



2007 Northern Illinois Huskies vs. Wisconsin Badgers

Oct. 20, 2007 – 11 a.m. (CDT) – Big Ten Network
Madison, Wisc. – Camp Randall Stadium (80,321)

ON THE ROAD AGAIN: Northern Illinois (1-6, 0-4 MAC) goes on the road for the fourth time in the last five weeks to take on Big Ten foe Wisconsin (5-2, 2-2 Big Ten) in Madison.

NON-LEAGUE SLATE: Since re-joining the Mid-American Conference in 1997, NIU is 14-24 in non-conference games, including a 2-2 mark in its 2006 non-league contests. The Huskies are 1-2 in its three non-conference games so far this year with this game at Wisconsin and a Nov. 17 meeting at Navy still on the schedule. Northern's non-conference opponents since '97 have included Ohio State, Kansas State, N.C. State, Northwestern, Auburn, Maryland, Michigan, Wisconsin, Alabama and Wake Forest.

RECORD ON THE ROAD: Under Joe Novak, Northern Illinois is 25-40 in road contests over the last 11 years, with 18 of those 25 victories recorded since the beginning of the 2002 season. NIU's road opponents have included nearly all of those listed above. The Huskies compiled a 3-3 record on the road in each of the last two seasons.

TAKING ON THE BIG TEN: Northern Illinois has become well-acquainted with teams from the Big Ten over the years, having played 31 games against nine different teams from the league, most recently Iowa in the 2007 season-opener (a 16-3 loss). NIU has played Wisconsin more than any other Big Ten team (10 times) with its lone win over a Big Ten squad a 19-17 victory over the Badgers in

1988. Northern also earned a 16-16 tie at Northwestern in 1987. The Huskies will face two Big Ten opponents for the third straight year in 2007 after playing at Iowa and Ohio State in 2006, and Michigan and Northwestern two years ago. The Huskies have never met Purdue or Michigan State.

NOVAK'S NUMBERS: NIU Head Coach Joe Novak enters his 12th season at the helm of the Huskie program as the dean of Mid-American Conference coaches. Novak, who ranks second all-time at NIU in games coached (134) and is third in victories (62), took over sole possession of ninth place on the MAC career wins list with 61 (his first win came before NIU re-joined the league). His 46 league victories are tied for 10th all-time.

HOMECOMING HEARTBREAK: Playing without starting QB Dan Nicholson and two of its top receivers, Northern Illinois could muster just one touchdown against Western Michigan as the Huskies dropped a 17-13 Homecoming decision to the Broncos in DeKalb. NIU got 132 rushing yards from Justin Anderson and Matt Simon collected 160 receiving yards, 59 on a TD pass from receiver Marcus Perez, but the Huskies were shut out in the second half and fell for the third straight game. Northern's defense again played well, giving up only two short touchdown drives (42 and 40 yards).

BADGERS 'N DOGS: Wisconsin has been the Huskies' most frequent Big Ten opponent

Series Recap

Overall..... Wisconsin leads 9-1
In DeKalb..... N/A
In Madison..... Wisconsin leads 9-1
First Meeting UW 31, NIU 0
..... Sept. 11, 1971
Last Meeting UW 24, NIU 21
..... Sept. 14, 2002

as Saturday's game marks the 11th meeting between the schools. NIU defeated the Badgers in 1988, 19-17, to notch its lone Big Ten victory. The teams met for the first time in 1971, and played five times in the '80s. Just four points have separated the teams in the two meetings since the Huskies' 1988 victory with the Badgers claiming an 18-17 win in 1992 and a 24-21 decision in 2002.

THE LAST MEETING: Wisconsin QB Brooks Bollinger scored on a two-yard run with 1:21 on the clock to give the No. 18 Badgers a come-from-behind 24-21 victory over an NIU team which dominated every statistical category except the scoreboard. Northern Illinois got 160 yards rushing and two TDs from Michael Turner, 161 receiving yards on eight catches from Sam Hurd, three field goals from Steve Azar and sacked Bollinger 10 times. The Huskies out-gained UW 455-275 and had a 182-68 rushing edge. NIU had gone ahead with 5:55 left on a one-yard Turner run but Wisconsin benefited from three critical penalties called on the Huskies during their game-winning drive.

CHEESE-HEADS: The 2007 Northern Illinois football roster features players nine players from Wisconsin, although only four of those are currently seeing playing time for the Huskies, and two of those four did not play last week due to injury. As the "cheese-heads" head for home this weekend, Brodhead's Kevin Skatrud is the lone Wisconsin-ite in the NIU starting line-up with Racine defensive tackle (who started the season on the offensive line) Dan Keller also seeing playing time. TE Reed Cunningham (Cambria) may be ready to return, while the status of NG Mike Krause (Germantown) is more questionable due to a staph infection. Freshman Scott Wedige (Elkhorn) is expected to redshirt. LB Tim McCarthy (Neenah) and DT Craig Rusch (Hilbert)

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)	11 am
Oct. 27	at Toledo*	6 pm
Nov. 10	KENT STATE* (Comcast SN)	3 pm
Nov. 17	at Navy (CSTV)	2:30 pm
Nov. 24	BALL STATE* (Comcast SN)	3 pm

*MAC Game; ^Homecoming; All Times Central.

HUSKIE FACTS

2007 Record	1-6
2007 MAC Record	0-4
Head Coach	Joe Novak
Alma Mater/Year	Miami (OH) 1967
Record at NIU/Year	62-72/12th
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



were starters for NIU before going down with injuries with senior RB Cas Prime (Janesville) also sidelined.

NATIVE SON: NIU first-year offensive coordinator Roy Wittke is another Wisconsin native returning "home" for this weekend's game. A native of Racine who graduated from William Horlick High School and Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Wittke spent 12 seasons at Eastern Illinois (where he coached Tony Romo) before moving on to Arkansas (2003-05) and Arizona State (2006) before joining the Huskies last winter.

HITTING THE AIRWAVES: With the addition of the Wisconsin game to the Big Ten Network schedule, a total of 10 NIU football games are scheduled to air on television this year; NIU has appeared on national television 14 times since 2004, with 34 total games broadcast. Earlier this season, the Eastern and Central Michigan games were selected as the ESPN Plus MAC Game of the Week and were also picked up by ESPN GamePlan. ESPN aired the season-opener against Iowa, and the syndicated telecast of the Idaho contest also was available through ESPN GamePlan. Northern Illinois' Nov. 17 tilt at Navy will be shown on CSTV, and four NIU home games will be seen on Comcast SportsNet Chicago.

INJURY MONSTER: The rash of injuries that have hit Northern Illinois in 2007 can't be attributed to a simple "bug." To date, 13 starters have missed at least one full game due to injury. In addition, 20 different players listed on the depth chart have lost at least one game to injury, with 16 of those spending multiple games on the sideline. Eight players - NG Adam Schroeder (shoulder surgery), TB Montell Clanton, DT Craig Rusch and DE Anthony Antonacci (all rt. knees), LB Saul Ibarra (ankle), RB Cas Prime (knee), TE David Koronkiewicz (elbow) and DE Jake Coffman (foot) - have been sidelined for the season. Starting MLB Tim McCarthy (rt. knee) will miss significant time and possibly the season. Last week, the Huskies were without WRs Britt Davis (hamstring) and Greg Turner (shoulder) for the second straight game, while starting QB Dan Nicholson did not play due to a sprained ankle.

D-LINE D-MOLISHED: The Huskies have lost seven players on the defensive line to injury this season with freshman D.J. Pirkle, who made his first start last week in relief of the re-injured Mike Krause, the latest added to the list. Pirkle's current status is doubtful for Wisconsin with a shoulder injury. Craig Rusch, Anthony Antonacci, Adam Schroeder, Zach Holycross, Krause, Jake Coffman and Brandon

Bice have all missed at least one game, with Rusch, Antonacci, Schroeder and Coffman done for the season. Wisconsin native Dan Keller was moved from offensive to defensive line. Four freshmen have played on the defensive line in 2007, with Pirkle, Ed Jackson (RS Fr.) and Krause (RS Fr.) all starting games.

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 six 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 this season. 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.

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 - sat out the Western Michigan game due to injury, leaving defensive end Larry English to carry the captain's mantle.

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. Three seniors - NG Adam Schroeder, LB Sal Ibarra and RB Cas Prime - are among those out for the season due to injury.



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 62-72 as a head coach. Novak has led the Huskies to a school-record seven consecutive Football Bowl Championship Subdivision winning seasons, along with post-season appearances in each of the last three years. Northern Illinois has won or shared the MAC West title in four of the last six years. Novak ranks ninth among MAC coaches all-time in victories (61) and is tied for 10th in league wins (46). 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 the Big Ten Network (check local listings to see if it is on your cable system). Wayne Larrivee is on the play-by-play call, while Charles Davis handles the color analysis.

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.



35/8/16: Thirty-five different players now have started games for NIU in 2007 as only eight - four on offense and four on defense - have started every game this season. In addition, 16 players have made their first career appearance in the starting line-up, most recently freshman NG D.J. Pirkle, LB Zach Larsen and QB Ryan Morris last week versus Western Michigan. The eight "survivors" (seven-game starters) so far this year include LB Josh Allen, CB Chase Carter, DE Larry English and NT Alex Krutsch on defense and four linemen on offense: C Eddie Adamski, T Jon Brost, T Chris Acevedo and G Jason Onyebuagu.

SECOND-HALF SOLUTIONS: After being shut-out in the second half for the third time this season last week, Northern Illinois continues to search for second-half solutions. Only 32 of NIU's 133 points this season (24 percent) have been scored in the second half with 17 third-quarter and 15 final period points. NIU did not score in the second half versus WMU, CMU and Iowa and has been blanked in the fourth quarter five times.

JUST-IN TIME?: Sophomore Justin Anderson continues to thrive in the featured tailback role for the Huskies. Since taking over as the starter versus Eastern Michigan, Anderson has recorded FIVE consecutive 100-plus yard rushing games and is averaging 157.4 yards per game with four 150-plus yard outings. Anderson has provided a bright spot for the NIU offense with his rushing and receiving. A look at his last five games and season total:

Opp.	Rushes	Yards	Avg.	TDs
EMU	28	168	6.0	1
Idaho	35	167	4.8	1
CMU	28	157	5.6	0
Temple	29	163	5.6	2
WMU	29	132	4.6	0
5-GAMES	149	787	5.3	4
SEASON	173	868	5.0	5

FOUR FOR FOUR: Anderson - NOT heralded Heisman candidates Michael Hart (Michigan), Ray Rice (Rutgers), Darren McFadden (Arkansas) or P.J. Hill (Wisconsin) is the ONLY running back in the country who can claim four of the Top 75 rushing days in the NCAA FBS this year as his outings rank 53rd, 58th, 64th and 75th on the list. Each of those games has occurred since he assumed the No. 1 tailback role when Montell Clanton went down with a season-ending knee injury versus SIU. Anderson now ranks ninth nationally in rushing with 124.0 yards per game. His five-game "starting" average of 157.4 yards would lead the country as he follows in the footsteps of Huskie greats Michael Turner (now with the San Diego Chargers) and Garrett Wolfe (Bears).

CATCH AS CAN: Anderson has proven to be equally as effective catching the ball as he ranks second on the Huskie team in catches (30) and receiving yards (202) after making six grabs in the WMU game. Anderson has caught five or more passes in four games this season and has at least one catch in every game. 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. With 30 catches through seven games, Anderson is on pace to catch 51 passes, which would surpass the NIU single-season record for catches by a running back of 43, set by Jack Dean in 1963.

A FINE LINE: The Huskies' offensive line, led by the play of junior tackle Jon Brost and sophomore center Eddie Adamski, has earned kudos from the NIU coaching staff and led Justin Anderson to his rushing success while allowing only 11 sacks on the season. Brost, who Novak says has returned to his 2005 form, and Adamski, the 2006 Freshman All-American, have allowed only one sack between them this season. Brost, has been on the field for every single offensive snap for the Huskies this season and leads all players on the current team with 30 career starts.

RELIEF PITCHER: Quarterback Ryan Morris, a former walk-on, performed admirably in a relief role for Northern Illinois last week. Morris completed 13-of-25 passes for 144 yards in his first career start and was 8-of-15 for 85 yards in the second half. More importantly, Morris recorded the first interception-free game by NIU in 14 outings and over a year, since the 2006 Ball State game (Sept. 30).

SACK MASTER: Huskie defensive end Larry English continues to pile up the sacks and tackles for loss as the Aurora, Ill. junior tallied 1.5 sacks in the WMU game to up his season and career totals to 8.5 and 21.5, respectively. English ranks tied for first in the MAC and fourth in the country in sacks with 1.21 per game. His five sacks versus Idaho remains the top single-game performance by any FBS defender this season and he ranks fourth in the country among active FBS players in career sacks while his per-game average of .67 sacks per game is second.

CLIMBING THE CHARTS: English continues to climb the Northern Illinois' career lists as the junior now needs only two sacks to take over second place on the Huskies' all-time list. Cary Caliendo (31 sacks) is the NIU record-holder, while Scott Kellar has 23 and English 21.5. English also has at least one tackle for loss in each of NIU's last six games to move into seventh place on that career list with 34.

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 and see the MAC Football Media Guide for a complete schedule.

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	Badgers
19.0	Points/G	27.7
16 (6-7)	TDs (Rush-Pass)	24 (13-11)
130	First Downs	153
354.0	Total Offense/G	416.0
154.1	Rush Yards/G	177.0
199.9	Pass Yards/G	239.0
21	Turnovers Lost	12
29:01	Time of Possession/G	33:10
30%	3rd Down Conversions	48%
32.9	Net Punting Avg.	33.1
16.6	Kickoff Return Avg.	19.8
11.1	Punt Return Avg.	8.0
37-52.0	Penalties-Yards/G	43-45.4
24.9	Points/G Allowed	25.9
23 (10-8)	TDs Allowed (Rush-Pass)	22 (11-11)
144	First Downs Allowed	135
402.3	Total Yards/G Allowed	378.6
171.6	Rush Yards/G Allowed	162.6
230.7	Pass Yards/G Allowed	216.0
32%	Third Down Conv. % Allowed	39%
10	Turnovers Gained	5

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.
- 8 Straight seasons with a 1,000-yard rusher for Northern Illinois entering 2007, tied for the longest streak in the nation.
- 8 Number of players who have started every game for the Huskies so far this season.
- 15 Consecutive completions for Dan Nicholson versus SIU, a school record.
- 66 Percent of players on the 2007 NIU roster from Illinois (78 of 113).
- 90 Plays logged by NIU defensive end Larry English in the Idaho game (out of 95 total defensive plays).
- 157.4 Rushing average for NIU TB Justin Anderson as a starter, a number that would lead the nation.
- 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 MAC and NIU records for a home game.

2007 UW SCHEDULE

Sept. 1	WASHINGTON STATE	W, 42-21
Sept. 8	at UNLV	W, 20-13
Sept. 15	THE CITADEL	W, 45-31
Sept. 22	IOWA*	W, 17-13
Sept. 29	MICHIGAN STATE*	W, 37-34
Oct. 6	at Illinois*	L, 31-26
Oct. 13	at Penn State*	L, 38-7
Oct. 20	NORTHERN ILLINOIS	11 a.m.
Oct. 27	INDIANA*	11 a.m.
Nov. 3	at Ohio State*	TBA
Nov. 10	MICHIGAN*	TBA
Nov. 17	at Minnesota*	TBA

*All Times Central. *Big Ten game.*

DOMINATING DAY: Defensive end Larry English was too much for the Idaho offense as the junior from Aurora sacked Vandals' QB Nathan Enderle five times to break the school single-game record he established last year (4.5 versus Temple). English also was credited with five quarterback pressures and a career-high 12 tackles in that game. On one play, he forced the Idaho QB to fumble into the endzone, where English recovered for his first career touchdown. Despite playing 90 of the Huskies' 95 defensive plays, he made a game-saving sack on the final play of the game to preserve 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.

ENDURANCE: According to Northern Illinois' coaches, English has been on the field for an amazing 518 of 534 defensive plays (97 percent) this season, including 90 of 96 snaps versus Idaho, every defensive down of the Temple and Eastern Michigan contests and 79 of 80 plays last week. With seven defensive linemen sidelined by injury so far in 2007, English's presence and performance is even more critical as he and tackle Alex Krutsch are playing alongside as many as five freshmen on the D-line.

DEFENSIVE DOINGS: The Northern Illinois defense has played withstood injury and inexperience (only one senior plays) to move to the top of the Mid-American Conference rankings in both pass efficiency defense and scoring defense. Huskie opponents have a passing efficiency of just 123.91 with a 57.8 percent completion percentage and eight passing TDs on the season. NIU is allowing opponents 24.86 points per game but has given up 21 or fewer points four times in Huskie losses. In its last two outings, Northern Illinois has given up just 16 and 17 points to Temple and Western Michigan, respectively.

BADGERS' FACTS

2007 Record	5-2
2007 Big Ten Record	2-2
Head Coach	Bret Bielema
Alma Mater/Year	Iowa 1992
Record at UW/Year	17-3/2nd
Career Record/Year	Same
Location	Madison, Wisc.
Enrollment	41,169
Conference	Big Ten
Colors	Cardinal and White
Stadium	Camp Randall Stadium
Surface/Capacity	FieldTurf/80,321
President	John Wiley
Athletic Director	Barry Alvarez
Ticket Information	(608) 262-1440 or (800)-462-2343

EVERY WHICH WAY: While Northern Illinois' defense has given up only 18 TDs on the season, NIU opponents have reached the end zone 23 times. In addition to the 10 rushing and eight passing scores, Huskie opponents have scored on a punt return (Idaho), a kick-off return (Central Michigan), a pair of interception returns (SIU) and a fumble recovery and return (Temple).

PICKOFF PLAYS: Senior Mark Reiter added Northern Illinois' fifth interception of 2007 last week as the Huskies are just two pick-offs away from equalling their 2006 season total in that category. Newcomer Chase Carter leads the way with two INTs and 120 of the team's 142 return yards. 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).

DEFLECTION SECTION: With 26 pass break-ups by nine different defenders in 2007, Northern Illinois is already threatening its 2006 total of 30 PBUs. CB Melvin Rice leads the way in the deflection section with five break-ups, while LB John Tranchitella and DE Brandon Blce have four PBU's each. The Huskies tipped a season-high eight passes at Idaho with Tranchitella getting his hands on three passes and adding his first interception of 2007.

SIMON SAYS...CATCH!: Matt Simon continues his breakthrough season as the junior recorded his third 100-yard receiving day of the season versus Western Michigan with six grabs for 160 yards and a 59-yard touchdown catch. Simon has two 59-yard TD catches and a 92-yard effort on the year. He leads NIU, and ranks 26th nationally in receiving yards with 580, while his 31 catches and 18.7-yard average also lead NIU. The



junior has caught at least one pass in every Huskie game this season.

BIG DAY: Simon's 92-yard touchdown was the highlight of a career-best and team season-high nine-catch, 205-yard effort versus Central Michigan. The Minnesota junior, who was coming off of his first career 100-yard receiving game at Idaho with four grabs for 115 yards, recorded just the sixth 200-yard receiving day in NIU history, and the first since Sam Hurd set a school record with 266 yards on 12 catches versus CMU in 2005.

SIMON SAYS...BLOCK!: NIU wide receiver Matt Simon tallied the first punt block of his Huskie career versus Idaho. The block was recovered by Jeff Fontana in the end zone to give Northern a 28-7 lead. Northern Illinois tallied four blocked kicks a year ago, including a blocked punt versus Western Michigan and three blocks in the bowl game versus TCU. Simon, who plays on several of the Huskies' special teams, ranks second on the team in all-purpose yards with 670, nearly 100 per game.

DIALING LONG DISTANCE: NIU quarterback Dan Nicholson and receiver Matt Simon hooked up on a 92-yard pass play versus Central Michigan which now ranks as the third-longest completion in the country (FBS) this season. The play also ranks on the Huskie charts as the fourth-longest touchdown pass ever and was the longest pass play for NIU since Sept. 30, 2000, when Dan Urban connected with Justin McCareins on a school-record 99-yard score versus Ball State.

CATCHING ON: With six catches at Central Michigan, Britt Davis moved into ninth place on Northern Illinois' all-time receptions list as he now has 119 catches for 1,355 yards. Davis passed the 100-catch mark versus Iowa in just his 25th career game, the earliest an NIU player has reached 100 catches. Already the NIU record-holder for catches as a freshman (42) and as a sophomore (57), Davis has caught at least one pass in 25 of his last 26 games played, but has missed the Huskies' last two games with a strained hamstring.

RETURNING RECEIVER: With two of the Huskies top three receivers -- Britt Davis and Greg Turner -- out of the line-up the last two weeks, the unit was buoyed by the return of junior Marcus Perez, who recorded his best day of the year with five catches for 63 yards at Temple. Perez totaled 168 all-purpose yards on the day as he added 14 yards rushing on a reverse, an 18-yard punt return and 73 yards on three kickoff returns. He completed the "cycle" last week in the West-

ern Michigan game by throwing his SECOND career touchdown pass as he hit a wide-open Matt Simon with a 59-yard bomb. Perez also had a TD pass versus Southern Illinois in his freshman year of 2004.

SCORING MARKS: Northern Illinois kicker Chris Nendick has scored at least one point in every game of his Huskie career, a school-record 44 straight contests, and now ranks third all-time at NIU in scoring with 308 total points. Nendick ranks second all-time in kick scoring, 62 points behind leader Steve Azar (2000-03). He is second in career field goals made with 53 and in field goal attempts (73). The Naperville product ranks fourth in the NCAA among active kickers in career PATs made (149) and attempted (153) and is fifth in scoring. He needs to make three extra points and attempt six to become NIU's all-time leader in those categories.

HOTTEST STREAK: Dan Nicholson quietly set a school record for most consecutive pass completions during the SIU game when he hit 15 straight while leading the Huskies to their four touchdown drives. He broke the record set by Phil Horvath, who completed 13 consecutive throws versus Akron on Sept. 24, 2005. Nicholson's streak began on the Huskies' first drive of the second quarter and continued until he missed Britt Davis on a deep pass in the third period.

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.

CAREER YEAR: In his third season as NIU's punter, Andy Dittbenner is enjoying the best year of his career; he currently ranks 14th na-

On the Career Charts

Where current Huskies rank in the NIU record books.

CAREER SCORING

1. 370 Steve Azar (2000-03)
2. 344 Garrett Wolfe (2004-present)
3. 308 Chris Nendick (2004-present)

CAREER KICK SCORING

1. 370 Steve Azar (2000-03)
2. 308 Chris Nendick (2004-present)

CAREER PATS MADE

1. 151 Steve Azar (2000-03)
2. 149 Chris Nendick (2004-present)

CAREER PATS ATTEMPTED

1. 158 Steve Azar (2000-03)
2. 153 Chris Nendick (2004-present)

CAREER FIELD GOALS MADE

1. 73 Steve Azar (2000-03)
2. 53 Chris Nendick (2004-present)

CAREER FIELD GOAL ATTEMPTS

1. 92 Steve Azar (2000-03)
2. 73 Chris Nendick (2004-present)

CAREER RECEPTIONS

1. 204 Justin McCareins (1997-2000)
2. 183 Hugh Rohrschneider (1960-63)
3. 179 P.J. Fleck (1999-2003)
4. 148 Dave Petzke (1977-78)
5. 143 Deon Mitchell (1995-98)
6. 143 Sam Hurd (2002-05)
7. 142 Gary Stearns (1960-63)
8. 138 John Spilis (1966-68)
9. 119 Britt Davis (2005-present)

CAREER QUARTERBACK SACKS

1. 31 Cary Caliendo (1987-90)
2. 23 Scott Kellar (1982-84)
3. 21.5 Larry English (2004-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 Max Gill (1979-82)
7. 34 Larry English (2004-present)

CAREER PUNTS

1. 257 Kent Baker (1996-99)
2. 255 Todd Van Keppel (1981-84)
3. 229 Jim Hannula (1977-80)
4. 228 Tom Wittum (1969-71)
5. 205 Jamie Dobay (1992-95)
6. 180 Jim Gilbert (1972-74)
7. 167 Jimmy Erwin (2000-02)
8. 152 Dave Jensen (1989-91)
9. 141 Andy Dittbenner (2005-)



HONORS & AWARDS

Larry English, DE, Junior

Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List
Bronko Nagurski Trophy 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

RANKINGS REPORT

Team Rankings

	Avg.....NCAA/MAC
Rushing Offense	154.14.....65/6
Passing Offense	199.86.....87/10
Total Offense	354.00.....83/8
Scoring Offense	19.00.....110/13
Rushing Defense	171.57.....83/4
Pass Eff. Defense	123.91.....60/1
Total Defense	402.29.....77/5
Scoring Defense	24.86.....54/1
Net Punting	32.88.....91/8
Punt Returns	11.07.....38/5
Kickoff Returns	16.56.....119/13
Turnover Margin	-1.57.....113/13
Pass Defense	230.71.....67/10
Passing Efficiency	112.74.....92/11
Sacks	2.00.....T55/4
Sacks Allowed	1.57.....42/4

Individual Player Rankings

	Player.....Rank (Avg.)
Rushing	Justin Anderson.....9 (124.00)
Pass Eff.	Dan Nicholson.....79 (115.09)
Passing Yds.	Dan Nicholson.....T68 (1,159)
Pass Yds./G	Dan Nicholson.....66 (193.17)
Total Offense	Dan Nicholson.....82 (181.83)
Rcvg. Yds.	Matt Simon.....26 (580)
Rcvg Yds./G	Matt Simon.....38 (82.86)
Punting	Andy Dittbenner.....14 (44.28)
Field Goals	Chris Nendick.....T54 (1.14)
All-Purpose	Justin Anderson.....24 (152.86)
Sacks	Larry English.....4 (1.21)
TFLs	Larry English.....T11 (1.57)
Tackles	Alex Kube.....39 (9.71)

Looking Ahead...

Northern Illinois plays its fifth road game in the past four weeks when the Huskies travel to Toledo for an Oct. 27 night contest in the Glass Bowl. The Rockets (2-5, 0-3) play host to Ohio this weekend. Following that contest, NIU will enjoy its lone open date of 2007.

tionally with a punting average of 44.3 and seven of his 32 punts downed inside the 20. Dittbenner's current average ranks only fifth in the league as MAC punters dominate the top of the national charts. The Northern Illinois record for single season punting average is 41.78 yards and Dittbenner's current number would blow that mark away.

HANG TIME: Dittbenner also is moving up the Huskie career punting charts for punts and punting yards while also ranking on the punting average list. His 141 punts are ninth-most in Huskie history while his 5,585 punting yards are eighth. Dittbenner's current punting average of 39.6 would rank fourth on the NIU career lists.

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).

WORTH NOTING: The 35 points surrendered by Northern Illinois in the first half at Central Michigan were the most since Kansas State scored 59 points in the opening half on Sept. 12, 1998 in Manhattan. In addition, NIU's six turnovers (four INTs, two fumbles) were the most by a Huskie team in 101 games, since a 16-3 loss to Toledo on Oct. 31, 1998 when Northern Illinois committed seven turnovers. Finally, NIU's 521 yards of total offense in that game was the 15th-highest total in school history and marked the fifth time in school history, that the Huskies gained 500 or more yards in a game and lost.

RECORD-SETTER: The season-opening GEICO Soldier Field Showdown between NIU and Iowa (Sept. 1) set new attendance marks for both Northern Illinois and the Mid-American Conference with a sell-out crowd of 61,500 packing the lakefront facility. NIU's previous record home crowd occurred on Oct. 18, 2003, when 28,211 people came to Huskie Stadium for a contest versus Western Michigan. The previous largest home crowd in league history was recorded Oct. 27, 2001 when Toledo played Navy in front of 36,852 at the Glass Bowl.

OLD SCHOOL: Although it was broadcast on-line, the NIU-Temple game marked the first time in 21 games - 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. During that 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.

TV TOTALS: In 40 seasons of televised games, Northern Illinois is 51-53-1 all-time on television, including a 29-23 mark since the start of the 2001 season. All 13 Huskie games were aired a year ago; NIU went 5-4 in its nine television appearances in 2005 and posted an impressive 8-2 mark on TV in 2004. The Iowa game on ESPNU was the 26th ESPN Network broadcast all-time for Northern Illinois, with six ESPN airings last year.

SELECT COMPANY: Northern Illinois looks to extend its streak of non-losing seasons to eight in 2007 as the Huskies have posted a winning mark every year since 2000 and still have a chance to avoid their first losing campaign this decade. NIU is one of only 18 FBS schools in the country to post six straight winning seasons, and entered 2007 with the longest current string of winning campaigns in the Mid-American Conference. The seven straight winning seasons is also a modern-day school record.

HUSKIE DEBUTANTES: Nineteen different players have made their Huskie debuts in 2007, including nine 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 now all seen playing time this year. The redshirt rookies are Alex Kube, Ed Jackson, Mike Lepper, Bryan Beckner, Ricky Crider, Justin Stewart, Jake Coffman, Mike Krause and Vernon Sims with Kube (S), Jackson (DT), Pirkle (NG), Beckner (TE) and Krause (NG) all starting at least one game.

HOME-GROWN: The 2007 Northern Illinois roster includes 75 players from the state of Illinois and 61 from the Chicagoland area, the highest concentrations of any NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) school in the state. In all, 66 percent of NIU's 2007 football players hail from the Land of Lincoln. A quick glance at the rosters of Northwestern and Illinois show the Wildcats with 26 in-state products, 18 from Chicago, while the Fighting Illini roster lists 50 home grown players and 30 from the area.



Huskies To Watch

50 EDDIE ADAMSKI, C

6-2, 286, So.-R
Kildeer, Ill./Carmel

▶ Started all 19 of his career games played at center and makes all the line calls. Played every play of the season through the first six games and is NIU's leader and best pass protector according to coaches. Has not allowed a sack this season.

▶ 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).

▶ 2006 Scripps All-American by the Football Writers Association of America. Honorable Mention Freshman All-America by *The Sporting News*.

21 JUSTIN ANDERSON, TB

5-11, 213, So.-R
Chicago, Ill./Steinmetz

▶ The only player to record four of the NCAA FBS top 75 rushing game totals this season (#53, 58, 64, and 75), ranking ahead of Arkansas' Darren McFadden, Michigan's Mike Hart, Rutgers' Ray Rice and Wisconsin's P.J. Hill, who each have two.

▶ Ranks second in the MAC and ninth nationally in rushing (124.0 yards per game). No. 6 in the MAC in all-purpose yards (152.9 yards per game) and is tied for 13th in scoring (6.0 points per game) and receptions per game (4.29).

▶ Rushed for 130-plus yards in each of his five starts this season and owns a seven-game reception streak. Averaging 155.0 rushing yards per game in four MAC contests this season.

▶ Recorded a career-high two rushing touchdowns, including a 39-yard fourth quarter score that put NIU ahead, at Temple (10-6).

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	7/5	173	868	5.0	5	52	124.0
Career	18/5	198	985	5.0	6	52	54.7

Receiving

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Yds/Gm
2006	11/0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
2007	7/5	30	202	6.7	2	23	28.9
Career	18/5	30	202	6.7	2	23	28.9

ANDERSON'S CAREER GAME HIGHS

Rushing

Attempts: 35, at Idaho, 9-22-07

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, Jr.
Maple Grove, Minn./Maple Grove

▶ Leads team in career starts (30) and tops offensive linemen in games played (32). Did not allow a sack until game seven (Western Michigan on 10/14) and has played every play to date.

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

▶ Earned a season-best 87 percent grade and had no miss assignments at Central Michigan (9/29). Graded out at 82 percent at Idaho (9/22) and was awarded a "winners" jersey by coaches, a rare feat for an offensive lineman.

▶ Earned 2006 Academic All-MAC selection and was a third team Freshman All-America in 2005.

87 BRANDON DAVIS, TE

6-4, 268, Sr.
Broadview, Ill./Riverside-Brookfield

▶ Has at least one reception in 13 of his last 15 games played, including the first four contests this season (missed the SIU game with a knee).

▶ Totaled a season-best three receptions at Temple (10-6). Caught first touchdown pass of 2007 vs. Eastern Michigan (9/15) to bring the Huskies within two points with 4:20 remaining in the game.

▶ Underwent knee surgery last winter and continues to rehab while playing limited plays.

▶ Older brother of Huskie wide receiver Britt Davis.

BRANDON DAVIS' CAREER RECEIVING STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Yds/Gm
2005	12/0	3	48	16.0	2	40	4.0
2006	13/9	23	243	10.6	2	26	18.7
2007	6/3	7	39	5.6	1	9	6.5
Career	31/12	33	330	10.0	5	40	10.6

BRANDON DAVIS' CAREER GAME HIGHS

Catches: 4, twice, last vs. Iowa, 10-28-06

Yards: 61, vs. Ball State, 9-30-06

Touchdowns: 1, five times, last vs. Eastern Michigan, 9-15-07

Long Gain: 40, vs. Akron, 9-24-05



Huskies To Watch

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BRITT DAVIS, WR

6-2, 205, Jr.

Broadview, Ill./Riverside-Brookfield

► Ranks ninth on NIU's career receptions list (20 from moving into eighth) and was the fastest Huskie in history to reach 100 career receptions by achieving that mark in his 26th career game.

► Caught a pass in 28 of his 30 career games, including all five contests in 2007. Missed the first game of his career Saturday at Temple (10-6) after recording a 22-game consecutive starts streak.

► Led all receivers with six catches for 75 yards vs. Iowa (9/1) and matched his season-high with six receptions at Central Michigan (9/29).

► Set NIU sophomore record with 57 receptions and holds school's freshman mark with 42 catches. Team captain and younger brother of Huskie tight end Brandon Davis.

BRITT DAVIS' CAREER STATISTICS**Receiving**

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Yds/Gm
2005	12/9	42	441	10.5	3	38	36.8
2006	13/13	57	731	12.8	3	41	56.2
2007	5/5	20	183	9.1	1	21	36.6
Career	30/27	119	1,355	11.4	7	41	45.2

Kickoff Returns

Year	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg
2005	0	0	0.0	0	0
2006	18	321	17.8	0	39
2007	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	18	321	17.8	0	39

BRITT DAVIS' CAREER GAME HIGHS

Catches: 9, twice, last vs. Eastern Michigan, 11-24-06

Yards: 163, vs. Toledo, 11-7-06

Touchdowns: 1, seven times, last at Idaho, 9-22-07

Long Gain: 39, vs. Miami (Ohio), 10-8-06

Kick Returns: 3, three times, last vs. TCU (Poinsettia Bowl), 12-19-06

Long Kickoff Return: 39, vs. Miami (Ohio), 10-8-06

All-Purpose Yards: 199, vs. Toledo, 11-7-06

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LARRY ENGLISH, DE

6-3, 255, Jr.

Aurora, Ill./Marmion Academy

► Leads the MAC and ranks fourth nationally with 1.21 sacks per game. Ranks second in the MAC and tied for 11th nationally with 1.57 TFL per game. Owns 21.5 career sacks, placing him third on the NIU all-time list.

► Recorded a sack and/or TFL in each of the last six games. Tops all NIU defensive linemen with 42 tackles, more than double the second-highest total.

► 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.

► Member of the Rotary Lombardi Award and Bronko Nagurski 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	7/7	19	23	42	11-69	8.5-62	1/1	0/2
Career	32/29	89	86	175	34-185	21.5-144	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

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ALEX KUBE, SS

6-1, 203, R-Fr.

Cary, Ill./Cary-Grove

► Team's leading tackler with 68 stops and ranks sixth in the MAC and 39th nationally with 9.71 tackles per game.

► Set a career-high with 14 tackles at Temple (10/6), the highest total by a Huskie player this season. Owns five 10-plus tackle outings.

KUBE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	Solo	Assist	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sk.-Yds.	FF/FR	Int/PBU
2007	7/5	30	38	68	0.5-1	0-0	1/1	0/1
Career	7/5	30	38	68	0.5-1	0-0	1/1	0/1

KUBE'S CAREER GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 14, at Temple, 10-6-07

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

PBUs: 1, vs. Iowa, 9-1-07

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CHRIS NENDICK, K

5-11, 183, Sr.

Naperville, Ill./Central

► Owns a NIU-record 44-game scoring streak. Member of the Lou Groza Award Watch List. Hit a season-long 47 yard field goal vs. Eastern Michigan (9/15).

► Booted field goals in his first three games of 2007 and has recorded three of his six longest career field goals this season. Became the third Huskie in history to total 300 career points.

► Ranks eighth in the MAC in kick-scoring (5.3 points per game). His 149 career PATs are the fourth-highest active NCAA career total and his 53 career field goals are tied for fourth.

► Ranks second on NIU's career kick-scoring list (62 points from first place), second in field goals (21 from first) and PATs made (three from first) and attempted (six from first), and is third in scoring (36 points from second).



Huskies To Watch

NENDICK'S CAREER STATISTICS

Scoring

Year	GP	PAT	FG-A	Lg	Pts
2004	12	51-52	16-21	47	99
2005	12	50-50	9-13	52	77
2006	13	35-36	20-27	44	95
2007	7	13-15	8-12	47	37
Career	44	149-153	53-73	52	308

Field Goals

Year	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
2004	0-0	7-7	7-10	2-4	0-0
2005	0-0	4-4	2-4	2-4	1-1
2006	0-0	6-6	13-16	1-3	0-2
2007	0-0	4-6	1-1	3-4	0-1
Career	0-0	21-23	23-31	8-15	1-4

NENDICK'S CAREER GAME HIGHS

PATs: 8, vs. Western Michigan, 10-23-04

Field Goals: 5, vs. Temple, 10-21-06

Field Goal Attempts: 7, vs. Temple, 10-21-06

Points: 19, vs. Temple, 10-21-06

Long Field Goal: 52, vs. Akron (MAC Championship), 12-1-05

19 DAN NICHOLSON, QB
6-2, 196, Jr.
Chicago, Ill./Brother Rice

► Recorded the third-longest NCAA FBS pass completion of the year with his career-long 92-yard touchdown strike to Matt Simon at Central Michigan (9/29). Totaled a season-best 293 passing yards at CMU.

► Has thrown a touchdown pass in four of the his last five games played and in eight of his 11 career starts.

► Completed a school-record 15 consecutive pass attempts and finished 21-of-27 for 223 yards against Southern Illinois (9/8).

► Set career highs with 26 completions and 42 attempts while throwing for 214 yards against Iowa (9/1) and twice equaled his career high with two touchdown passes in a game this season.

NICHOLSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Passing

Year	G/GS	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Lg	Yds/Gm	Effic.
2005	6/3	59-95-2	62.1	831	6	79	138.5	152.2
2006	7/2	60-115-6	52.2	648	5	62	92.6	103.4
2007	6/6	110-180-10	61.1	1,159	6	92	193.2	115.1
Career	19/11	229-390-18	58.7	2,638	17	79	138.8	120.7

Total Offense

Year	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Yds.	YPG
2005	6	114	-89	831	742	123.7
2006	7	129	-52	648	596	85.1
2007	6	195	-68	1,159	1,091	181.8
Career	19	438	-209	2,638	2,429	127.8

NICHOLSON'S CAREER GAME HIGHS

Attempts: 42, vs. Iowa, 9-1-07

Completions: 26 vs. Iowa, 9-1-07

Yards: 320, vs. Central Michigan, 11-5-05

Touchdowns: 2, six times, last at Idaho, 9-22-07

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

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

► Caught a touchdown pass and totaled 100-plus yards in three of his last four outings.

► Leads NIU in receptions and receiving yards, ranks second in all-purpose yards (95.7 per game), and is second with three touchdowns. Ranks fifth in the MAC in receiving yards per game (82.9) and is tied for 11th with 4.43 receptions per contest.

► Racked up 205 receiving yards on nine catches (both career highs) at Central Michigan (9/29). Hauled in a 92-yard touchdown strike from Dan Nicholson for the second-longest NCAA FBS pass completion of 2007. His 205-yard performance ties for the 15th-highest NCAA FBS game total this season and the sixth 200-yard receiving game in NIU history.

► Totaled 320 receiving yards and two of his three career touchdown receptions over a two-week span (9/22-9/29). Surpassed his 2006 receiving totals in five games in 2007.

► 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.

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	6/5	25	420	16.8	2	92	70.0
Career	27/9	45	734	16.3	3	92	27.2

SIMON'S CAREER GAME HIGHS

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

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

Touchdowns: 1, four times, last vs. Western Michigan, 10-14-07

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

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



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 off 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 Duclo 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: Duclo 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.

Wind: SSW 6 mph.

Time of Game: 3:03



Statistics

TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	OPP
SCORING	133	174
Points Per Game	19.0	24.9
FIRST DOWNS	130	144
Rushing	61	67
Passing	58	71
Penalty	11	6
RUSHING YARDAGE	1079	1201
Yards gained rushing	1240	1400
Yards lost rushing	161	199
Rushing Attempts	252	292
Average Per Rush	4.3	4.1
Average Per Game	154.1	171.6
TDs Rushing	6	10
PASSING YARDAGE	1399	1615
Att-Comp-Int	217-128-12	230-133-5
Average Per Pass	6.4	7.0
Average Per Catch	10.9	12.1
Average Per Game	199.9	230.7
TDs Passing	7	8
TOTAL OFFENSE	2478	2816
Total Plays	469	522
Average Per Play	5.3	5.4
Average Per Game	354.0	402.3
KICK RETURNS: #-YARDS	27-447	23-471
PUNT RETURNS: #-YARDS	14-155	25-320
INT RETURNS: #-YARDS	5-142	12-247
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	16.6	20.5
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	11.1	12.8
INT RETURN AVERAGE	28.4	20.6
FUMBLES-LOST	14-9	7-5
PENALTIES-YARDS	37-364	56-563
Average Per Game	52.0	80.4
PUNTS-YARDS	40-1735	43-1677
Average Per Punt	43.4	39.0
Net punt average	32.9	34.0
TIME OF POSSESSION/GAME	29:01	30:59
3RD-DOWN CONVERSIONS	28/93	33/103
3rd-Down Pct	30%	32%
4TH-DOWN CONVERSIONS	2/9	8/14
4th-Down Pct	22%	57%
SACKS BY-YARDS	14-107	11-94
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	16	23
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	8-12	5-10
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	2-2
RED-ZONE SCORES	11-20 55%	17-26 65%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	6-20 30%	12-26 46%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	13-15 87%	21-23 91%
ATTENDANCE	128751	51991
Games/Avg Per Game	4/32188	3/17330
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Total
Northern Illinois	41	60	17	15	133
Opponents	31	65	34	44	174

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
ANDERSON, J.	7	173	900	32	868	5.0	5	52	124.0
CLANTON, M.	2	26	148	8	140	5.4	1	59	70.0
SPANN, Chad	7	11	61	0	61	5.5	0	14	8.7
PEREZ, Marcus	5	3	40	0	40	13.3	0	19	8.0
BRYANT, David	2	7	41	2	39	5.6	0	13	19.5
CRIDER, Ricky	7	7	20	0	20	2.9	0	6	2.9
TURNER, Greg	5	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8	1.6
LARSEN, Zach	6	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	4	0.3
TEAM	3	4	0	8	-8	-2.0	0	0	-2.7
MORRIS, Ryan	3	4	0	23	-23	-5.8	0	0	-7.7
NICHOLSON, Dan	6	15	20	88	-68	-4.5	0	11	-11.3
Total.....	7	252	1240	161	1079	4.3	6	59	154.1
Opponents.....	7	292	1400	199	1201	4.1	10	68	171.6

PASSING	GP	Effic	C-A-I	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
NICHOLSON, Dan	6	115.09	110-180-10	61.1	1159	6	92	193.2
MORRIS, Ryan	3	78.34	17-36-2	47.2	181	0	27	60.3
PEREZ, Marcus	5	925.60	1-1-0	100.0	59	1	59	11.8
Total.....	7	112.73	128-217-12	59.0	1399	7	92	199.9
Opponents.....	7	123.94	133-230-5	57.8	1615	8	77	230.7

RECEIVING	GP	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
SIMON, Matt	7	31	580	18.7	3	92	82.9
ANDERSON, J.	7	30	202	6.7	2	23	28.9
DAVIS, Britt	5	20	183	9.1	1	21	36.6
TURNER, Greg	5	14	165	11.8	0	40	33.0
PEREZ, Marcus	5	8	89	11.1	0	22	17.8
CUNNINGHAM, R.	4	7	50	7.1	0	11	12.5
DAVIS, Brandon	6	7	39	5.6	1	9	6.5
CLANTON, M.	2	4	25	6.2	0	13	12.5
BEAL, Brandon	5	2	17	8.5	0	14	3.4
KORONKIEWICZ	2	1	15	15.0	0	15	7.5
LEWIS, Marcus	5	1	13	13.0	0	13	2.6
CRIDER, Ricky	7	1	9	9.0	0	9	1.3
COX, Landon	6	1	7	7.0	0	7	1.2
ONYEBUAGU, J.	7	1	5	5.0	0	5	0.7
Total.....	7	128	1399	10.9	7	92	199.9
Opponents.....	7	133	1615	12.1	8	77	230.7

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
TURNER, Greg	8	66	8.2	0	19
PEREZ, Marcus	3	41	13.7	0	18
SIMON, Matt	3	48	16.0	0	11
FONTANA, Jeff	0	0	0.0	1	0
Total.....	14	155	11.1	1	19
Opponents.....	25	320	12.8	1	100

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
CARTER, Chase	2	120	60.0	1	95
PRUITT, Bradley	1	0	0.0	0	0
REITER, Mark	1	22	22.0	0	22
TRANCHITELLA	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	5	142	28.4	1	95
Opponents.....	12	247	20.6	2	55

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
PEREZ, Marcus	6	125	20.8	0	30
ADONIS, Evans	6	112	18.7	0	31
GEORGE, Patrick	6	111	18.5	0	23
SIMON, Matt	4	42	10.5	0	20
TURNER, Greg	3	50	16.7	0	26
TEAM	1	0	0.0	0	0
ANTONACCI, Ant.	1	2	2.0	0	0
WILLIAMS, P.	0	5	0.0	0	5
Total.....	27	447	16.6	0	31
Opponents.....	23	471	20.5	1	90

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



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SCORING	TD	FGs	PATs						Saf	Points
			Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP			
ANDERSON, J.	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	42
NENDICK, Chris	0	8-12	13-15	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	37
SIMON, Matt	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	18
CLANTON, M.	1	0-0	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	0	6
DAVIS, Brandon	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	6
ENGLISH, Larry	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	6
DAVIS, Britt	1	0-0	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	0	6
NICHOLSON, Dan	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	0	0
Total.....	16	8-12	13-15	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	0	133
Opponents.....	23	5-10	21-23	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	0	174

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
NICHOLSON, Dan	6	195	-68	1159	1091	181.8
ANDERSON, J.	7	173	868	0	868	124.0
MORRIS, Ryan	3	40	-23	181	158	52.7
CLANTON, M.	2	26	140	0	140	70.0
PEREZ, Marcus	5	4	40	59	99	19.8
SPANN, Chad	7	11	61	0	61	8.7
BRYANT, David	2	7	39	0	39	19.5
CRIDER, Ricky	7	7	20	0	20	2.9
TURNER, Greg	5	1	8	0	8	1.6
LARSEN, Zach	6	1	2	0	2	0.3
TEAM	3	4	-8	0	-8	-2.7
Total.....	7	469	1079	1399	2478	354.0
Opponents.....	7	522	1201	1615	2816	402.3

FIELD GOALS	FGM-A	Pct	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg	Blk
NENDICK, Chris	8-12	66.7	0-0	4-6	1-1	3-4	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		
Toledo		
Kent State		
Navy		
Ball State		

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
DITTBENNER, A.	32	1417	44.3	60	5	3	7	1
NENDICK, Chris	7	304	43.4	55	0	0	1	0
TEAM	1	14	14.0	14	0	0	0	0
Total.....	40	1735	43.4	60	5	3	8	1
Opponents.....	43	1677	39.0	57	3	9	12	1

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net Yd	YdLn
NENDICK, Chris	31	1918	61.9	8	0			
Total.....	31	1918	61.9	8	0	471	41.5	28
Opponents.....	32	1846	57.7	4	2	447	41.2	28

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
ANDERSON, J.	7	868	202	0	0	0	1070	152.9
SIMON, Matt	7	0	580	48	42	0	670	95.7
PEREZ, Marcus	5	40	89	41	125	0	295	59.0
TURNER, Greg	5	8	165	66	50	0	289	57.8
DAVIS, Britt	5	0	183	0	0	0	183	36.6
CLANTON, M.	2	140	25	0	0	0	165	82.5
CARTER, Chase	7	0	0	0	0	120	120	17.1
ADONIS, Evans	7	0	0	0	112	0	112	16.0
GEORGE, Patrick	7	0	0	0	111	0	111	15.9
SPANN, Chad	7	61	0	0	0	0	61	8.7
CUNNINGHAM, R.	4	0	50	0	0	0	50	12.5
BRYANT, David	2	39	0	0	0	0	39	19.5
DAVIS, Brandon	6	0	39	0	0	0	39	6.5
CRIDER, Ricky	7	20	9	0	0	0	29	4.1
REITER, Mark	7	0	0	0	0	22	22	3.1
BEAL, Brandon	5	0	17	0	0	0	17	3.4
KORONKIEWICZ	2	0	15	0	0	0	15	7.5
LEWIS, Marcus	5	0	13	0	0	0	13	2.6
COX, Landon	6	0	7	0	0	0	7	1.2
ONYEBUAGU, J.	7	0	5	0	0	0	5	0.7
WILLIAMS, P.	2	0	0	0	5	0	5	2.5
ANTONACCI, Ant.	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	0.7
LARSEN, Zach	6	2	0	0	0	0	2	0.3
TEAM	3	-8	0	0	0	0	-8	-2.7
MORRIS, Ryan	3	-23	0	0	0	0	-23	-7.7
NICHOLSON, Dan	6	-68	0	0	0	0	-68	-11.3
Total.....	7	1079	1399	155	447	142	3222	460.3
Opponents.....	7	1201	1615	320	471	247	3854	550.6

2007 LONG PLAYS

25 Yards or More

Northern Illinois 13

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

Rushing 5 (long: 59, Clanton vs. SIU, 9/8)

by Anderson 4 (long: 52 vs. WMU, 10/14)

by Clanton 1 (long: 59 vs. SIU, 9/8)

Passing 4 (long: 92, Nicholson to Simon at CMU, 9/29)

by Nicholson 2 (long: 92 to Simon at CMU, 9/29)

by Perez 1 (long: 59 to Simon vs. WMU, 10/14)

to Simon 3 (long: 92 from Nicholson at CMU, 9/29)

to Turner 1 (long: 40 from Nicholson vs. Iowa, 9/1)

Returns 4 (long: 95 INT by Carter at Idaho, 9/22)

by Carter 1 (long: 95 INT at Idaho, 9/22)

by Adonis 1 (long: 30 KOR vs. Iowa, 9/1)

by Perez 2 (long: 30 KOR at Temple, 10/6)

Opponent 31

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

Rushing 5 (long: 68, White, EMU, 9/15)

Passing 15 (long: 77, Hiller to Nunez, WMU 10/13)

Returns 11 (long: 100 PR by Keo, Idaho 9/22)



Statistics

DEFENSIVE LEADERS	|-----Tackles-----|				|-Sacks-|		|---Pass Def---|		QBH	|-Fumbles-|		Blkd	
	GP	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL-Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp		FR-Yds	FF	Kick	Saf
37 KUBE, Alex	7	30	38	68	0.5-1	.	.	2	.	1-0	1	.	.
26 HANSON, Cory	6	17	31	48	3.0-12	1.0-6	.	2	.	1-0	.	.	.
9 ALLEN, Josh	7	15	32	47	4.0-5	1.0-2	.	3	.	.	.	.	.
24 PRUITT, Bradley	7	23	24	47	2.0-17	1.0-8	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
8 REITER, Mark	7	25	21	46	0.5-1	.	1-22	.	.	.	.	.	.
2 RICE, Melvin	6	21	24	45	3.0-7	.	.	5	.	.	.	.	.
51 ENGLISH, Larry	7	19	23	42	11.0-69	8.5-62	.	2	2	1-0	1	.	.
42 TRANCHITELLA	7	13	28	41	5.0-7	.	1-0	4	.	.	.	.	.
36 CARTER, Chase	7	11	12	23	.	.	2-120	3	.	.	.	.	.
52 BROWN, Phil	6	15	5	20	1.0-1	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
69 KRUTSCH, Alex	7	11	9	20	3.0-8	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
56 BICE, Brandon	6	3	17	20	0.5-0	.	.	4	.	.	.	.	.
57 LARSEN, Zach	6	9	8	17	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	1-0	1	.	.
53 McCARTHY, Tim	3	4	12	16	1.0-4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
99 RUSCH, Craig	4	6	4	10	1.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
98 PIRKLE, D.J.	3	7	2	9	3.0-30	2.0-28	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
1 MASON, Anthony	7	3	6	9	0.5-1	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
54 COFFMAN, Jake	4	2	7	9	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
32 FONTANA, Jeff	7	2	6	8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33 GEORGE, Patrick	7	4	2	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
90 JACKSON, Ed	7	1	5	6	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
3 SPANN, Chad	7	2	3	5	0.5-8	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
63 HOLYCROSS, Zack	2	.	5	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 CRIDER, Ricky	7	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
58 KRAUSE, Mike	3	1	4	5	1.0-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34 SKARB, Kyle	5	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
27 WILLIAMSON, S.	3	2	2	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
80 COX, Landon	6	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6 MATTHEW, Vince.	6	2	1	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23 IBARRA, Saul	4	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65 ONYEBUAGU, J.	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25 NENDICK, Chris	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21 ANDERSON, J.	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94 HOPKINS, John	3	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55 OWEN, Nolan	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
87 DAVIS, Brandon	6	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88 BEAL, Brandon	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18 DITTBENNER, A.	7	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4 BRYANT, David	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96 BECKNER, Bryan	5	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85 SIMON, Matt	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
Total.....	7	258	346	604	41-180	14-107	5-142	26	5	5-0	6	1	.
Opponents.....	7	-	-	-	-	11-94	12-247	20	6	8-66	9	2	.



Participation Chart

No.	Name	GP/GS	Iowa	SIU	EMU	Idaho	CMU	Temple	WMU	UW	UT	KSU	Navy	BSU
1	MASON, Anthony	7/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
2	RICE, Melvin	6/6	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	LCB	-					
3	SPANN, Chad	7/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
4	BRYANT, David	2/0	-	-	-	X	X	-	-					
5	PEREZ, Marcus	4/2	X	X	-	-	-	WR	WR					
6	MATTHEW, Vincent	6/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	-					
7	DAVIS, Britt	5/5	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	-	-					
8	REITER, Mark	7/4	X	X	SS	SS	FS	X	FS					
9	ALLEN, Josh	7/7	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB					
11	LEWIS, Marcus	5/0	-	X	X	X	-	X	X					
13	ADONIS, Evans	7/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
15	MORRIS, Ryan	3/1	-	-	-	-	X	X	QB					
17	TURNER, Greg	5/1	WR	X	X	X	X	-	-					
18	DITTBENNER, Andy	7/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
19	NICHOLSON, Dan	6/6	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	-					
20	CLANTON, Montell	2/2	TB	TB	-	-	-	-	-					
21	ANDERSON, Justin	7/5	X	X	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	7/6	FS	FS	FS	FS	X	FS	LCB					
25	NENDICK, Chris	7/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
26	HANSON, Cory	6/5	X	-	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB					
27	WILLIAMSON, Spencer	3/0	X	-	-	-	-	X	X					
28	CRIDER, Ricky	7/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
31	KNIGHT, Tyler	1/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	X					
32	FONTANA, Jeff	7/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
33	GEORGE, Patrick	7/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
34	SKARB, Kyle	5/0	-	-	X	X	X	X	X					
36	CARTER, Chase	7/7	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB	RCB					
37	KUBE, Alex	7/5	SS	SS	X	X	SS	SS	SS					
39	STEWART, Justin	6/0	X	X	X	X	-	X	X					
42	TRANCHITELLA, John	7/6	WLB	WLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	X					
44	KELLY, Tom	1/0	-	-	-	-	X	-	-					
45	LEPPER, Mike	1/0	-	-	-	-	X	-	-					
49	ANTONACCI, Anthony	3/0	X	X	X	-	-	-	-					
50	ADAMSKI, Eddie	7/7	C	C	C	C	C	C	C					
51	ENGLISH, Larry	7/7	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE	RDE					
52	BROWN, Phil	6/1	-	X	X	X	LDE	X	X					
53	MCCARTHY, Tim	2/2	MLB	MLB	-	-	-	-	-					
54	COFFMAN, Jake	4/0	X	X	X	X	-	-	-					
55	OWEN, Nolan	7/0	X	X	X	X	X	X	X					
56	BICE, Brandon	6/6	LDE	LDE	LDE	LDE	-	LDE	LDE					
57	LARSEN, Zach	6/1	-	X	X	X	X	X	MLB					
58	KRAUSE, Mike	3/2	X	-	-	-	NG	NG	-					
59	SKATRUD, Kevin	6/3	X	-	X	X	LG	LG	LG					
60	BROST, Jon	7/7	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT					
63	HOLYCROSS, Zack	2/0	-	-	X	-	X	-	-					
65	ONYEBUAGU, Jason	7/7	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG					
66	HOLMES, Tony	3/0	-	-	-	-	X	X	X					
69	KRUTSCH, Alex	7/7	NG	NG	NG	NG	DT	DT	DT					
70	ACEVEDO, Chris	7/7	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT					
77	MAYERBOCK, Tim	6/4	LG	LG	LG	LG	-	X	X					
78	KELLER, Dan	6/0	X	-	X	X	X	X	X					
80	COX, Landon	6/0	-	X	X	X	X	X	X					
82	WILLIAMS, Preston	2/0	-	X	X	-	-	-	-					
83	CUNNINGHAM, Reed	4/4	TE	TE	-	-	TE	TE	-					
85	SIMON, Matt	7/6	X	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR					
86	SIMS, Vernon	3/0	-	-	X	-	X	-	X					
87	DAVIS, Brandon	6/4	TE	-	X	TE	X	TE	TE					
88	BEAL, Brandon	5/0	X	X	-	X	-	X	X					
90	JACKSON, Ed	7/2	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	5/4	-	TE	TE	-	TE	X	TE					
98	PIRKLE, D.J.	3/1	-	-	-	X	-	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													
NIU @ Toledo													
NIU vs. Kent St.													
NIU @ Navy													
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					
Bryant, David	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0	7-39	DNP	DNP					
Clanton, Montell	13-49	13-91	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP					
Crider, Ricky	0-0	0-0	0-0	5-20	0-0	1-0	1-0					
Morris, Ryan	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0	3-(-12)	1-(-11)					
Nicholson, Dan	5-(-31)	1-(-13)	4-(-5)	1-(-3)	3-(-1)	1-(-15)	DNP					
Perez, Marcus	0-0	1-19	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-14	1-7					
Spann, Chad	0-0	6-32	3-23	2-6	0-0	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					
Beal, Brandon	0-0	1-14	DNP	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-3					
Clanton, Montell	3-12	1-13	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP					
Cox, Landon	DNP	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-7	0-0	0-0					
Crider, Ricky	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-9	0-0	0-0					
Cunningham, Reed	5-34	1-11	DNP	DNP	0-0	1-5	DNP					
Davis, Brandon	2-8	DNP	1-7, TD	1-6	0-0	3-18	0-0					
Davis, Britt	6-75	2-16	5-30	1-2, TD	6-60	DNP	DNP					
Koronkiewicz, David	DNP	DNP	0-0	1-15	DNP	DNP	DNP					
Perez, Marcus	0-0	2-16	DNP	DNP	DNP	5-63	1-10					
Simon, Matt	2-9	3-24	5-50	4-115, TD	9-205, TD	2-17	6-160, TD					
Turner, Greg	3-49	3-42	2-23	2-27	4-24	DNP	DNP					

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 2 TD	20-28, 160 TD	10-17, 168 2 TD	21-41, 293 TD	12-25, 101	DNP					
Morris, Ryan	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	3-8, 25	1-3, 12	13-25, 144					

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					
Nendick, Chris	7-43.4, 1	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 TFL	3-6-9 TFL	2-8-10 0.5 TFL	2-3-5 PBU	4-5-9 2 TFL, 1 SK	2-3-5	1-3-4					
Bice, Brandon	0-2-2	0-1-1	1-5-6	0-1-1	DNP	0-3-3	2-5-7, 0.5 TFL					
Brown, Phil	DNP	2-1-3	2-1-3	4-0-4	6-2-8, TFL	0-0-0	1-1-2					
Carter, Chase	2-2-4	3-1-4	1-2-3	1-1-2 INT, PBU	0-1-1	1-3-4	3-2-5					
Coffman, Jake	0-0-0	0-2-2	0-4-4	2-1-3	DNP	DNP	DNP					
English, Larry	2-0-2	3-4-7 SK, 2 TFL	1-7-8 0.5 TFL	7-5-12, FF, FR 5 SK, 5 TFL	1-1-2 SK, PBU	1-3-4	4-3-7, 1.5 SK 1.5 TFL					
Fontana, Jeff	0-1-1	0-2-2	0-2-2	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-1-1					
George, Patrick	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-1-2	2-0-2					
Hanson, Cory	2-2-4 SK, 1.5 TFL	DNP	3-8-11	5-5-10	3-3-6, FR	4-6-10	0-7-7 0.5 TFL					
Holycross, Zack	DNP	DNP	0-4-4	DNP	0-1-1	DNP	DNP					
Ibarra, Saul	0-1-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP					
Jackson, Ed	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-1-1	0-2-2	DNP	DNP	1-2-3					
Krause, Mike	1-3-4 TFL	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1-1	0-0-0	DNP					
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					
Kube, Alex	5-2-7 PBU	1-9-10	1-9-10	8-3-11	2-2-4	6-8-14	7-5-12 PBU					
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					
Matthew, Vincent	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	0-0-0	0-1-1	DNP					
McCarthy, Tim	2-5-7	2-7-9 TFL	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP					
Pirkle, D.J.	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-1-2, PBU	DNP	2-1-3 2 SK, 2 TFL	4-0-4, SK TFL					
Pruitt, Bradley	3-2-5	3-8-11 TFL	1-6-7	1-2-3 INT	4-2-6	6-3-9	5-1-6, SK TFL					
Skarb, Kyle	DNP	DNP	0-2-2	1-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-1	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					
Rice, Melvin	2-8-10	3-4-7 1.5 TFL	3-2-5 PBU	1-3-4 PBU	4-3-7 1.5 TFL	8-4-12	DNP					
Rusch, Craig	5-1-6 TFL	1-3-4	0-0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP					
Tranchitella, John	2-8-10 1.5 TFL	2-3-5	4-7-11 0.5 TFL	2-1-3 2 TFL, INT	1-5-6 TFL	1-1-2	1-3-4					
Williamson, Spencer	0-1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-1-3, FF	0-0-0					



Team and Individual Highs/Lows

TEAM HIGHS

MOST POINTS

Northern Illinois 42, (9/22 at Idaho)
Opponent 35, (9/22 at Idaho; 9/29 at CMU)

MOST POINTS, QUARTER

Northern Illinois 21, 2nd Q. (9/8 vs. SIU; 9/22 at Idaho)
Opponent 21, 1st Q. (9/29 at CMU)

MOST POINTS, HALF

Northern Illinois 35, 1st half (9/22 at Idaho)
Opponent 35, 1st half (9/29 at CMU)

MOST FIRST DOWNS

Northern Illinois 28, (9/29 at Central Michigan)
Opponent 31, (9/22 at Idaho)

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Northern Illinois 207, (9/8 vs. Southern Illinois)
Opponent 250, (9/1 vs. Iowa)

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

Northern Illinois 45, (9/22 at Idaho)
Opponent 48, (10/14 vs. Western Michigan)

MOST PASSING YARDS

Northern Illinois 318, (9/29 at Central Michigan)
Opponent 423, (9/22 at Idaho)

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)

MOST TOTAL NET YARDS

Northern Illinois 521, (9/29 at Central Michigan)
Opponent 586, (9/22 at Idaho)

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 33:54, (9/29 at Central Michigan)
Opponent 34:22, (10/6 at Temple)

TEAM LOWS

FEWEST POINTS

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

FEWEST POINTS, HALF

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

FEWEST FIRST DOWNS

Northern Illinois 12, (10/14 vs. Western Michigan)
Opponent 19, (9/8 vs. Southern Illinois)

FEWEST YARDS RUSHING

Northern Illinois 21, (9/1 vs. Iowa)
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 113, (10/6 at Temple)
Opponent 133, (9/1 vs. Iowa)

FEWEST PASS ATTEMPTS

Northern Illinois 17, (9/22 at Idaho)
Opponent 24, (9/15 vs. Eastern Michigan)

FEWEST PASS COMPLETIONS

Northern Illinois 10, (9/22 at Idaho)
Opponent 12, (9/1 vs. Iowa)

FEWEST SACKS (BY DEFENSE)

Northern Illinois 0, (9/15 vs. Eastern Michigan)
Opponent 1, (four times)

FEWEST TOTAL NET YARDS

Northern Illinois 235, (9/1 vs. Iowa)
Opponent 340, (9/8 vs. Southern Illinois)

FEWEST PENALTIES (No.-Yds.)

Northern Illinois 2-25, (9/8 vs. Southern Illinois)
Opponent 4-57, (9/8 vs. Southern Illinois)

LEAST TIME OF POSSESSION

Northern Illinois 25:38, (10/6 at Temple)
Opponent 26:06, (9/29 at Central Michigan)

INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

NIU: 168, Justin Anderson (9/15 vs. EMU)
Opponent: 144, Albert Young (9/1 vs. Iowa)

MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

NIU: 35, Justin Anderson (9/22 at Idaho)
Opponent: 27, Mark Bonds (10/14 vs. W. Michigan)

MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

NIU: 2, Justin Anderson (10/6 at Temple)
Opponent: 2, twice

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: 69.0 (20-29), Hiller (10/14 vs. WМУ)

MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES

NIU: 2, Dan Nicholson (9/1, Iowa; 9/22 Idaho)
Opponent: 3, Nick Hill (9/8 vs. Southern Illinois)

MOST RECEPTIONS

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

MOST RECEIVING YARDS

NIU: 205, Matt Simon (9/29 at CMU)
Opponent: 92, Max Komar (9/22 at Idaho)

MOST TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

NIU: 2, Justin Anderson (9/8 vs. SIU)
Opponent: 1, eight times

MOST TOUCHDOWNS

NIU: 3, Justin Anderson (9/8 vs. SIU)
Opponent: 3, DeAnthony White (9/15 vs. EMU)

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, five 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 (132) vs Western Michigan (10-13-07)

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 (160) vs Western Michigan (10-14-07)

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...

Justin Anderson (2) vs. Southern Illinois (9-9-07)

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...

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

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...

Mark Bonds (104) of Western Michigan (10-14-07)

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...

DeAnthony White (68) of Eastern Michigan (9-15-07)

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

Albert Young (144) and Damian Sims (110) of Iowa (9-1-07)

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...

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

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

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



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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 Onyebuagu	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. Catherine's)
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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No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School)
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 Schiffer	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	17	Greg Turner.....	6-0, 190, Jr.
	5	Marcus Perez.....	5-11, 178, Jr.
	11	Marcus Lewis.....	6-2, 205, So.
TE	96	Bryan Beckner.....	6-4, 255, Fr.-R
	88	Brandon Beal.....	6-4, 243, Jr.
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.
OR	65	Jason Onyebugu.....	6-2, 310, So.
RG	65	Jason Onyebugu.....	6-2, 310, So.
OR	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.
	13	Evans Adonis.....	6-0, 170, Jr.
	80	Landon Cox.....	6-3, 203, Fr.
TE	87	Brandon Davis.....	6-4, 262, Sr.
	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.
OR	28	Ricky Crider.....	5-9, 180, Fr.
	3	Chad Spann.....	5-10, 189, Fr.

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.
OR	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.
	94	John Hopkins.....	6-3, 274, Fr.
SLB	9	Josh Allen.....	5-11, 211, Jr.
	34	Kyle Skarb.....	6-0, 214, Fr.
MLB	57	Zach Larsen.....	6-0, 224, So.
	52	Phil Brown.....	5-11, 222, So.
WLB	26	Cory Hanson.....	6-1, 209, So.
	42	John Tranchitella.....	6-2, 221, So.
LCB	24	Bradley Pruitt.....	6-1, 187, Jr.
	33	Patrick George.....	5-11, 180, Fr.
SS	37	Alex Kube.....	6-1, 203, Fr.-R
	39	Justin Stewart.....	6-1, 194, Fr.-R
FS	8	Mark Reiter.....	6-1, 203, Sr.
	27	Spencer Williamson.....	6-2, 205, So.
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	32	Jeff Fontana.....	5-11, 195, So.-R
	85	Matt Simon.....	6-2, 200, Jr.
KOR	5	Marcus Perez.....	5-11, 178, Jr.
	13	Evans Adonis.....	6-0, 170, Jr.
	33	Patrick George.....	5-11, 180, Fr.
PR	5	Marcus Perez.....	5-11, 178, Jr.
OR	85	Matt Simon.....	6-2, 200, 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
Jason Onyebugu	On-YAY-boo-OGGA	Denny Doornbos	DORN-bus
Cas Prime	Cass	John Hauser	HOWS-er
Mark Reiter	RYE-ter	Mike Sabock	SAY-Bock
Craig Rusch	Rush	Roy Wittke	WITT-key
Adam Schroeder	SHROH-der		

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