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Marquice Cole



PROFILE

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Class: Senior ▶ Hometown: Hazel Crest, Ill. ▶ High School: Hillcrest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Height / Weight: 5-10 / 195 ▶ Position: CB ▶ Birthdate: 11/13/1983
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General: Four-year letterwinner ... Played in 43 career games ... Named to Thorpe Award (top defensive back) preseason Watch List prior to senior season ... Team's fastest player, with a sub-4.3 40 time.

2006: Named to Jim Thorpe Award (top defensive back) preseason Watch List (one of 33 players) ... Named to numerous preseason All-Big Ten teams ... Ranked the seventh-best cornerback nationally by *Lindy's* ... First-team All-Big Ten preseason team by *Lindy's* and *Blue Ribbon* and second-team by *Sporting News*, *Athlon Sports* and *Phil Steele's* ... Named a third-team All-Big Ten preseason punt returner by *Phil Steele's* ... Missed the Michigan game with a sore hamstring ... Had arguably his best game of the year at Wisconsin, tallying 9 tackles (career-best 7 solos) to go along with his fumble recovery and his sixth career interception ... Recorded a career-high 10 solo tackles vs. Purdue ... Notched his second pass sack of the year vs. the Boilermakers ... Snared his second interception of the season (and seventh of career) against Michigan State ... That pick (41-yard return) led to NU's final TD of the game and a 38-3 lead ... Finished with three tackles vs. the Spartans ... Totaled three tackles (two solos), which included a 1-yard TFL, and a pair of pass deflections at Miami (Ohio) ... Had a solo tackle vs. New Hampshire and Eastern Michigan ... Four tackles (three solos) at Nevada ... Five tackles and a pass breakup vs. Penn State ... Saw limited action at Iowa (hamstring), recording one solo tackle ... Four tackles vs. Ohio State ... Three solo tackles, and a pass breakup -- which prevented a touchdown, vs. Illinois.

2005: Second-team (media) and honorable mention (coaches) All-Big Ten selection ... Team's leader in the secondary ... Ranked second in the Big Ten with five interceptions (ranked 16th nationally) ... The five interceptions are tied for fifth-most in a single season at NU ... Four of his five interceptions came in Big Ten play ... Led NU in punt returns (27.0 ypr) ... Was ranked third nationally and first in Big Ten punt returns, but did not have enough attempts to qualify for the national and conference statistics ... Helped clinch NU's win over Purdue by intercepting quarterback Brandon Kirsch in the final minute at midfield as the Boilers were attempting to score the go-ahead TD ... Added seven tackles (six solos) and a pass breakup vs. Purdue ... Named the Big Ten's Co-Special Teams Player of the Week for his performance against Northern Illinois: 101 punt return yards, including an 81-yard return for TD (tied for the fourth longest in NU history) ... Also added a 23-yard interception (the first of his career), a pass breakup and a career-high-tying eight tackles vs. NIU ... Was defending the intended target on NIU's two-point conversion pass attempt, which failed and gave NU a one-point victory ... Against Arizona State, contributed some big plays, including a 57-yard punt return and an outstanding pass breakup ... He also turned in, perhaps, the defensive play of the year when he chased down ASU running back Keegan Herring and swatted the ball out of his hands for an NU fumble recovery in the end zone ... That play helped erase what would have been a 67-yard TD run ... Notched a pair of tackles and his season's second interception vs. Penn State ... Totaled eight tackles (five solos) in the season-opening

win over Ohio ... Two solo tackles vs. Wisconsin ... Three solo hits at Michigan State ... Picked off his fourth interception vs. Michigan ... Also had a tackle vs. the Wolverines ... Totaled six tackles (four solos) and a pass breakup vs. Iowa ... Two tackles and his fifth interception of the year at Ohio State ... Two tackles and a pass deflection at Illinois ... Two solo tackles vs. UCLA.

2004: Third-year player (true junior) who was in the running to begin the season as a starting cornerback ... Suffered a broken ankle in the team's preseason scrimmage on Aug. 20 and missed the remainder of the season ... Applied for a medical hardship.

2003: Part-time starting corner ... Started 4 of 12 games played ... Recorded a solo tackle in games against Kansas and Air Force ... Versus Miami, totaled three solo tackles and a pass breakup before leaving the game with a lower back injury ... Missed the Duke game with the injury ... Came back to play sparingly (three plays) at Ohio State ... One solo tackle vs. Minnesota ... Played 61 plays vs. Indiana and had four tackles (three solos) and a pass deflection ... His pass deflection vs. the Hoosiers came in the end zone in overtime, and was caught by teammate Bryan Heinz, which ultimately led to an NU victory ... Played sparingly against Wisconsin (four plays) ... Totaled three tackles (two solos) at Purdue ... Two tackles vs. Michigan ... Notched three solo tackles at Illinois ... Had three assisted hits vs. Bowling Green in the Motor City Bowl.

2002: Reserve cornerback who appeared in eight games ... Saw most significant playing time on special teams ... Totaled three tackles.

High School: A two-time all-conference, all-area and all-state selection ... 2001 team MVP ... SICA Green Defensive Player of the Year ... Playing cornerback for Hillcrest, totaled 71 tackles, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and four interceptions (one for TD) ... Offensively, had 19 receptions for 392 yards and five touchdowns ... Scored five touchdowns on special teams (three kickoff returns, two punt returns) ... Played several positions for Hillcrest, including wide receiver, kicker, punter, running back and kickoff/punt returner ... An all-conference, all-area and all-state honoree in track and field ... Returned punt and kickoff for touchdown vs. Kankakee ... Team went 8-3 and advanced to second round of state playoffs in 2001 ... Member of school's Honor Roll ... Coached by Earnest Sutton.

Personal: Born Marquice Jermal Cole on 11/13/83 ... Son of Maurice Cole and Patricia Diggs ... Communication studies major.

The Cole File

Q: A song that best describes you is...

A: Die Trying -- Cee-lo

Q: If you could dine with anyone from any period in history, who would it be?

A: Malcolm X

Q: If you could have a starring role in any film already made, which movie would you pick?

A: The Matrix

Q: If you could choose the title of your autobiography, what would it be?

A: Quicetapher: The Untold Story

Q: My favorite pregame ritual is...

A: Relaxing and laughing

Q: My favorite opposing stadium to play in is...

A: Air Force

Q: The best thing about NU is...

A: The closeness between teammates

Q: Something people would be surprised to know about me is...

A: I'm pretty good at gymnastics

Q: The best book I have ever read is...

A: "The Coldest Winter Ever" by Sistah Souljah

Q: My ultimate SportsCenter highlight would be...
 A: A 100-yard interception return to win a bowl game
 Q: My favorite place to visit is...
 A: Miami
 Q: The person that inspires me the most is...
 A: Coach Sutton
 Q: My favorite food is...
 A: Steak
 Q: When I played football as a kid, I pretended to be...
 A: Deion Sanders
 Q: Which current NU football player is the biggest jokester?
 A: Demetrius Eaton

Cole's Career Statistics

TACKLES	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR
2002	8	2	1	3	0.0	0	0	0	0
2003	12	16	5	21	0.0	0	2	0	0
2005	12	34	12	46	0.0	0	10	1	0
2006	11	36	8	44	2.0	11	6	0	1
TOTAL	43	88	26	114	2.0	11	18	1	1

SACKS	G	UA	A	Total	Yds
2002	8	0	0	0.0	0
2003	12	0	0	0.0	0
2005	12	0	0	0.0	0
2006	11	1	0	1.0	10
TOTAL	43	1	0	1.0	10

PUNT RETURNS

	G	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/R	Avg/G
2002	8	2	4	0	6	2.0	0.5
2003	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2005	12	8	216	1	81	27.0	18.0
2006	11	8	28	0	15	3.5	2.5
TOTAL	43	18	248	1	81	13.8	5.8

INTERCEPTIONS

	G	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/R	Avg/G
2002	8	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2003	12	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0
2005	12	5	64	0	23	12.8	5.3
2006	11	2	41	0	41	20.5	3.7
TOTAL	43	7	105	0	41	15.0	2.4

ALL PURPOSE

	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KR	IR	Total	Avg/G
2002	8	0	0	4	0	0	4	0.5
2003	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2005	12	0	0	216	0	64	280	23.3
2006	11	0	0	28	0	41	69	6.3

TOTAL	43	0	0	248	0	105	353	8.2
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SCORING	G	TD	Rush	Pass	Retn	PAT	2PAT	FG	Total	Avg/G
2002	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2003	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
2005	12	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	0.5
2006	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
TOTAL	43	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	0.1