	0	0	42	4.7
CRIDER, Ricky	8	20	9	0	0	0	29	3.6
REITER, Mark	10	0	0	0	0	22	22	2.2
BEAL, Brandon	9	0	21	0	0	0	21	2.3
COX, Landon	9	0	19	0	0	0	19	2.1
HANSON, Cory	7	0	0	0	0	18	18	2.6
KORONKIEWICZ	2	0	15	0	0	0	15	7.5
CRUIKSHANK, J.	4	0	0	0	15	0	15	3.8
TRANCHITELLA	11	0	0	0	0	9	9	0.8
ONYEBUAGU, J.	11	0	5	0	0	0	5	0.5
WILLIAMS, P.	3	0	0	0	5	0	5	1.7
ANTONACCI, Ant.	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	0.7
LARSEN, Zach	10	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.2
TEAM	5	-12	0	0	0	0	-12	-2.4
MORRIS, Ryan	7	-38	0	0	0	0	-38	-5.4
NICHOLSON, Dan	9	-66	0	0	0	0	-66	-7.3
Total.....	11	1627	2167	182	885	169	5030	457.3
Opponents.....	11	2477	2364	476	738	365	6420	583.6

2007 LONG PLAYS

25 Yards or More

Northern Illinois 26

long: 95 INT return by Carter at Idaho, 9/22

Rushing	7	(long: 59, Clanton vs. SIU, 9/8)
by Anderson	5	(long: 52 vs. WMU, 10/13)
by Bryant	1	(long: 38 at Toledo, 10/27)
by Clanton	1	(long: 59 vs. SIU, 9/8)

Passing 9 (long: 92, Nicholson to Simon at CMU, 9/29)

by Nicholson	5	(long: 92 to Simon at CMU, 9/29)
by Morris	3	(long: 46 to Simon at Navy, 11/17)
by Perez	1	(long: 59 to Simon vs. WMU, 10/13)
to Simon	6	(long: 92 from Nicholson at CMU, 9/29)
to Britt Davis	1	(long: 28 from Nicholson at Toledo, 10/27)
to Brandon Davis	1	(long: 31 from Nicholson vs. KSU, 11/10)
to Turner	1	(long: 40 from Nicholson vs. Iowa, 9/1)

Returns 10 (long: 95 INT by Carter at Idaho, 9/22)

by Adonis	5	(long: 37 KOR vs. Iowa, 9/1)
by Perez	2	(long: 30 KOR at Temple, 10/6)
by Carter	2	(long: 95 INT at Idaho, 9/22)
by George	1	(long: 28 KOR at Toledo, 10/27)

Opponent 56

long: 100 PR by Keo, Idaho, 9/22

Rushing	13	(long: 72, Hill, Wisconsin, 10/20)
Passing	23	(long: 77, Hiller to Nunez, WMU 10/13)
Returns	20	(long: 100 PR by Keo, Idaho 9/22)



Statistics

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	GP	Tackles				Sacks		Pass Def		QBH	Fumbles		Blkd	
		Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp	FR-Yds		FF	Kick	Saf	
37 KUBE, Alex	11	49	62	111	0.5-1	.	.	3	.	1-0	1	.	.	
9 ALLEN, Josh	11	32	51	83	8.0-21	2.0-12	.	3	.	.	1	.	.	
24 PRUITT, Bradley	11	42	40	82	3.5-21	1.0-8	1-0	1	.	.	.	.	.
51 ENGLISH, Larry	11	26	38	64	16.0-81	9.5-69	.	2	3	1-0	1	.	.	
2 RICE, Melvin	8	31	30	61	3.5-7	.	.	6	.	.	.	.	.
8 REITER, Mark	10	31	27	58	0.5-1	.	1-22	.	.	.	.	.	.
26 HANSON, Cory	7	21	34	55	3.0-12	1.0-6	1-18	2	.	1-0	.	.	.	
42 TRANCHITELLA	11	22	31	53	7.0-9	.	2-9	5	.	1-0	.	.	.	
57 LARSEN, Zach	10	21	28	49	1.5-2	.	.	.	.	2-0	1	.	.
69 KRUTSCH, Alex	11	21	19	40	5.5-14	0.5-3	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
36 CARTER, Chase	11	21	18	39	0.5-0	.	2-120	5	.	.	.	.	.
56 BICE, Brandon	10	14	24	38	2.5-15	1.5-12	.	4	1	.	.	.	.
52 BROWN, Phil	10	23	14	37	1.0-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
27 WILLIAMSON, S.	7	11	18	29	.	.	.	1	.	1-0	1	.	.	
53 McCARTHY, Tim	3	4	12	16	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1 MASON, Anthony	11	5	8	13	0.5-1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
32 FONTANA, Jeff	11	4	7	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98 PIRKLE, D.J.	5	9	2	11	4.0-37	3.0-35	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.	
99 RUSCH, Craig	4	6	4	10	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58 KRAUSE, Mike	6	4	6	10	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54 COFFMAN, Jake	4	2	7	9	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
90 JACKSON, Ed	10	2	5	7	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
33 GEORGE, Patrick	11	5	2	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
63 HOLYCROSS, Zack	2	.	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
78 KELLER, Dan	10	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 CRIDER, Ricky	8	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80 COX, Landon	9	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
3 SPANN, Chad	10	2	3	5	0.5-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34 SKARB, Kyle	7	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
6 MATTHEW, Vince.	10	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 DITTBENNER, A.	11	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55 OWEN, Nolan	11	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25 NENDICK, Chris	11	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65 ONYEBUAGU, J.	11	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21 ANDERSON, J.	11	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23 IBARRA, Saul	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87 DAVIS, Brandon	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4 BRYANT, David	6	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88 BEAL, Brandon	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94 HOPKINS, John	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39 STEWART, Justin	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59 SKATRUD, Kevin	10	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96 BECKNER, Bryan	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13 ADONIS, Evans	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
50 ADAMSKI, Eddie	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47 CRUIKSHANK, J.	4	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
84 CLASEY, Tyler	4	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83 CUNNINGHAM, R.	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70 ACEVEDO, Chris	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
40 TSUTSUMI, Will.	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85 SIMON, Matt	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
Total.....	11	433	522	955	61-243	19-146	7-169	33	7	8-0	7	1	.	
Opponents.....	11	-	-	-	-	16-122	18-365	37	14	11-66	11	2	.	



Participation Chart

No.	Name	GP/GS	Iowa	SIU	EMU	Idaho	CMU	Temple	WMU	UW	UT	KSU	Navy	BSU
1	MASON, Anthony	11/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2	RICE, Melvin	8/8	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	-	-	-	LCB	LCB	-
3	SPANN, Chad	10/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-
4	BRYANT, David	6/0	-	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	-
5	PEREZ, Marcus	4/2	X	X	-	-	-	WR	WR	-	-	-	-	-
6	MATTHEW, Vincent	8/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	-	-	-
6	SCHIFFLER, Matt	3/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X
7	DAVIS, Britt	8/8	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	-	-	-	WR	WR	WR	WR
8	REITER, Mark	11/6	X	X	SS	SS	FS	X	FS	FS	FS	X	X	-
9	ALLEN, Josh	11/11	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB
11	LEWIS, Marcus	9/1	-	X	X	X	-	X	X	WR	X	X	X	X
13	ADONIS, Evans	11/1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	WR	X	X	X	X
15	MORRIS, Ryan	7/3	-	-	-	-	X	X	QB	QB	X	X	QB	-
17	TURNER, Greg	9/1	WR	X	X	X	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	-
18	DITTBENNER, Andy	11/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
19	NICHOLSON, Dan	9/9	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	-	QB	QB	QB	-	-
20	CLANTON, Montell	2/2	TB	TB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21	ANDERSON, Justin	11/9	X	X	TB	TB	TB	TB	TB	TB	TB	TB	TB	TB
22	PRIME, Cas	5/0	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	IBARRA, Saul	4/0	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24	PRUITT, Bradley	11/10	FS	FS	FS	FS	X	FS	LCB	LCB	LCB	FS	FS	FS
25	NENDICK, Chris	11/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
26	HANSON, Cory	7/6	X	-	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	-	-	-	-
27	WILLIAMSON, Spencer	7/0	X	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	-	X	-
28	CRIDER, Ricky	8/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
31	KNIGHT, Tyler	1/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-
32	FONTANA, Jeff	11/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
33	GEORGE, Patrick	11/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
34	SKARB, Kyle	7/0	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-
36	CARTER, Chase	11/11	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB
37	KUBE, Alex	11/9	SS	SS	X	X	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS
39	STEWART, Justin	10/0	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
40	TSUTSUMI, William	2/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X
42	TRANCHITELLA, John	11/8	WLB	WLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	X	X	WLB	X	WLB	-
44	KELLY, Tom	1/0	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	LEPPER, Mike	5/0	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	X	X	X	-
47	CRUIKSHANK, Jason	4/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	-
49	ANTONACCI, Anthony	3/0	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
50	ADAMSKI, Eddie	11/11	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
51	ENGLISH, Larry	11/11	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE
52	BROWN, Phil	10/2	-	X	X	X	LDE	X	X	X	X	WLB	X	-
53	MCCARTHY, Tim	2/2	MLB	MLB	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
54	COFFMAN, Jake	4/0	X	X	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	OWEN, Nolan	11/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
56	BICE, Brandon	10/10	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	-	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE
57	LARSEN, Zach	10/5	-	X	X	X	X	X	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB
58	KRAUSE, Mike	6/4	X	-	-	-	NG	NG	-	-	NG	NG	X	-
59	SKATRUD, Kevin	10/7	X	-	X	X	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG
60	BROST, Jon	11/11	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT
63	HOLYCROSS, Zack	2/0	-	-	X	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65	ONYEBUAGU, Jason	11/11	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG
66	HOLMES, Tony	7/0	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
69	KRUTSCH, Alex	11/10	NG	NG	NG	NG	DT	DT	DT	X	DT	DT	DT	DT
70	ACEVEDO, Chris	11/11	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT
77	MAYERBOCK, Tim	10/4	LG	LG	LG	LG	-	X	X	-	X	X	X	-
78	KELLER, Dan	10/1	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	RT	X	X	X	-
80	COX, Landon	9/0	-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	-	X	X	-
82	WILLIAMS, Preston	3/0	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-
83	CUNNINGHAM, Reed	6/4	TE	TE	-	-	TE	TE	-	-	X	X	-	-
84	CLASEY, Tyler	4/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	-
85	SIMON, Matt	11/10	X	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR
86	SIMS, Vernon	5/0	-	-	X	-	X	-	X	-	-	X	X	-
87	DAVIS, Brandon	9/6	TE	-	X	TE	X	TE	TE	X	TE	TE	-	-
88	BEAL, Brandon	9/1	X	X	-	X	-	X	X	X	X	X	TE	-
90	JACKSON, Ed	11/3	X	X	X	NT	X	X	X	NT	X	X	X	-
91	KORONKIEWICZ, David	2/2	-	-	TE	TE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
92	SCHROEDER, Adam	1/0	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
94	HOPKINS, John	3/0	-	-	-	X	-	X	X	-	-	-	-	-
96	BECKNER, Bryan	9/7	-	TE	TE	-	TE	X	TE	X	TE	TE	TE	-
98	PIRKLE, D.J.	5/2	-	-	-	X	-	X	NG	-	-	X	NG	-
99	RUSCH, Craig	3/3	DT	DT	DT	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

x-indicates played; letters indicate position started



Team Game-by-Game Stats

Game	Score	--1st Downs--		Rushing No-Yds-TD	-----Passing-----			Total Off. PI-Yds	Punts No-Avg	Fum No-L	Penalties No-Yds	3rd Downs	Time of Poss
		Total	R-P-Pen		C-A-I	Yds	TD						
NIU vs. Iowa	3 16	14 20	4-8-2 15-5-0	21-21-0 46-250-1	26-42-3 12-29-0	214 133	0 1	63-235 75-383	9-42.1 8-40.1	1-0 0-0	5-41 10-173	4/16 2/14	28:50 31:10
NIU vs. S. Illinois	31 34	24 19	7-15-2 6-12-1	42-207-2 37-102-0	21-27-3 21-33-0	223 238	2 3	69-430 70-340	2-48.5 4-45.8	2-2 1-1	2-25 4-57	7/11 3/14	29:38 30:22
NIU vs. E. Mich.	19 21	19 18	11-8-0 8-9-1	36-184-1 41-189-3	20-28-1 16-24-0	160 189	1 0	64-344 65-378	4-44.5 5-45.2	1-0 0-0	6-60 5-40	4/10 7/15	26:43 33:17
NIU @ Idaho	42 35	17 31	9-7-1 9-21-1	45-188-1 41-163-2	10-17-1 27-54-3	168 423	1 2	62-356 95-586	9-44.0 6-32.2	2-1 1-1	5-45 8-72	4/13 4/14	30:04 29:56
NIU @ C. Mich.	10 35	28 21	18-8-2 9-9-3	39-203-0 38-177-3	24-49-4 19-28-0	318 204	1 1	88-521 66-381	2-47.5 6-37.3	2-2 1-1	7-85 8-80	5/17 2/11	33:54 26:06
NIU @ Temple	15 16	16 17	9-5-2 9-8-0	36-146-2 41-150-0	13-28-0 18-33-1	113 202	0 0	64-259 74-352	7-44.0 6-37.0	3-2 3-1	8-73 12-127	3/13 10/19	25:38 34:22
NIU vs. W. Mich.	13 17	12 18	3-7-2 11-7-0	33-130-0 48-170-1	14-26-0 20-29-1	203 226	1 1	59-333 77-396	7-40.3 8-38.5	3-2 1-1	4-35 9-70	1/13 5/16	26:00 34:00
NIU @ Wisconsin	3 44	6 20	1-4-1 14-6-0	18-(-13)-0 55-331-4	12-25-2 12-20-1	112 100	0 1	43-99 75-431	8-44.6 1-52.0	0-0 0-0	6-40 4-35	2/12 10/17	20:23 39:37
NIU @ Toledo	21 70	14 35	6-8-0 12-20-3	32-177-2 59-382-6	13-27-1 26-33-0	175 430	1 4	59-352 92-812	7-45.0 1-46.0	3-2 2-2	5-27 2-20	3/11 11/14	23:03 36:57
NIU vs. Kent St.	27 20	28 25	15-13-0 13-8-4	54-235-1 39-204-1	21-29-2 21-42-1	275 159	2 1	83-510 81-363	2-53.0 5-39.8	1-1 1-1	6-70 3-15	7/15 4/14	33:49 26:11
NIU @ Navy	24 35	18 24	8-10-0 20-3-1	44-149-1 60-359-5	21-35-1 3-6-0	206 60	2 0	79-355 66-419	4-36.2 3-37.7	0-0 0-0	4-25 3-30	7/21 6/11	34:34 25:26
NIU vs. Ball St.													



Individual Game-by-Game Stats

RUSHING

No-Yds	Iowa	SIU	E. Mich.	Idaho	C. Mich.	Temple	W. Mich.	Wisconsin	Toledo	Kent St.	Navy	Ball St.
Anderson, Justin	3-3	21-78, TD	28-168, TD	35-167, TD	28-157	29-163, 2 TD	29-132	13-14	24-116, TD	19-98, TD	39-140, TD	
Bryant, David	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0	7-39	DNP	DNP	2-(-3)	6-54, TD	28-110	2-8	
Clanton, Montell	13-49	13-91	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Crider, Ricky	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-20	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Morris, Ryan	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0	3-(-12)	1-(-11)	1-(-7)	1-(-4)	0-0	2-(-4)	
Nicholson, Dan	5-(-31)	1-(-13)	4-(-5)	1-(-3)	3-(-1)	1-(-15)	DNP	2-(-17)	0-0	4-19	DNP	
Perez, Marcus	0-0	1-19	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-14	1-7	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Simon, Matt	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-12	1-5	
Spann, Chad	0-0	6-32	3-23	2-6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	DNP	
Turner, Greg	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0	1-11	0-0	0-0	

RECEIVING

No-Yds	Iowa	SIU	E. Mich.	Idaho	C. Mich.	Temple	W. Mich.	Wisconsin	Toledo	Kent St.	Navy	Ball St.
Anderson, Justin	5-27	8-87, 2 TD	6-45	1-3	3-13	1-(-3)	6-30	3-(-5)	1-3	4-27, TD	7-36	
Beal, Brandon	0-0	1-14	DNP	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-4	
Clanton, Montell	3-12	1-13	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Cox, Landon	DNP	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-7	0-0	0-0	1-12	DNP	0-0	0-0	
Crider, Ricky	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-9	0-0	0-0	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Cunningham, Reed	5-34	1-11	DNP	DNP	0-0	1-5	DNP	DNP	4-51	7-65, TD	0-0	
Davis, Brandon	2-8	DNP	1-7, TD	1-6	0-0	3-18	0-0	0-0	3-19	2-36	0-0	
Davis, Britt	6-75	2-16	5-30	1-2, TD	6-60	DNP	DNP	DNP	4-81, TD	3-43	2-23	
Koronkiewicz, David	DNP	DNP	0-0	1-15	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Lewis, Marcus	DNP	0-0	0-0	0-0	DNP	1-13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-29	
Perez, Marcus	0-0	2-16	DNP	DNP	DNP	5-63	1-10	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Simon, Matt	2-9	3-24	5-50	4-115, TD	9-205, TD	2-17	6-160, TD	4-86	1-21	4-96	5-100, 2 TD	
Turner, Greg	3-49	3-42	2-23	2-27	4-24	DNP	DNP	2-16	0-0	1-8	1-14	

PASSING

C-A, Yds	Iowa	SIU	E. Mich.	Idaho	C. Mich.	Temple	W. Mich.	Wisconsin	Toledo	Kent St.	Navy	Ball St.
Nicholson, Dan	26-42, 214	21-27, 223	20-28, 160	10-17, 168	21-41, 293	12-25, 101	DNP	9-17, 44	11-23, 155	21-28, 275	DNP	
		2 TD	TD	2 TD	TD				2 TD	2 TD		
Morris, Ryan	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	3-8, 25	1-3, 12	13-25, 144	3-8, 68	2-4, 20	0-0	21-35, 206	2 TD

PUNTING

No-Avg, In20	Iowa	SIU	E. Mich.	Idaho	C. Mich.	Temple	W. Mich.	Wisconsin	Toledo	Kent St.	Navy	Ball St.
Dittbenner, Andy	2-37.5, 1	2-48.5, 0	4-44.5, 1	8-47.8, 2	2-47.5, 0	7-44.0, 3	7-40.3, 0	8-44.6, 1	7-45.0, 4	2-53.0, 1	4-36.2, 2	
Nendick, Chris	7-43.4, 1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	

DEFENSE

Solo-Assst-Total	Iowa	SIU	E. Mich.	Idaho	C. Mich.	Temple	W. Mich.	Wisconsin	Toledo	Kent St.	Navy	Ball St.
Allen, Josh	1-4-5	3-6-9	2-8-10	2-3-5	4-5-9	2-3-5	1-3-4	4-4-8	8-7-15	3-6-9	2-2-4	
	TFL	TFL	0.5 TFL	PBU	2 TFL, 1 SK			TFL	TFL	2 TFL, SK		
Bice, Brandon	0-2-2	0-1-1	1-5-6	0-1-1	DNP	0-3-3	2-5-7, 0.5 TFL	3-0-3	2-1-3	2-6-8	4-0-4	
										2 TFL, 1.5 SK		
Brown, Phil	DNP	2-1-3	2-1-3	4-0-4	6-2-8, TFL	0-0-0	1-1-2	1-4-5	6-3-9	1-2-3	0-0-0	
Carter, Chase	2-2-4	3-1-4	1-2-3	1-1-2	0-1-1	1-3-4	3-2-5	1-1-2	4-1-5	3-3-6	2-1-3	
				INT, PBU		INT				0.5 TFL		
Coffman, Jake	0-0-0	0-2-2	0-4-4	2-1-3	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
English, Larry	2-0-2	3-4-7	1-7-8	7-5-12, FF, FR	1-1-2	1-3-4	4-3-7, 1.5 SK	2-0-2, TFL	5-5-10	0-9-9	0-1-1	
		SK, 2 TFL	0.5 TFL	5 SK, 5 TFL	SK, PBU	TFL	1.5 TFL		2.5 TFL	1.5 TFL, 0.5 SK		
Fontana, Jeff	0-1-1	0-2-2	0-2-2	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-1-1	1-0-1	1-0-1	0-1-1	0-0-0	
George, Patrick	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-1-2	2-0-2	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Hanson, Cory	2-2-4	DNP	3-8-11	5-5-10	3-3-6, FR	4-6-10	0-7-7	4-3-7	DNP	DNP	DNP	
		SK, 1.5 TFL	PBU			TFL	0.5 TFL	INT				
Holycross, Zack	DNP	DNP	0-4-4	DNP	0-1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Ibarra, Saul	0-1-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Jackson, Ed	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-2-2	DNP	DNP	1-2-3	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Krause, Mike	1-3-4	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1-1	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	2-0-2	1-1-2	0-1-1	
	TFL				0.5 TFL							
Keller, Dan	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-2	0-3-3	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Krutsch, Alex	0-2-2	0-1-1	0-1-1	1-1-2	4-2-6, TFL, FF	3-1-4, 2 TFL	3-1-4	0-1-1	3-3-6	0-5-5	7-1-8	
									2.5 TFL	TFL		
Kube, Alex	5-2-7	1-9-10	1-9-10	8-3-11	2-2-4	6-8-14	7-5-12	1-7-8	4-5-9	5-6-11	9-6-15	
	PBU	0.5 TFL					PBU					
Larsen, Zach	DNP	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-1-4	6-7-13	5-5-10	2-6-8	1-5-6, FR	4-4-8	
						FR	FF, 0.5 TFL		1.0 TFL			
Mason, Anthony	1-2-3	1-1-2	0-2-2	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1, 0.5 TFL	1-0-1	1-1-2	0-1-1	0-0-0	
Matthew, Vincent	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-1-1	DNP	0-1-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	
McCarthy, Tim	2-5-7	2-7-9	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
		TFL										
Pirkle, D.J.	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-1-2, PBU	DNP	2-1-3	4-0-4, SK	DNP	DNP	1-0-1	1-0-1	
						2 SK, 2 TFL	TFL			TFL, SK		
Pruitt, Bradley	3-2-5	3-8-11	1-6-7	1-2-3	4-2-6	6-3-9	5-1-6, SK	4-4-8	7-2-9	4-8-12	4-2-6	
		TFL		INT			TFL			0.5 TFL	TFL	
Skarb, Kyle	DNP	DNP	0-2-2	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	
Reiter, Mark	3-6-9	5-5-10	0-3-3	6-0-6	6-2-8	0-0-0	5-5-10, INT	5-4-9	1-2-3	0-0-0	0-0-0	
Rice, Melvin	2-8-10	3-4-7	3-2-5	1-3-4	4-3-7	8-4-12	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0-0	5-4-9	
		1.5 TFL	PBU	PBU	1.5 TFL							
Rusch, Craig	5-1-6	1-3-4	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
	TFL											
Tranchitella, John	2-8-10	2-3-5	4-7-11	2-1-3	1-5-6	1-1-2	1-3-4	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-1-3, TFL	7-1-8	
	1.5 TFL		0.5 TFL	2 TFL, INT	TFL					INT	TFL	
Williamson, Spencer	0-1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-1-3, FF	0-0-0	4-7-11	3-6-9, FR	0-0-0	1-3-4	



Team and Individual Highs/Lows

TEAM HIGHS

MOST POINTS

Northern Illinois 42, (9/22 at Idaho)
Opponent 70, (10/27 at Toledo)

MOST POINTS, QUARTER

Northern Illinois 21, 2nd Q. (9/8 vs. SIU; 9/22 at Idaho)
Opponent 21, four times

MOST POINTS, HALF

Northern Illinois 35, 1st half (9/22 at Idaho)
Opponent 42, 1st half (10/27 at Toledo)

MOST FIRST DOWNS

Northern Illinois 28, (9/29 at CMU; 11/10 vs. KSU)
Opponent 35, (10/27 at Toledo)

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Northern Illinois 235, (11/10 vs. Kent State)
Opponent 382, (10/27 at Toledo)

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

Northern Illinois 54, (11/10 vs. Kent State)
Opponent 60, (11/17 at Navy)

MOST PASSING YARDS

Northern Illinois 318, (9/29 at Central Michigan)
Opponent 430, (10/27 at Toledo)

MOST PASS ATTEMPTS

Northern Illinois 49, (9/29 at Central Michigan)
Opponent 54, (9/22 at Idaho)

MOST PASS COMPLETIONS

Northern Illinois 26, (9/1 vs. Iowa)
Opponent 27, (9/22 at Idaho)

MOST SACKS (BY DEFENSE)

Northern Illinois 5, (9/22 at Idaho)
Opponent 3, (9/1 vs. Iowa; 10/20 at Wisconsin)

MOST TOTAL NET YARDS

Northern Illinois 521, (9/29 at Central Michigan)
Opponent 812, (10/27 at Toledo)

MOST PENALTIES (No.-Yds.)

Northern Illinois 8-73, (10/6 at Temple)
Opponent 12-127, (10/6 at Temple)

MOST TIME OF POSSESSION

Northern Illinois 34:34, (11/17 at Navy)
Opponent 39:37, (10/20 at Wisconsin)

TEAM LOWS

FEWEST POINTS

Northern Illinois 3, (9/1 Iowa; 10/20 Wisconsin)
Opponent 16, (9/1 vs. Iowa; 10/6 at Temple)

FEWEST POINTS, HALF

Northern Illinois 0, four times
Opponent 0, 2nd half (9/29 at CMU)

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS

Northern Illinois 6, (10/20 at Wisconsin)
Opponent 19, (9/8 vs. Southern Illinois)

FEWEST YARDS RUSHING

Northern Illinois -13, (10/20 at Wisconsin)
Opponent 102, (9/8 vs. Southern Illinois)

FEWEST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

Northern Illinois 21, (9/1 vs. Iowa)
Opponent 37, (9/8 vs. Southern Illinois)

FEWEST PASSING YARDS

Northern Illinois 112, (10/20 at Wisconsin)
Opponent 60, (11/17 at Navy)

FEWEST PASS ATTEMPTS

Northern Illinois 17, (9/22 at Idaho)
Opponent 6, (11/17 at Navy)

FEWEST PASS COMPLETIONS

Northern Illinois 10, (9/22 at Idaho)
Opponent 3, (11/17 at Navy)

FEWEST SACKS (BY DEFENSE)

Northern Illinois 0, (three times)
Opponent 0, (10/27 at Toledo; 11/10 vs. KSU)

FEWEST TOTAL NET YARDS

Northern Illinois 99, (10/20 at Wisconsin)
Opponent 340, (9/8 vs. Southern Illinois)

FEWEST PENALTIES (No.-Yds.)

Northern Illinois 2-25, (9/8 vs. Southern Illinois)
Opponent 2-20, (10/27 at Toledo)

LEAST TIME OF POSSESSION

Northern Illinois 20:23, (10/20 at Wisconsin)
Opponent 25:26, (11/17 at Navy)

INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

NIU: 168, Justin Anderson (9/15 vs. EMU)
Opponent: 172, P.J. Hill (10/20 at Wisconsin)

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

NIU: 39, Justin Anderson (11/17 at Navy)
Opponent: 27, Mark Bonds (10/13 vs. W. Michigan)

MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

NIU: 2, Justin Anderson (10/6 at Temple)
Opponent: 3, Zerbin Singleton (11/17 at Navy)

MOST YARDS PASSING

NIU: 293, Dan Nicholson (9/29 at CMU)
Opponent: 423, Nathan Enderle (9/22 at Idaho)

MOST PASS ATTEMPTS

NIU: 42, Dan Nicholson (9/1 vs. Iowa)
Opponent: 54, Nathan Enderle (9/22 at Idaho)

MOST PASS COMPLETIONS

NIU: 26, Dan Nicholson (9/1 vs. Iowa)
Opponent: 27, Nathan Enderle (9/22 at Idaho)

HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

NIU: 77.8 (21-27), Nicholson (9/1 vs. Iowa)
Opponent: 78.6 (22-28), Opelt (10/27 at Toledo)

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES

NIU: 2, Nicholson (3x), Morris (11/17 at Navy)
Opponent: 4, Aaron Opelt (10/27 at Toledo)

MOST RECEPTIONS

NIU: 9, Matt Simon (9/29 at CMU)
Opponent: 7, twice

MOST RECEIVING YARDS

NIU: 205, Matt Simon (9/29 at CMU)
Opponent: 145, Nick Moore (10/27 at Toledo)

MOST TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

NIU: 2, Anderson (9/8), Simon (11/17)
Opponent: 3, Nick Moore (10/27 at Toledo)

MOST TOUCHDOWNS

NIU: 3, Justin Anderson (9/8 vs. SIU)
Opponent: 3, three times

MOST SACKS

NIU: 5, Larry English (9/22 at Idaho)
Opponent: 2, Mitch King (9/1 vs. Iowa)

MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS

NIU: 5.0, Larry English (9/22 at Idaho)
Opponent: 3.0, Mitch King (9/1 vs. Iowa)

MOST INTERCEPTIONS

NIU: 1, seven times
Opponent: 2, Brandon Williams (9/8 vs. SIU)



The Last Time It Happened . . .

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

NIU Returned a Kickoff for a Touchdown...

Michael Turner (93 yards) vs. Wake Forest (8-29-02)

NIU Returned a Punt for a Touchdown...

Dan Sheldon (73 yards) vs. Akron (10-2-04)

NIU Returned an Interception for a Touchdown...

Chase Carter (95 yards) at Idaho (9-22-07)

NIU Returned a Fumble for a Touchdown...

Larry English (recovered in endzone) at Idaho (9-22-07)

NIU Scored a Safety...

Kursten Strothman (tackled QB in end zone) at Maryland (9-4-04)

NIU Non-QB Threw for a Touchdown...

Marcus Perez (59 yards to Matt Simon) vs. Western Michigan (10-14-07)

NIU Blocked a Punt...

Matt Simon at Idaho (9-22-07)

NIU Blocked a Punt for a Touchdown...

Matt Simon (block) / Jeff Fontana (recovered in endzone) at Idaho (9-22-07)

NIU Blocked a Field Goal...

Quince Holman at Northwestern (9-10-05)

NIU Blocked a PAT Kick...

Team vs. TCU, Poinsettia Bowl (12-19-06)

NIU Converted a Fake FG for a Touchdown...

Jimmy Erwin (8-yard rush) vs. Central Michigan (10-19-02)

NIU Missed a PAT Kick (not blocked)...

Chris Nendick at Temple (10-6-07)

NIU Shut Out an Opponent...

at Eastern Michigan, 27-0 (11-24-06)

NIU Successfully Converted a Two-Point Attempt...

Garrett Wolfe (run) at Miami (Ohio) (10-8-06)

An NIU Player Passed for 300 or More Yards...

Phil Horvath (486) at Akron (9-24-05) - NIU RECORD

An NIU Player Passed for 400 or More Yards...

Phil Horvath (486) at Akron (9-24-05) - NIU RECORD

An NIU Player Rushed for 100 or More Yards...

Justin Anderson (140) at Navy (11-17-07)

An NIU Player Rushed for 200 or More Yards...

Garrett Wolfe (203) vs. Central Michigan (11-17-06)

An NIU Player Had a Rush of 60 Yards or Longer...

Garrett Wolfe (75) at Ball State (9-30-06)

Two NIU Players Rushed for 100 Yards...

Garrett Wolfe (110), Adrian Davis (104) vs. Akron (10-2-04)

An NIU Player Had 10 or More Receptions...

Sam Hurd (12) at Central Michigan (11-5-05)

An NIU Player Had 100 or More Receiving Yards...

Matt Simon (100) at Navy (11-17-07)

An NIU Player Had 200 or More Receiving Yards...

Matt Simon (205) at Central Michigan (9-29-07)

An NIU Player Had 100 Rushing and 100 Receiving Yards...

Garrett Wolfe (171 rushing/114 receiving) at Ohio State (9-2-06)

An NIU Player Had Two or More Touchdowns Receiving...

Matt Simon (2) at Navy (11-17-07)

An NIU Player Scored Three or More Touchdowns...

Justin Anderson (3 total; 2 rush and 1 rec.) vs. Southern Illinois (9-9-07)

OPPONENTS

An NIU Opponent Returned a Kickoff for a Touchdown...

Antonio Brown (90 yards) of Central Michigan (9-29-07)

An NIU Opponent Returned a Punt for a Touchdown...

Keo Shiloh (100 yards) of Idaho (9-22-07)

An NIU Opponent Returned an Interception for a Touchdown...

Larry Luster (55) and Brandon Williams (52) of Southern Illinois (9-9-07)

An NIU Opponent Returned a Fumble for a Touchdown...

Terran Knighton (66 yards) of Temple (10-6-07)

An NIU Opponent Scored a Safety...

Eastern Michigan (NIU QB tackled in end zone) (10-15-05)

An NIU Opponent Blocked a Punt...

Ellis Hobbs of Iowa State (9-18-04)

An NIU Opponent Blocked a Punt for a Touchdown...

Ellis Hobbs (block) / LaMarcus Hicks (recovered ball in end zone) of Iowa State (9-18-04)

An NIU Opponent Blocked a Field Goal...

T.J. Lang of Eastern Michigan (9-15-07)

An NIU Opponent Blocked a PAT Kick...

Jones Wright of Iowa State (9-18-04)

An NIU Opponent Missed a PAT Kick (not blocked)...

Austin Signor of Iowa (9-1-07)

An NIU Opponent Shut Out the Huskies...

Iowa 24, Northern Illinois 0 (9-18-99)

An NIU Opponent Passed for 300 or More Yards...

Aaron Opelt (387) of Toledo (10-27-07)

An NIU Opponent Passed for 400 or More Yards...

Nathan Enderle (423) of Idaho (9-22-07)

An NIU Opponent Rushed for 100 or More Yards...

Jarod Bryant (139) and Zerbin Singleton (101) of Navy (11-17-07)

An NIU Opponent Rushed for 200 or More Yards...

Tyrell Sutton (214) of Northwestern (9-10-05)

An NIU Opponent Had a Rush of 60 Yards or Longer...

Eugene Jarvis (67) of Kent State (11-10-07)

Two or More Opposing Players Rush for 100 Yards...

Jarod Bryant (139) and Zerbin Singleton (101) of Navy (11-17-07)

An NIU Opponent Had 10 or More Receptions...

Justin Harper (11) of Central Michigan (11-5-05)

An NIU Opponent Had 100 or More Receiving Yards...

Nick Moore (145) of Toledo (10-27-07)

An NIU Opponent Had 200 or More Receiving Yards...

Travis Shelton (204) of Temple (10-21-06)



2007 NIU Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School)
1	Anthony Mason	DB	5-11	185	So.-RS	TR	Hopkins Park, IL (Bishop McNamara/Valparaiso)
2	Melvin Rice	CB	5-10	192	Jr.	2L	Chicago, IL (Morgan Park)
3	Chad Spann	RB	5-10	189	Fr.	HS	Indianapolis, IN (North Central)
3	Kyle Wideman	LB	6-1	212	Fr.	HS	Schaumburg, IL (Schaumburg)
4	David Bryant	RB	5-10	202	So.-RS	1L	St. Louis, MO (Ladue Horton Watkins)
4	Brandon Venson	WR	6-1	206	Fr.	HS	Glendale Heights, IL (Glenbard West)
5	Marcus Perez	WR	5-11	178	Jr.	2L	Elkhart, IN (Central)
5	John Kremer	DB	5-11	180	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Oswego, IL (Oswego)
6	Vincent Matthew	CB	5-10	182	Jr.-RS	3Sq	Miami, FL (Palmetto)
6	Connor Flahive	LB	6-0	240	Fr.-RS	HS	Niles, IL (Notre Dame)
6	Matt Schiffler	TB	5-9	199	So.-RS	2Sq	LaGrange Park, IL (Nazareth Academy)
7	Britt Davis	WR	6-2	205	Jr.	2L	Broadview, IL (Riverside-Brookfield)
8	Mark Reiter	SS	6-1	203	Sr.	3L	New Lenox, IL (Providence)
8	Matt Muckerheide	WR	5-10	173	Fr.-RS	HS	Naperville, IL (North)
9	Josh Allen	LB	5-11	211	Jr.	2L	North Chicago, IL (North Chicago)
9	Nick Kamenjarin	LB	6-0	209	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Chicago, IL (New Prairie)
9	Paul Blalock	QB	6-0	222	So.-RS	TR	Aurora, IL (Waubansie Valley/Illinois)
10	Willie Clark	WR	6-1	192	Fr.	HS	Roselle, IL (Lake Park)
11	Marcus Lewis	WR	6-2	205	So.	1L	Gurnee, IL (Warren)
12	Chandler Harnish	QB	6-3	211	Fr.	HS	Bluffton, IN (Norwell)
13	Evans Adonis	WR	6-0	170	Jr.	1L	Miami, FL (Southwest)
14	Tony Roby	DB	5-8	188	So.	HS	Chicago, IL (King College Prep)
15	Ryan Morris	QB	6-2	199	So.-RS	2Sq	Carol Stream, IL (West Chicago)
16	Boone Thorgesen	S	6-0	184	Fr.	HS	Elburn, IL (Kaneland)
17	Greg Turner	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	2L	Glendale Heights, IL (Driscoll)
18	Andy Dittbenner	P	6-1	194	Jr.	2L	Bloomington, IL (Normal University)
19	Dan Nicholson	QB	6-2	192	Jr.	2L	Chicago, IL (Brother Rice)
19	Mike Salerno	K/P	6-0	165	So.-RS	TR	Orland Park, IL (Sandburg/Winona State)
20	Montell Clanton	TB	5-9	185	Jr.	2L	Rockford, IL (Guilford)
21	Justin Anderson	TB	5-11	222	So.-RS	1L	Chicago, IL (Steinmetz)
22	Cas Prime	TB	6-1	213	Sr.	2L	Janesville, WI (Parker)
23	Saul Ibarra	LB	5-11	214	Sr.	2L	Elmwood Park, IL (St. Patrick)
24	Bradley Pruitt	DB	6-1	187	Jr.	2L	Chicago, IL (Hyde Park)
25	Chris Nendick	PK	5-11	180	Sr.	3L	Naperville, IL (Central)
26	Cory Hanson	LB	6-1	209	So.-RS	1L	Minneapolis, MN (De La Salle)
27	Spencer Williamson	SS	6-2	205	So.-RS	1L	Elkhart, IN (Central)
28	Ricky Crider	TB	5-9	180	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Evansville, IN (Reitz)
29	DeMarcus Grady	QB	6-1	196	Fr.	HS	Grand Rapids, MI (East Grand Rapids)
29	Pat Schiller	LB	6-2	218	Fr.	HS	Geneva, IL (Geneva)
30	James Jefferies	CB	5-9	180	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Chicago, IL (Mount Carmel)
31	Tyler Knight	WR	6-1	191	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Park Ridge, IL (Maine South)
32	Jeff Fontana	FS	5-11	195	So.-RS	1L	Libertyville, IL (Libertyville)
33	Patrick George	DB	5-11	180	Fr.	HS	Chicago, IL (Gordon Tech)
34	Kyle Skarb	LB	6-0	214	Fr.	HS	Hawthorn Woods, IL (Lake Zurich)
35	Alan Smith	RB	5-10	191	Fr.	HS	Naperville, IL (Neuqua Valley)
36	Chase Carter	DB	5-11	170	Jr.	JC	Wichita, KS (Wichita Heights/Coffeyville JC)
37	Alex Kube	SS	6-1	203	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Cary, IL (Cary-Grove)
38	Mike Sobol	SS	6-0	200	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Pevely, MO (Herculaneum)
39	Justin Stewart	FS	6-1	194	Fr.-RS	1Sq	O'Fallon, IL (Township)
40	William Tsutsumi	LB	6-1	193	Jr.	2Sq	Arlington Heights, IL (Prospect)
41	Tracy Wilson	DB	5-11	194	Fr.	HS	Harvey, IL (St. Francis DeSales)
42	John Tranchitella	LB	6-2	221	So.	1L	Addison, IL (Driscoll)
43	Andrew Trimmerman	PK	6-1	180	Fr.	HS	Geneseo, IL (Geneseo)
44	Tom Kelly	TE	6-3	253	Sr.	3Sq	Elgin, IL (Larkin)
44	David Pratt	DB	6-1	200	So.-RS	HS	Macomb, IL (Macomb)
45	Mike Lepper	LB	6-2	211	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Oak Lawn, IL (Richards)
46	Dan Hilbert	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	HS	Plainfield, IL (Plainfield South)



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47	Jason Cruikshank	LB	6-3	229	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Elk Grove, IL (Elk Grove)
48	Mike Kritikos	LB	6-2	222	So.-RS	1Sq	Addison, IL (Addison Trail)
49	Anthony Antonacci	DE	6-1	250	So.-RS	1L	Naperville, IL (Neuqua Valley)
50	Eddie Adamski	C	6-2	282	So.-RS	1L	Kildeer, IL (Carmel)
51	Larry English	DE	6-3	254	Jr.	2L	Aurora, IL (Marmion Academy)
52	Phil Brown	LB	5-11	222	So.-RS	1L	Chicago, IL (Morgan Park)
53	Tim McCarthy	LB	6-0	232	Jr.	2L	Neenah, WI (Neenah)
54	Jake Coffman	DE	6-3	240	Fr.-RS	1Sq	German Valley, IL (Forreston)
55	Nolan Owen	DS	6-0	215	Fr.	HS	Canyon Lake, CA (Temescal Canyon)
55	Pat McAvoy	LB	6-0	203	Fr.	HS	Cary, IL (St. Viator)
56	Brandon Bice	DE	6-3	254	So.-RS	2Sq	McCook, IL (Lyons Township)
57	Zach Larsen	LB	6-0	224	So.-RS	2Sq	Northfield, MN (Northfield)
58	Mike Krause	DL	6-3	264	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Germantown, WI (Germantown)
59	Kevin Skatrud	OT	6-6	316	So.-RS	1L	Brodhead, WI (Brodhead-Juda)
59	Ohene Wiafe/Ababio	OT	6-9	340	So.	HS	Bolingbrook, IL (Bolingbrook)
60	Jon Brost	OT	6-6	304	Jr.	2L	Maple Grove, MN (Maple Grove)
61	Panan Tense	OG	6-4	294	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Hillside, IL (Fenwick)
62	Trevor Olson	OL	6-6	278	Fr.	HS	Richfield, MN (Richfield)
63	Zack Holycross	DT	6-5	290	Sr.	3L	Georgetown, IL (Ridge-Farm)
64	Jake Wertz	OT	6-4	286	So.-RS	2Sq	Prairie View, IL (Stevenson)
65	Jason Onyebugu	OL	6-2	310	So.	1L	Indianapolis, IN (Warren Central)
66	Tony Holmes	OT	6-6	304	So.-RS	2Sq	Woodbury, MN (Senior)
67	Jon Ellison	C	6-5	270	Jr.-RS	3Sq	Rockford, IL (East)
68	Keith Otis	OL	6-4	308	Fr.	HS	Chicago, IL (Hubbard)
69	Alex Krutsch	DT	6-2	258	Jr.	2L	Schaumburg, IL (Schaumburg)
70	Chris Acevedo	OG	6-5	310	Sr.	1L	Lyons, IL (Curie)
71	Scott Wedige	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	HS	Elkhorn, WI (Elkhorn Area)
72	Joe Pawlak	OL	6-5	294	Fr.	HS	Grayslake, IL (Grayslake)
74	Adam Kiel	OL	6-6	295	Fr.	HS	Wentzville, MO (St. Dominic)
75	Ricardo Patton	DB	6-2	185	So.	TR	Boulder, CO (Boulder/Morehouse)
76	Nico Holmes	WR	6-0	184	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Woodbury, MN (Senior)
77	Eli Alafogainanis	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	HS	New Castle, IN (Chrysler)
77	Tim Mayerbock	OG	6-4	312	So.-RS	1L	Chicago, IL (St. Patrick)
78	Dan Keller	OG/DT	6-4	300	Jr.-RS	2Sq	Racine, WI (St. Catherines)
79	Ade AJose	WR	5-10	177	So.-RS	1Sq	Chicago, IL (Sullivan)
80	Landon Cox	WR	6-3	203	Fr.	HS	Calumet City, IL (Thornton Fractional North)
81	Nathan Palmer	WR	5-11	175	Fr.	HS	Elkhart, IN (Central)
82	Preston Williams	WR	5-11	173	So.-RS	2Sq	Urbana, IL (Urbana)
83	Reed Cunningham	TE	6-4	250	So.-RS	2Sq	Cambria, WI (Pardeeville)
84	Tyler Clasey	WR	6-1	189	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Champaign, IL (Centennial)
85	Matt Simon	WR	6-2	200	Jr.	2L	Farmington, MN (Farmington)
86	Vernon Sims	TE	6-5	266	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Rockford, IL (Boylan)
87	Brandon Davis	TE	6-4	262	Sr.	2L	Broadview, IL (Riverside-Brookfield)
88	Brandon Beal	TE	6-4	243	Jr.	2L	St. Louis, MO (Vianney)
88	Brett Eriksen	TE	6-4	233	Fr.	HS	Plainfield, IL (Plainfield South)
89	Ron Newcomb	DL	6-3	241	Fr.	HS	Wheatfield, IN (Mt. Carmel [Chicago])
90	Ed Jackson	DE	6-4	278	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Belleville, IL (Cahokia)
91	David Koronkiewicz	TE	6-3	259	Jr.	1L	Goshen, IN (Goshen)
92	Adam Schroeder	NT	6-5	280	Sr.	3L	Loves Park, IL (Boylan)
93	Shaun Wild	WR	6-1	200	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Brown Deer, WI (Brown Deer)
94	John Hopkins	DL	6-3	274	Fr.	HS	St. Louis, MO (Oakville)
96	Bryan Beckner	TE	6-4	255	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Bourbonnais, IL (Bishop McNamara)
97	Jack Marks	TE	6-5	222	Fr.	HS	Orland Park, IL (Marist)
98	D.J. Pirkle	DL	6-1	295	Fr.	HS	Frankfort, IL (Lincoln Way East)
99	Craig Rusch	DT	6-4	274	Jr.	2L	Hilbert, WI (Hilbert)

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70	Chris Acevedo	OG	6-5	310	Sr.	1L	Lyons, IL (Curie)
50	Eddie Adamski	C	6-2	282	So.-RS	1L	Kildeer, IL (Carmel)
13	Evans Adonis	WR	6-0	170	Jr.	1L	Miami, FL (Southwest)
79	Ade Ajose	WR	5-10	177	So.-RS	1Sq	Chicago, IL (Sullivan)
77	Eli Alafogainanis	OL	6-4	290	Fr.	HS	New Castle, IN (Chrysler)
9	Josh Allen	LB	5-11	211	Jr.	2L	North Chicago, IL (North Chicago)
21	Justin Anderson	TB	5-11	222	So.-RS	1L	Chicago, IL (Steinmetz)
49	Anthony Antonacci	DE	6-1	250	So.-RS	1L	Naperville, IL (Neuqua Valley)
88	Brandon Beal	TE	6-4	243	Jr.	2L	St. Louis, MO (Vianney)
96	Bryan Beckner	TE	6-4	255	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Bourbonnais, IL (Bishop McNamara)
56	Brandon Bice	DE	6-3	254	So.-RS	2Sq	McCook, IL (Lyons Township)
9	Paul Blalock	QB	6-0	222	So.-RS	TR	Aurora, IL (Waubansie Valley/Illinois)
60	Jon Brost	OT	6-6	304	Jr.	2L	Maple Grove, MN (Maple Grove)
52	Phil Brown	LB	5-11	222	So.-RS	1L	Chicago, IL (Morgan Park)
4	David Bryant	RB	5-10	202	So.-RS	1L	St. Louis, MO (Ladue Horton Watkins)
36	Chase Carter	DB	5-11	170	Jr.	JC	Wichita, KS (Wichita Heights/Coffeyville JC)
20	Montell Clanton	TB	5-9	185	Jr.	2L	Rockford, IL (Guilford)
10	Willie Clark	WR	6-1	192	Fr.	HS	Roselle, IL (Lake Park)
84	Tyler Clasey	WR	6-1	189	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Champaign, IL (Centennial)
54	Jake Coffman	DE	6-3	240	Fr.-RS	1Sq	German Valley, IL (Forreston)
80	Landon Cox	WR	6-3	203	Fr.	HS	Calumet City, IL (Thornton Fractional North)
28	Ricky Crider	TB	5-9	180	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Evansville, IN (Reitz)
47	Jason Cruikshank	LB	6-3	229	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Elk Grove, IL (Elk Grove)
83	Reed Cunningham	TE	6-4	250	So.-RS	2Sq	Cambria, WI (Pardeeville)
87	Brandon Davis	TE	6-4	262	Sr.	2L	Broadview, IL (Riverside-Brookfield)
7	Britt Davis	WR	6-2	205	Jr.	2L	Broadview, IL (Riverside-Brookfield)
18	Andy Dittbenner	P	6-1	194	Jr.	2L	Bloomington, IL (Normal University)
67	Jon Ellison	C	6-5	270	Jr.-RS	3Sq	Rockford, IL (East)
51	Larry English	DE	6-3	254	Jr.	2L	Aurora, IL (Marmion Academy)
88	Brett Eriksen	TE	6-4	233	Fr.	HS	Plainfield, IL (Plainfield South)
6	Connor Flahive	LB	6-0	240	Fr.-RS	HS	Niles, IL (Notre Dame)
32	Jeff Fontana	FS	5-11	195	So.-RS	1L	Libertyville, IL (Libertyville)
33	Patrick George	DB	5-11	180	Fr.	HS	Chicago, IL (Gordon Tech)
29	DeMarcus Grady	QB	6-1	196	Fr.	HS	Grand Rapids, MI (East Grand Rapids)
26	Cory Hanson	LB	6-1	209	So.-RS	1L	Minneapolis, MN (De La Salle)
12	Chandler Harnish	QB	6-3	211	Fr.	HS	Bluffton, IN (Norwell)
46	Dan Hilbert	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	HS	Plainfield, IL (Plainfield South)
76	Nico Holmes	WR	6-0	184	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Woodbury, MN (Senior)
66	Tony Holmes	OT	6-6	304	So.-RS	2Sq	Woodbury, MN (Senior)
63	Zack Holycross	DT	6-5	290	Sr.	3L	Georgetown, IL (Ridge-Farm)
94	John Hopkins	DL	6-3	274	Fr.	HS	St. Louis, MO (Oakville)
23	Saul Ibarra	LB	5-11	214	Sr.	2L	Elmwood Park, IL (St. Patrick)
90	Ed Jackson	DE	6-4	278	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Belleville, IL (Cahokia)
30	James Jefferies	CB	5-9	180	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Chicago, IL (Mount Carmel)
9	Nick Kamenjarin	LB	6-0	209	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Chicago, IL (New Prairie)
78	Dan Keller	OG/DT	6-4	300	Jr.-RS	2Sq	Racine, WI (St. Catherines)
44	Tom Kelly	TE	6-3	253	Sr.	3Sq	Elgin, IL (Larkin)
74	Adam Kiel	OL	6-6	295	Fr.	HS	Wentzville, MO (St. Dominic)
31	Tyler Knight	WR	6-1	191	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Park Ridge, IL (Maine South)
91	David Koronkiewicz	TE	6-3	259	Jr.	1L	Goshen, IN (Goshen)
58	Mike Krause	DL	6-3	264	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Germantown, WI (Germantown)
5	John Kremer	DB	5-11	180	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Oswego, IL (Oswego)
48	Mike Kritikos	LB	6-2	222	So.-RS	1Sq	Addison, IL (Addison Trail)
69	Alex Krutsch	DT	6-2	258	Jr.	2L	Schaumburg, IL (Schaumburg)
37	Alex Kube	SS	6-1	203	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Cary, IL (Cary-Grove)
57	Zach Larsen	LB	6-0	224	So.-RS	2Sq	Northfield, MN (Northfield)
45	Mike Lepper	LB	6-2	211	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Oak Lawn, IL (Richards)
11	Marcus Lewis	WR	6-2	205	So.	1L	Gurnee, IL (Warren)
97	Jack Marks	TE	6-5	222	Fr.	HS	Orland Park, IL (Marist)



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1	Anthony Mason	DB	5-11	185	So.-RS	TR	Hopkins Park, IL (Bishop McNamara/Valparaiso)
6	Vincent Matthew	CB	5-10	182	Jr.-RS	3Sq	Miami, FL (Palmetto)
77	Tim Mayerbock	OG	6-4	312	So.-RS	1L	Chicago, IL (St. Patrick)
55	Pat McAvoy	LB	6-0	203	Fr.	HS	Cary, IL (St. Viator)
53	Tim McCarthy	LB	6-0	232	Jr.	2L	Neenah, WI (Neenah)
15	Ryan Morris	QB	6-2	199	So.-RS	2Sq	Carol Stream, IL (West Chicago)
8	Matt Muckerheide	WR	5-10	173	Fr.-RS	HS	Naperville, IL (North)
25	Chris Nendick	PK	5-11	180	Sr.	3L	Naperville, IL (Central)
89	Ron Newcomb	DL	6-3	241	Fr.	HS	Wheatfield, IN (Mt. Carmel [Chicago])
19	Dan Nicholson	QB	6-2	192	Jr.	2L	Chicago, IL (Brother Rice)
62	Trevor Olson	OL	6-6	278	Fr.	HS	Richfield, MN (Richfield)
65	Jason Onyebuagu	OL	6-2	310	So.	1L	Indianapolis, IN (Warren Central)
68	Keith Otis	OL	6-4	308	Fr.	HS	Chicago, IL (Hubbard)
55	Nolan Owen	DS	6-0	215	Fr.	HS	Canyon Lake, CA (Temescal Canyon)
81	Nathan Palmer	WR	5-11	175	Fr.	HS	Elkhart, IN (Central)
75	Ricardo Patton	DB	6-2	185	So.	TR	Boulder, CO (Boulder/Morehouse)
72	Joe Pawlak	OL	6-5	294	Fr.	HS	Grayslake, IL (Grayslake)
5	Marcus Perez	WR	5-11	178	Jr.	2L	Elkhart, IN (Central)
98	D.J. Pirkle	DL	6-1	295	Fr.	HS	Frankfort, IL (Lincoln Way East)
44	David Pratt	DB	6-1	200	So.-RS	HS	Macomb, IL (Macomb)
22	Cas Prime	TB	6-1	213	Sr.	2L	Janesville, WI (Parker)
24	Bradley Pruitt	DB	6-1	187	Jr.	2L	Chicago, IL (Hyde Park)
8	Mark Reiter	SS	6-1	203	Sr.	3L	New Lenox, IL (Providence)
2	Melvin Rice	CB	5-10	192	Jr.	2L	Chicago, IL (Morgan Park)
14	Tony Roby	DB	5-8	188	So.	HS	Chicago, IL (King College Prep)
99	Craig Rusch	DT	6-4	274	Jr.	2L	Hilbert, WI (Hilbert)
19	Mike Salerno	K/P	6-0	165	So.-RS	TR	Orland Park, IL (Sandburg/Winona State)
6	Matt Schiffler	TB	5-9	199	So.-RS	2Sq	LaGrange Park, IL (Nazareth Academy)
29	Pat Schiller	LB	6-2	218	Fr.	HS	Geneva, IL (Geneva)
92	Adam Schroeder	NT	6-5	280	Sr.	3L	Loves Park, IL (Boylan)
85	Matt Simon	WR	6-2	200	Jr.	2L	Farmington, MN (Farmington)
86	Vernon Sims	TE	6-5	266	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Rockford, IL (Boylan)
34	Kyle Skarb	LB	6-0	214	Fr.	HS	Hawthorn Woods, IL (Lake Zurich)
59	Kevin Skatrud	OT	6-6	316	So.-RS	1L	Brodhead, WI (Brodhead-Juda)
35	Alan Smith	RB	5-10	191	Fr.	HS	Naperville, IL (Neuqua Valley)
38	Mike Sobol	SS	6-0	200	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Pevely, MO (Herculaneum)
3	Chad Spann	RB	5-10	189	Fr.	HS	Indianapolis, IN (North Central)
39	Justin Stewart	FS	6-1	194	Fr.-RS	1Sq	O'Fallon, IL (Township)
61	Panan Tense	OG	6-4	294	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Hillside, IL (Fenwick)
16	Boone Thorgesen	S	6-0	184	Fr.	HS	Elburn, IL (Kaneland)
42	John Tranchitella	LB	6-2	221	So.	1L	Addison, IL (Driscoll)
43	Andrew Trimmerman	PK	6-1	180	Fr.	HS	Geneseo, IL (Geneseo)
40	William Tsutsumi	LB	6-1	193	Jr.	2Sq	Arlington Heights, IL (Prospect)
17	Greg Turner	WR	6-0	190	Jr.	2L	Glendale Heights, IL (Driscoll)
4	Brandon Venson	WR	6-1	206	Fr.	HS	Glendale Heights, IL (Glenbard West)
71	Scott Wedige	OL	6-4	285	Fr.	HS	Elkhorn, WI (Elkhorn Area)
64	Jake Wertz	OT	6-4	286	So.-RS	2Sq	Prairie View, IL (Stevenson)
59	Ohene Wiafe'Ababio	OT	6-9	340	So.	HS	Bolingbrook, IL (Bolingbrook)
3	Kyle Wideman	LB	6-1	212	Fr.	HS	Schaumburg, IL (Schaumburg)
93	Shaun Wild	WR	6-1	200	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Brown Deer, WI (Brown Deer)
82	Preston Williams	WR	5-11	173	So.-RS	2Sq	Urbana, IL (Urbana)
27	Spencer Williamson	SS	6-2	205	So.-RS	1L	Elkhart, IN (Central)
41	Tracy Wilson	DB	5-11	194	Fr.	HS	Harvey, IL (St. Francis DeSales)

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OFFENSE

WR	7	Britt Davis	6-2, 205, Jr.
	17	Greg Turner	6-0, 190, Jr.
TE	96	Bryan Beckner	6-4, 255, Fr.-R
OR	83	Reed Cunningham	6-4, 250, So.
LT	70	Chris Acevedo	6-5, 310, Sr.
	66	Tony Holmes	6-6, 304, So.
LG	59	Kevin Skatrud	6-6, 316, So.
	77	Tim Mayerbock	6-4, 312, So.
C	50	Eddie Adamski	6-2, 282, So.
	65	Jason Onyebuagu	6-2, 310, So.
RG	65	Jason Onyebuagu	6-2, 310, So.
	77	Tim Mayerbock	6-4, 312, So.
RT	60	Jon Brost	6-6, 304, Jr.
	59	Kevin Skatrud	6-6, 316, So.
WR	85	Matt Simon	6-2, 200, Jr.
	11	Marcus Lewis	6-2, 205, So.
TE	87	Brandon Davis	6-4, 262, Sr.
OR	88	Brandon Beal	6-4, 243, Jr.
QB	19	Dan Nicholson	6-2, 192, Jr.
OR	15	Ryan Morris	6-2, 199, So.
TB	21	Justin Anderson	5-11, 222, So.
	4	David Bryant	5-10, 202, So.

DEFENSE

LE	56	Brandon Bice	6-3, 254, So.
	47	Jason Cruikshank	6-3, 229, Fr.-R
NG	98	D.J. Pirkle	6-1, 295, Fr.
	58	Mike Krause	6-3, 264, Fr.-R
	90	Ed Jackson	6-4, 278, Fr.-R
T	69	Alex Krutsch	6-2, 258, Jr.
	78	Dan Keller	6-4, 300, Jr.
RE	51	Larry English	6-3, 254, Jr.
	45	Mike Lepper	6-2, 211, Fr.-R
SLB	9	Josh Allen	5-11, 211, Jr.
	52	Phil Brown	5-11, 222, So.
MLB	57	Zach Larsen	6-0, 224, So.
	52	Phil Brown	5-11, 222, So.
WLB	42	John Tranchitella	6-2, 221, So.
	40	William Tsutsumi	6-1, 193, Jr.
LCB	24	Bradley Pruitt	6-1, 187, Jr.
	33	Patrick George	5-11, 180, Fr.
SS	37	Alex Kube	6-1, 203, Fr.-R
	8	Mark Reiter	6-1, 203, Sr.
FS	27	Spencer Williamson	6-2, 205, So.
	8	Mark Reiter	6-1, 203, Sr.
RCB	36	Chase Carter	5-11, 170, Jr.
	1	Anthony Mason	5-11, 185, So.

SPECIALISTS

K	25	Chris Nendick	5-11, 180, Sr.
P	18	Andy Dittbenner	6-1, 194, Jr.
	25	Chris Nendick	5-11, 180, Sr.
DS	55	Nolan Owen	6-0, 215, Fr.
HO	17	Greg Turner	6-0, 190, Jr.
	85	Matt Simon	6-2, 200, Jr.
KOR	13	Evans Adonis	6-0, 170, Jr.
	33	Patrick George	5-11, 180, Fr.
PR	85	Matt Simon	6-2, 200, Jr.
	17	Greg Turner	6-0, 190, Jr.

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Chris Acevedo	ahs-ah-VAY-doh	Kevin Skatrud	SCAT-rude
Eddie Adamski	uh-DAM-skee	Chad Spann	rhymes with ran
Anthony Antonacci	AN-tah-NOTCH-ee	Panan Tense	PAY-nan TEN-say
Jon Brost	BROH-st	Boone Thorgesen	THOR-geh-sin
Tyler Clasey	CLAY-see	William Tsutsumi	Suit-sue-me
Saul Ibarra	EYE-berra	John Tranchitella	TRAN-cha-tell-ah
Adam Kiel	Keel	Scott Wedige	WED-ij
David Koronkiewicz	KORN-uh-KEH-vich		
Alex Kube	KOO-bah	Coaching Staff	
Tim Mayerbock	MAY-er-BOCK	Chris Beatty	BAY-tee
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