



# NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOTBALL 2008

## Navy (6-4) at Northern Illinois (6-5, 5-3)

### DE KALB, ILL. – HUSKIE STADIUM (24,000)

### NOV. 25, 2008 – 6 P.M. (CST) – ESPN CLASSIC

#### season finale

Northern Illinois plays its final regular season contest of the 2008 season Tuesday night with a TV game versus non-conference foe Navy as the Midshipmen make their first visit to Huskie Stadium. The Huskies are looking to complete a five-game turnaround from 2007 and post their eighth winning season in the last nine years.

#### recapping

After winning just two games, and one MAC contest, a year ago, Northern Illinois has returned to the winning ways it enjoyed from 2000 to 2006, when the Huskies recorded seven consecutive .500-plus campaigns. NIU started 2008 with an 0-2 mark after road losses to Minnesota (31-27) and Western Michigan (29-26), then reeled off five wins in six games before losing back-to-back contests to MAC West leaders Ball State and Central Michigan. The Huskies rebounded last week at Kent State with their sixth win

#### saluting the seniors

Northern Illinois will honor 20 seniors who will play their final home game in a Huskie uniform on Tuesday. The 20-man class is the largest senior group at NIU in 15 years, since the 1993 senior day honored 23 players. This year, ten offensive players, nine defenders and punter Andy Dittbenner will be introduced with their parents and/or relatives prior to kickoff on Tuesday. Fourteen of the 20 signed with NIU in 2004, following the Huskies' 10-2 season in 2003, while five others came to DeKalb after Northern Illinois' appearance in the 2004 Silicon Valley Bowl. For a list of the seniors as well as their career highlights, see page three of this release.

#### Kill-er credentials

The 20th head coach in Northern Illinois history, Jerry Kill is wrapping up his first season at NIU after seven years at Southern Illinois, where he

led SIU to five straight appearances in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoffs. Southern Illinois advanced to the FCS semifinals in 2007 and the Salukis were ranked in the Top 20 for 64 straight weeks during his tenure. Kill owns a head coaching record of 110-62 (.639) in 15 seasons as the head coach at NIU, SIU, Emporia State and Saginaw Valley State. He was 55-32 at Southern Illinois and won the 2007 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award.

#### dandy debut

With last week's win over Kent State, Jerry Kill's debut season at Northern Illinois is guaranteed to be the most successful first year record for a Huskie head coach since Bill Mallory in 1980. Mallory's first team posted a 7-4 record. Since NIU moved to the Division I-A ranks in 1969, only two coaches - Mallory and Jerry Ippoliti in 1971 - have finished with a .500 or better record in their first years.

#### in-frequent foe

Navy and Northern Illinois meet for just the second time as Navy makes its first visit to DeKalb. The teams began the home-and-home series a year ago in Annapolis. Navy is one of the three "newest" opponents on the 2008 slate as NIU had played both Minnesota and Navy just once prior to this season and battled Tennessee for the first time this year.

#### the last meeting

A depleted Northern Illinois team mounted a valiant effort against a bowl-bound Navy team in Annapolis, but the Midshipmen ran for 359 yards on 60 carries with five touchdowns en route to a 35-24 win over the Huskies. Zerbin Singleton scored three rushing touchdowns for Navy, who had a pair of 100-yard rushers on the day, while NIU countered with 140 yards on 39 carries from

Justin Anderson and a 21-for-35 passing day by back-up QB Ryan Morris. Matt Simon caught a pair of touchdown passes and Alex Kube led NIU with a season-high 15 tackles. The Huskies ran 79 offensive plays in the contest.

#### home field advantage

In 42 seasons and 227 games, Northern Illinois is 131-94-2 all-time at Huskie Stadium for a winning percentage of 58.1 percent. NIU has won 40 of its last 52 home contests (76.9 percent), including a 4-1 mark in 2008, and is 24-9 on Brigham Field since the beginning of 2003.

#### out of conference

Since 1997, Northern Illinois is 15-27 in non-conference games, including a 1-2 mark in non-league games this year. The Huskies fell to Minnesota and Tennessee by four points each on the road, and defeated Indiana State at home on Sept 20. The DeKalb game with Navy wraps up a home-and-home series between the schools.

#### snow day

Northern Illinois put together one of its to performances of 2008 in a 42-14 win on a snowy night at Kent State last Tuesday (Nov. 18). Chandler Harnish ran for two touchdowns and passed for two more, while the Huskie defense limited KSU to 253 yards, 127 rushing. NIU picked up three fumbles, with defensive end Craig Rusch scoring on a 60-yard fumble return. Harnish ran for 117 yards, and passed for 173, hitting favorite target Marcus Perez four times for 75 yards.

#### MAC wrap

Northern Illinois closed out its 2008 Mid-American Conference schedule with a 5-3 record, a far cry from its 1-6 mark of a year ago. NIU's MAC win total is higher than that of eight league schools as only Buffalo in the East and West

#### HUSKIE FACTS

2008 Record/MAC Record	6-5, 5-3
2007 Final Record/MAC Record	2-10/1-6
Head Coach	Jerry Kill
Alma Mater/Year	Southwestern (KS)/1983
Record at NIU/Year	6-5/1st
Career Record/Year	110-62/15th
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	Jeff Compher
Ticket Information	815-752-6800

#### 2008 NIU SCHEDULE

8/30	at Minnesota (Big Ten Network)	31-27, L
9/6	at Western Michigan*	29-26, L
9/20	INDIANA STATE (Comcast SN)	48-3, W
9/27	at Eastern Michigan* (ESPN Plus)	37-0, W
10/4	at Tennessee	13-9, L
10/11	MIAMI (OHIO) (Comcast SN)	17-13, W
10/18	TOLEDO*^ (Comcast SN)	38-7, W
10/25	BOWLING GREEN* (Comcast SN)	16-13, W
11/5	at Ball State* (ESPN2)	45-14, L
11/12	CENTRAL MICH.*(ESPN2)	33-30, L (OT)
11/18	at Kent State*	42-14, W
11/25	NAVY (ESPN Classic)	6 pm

\*MAC Game; ^Homecoming; All Times Central.

#### TEAM HISTORY

First Year of Football	1899
All-Time Record	494-449-51 (107th year)
Bowl Record	2-1
Last Bowl	2006 Poinsettia (San Diego, Calif.)
Result	TCU 37, NIU 7
Starters Returning/Lost	20/4
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	52/11

#### NIU-NAVY SERIES

Overall	Navy leads 1-0
In DeKalb	First Meeting
Streak	Navy, 1
Last Meeting	Navy 35, NIU 24 (11/17/07)
First Meeting	Same
Kill vs. Navy	0-0





**HEAD COACH JERRY KILL**

Jerry Kill, a college coaching veteran who has spent 14 years as head coach of programs at Saginaw Valley State (Mich.), Emporia State (Kansas) and, most recently, Southern Illinois, is in his first season as head coach of the Northern Illinois Huskies in 2008. Now in his 15th season as a head coach, he has an all-time record of 110-62-0 for a winning percentage of .639.



Kill, who led SIU to five straight appearances in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS) playoffs, compiled a mark of 55-32 in seven seasons in Carbondale for a winning percentage of .632. He was named the 2007 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year after leading the Salukis to a 12-2 record and the semifinals of the FCS playoffs. Kill was also honored as the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year following the 2004 season. His SIU teams won three straight Gateway (now Missouri Valley) Football Conference titles in 2004, 2005 and 2006 and were ranked in the 20 for 64 straight weeks beginning in 2003.

At Southern Illinois, Kill coached five first-team All-Americans and four Walter Payton Award finalists; four of his former players are currently on NFL rosters, led by N.Y. Giants tailback Brandon Jacobs and Ravens linebacker Bart Scott.

Prior to going to SIU, Kill spent two seasons as head coach at Emporia State in his home state of Kansas. In his first collegiate head coaching job, at Saginaw Valley State from 1994-98, he won 38 games and a 9-2 record in each of his last two seasons there.

A native of Cheney, Kansas, Kill began his career at Pittsburg State, a powerhouse program in NAIA and then Division II. He was the offensive coordinator for the 1991 PSU team that won the NCAA title while the 1992 Gorillas earned a runner-up finish with a 14-1 mark.

Division foes Ball State, Central Michigan and Western Michigan own better MAC marks than the Huskies. NIU went a perfect 3-0 versus MAC East Division opponents Miami (Ohio), Bowling Green and Kent State.

**closing out season 107**

In its 107th season of intercollegiate football, Northern Illinois owns an all-time record of 494-449-51 in 994 games for a winning percentage of .523. The Huskies played their first game in 1899 and moved into the "major college" ranks in 1969.

**NCAA leader**

NIU's Larry English leads all active NCAA FBS players in career sacks (31.5), sack yardage (220) and tackle for loss yardage (279). He has recorded double-digit tackles for loss in each of his four seasons and leads NIU this year with eight sacks and 14 TFLs to rank second in the MAC. English has also forced eight fumbles in his career, three in 2008. With two sacks versus Kent State, he surpassed Cary Caliendo (1987-90) for the NIU career sacks record, and his total ranks fifth on the Mid-American Conference career sack chart. He already holds the Northern Illinois record for career tackles for loss with 59, which is ninth in the MAC record book.

**English lessons**

Larry English broke the Huskie career record for quarterback sacks with two takedowns at Kent State to give him 31.5 for his career and eight for the season. His second sack caused a fumble, which his Northern Illinois defensive line mate Craig Rusch picked up and ran 60 yards for the score. English has recorded at least one tackle for loss in eight of the Huskies' 11 games this year and in 18 of his last 23 contests overall. The Kent State contest continued a string of superior performances for the Aurora, Ill. senior, who made five tackles, 2.5 for loss with 1.5 quarterback sacks, versus Central Michigan.

**growing up**

Freshman quarterback Chandler Harnish continues to develop in his rookie season as he was responsible for a career-high four touchdowns - two rushing and two passing - and compiled 290 yards of total offense on a snowy night at Kent State. Most importantly, Harnish and the Huskie offense did not turn the ball over despite the conditions, which deteriorated throughout the game. Harnish ran for a career-high 117 yards on 20 carries to record his second 100-yard rushing game of the season as he now has 414 rushing yards on 92 carries with four rushing TDs. He also completed 12-of-19

**NIU COACHING STAFF**

Matt Limegrover	Offensive Coord./ Offensive Line	Tracy Claeys	Defensive Coord.
Brian Anderson	Tight Ends	Tom Matukewicz	Linebackers
P.J. Fleck	Wide Receivers	Jeff Phelps	Defensive Line
	Recruiting Coord.	Jay Sawvel	Defensive Backs/ Special Teams
Pat Poore	Quarterbacks		
Rob Reeves	Running Backs	Eric Klein	Sports Performance

**HUSKIE MULTIMEDIA**

**TELEVISION** Originally scheduled for an ESPN2 national showing, the Northern Illinois-Navy game will instead air on ESPN Classic as ESPN2 will pick up the MAC West game between undefeated Ball State and Western Michigan (9-2). Chicagoan Eric Collins and former Tulane quarterback Shaun King, who were on hand for the NIU-Central Michigan game on Nov. 12, are back to call the action.

**RADIO** The Huskie Sports Radio Network will carry the Navy game beginning with the pregame show at 5:30 p.m. (Central). Bill Baker is in his 29th year as the play-by-play voice of the Huskies. Casey Kahler moves into the booth for this contest as usual analyst Mark Lindo has a prior obligation; NIU Live co-host Andy Garcia will handle sideline reporting duties. The 2008 Huskie Radio line-up includes WSCR-AM 670 (Chicago), WTMJ-AM 1380 (Beloit, Wisc.) and the flagship station, WLKB-AM (1360) in DeKalb. The Score also is the home of "NIU Live," the weekly 30-minute radio show that is all about Huskie Sports. NIU Director of Athletics Jeff Compher joins Garcia and Huskie coaches for the show, which airs Wednesday nights at 8:30 p.m. on WSCR 670 AM.

**ON LINE** To hear every Huskie Radio Network broadcast and SEE live video of select NIU games, sign up for the Huskie All Access package at [www.niuhuskies.com](http://www.niuhuskies.com). Purchase the monthly package for \$6.95 or a year-long pass for \$49.95. Fans can also enjoy more FREE video content than ever before including Inside Huskie Sports, Jerry Kill's weekly and post-game press conferences and other special events. Also go to [www.niuhuskies.com](http://www.niuhuskies.com) for the latest statistics, feature stories, player Q&As as well as weekly and daily updates.

**WEEKLY TV** For complete game highlights as well as commentary from Head Coach Jerry Kill and special features, watch "Inside Huskie Sports" weekly on Comcast SportsNet Chicago and on myNetworkTV in Rockford. The 30-minute highlight show airs next Tuesday (Nov. 25) at 4:30 p.m. on Comcast SportsNet Chicago. In Rockford, catch IHS at 10:30 a.m. Saturdays on myNetworkTV. Check [www.niuhuskies.com](http://www.niuhuskies.com) under "Huskie Multimedia" for the most up-to-date list of IHS taping and air dates.





## 2008 HUSKIE SENIORS

### OFFENSE (10)

PLAYER, POS.	SIGNED	GP/GS	CAREER STATS & HIGHLIGHTS
Marcus Perez, WR	2004	39/18	76 rec., 1,061 yds., 7 TDs; 1,700 AP yds, 2 pass and 1 rush TD
<i>Britt Davis, WR</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>44/33</i>	<i>143 rec., 1,653 yds., 11.6 avg., 8 TDs, 3-year starter</i>
<i>Evans Adonis, WR</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>26/1</i>	<i>7 rec., 72 yds., TD, 26 KOR, 18.8 avg.</i>
Greg Turner, WR	2005	44/9	35 rec., 382 yds., 3 TD, 19 PR, 203 yds., 10.7 avg./6 KOR, 91 yds.
<i>Matt Simon, WR</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>43/14</i>	<i>89 rec., 1,612 yds., 8 TDs; 969 rec. yards in 2007</i>
Jon Brost, OT	2004	48/46	4-year starter, 2-time MAC All-Academic, electrical engineering major
Dan Keller, OG	2004	28/12	2008 starter
Brandon Beal, TE	2004	21/3	8 rec., 76 yds. (4-49 in 2008), special teams contributor
<i>Montell Clanton, TB</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>20/4</i>	<i>77 carries, 455 yds., 3 TDs, 2 knee injuries</i>
Dan Nicholson, QB	2004	27/17	312-527, 59.2%, 3,559 yds., 23 TDs, 3,373 yds. total offense

### DEFENSE (9)

Larry English, DE	2004	48/45	233 tackles, 61 TFL, 31.5 QS, 8 FF, 4-year starter
Craig Rusch, DE	2004	31/21	118 tackles, 27 TFL, 13 QS, 4 FR, TD, 7 PBU, 2-year starter
Alex Krutsch, DT	2004	37/28	79 tackles, 10 TFL, 3-year starter
Josh Allen, LB	2005	46/28	183 tackles, 19 TFL, 3 QS, 7 PBU, 2-year starter
Tim McCarthy, LB	2004	38/30	272 tackles, 17 TFL, 8 PBU, 3 FR
T.J. Griffin, LB	2004	24/1	33 tackles, 3 TFL
Melvin Rice, CB	2005	43/21	165 tackles, 8 TFL, 16 PBU, 2 INT, started parts of 3 years
Bradley Pruitt, CB	2005	44/26	174 tackles, 13 TFL, 6 PBU, 2-plus year starter
Chase Carter, CB	2007	23/22	80 tackles, 6 PBU, 51 solo stops, 2-year starter

### SPECIAL TEAMS (1)

Andy Dittbenner, P	2005	45/-	204 punts, 8,140 yards, 39.9 average, 56 inside 20
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*Italics indicates player has already received his bachelor's degree*

passes for 173 yards and two TDs as the Huskie offense held onto the football for 9:30 more than Kent State in the game. Harnish missed three-plus games with a foot injury and has made just seven career starts.

### a rookie record

With 1,640 yards of total offense in his eight games, Harnish has established a new record for most yards of total offense by a Northern Illinois freshman. His 414 rushing and 1,226 passing yards (to date) break the 23-year-old record previously set by Marshall Taylor, who had 1,600 yards as a freshman in 1985. In addition, Harnish's 414 rushing yards are the most by a Huskie quarterback since Stacey Robinson, the most prolific rushing quarterback in Huskie history, rushed for 1,238 yards on 193 attempts in his senior season of 1990. Robinson owns the school record for rushing yards by an NIU quarterback with 1,443 yards in 1989 and 2,727 for his career. With 113 yards on 19 carries versus Bowling Green, Harnish posted the first 100-yard game by a QB since Nov. 10, 1990, when Robinson rushed for 109 yards versus East Carolina.

### big difference

Northern Illinois ranks among the 2008 FBS leaders in scoring defense as the Huskies are giving up 18.27 points per game (201 total points) to rank second in the MAC and 17th nationally. A year ago, the Huskie defense gave up an average of 30.8 points per game (370 in 12 games). That differential of 12.5 points is the second-largest among all NCAA FBS teams, behind only the University of Florida, which has a 14.2 point difference from 2007 to 2008. The five most improved scoring defense teams in the country (other teams stats as of Nov. 20):

1. Florida 14.2 (25.5 in 2007, 11.3 in 2008)
2. Northern Illinois 12.5 (30.8 in 2007, 18.3 in 2008)
3. Florida International 11.9 (39.1 in 2007, 27.2 in 2008)
4. Boise State 11.3 (21.6 in 2007, 10.3 in 2008)
5. Northwestern 10.8 (31.0 in 2007, 20.2 in 2008)

### scoring at home

In the "friendly confines" of Huskie Stadium, Northern Illinois has outscored its five 2008 opponents 149-69, and the difference has been on defense. At home, the Northern Illinois is allowing opponents just 13.8 points per game as compared to giving up 22 points per game on the road. Central Michigan is

## MEDIA INFORMATION

### MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE COACHES' TELECONFERENCE

NIU Head Coach Jerry Kill - 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. Kill will participate on the call next Monday (Nov. 24) prior to Tuesday's NIU-Navy game.

### WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE WITH JERRY KILL AND NIU PLAYERS

Due to the shortened time schedule between games this week, there is no weekly press conference with Coach Kill. However...(see next note).

### NIU PLAYER AND COACH AVAILABILITY

Head Coach Jerry Kill and Northern Illinois players are available for interviews this week. The optimum time to conduct interviews is following practice, but Kill and players can be made available outside of practice times at well. Due to the weekday games in November, please contact Donna Turner in the NIU Media Relations Office to obtain the practice schedule and to arrange interviews with Huskie players or coaches.

### PRACTICE COVERAGE

Northern Illinois football practices are open to the media. Please contact the NIU Media Relations Office to confirm practice days and times, which are altered in November due to the weekday games. Players and coaches are available for interviews after practice.

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### KEY WEB ADDRESSES

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the only foe to score more than 13 points versus NIU on Brigham Field. The Huskie offense, meanwhile, scores 29.8 points per game at home and has posted a 25.8 scoring average on the road.

### remarkable turnaround

The difference between the Northern Illinois defense of 2008 and the Huskie defense of a year ago is as drastic - in terms of numbers - as the points scored by Toledo versus NIU in 2007 (70) and 2008 (7). While the numbers put up are markedly different, the names are similar, as the Huskies returned nine starters on defense this season, led by DE Larry English and including Josh Allen, Brandon Bice, Chase Carter, Alex Krutsch, Alex Kube, Bradley Pruitt and Melvin Rice. The chart below shows Northern Illinois' current MAC and NCAA defensive rankings as compared to last year's end of the season numbers:

	2008		2007	
	NCAA*	MAC	NCAA	MAC
Scoring Defense	20	2	86	9
Total Defense	26	1	97	11
Pass Defense	19	1	51	6
Rushing Defense	48	1	111	12
Turnover Margin	41	3	117	13
Opponent First Downs	T-31	2		6

NIU has never finished a season as the MAC leader in scoring or total defense and last led the league in rushing defense in 2002.

\*NCAA rankings as of November 17.

### Spann's the (TD) man

Sophomore Chad Spann, who originally came to NIU as a walk-on, has scored three touchdowns in the Huskies' last two games and leads the team with eight TDs on the year. He scored on a 26-yard run at Kent State to give NIU a 35-14 lead at the end of the third quarter. One of four players to start at tailback for NIU in 2008, Spann ranks third on the team in rushing with 339 yards on 70 carries to average 4.8 yards per carry. He has scored touchdowns in six games this season, including the game-winner versus Miami; the CMU game was his second two-touchdown game of the year. He also recorded a pair of scores versus Toledo, when he had a season-best 82 yards on 15 carries, and he has the longest run of the year for NIU, a 55-yard score versus Indiana State. At Minnesota, he blocked a punt. Spann gained just 61 yards on 11 carries in 10 games a year ago.

### working overtime

The Huskies overtime loss to Central Michigan marked NIU's sixth-ever overtime game, but the first since Sept. 24, 2005, when Northern Illinois dropped a 48-42 decision at Akron. NIU played at least one overtime game every year from 2002-2005, winning each of its first four overtime outings before the losses to Akron and now CMU. Each of the Huskies' overtime games has ended after the first extra session.

### here's the kicker

Head Coach Jerry Kill calls NIU's Mike Salerno "the best kicker in the league." While Salerno, a transfer from Winona State, leads the Mid-American Conference, and ranks 11th in the country in field goals with 17 after his third three-field goal day of the year versus Central Michigan, Kill also appreciates Salerno's skill on kickoffs. That ability was on display in the Central Michigan game as the Huskies perfectly executed TWO outside kicks in the second half, leading to 10 points. Salerno has booted his traditional kickoffs for an average of 65.2 yards with over 25 percent (16 of 61) downed in the end zone. The average starting position for NIU opponents is the 21.3 yard line.

### three things

With 17 field goals in 23 attempts so far this season, Mike Salerno has made long field goals, short field goals, multiple field goals and pressure-packed field goals. His latest "pressure" field goal came versus Central Michigan when he sent the game to overtime with 19 seconds on the clock with a 25-yard conversion. Earlier this year, his 30-yard field goal with 12 seconds remaining gave NIU a 16-13 victory over Bowling Green. For long threes, check out his school record-tying 52-yarder versus Bowling Green and a 49-yard effort at Minnesota. Salerno ranks sixth on the NIU single season charts for both field goals made and attempted, while his 84 points are the sixth-best annual total in school history. The CMU game was his

third three-field goal day of the year (Tennessee, Bowling Green) and he made two threes in each of the first three games of the season.

### three grand

With 75 receiving yards on four catches at Kent State, Marcus Perez will become the third current Huskie senior to surpass the 1,000-yard mark in career receiving yards. Perez, who leads NIU in receiving this season with 28 catches for 400 yards, has 1,061 career yards on 76 catches with seven receiving TDs. After grabbing his eighth career scoring toss last week, Matt Simon's career numbers stand at 89 catches for 1,612 yards and seven TDs, while Britt Davis has 143 career grabs for 1,653 yards and eight scores. Since 2004 (Perez and Simon's freshman year), the three have combined for 308 catches for 4,326 yards and 23 touchdowns.

### turnover turnaround

In Northern Illinois' six wins in 2008, its opponents have turned the ball over 13 times with seven fumbles and six interceptions. In the Huskies' five losses, opponents have lost six fumbles but have not thrown an interception. The Huskies are 4-1 this year when committing fewer turnovers than their opponents, but are 2-4 when turning the ball over an equal number of times or more than their foes. The Huskies have committed nine turnovers (three fumbles, six INTs) in their five losses with just five turnovers (two, three) in their six wins. NIU has not picked off a pass since the Toledo game and has just one interception in its last five games.

### MIDSHIPMEN FACTS

2008 Record	6-4
2007 Final Record	8-5
Head Coach	Ken Niumatalolo
Alma Mater/Year	Hawai'i/1989
Record at Navy/Year	6-4/1st
Career Record/Year	6-4/1st
Location	Annapolis, Md.
Enrollment	4,300
Conference	Independent
Colors	Navy Blue and Gold
Stadium	Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium
Surface/Capacity	FieldTurf/34,000
Superintendent	Vice Admiral Jeffrey Fowler, USN
Athletic Director	Chet Gladchuk
Ticket Information	1-800-US4-NAVY
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### 2008 NAVY SCHEDULE

8/30	TOWSON	41-13, W
9/5	at Ball State	35-23, L
9/13	at Duke	41-31, L
9/20	RUTGERS	23-21, W
9/27	at Wake Forest	24-17, W
10/4	at Air Force	33-27, W
10/18	PITTSBURGH	42-21, L
10/25	SMU	34-7, W
11/1	TEMPLE	33-27, W (OT)
11/15	vs. Notre Dame (Baltimore)	27-21, L
11/25	at Northern Illinois	7 pm
12/6	vs. Army (Philadelphia)	Noon

All Times Eastern.



### block party

Northern Illinois has a school-record five punt blocks this season with each of the blocks by a different player. The Huskies blocked two punts versus Bowling Green to set the school single-game record for blocked punts. Wide receiver Landon Cox' fourth-quarter block set up the Huskies' game-winning field goal versus BGSU; earlier in the game, safety Spencer Williamson got his hand on a Falcon punt. Tailback Chad Spann (Minnesota), cornerback Patrick George (Tennessee) and receiver Willie Clark (Indiana State) are the other players who have blocked punts for NIU this year.

### academic honors

Huskie linemen, and engineering majors, Jon Brost and Craig Rusch were named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District V team by the College Sports Information Directors of America, marking the sixth time in the last seven years that NIU has had at least one player honored. Brost, a semifinalist for the National Football Foundation's Draddy Award who also earned a MAC Scholar-Athlete of the Week honor this year, earned Academic All-District honors for the second straight season.

### in any league

Larry English proved that he would be a force in any league with his performance versus the offensive line of Tennessee. In that game, English had a season-high 2.5 sacks for losses totaling 26 yards to earn MAC West Defensive Player of the Week honors. He made one of the biggest defensive plays of the game when he sacked UT QB Nick Stephens in the third quarter to force a fumble that NIU recovered on the Tennessee nine yard line and later converted into a field goal.

### successful stretch

Between the Western Michigan game on Sept. 6 (a 29-26 loss) and the win over Bowling Green on Oct. 25, no Northern Illinois opponent scored more than one touchdown against the Huskies. That defensive run included games versus Indiana State, Eastern Michigan, Tennessee, Miami, Toledo and Bowling Green. In three contests (Indiana State, Eastern Michigan, Miami), the NIU defense did not give up a touchdown, although Miami scored on a punt return. In those six games, the Huskies surrendered just 49 total points (3, 0, 13, 13, 7 and 13, respectively) for an average of 8.2 per game.

### playmakers

Running back turned safety David Bryant leads the Huskie defense in tackles with 64 on the season, but the Northern Illinois defensive stats go deep as the Huskies have rotated players throughout the season. NIU boasts 21 players with at least 10 tackles and 21 defenders have recorded at least one tackle for loss on the year. Following Bryant on the Huskie tackle chart is fellow safety Mike Sobol, who recovered two onside kicks in the Central Michigan game, and has 52 tackles, a team-leading 37 solo, on the year. Larry English leads NIU in tackles for loss and quarterback sacks, while Melvin Rice has four pass break-ups.

### going long

After recording just 28 plays of 25 yards or longer in 2007, Northern Illinois has 37 long plays - 13 rushing, 14 passing and 10 on returns - this season. NIU had eight long plays in the Ball State game, six in the Central Michigan contest and four more at Kent State. The long plays versus Ball State came on four kickoff returns by Me'co Brown, two 25-yard rushes by Chandler Harnish, a 40-yard run by Ricky Crider and a 25-yard pass from Harnish to Matt Simon. Versus CMU, the Huskies' long plays came on Crider kickoff returns of 75, 30 and 31 yards, and passes of 39, 30 and 25 yards from Harnish to Marcus Perez, Simon and Greg Turner, respectively. At Kent

### 2008 HUSKIES IN THE NIU RECORD BOOKS

PLAYER, POS.	CATEGORY	No.	Current Rank	Needs
<b>CAREER</b>				
LARRY ENGLISH, DE	Quarterback Sacks	31.5	1st	
	Tackles for Loss	59	1st	
TIM McCARTHY, LB	Assisted Tackles	140	T6th	156 (5th)
ANDY DITTBENNER, P	Punts	204	6th	205 (5th)
	Punting Yards	8,140	5th	8,796 (4th)
MIKE SALERNO, K	Field Goals Made	17	9th	21 (8th)
	Field Goal Attempts	23	10th	29 (9th)
	Points Kicking	84	9th	113 (8th)
BRITT DAVIS, WR	Catches	143	T5th	148 (4th)
DAN NICHOLSON, QB	Passing Yards	3,559	7th	4,076 (6th)
	Pass Completions	312	5th	397 (4th)
	Pass Attempts	527	8th	552 (7th)
	TD Passes	23	9th	26 (8th)
<b>SEASON</b>				
MIKE SALERNO, K	Field Goals Made	17	T6th	18 (T4th)
	Field Goal Attempts	23	6th	24 (5th)
	Points Kicking	84	6th	91 (5th)
CHANDLER HARNISH, QB	Passing Yds/Game	153.3	10th	153.8 (9th)
	Passing Yds/Attempt	8.34	5th	8.37 (4th)
ME'CO BROWN, TB	Kickoff Returns	23	8th	24 (T6th)
	Kickoff Return Yards	492	7th	524 (6th)

State, Harnish and Chad Spann scored on runs of 31 and 26 yards, the QB and Perez hooked up on a 41-yard completion, and defensive end Craig Rusch added his name to the list with a 60-yard fumble return.

### the best defense...

...is a good offense? In the Bowling Green game, Northern Illinois had scoring drives of 10:06, 8:05 and 4:43 in the second half en route to the 16-13 win. Bowling Green ran just 14 offensive plays in the half and gained 77 yards as the NIU defense enjoyed long stretches on the sidelines. The Huskies' had scoring drives of 17 and 16 plays versus BGSU, the longest drives, in terms of plays, since an 18-play, 84-yard drive in the NIU win over Maryland on August 28, 2003. The Huskies employed the same tactic at Kent State, possessing the ball for 34:45 to KSU's 25:15, and using a 14-play, 85-yard touchdown drive to take 7:07 off the clock in the first half. On the year, Northern Illinois is hanging onto the ball 4:10 more per game than their opponents, 32:05 to 27:55.

### quick hitters

- With five kickoff returns for 180 yards versus Central Michigan, including a 75-yard return, Ricky Crider earned the fourth-highest single game kickoff return total in school history and the most since A.J. Harris had a school-record 185 yards versus Akron in 2005.
- Sixteen Huskie players have scored touchdowns this season as NIU ranks tied for second nationally in number of different players who have scored.
- Senior Matt Simon recorded his fifth career 100-yard receiving day, and his first of the season, with six catches for 131 yards versus Central Michigan. A year ago, Simon had nine catches for 205 yards versus CMU with a 92-yard touchdown reception. He has 19 catches for 375 yards in three career games against the Chippewas.
- In 11 games in 2008, Northern Illinois has been led in receptions by eight different players, including six receivers, walk-on fullback Connor Flahive (at Ball State) and tight end Brandon Beal (vs. BGSU).





**larry ENGLISH**

DE | 6-3 | 255 | Sr.-RS | 3L

**51**

Aurora, Ill. | Marmion Academy

- Broke the NIU career record for quarterback sacks with two at Kent State to give him 31.5 for his career. Forced his eighth career fumble on the second sack, which Craig Rusch took in for a score.
- Leads the Huskies and ranks second in the MAC with eight sacks and 14 tackles for loss this year.
- Has recorded at least one tackle for loss in eight of 11 games this year and in 18 of his last 23 games.
- The nation's active career leader in sacks (31.5), sack yardage (220) and tackles for loss yards (279), ranks third in tackles for loss (61).
- Also holds the school record for career tackles for loss (61).
- Tied his season-high with five tackles, 2.5 for loss and 1.5 quarterback sacks, versus Central Michigan; also tallied five tackles at Ball State.
- Collected 2.5 sacks for 26 yards at Tennessee, forced a fumble on the Vols' nine-yard line, and was named the MAC West Defensive Player of the Week.
- Forced a fumble on an eight-yard sack versus Toledo; recovered a fumble at Minnesota and broke up a pass vs. Indiana State.
- Has played most of the year with a broken hand for which he underwent surgery and has pins in his thumb, but has not missed a play.
- Made four tackles, including two for loss, with a sack, versus Minnesota and added four solo stops and a tackle for loss at Western Michigan.
- One of 30 candidates for the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, presented for excellence in Classroom, Character, Community and Competition.
- Named to the watch lists for the Bronko Nagurski, Rotary Lombardi and Ted Hendricks awards in 2008 and MAC Report Online tabbed him as its preseason Defensive Player of the Year.
- Voted the MAC's Most Valuable Player by league coaches in 2007.

**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	11-27	1.5-7	0/1	0/0
2006	13/13	32	19	51	16-92	11.5-77	4/1	0/0
2007	12/12	29	38	67	20-91	10.5-79	1/1	0/2
2008	11/11	24	9	33	14-69	8-57	3/1	0/1
<b>Career</b>	<b>48/45</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>61-279</b>	<b>31.5-220</b>	<b>8/4</b>	<b>0/3</b>

**CAREER HIGHS**

**Tackles:** 12, at Idaho, 9-22-07      **TFLs:** 5.5, vs. Temple, 10-21-06  
**Sacks:** 5, at Idaho, 9-22-07

**mike SALERNO**

K | 5-11 | 165 | Jr.-RS | 1Sq

**16**

Orland Park, Ill. | Sandburg HS | Winona State

- Has hit 17-of-23 field goals and all 33 of his PAT tries to lead the Huskies in scoring with 84 points.
- Posted his third three-field goal game of the season versus CMU, including the 25-yard game-tying boot with 19 seconds left.
- Also kicked two perfect outside kicks in the CMU game which NIU recovered, spurring the Huskies' comeback.
- Hit at least one field goal in eight of NIU's 11 games this year and ranks sixth on NIU's single season list for field goals made and attempted.
- Averaging 65.2 yards on 61 kickoffs with 16 touchbacks; opponents are starting on their 21.3-yard line.
- Kicked a game-winning field goal from 30 yards out with 11.9 seconds on the clock to give the Huskies a win over Bowling Green.
- Good on three of four field goals versus the Falcons, including a career-long 52-yarder that tied the school record for the longest field goal.
- Provided all of NIU's scoring versus Tennessee with FGs of 25, 24 and 25 yards and made two field goals in each of the Huskies' first three games, including a 49-yarder versus Minnesota.
- Scored a season-high 12 points versus Indiana State with two field goals and six PATs.
- Third in the MAC and ranks 11th nationally in field goals and is sixth in the league in scoring, averaging 7.6 points per game.

**SALERNO'S CAREER STATISTICS**

**SCORING**

Year	GP	PAT	FG-A	Lg	Pts
2008	11	33-33	17-23	52	84

**FIELD GOALS**

Year	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
2008	0-0	6-6	8-10	2-6	1-1

**CAREER HIGHS**

**PATs:** 6, vs. Indiana State, 9-20-08 and at Kent State, 11-18-08  
**Field Goals:** 3, vs. Tenn., BGSU, CMU  
**Field Goal Attempts:** 4, vs. Tennessee, 10-4-08; vs. Bowling Green, 10-25-08  
**Points:** 12, vs. Indiana State, 9-20-08  
**Long Field Goal:** 52, vs. Bowling Green, 10-25-08 (ties school record)

**jason ONYEBUAGU**

OG | 6-2 | 305 | Jr. | 2L

**65**

Indianapolis, Ind. | Warren Central HS

- Has been the Huskies' top offensive lineman this year, according to line coach Matt Limegrover and has played his best football of the season over the last six games.
- Leads the offensive line with 22 bonus blocks and 19 knockdowns on the season and his effort grade has topped 96 percent in every game.
- Gave his top performance with an 89 percent mark at Kent State but has graded out above 80 percent in each of the last six games.
- Earned the offensive lineman of the week honors for the third time following the Kent State game and also was selected by coaches for his play in the Tennessee and Toledo contests.
- Also played well versus Ball State with an 88 percent mark and versus Eastern Michigan, with 90 percent effort and efficiency marks.
- Gave 100 percent effort with two bonus blocks and had 99 percent efficiency at Tennessee and graded out a season high 90 percent with three bonus blocks in the Toledo game.
- For the fifth time this year, Huskies did not give up a sack in the Kent State game, while line led the way to 224 rushing yards and three TDs.
- Limited in preseason after undergoing knee surgery and saw limited action until returning to the starting line-up versus Eastern Michigan.
- Played in 36 games and started 24 over the last three seasons.





**eddie ADAMSKI**

C | 6-3 | 280 | Jr.-RS | 2L

Kildeer, Ill. | Carmel HS

**50**

- Three-year starter at center with 35 career starts who has been named the Huskies' offensive lineman of the week three times, versus Bowling Green, Ball State and Minnesota.
- Playing his best football of the year right now, according to OL coach Matt Limegrover.
- Earned a season-high 89 percent grade with three bonus blocks versus Bowling Green and followed that with an 88 percent mark at Ball State.
- Earned a 70-plus percent grade in the WMU game with a 90-plus percent efficiency rating.
- For the fifth time this year, Huskies did not give up a sack in the Kent State game, while line led the way to 224 rushing yards and three TDs.
- O-line notched its three best performances in the Toledo, Bowling Green and Ball State games with season-high collective grades of 81, 86 and 81, respectively.
- Quarterback of the Huskie offensive line who calls all the line signals.
- NIU is averaging 176.2 rushing yards per game to rank 43rd in the country and third in the league.

**marcus PEREZ**

WR | 6-0 | 180 | Sr.-RS | 2L

Elkhart, Ind. | Central HS

**5**

- Leads NIU with 28 catches for 400 yards on the year with 10 receptions in the Huskies' last three games, including a four-catch, 75-yard performance at Kent State that included a 41-yard grab.
- Surpassed the 1,000-yard mark in the Kent State game and needs three catches and seven yards to record his best season as a Huskie.
- Caught three passes versus both Ball State and Central Michigan, totaling 61 yards and recording a 39-yard effort in the CMU game.
- Two of his three catches versus Toledo went for TDs, on a career-long 45 reception and a 15-yard effort.
- A four-catch, 76-yard day versus Miami included grabs of 36 and 23 yards.
- Has at least one reception in nine of NIU's last 10 games.
- Scored on a two-yard run on the reverse at EMU for his first career rushing TD and ran 20 yards on a fake punt versus CMU.
- Tied his career high with six catches for 77 yards versus Western Michigan with a long of 34 yards.
- Has totaled 1,700 all-purpose yards in his career with 66 rushing, 1,061 receiving, 127 on punt returns and 446 on kick returns.

**PEREZ' CAREER STATISTICS**

RECEIVING							
Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Yds/Gm
2004	12/3	10	166	16.6	0	44	13.8
2006	12/9	30	406	13.5	5	42	36.6
2007	5/2	8	89	11.1	0	22	17.8
2008	10/4	28	400	14.3	2	45	40.0
<b>Career</b>	<b>39/18</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>27.2</b>

- CAREER HIGHS**  
**Catches:** 6, twice, last vs. Western Michigan, 9-6-08  
**Receiving Yards:** 91, vs. Buffalo, 9-16-06  
**Touchdowns:** 2, vs. Toledo, 10-18-08  
**Long Reception:** 45, vs. Toledo, 10-18-08  
**Long Kick Return:** 41, vs. Ohio, 9-9-06  
**Long Punt Return:** 41, vs. Indiana State, 9-23-06

**andy DITTBENNER**

P | 6-2 | 205 | Sr.-R | 3L

Bloomington, Ill. | Normal University HS

**18**

- Candidate for the Ray Guy Award averaging 39.1 yards per boot.
- Had just one punt, for 43 yards, at Kent State.
- Forced 12 fair catches; placed 10 punts inside the 20 and opponents have returned only 12 of his 36 kicks.
- Totaled a season-high eight punts versus Ball State, dropped two inside the 20 and forced four fair catches.
- Punted four times for a season-best 47.2-yard average at EMU, dropping all four of his punts inside the 20 with a season-long 54-yard punt to earn MAC West Specialist of the Week honors.
- Booted six punts for a 40.7-yard average at Minnesota and none of his kicks in the game were returned.
- Ranks fourth on NIU career charts for punting average (39.9), sixth in career punts (204) and fifth in career punting yards (8,140).
- Set the NIU record for season punting average (43.5) and totaled the ninth-highest single-season yardage total with 2,564 as a junior.

**DITTBENNER'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Lg	In20
2005	12	54	2,083	38.6	56	16
2006	10	55	2,085	37.9	58	14
2007	12	59	2,564	43.5	62	16
2008	11	36	1,408	39.1	54	10
<b>Career</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>8,140</b>	<b>39.9</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>56</b>

- CAREER HIGHS**  
**Punts:** 9, vs. TCU (Poinsettia Bowl), 12-19-06  
**Average:** 53.0 (2 punts), vs. Kent State, 11-10-07  
**Long:** 62, vs. Kent State, 11-10-07  
**Inside 20:** 4, twice, latest at Eastern Michigan, 9-27-08

**josh ALLEN**

LB | 6-0 | 215 | Sr. | 3L

North Chicago, Ill. | North Chicago HS

**9**

- Starting strong-side linebacker is third on the team in tackles with 50, in tackles for loss with seven and is tied for second in pass break-ups with three.
- Recorded his first sack of 2008 with a four-yard takedown at Kent State.
- Collected a team season-high 12 tackles, five solo, versus Central Michigan with a tackle for loss.
- Credited with eight tackles at Ball State to total 20 stops in those two critical MAC West battles.
- Made at least four tackles in seven of 11 games this year and had four solo stops at both Minnesota and Eastern Michigan.
- Forced a fumble in the Minnesota game and broke up passes in the Tennessee, Miami and Bowling Green contests.
- Totaled 183 tackles in his career with 19 tackles for loss and seven pass break-ups.

**ALLEN'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	G/GS	Solo	Assist	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sk.-Yds.	FF/FR	Int/PBU
2005	12/4	21	16	37	3-7	0-0	0/0	0/1
2006	11/1	4	3	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0/0
2007	12/12	33	56	89	9-22	2-12	1/0	0/3
2008	11/11	25	25	50	7-13	1-4	0/1	0/3
<b>Career</b>	<b>46/28</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>19-42</b>	<b>3-16</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>0/7</b>

- CAREER HIGHS**  
**Tackles:** 15, at Toledo, 10-27-07  
**TFLs:** 2, twice, last vs. Kent State, 11-10-07  
**Sacks:** 1.5, vs. Kent State, 11-10-07





**melvin RICE**

CB | 5-11 | 195 | Sr. | 3L

**2**

Chicago, Ill. | Morgan Park HS

- Sixth on the team in tackles with 42 and leads the squad in pass break ups with four; his 31 solo stops are third on the team.
- Played one of his best games versus CMU with five tackles, four solo, his first career fumble recovery and a pass break-up.
- Broke up Miami's third down pass attempt in the end zone on the RedHawks' final drive to preserve an NIU victory.
- Had a pair of PBU's and seven tackles, five solo, in the MU game.
- Led Northern Illinois vs. Eastern Michigan with a season-high eight stops, six solo.
- Four tackles, all solo, versus Bowling Green, led the Huskies; added his first tackle for loss of the season.
- Forced a fumble in the Tennessee game to set up an NIU field goal.
- Made four tackles in the Ball State game and has at least that many in six of the 10 games he has played.
- Credited with 165 career stops with 98 solo, and needs one pass break up to move into the Huskie career top nine.

**RICE'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	G/GS	Solo	Assist	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sk.-Yds.	FF/FR	Int/PBU
2005	12/0	7	8	15	0-0	0-0	0/0	0/3
2006	13/7	29	18	47	2-6	0-0	0/0	2/3
2007	8/8	31	30	61	5-7	0-0	0/0	0/6
2008	10/6	31	11	42	1-4	0-0	1/1	0/4
<b>Career</b>	<b>43/21</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>8-17</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>2/16</b>

**CAREER HIGHS**

**Tackles:** 12, at Temple, 10-06-07  
**TFLs:** 2, twice, last vs. Central Michigan, 9-29-07  
**INTs:** 1, twice, last vs. Central Michigan, 11-17-06  
**PBUs:** 2, twice, last vs. Miami (Ohio), 10-11-08

**brandon BICE**

DE | 6-4 | 250 | Jr.-RS | 1L

**56**

McCook, Ill. | Lyons Township HS

- One of NIU's most productive defensive linemen who ranks second on the team with 10 tackles for loss, five quarterback sacks and three pass break-ups.
- Played one of his top games versus Central Michigan with a sack, two tackles for loss and four tackles.
- Made a season-best five stops versus Indiana State with a career-best three tackles for loss and a quarterback sack.
- In the Miami game, totaled four tackles with a pass break-up, quarterback sack and a tackle for loss.
- Credited with 19 tackles on the year, 14 solo, with 10 of those tackles for loss.
- Recorded a sack and a tackle for loss in the Ball State game.

**BICE'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	G/GS	Solo	Assist	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sk.-Yds.	FF/FR	Int/PBU
2006	3/0	4	0	4	2-6	1-1	0/0	0/0
2007	11/11	14	24	38	3-15	1.5-12	0/0	0/4
2008	11/0	14	5	19	10-39	5-29	0/0	0/3
<b>Career</b>	<b>25/11</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>15-60</b>	<b>7.5-42</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0/7</b>

**CAREER HIGHS**

**Tackles:** 8, vs. Kent State, 11-10-07  
**TFLs:** 3, vs. Indiana State, 9-20-08  
**Sacks:** 1.5, vs. Kent State, 11-10-07

**tim McCARTHY**

LB | 6-1 | 230 | Sr.-RS | 3L

**53**

Neenah, Wisc. | Neenah HS

- Ranks fifth on the team in tackles with 44, 26 solo, after totaling three solo stops at Kent State as well as his first pass break up of the year.
- Credited with six tackles for loss to rank tied for fourth on the team.
- Responsible for four tackles versus Ball State.
- Made six tackles in three straight games versus Indiana State, Eastern Michigan and Tennessee.
- Picked off an EMU pass and returned it 20 yards to the 11-yard line to set up a Huskie touchdown.
- Led NIU in tackles at Minnesota with eight stops, six solo.
- Recorded two TFLs versus both Minnesota and Indiana State.
- His 140 career assisted tackles are sixth in school history.
- Forced a fumble versus Western Michigan.

**MCCARTHY'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	G/GS	Solo	Assist	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sk.-Yds.	FF/FR	Int/PBU
2005	12/6	64	37	101	3-13	1-10	1/2	0/2
2006	12/12	38	73	111	7-21	1-11	0/1	2/5
2007	3/2	4	12	16	1-4	0-0	0/0	0/0
2008	11/10	26	18	44	6-9	0-0	1/0	1/1
<b>Career</b>	<b>38/30</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>17-53</b>	<b>2-21</b>	<b>2/3</b>	<b>3/8</b>

**CAREER HIGHS**

**Tackles:** 17, vs. Ball State, 10-29-05  
**TFLs:** 2, three times, last vs. Indiana State, 9-20-08  
**Interceptions:** 1, three times, last at Eastern Michigan, 9-27-08  
**Sacks:** 1, twice, last at Miami (Ohio), 10-8-06

**reed CUNNINGHAM**

TE | 6-5 | 245 | Jr.-RS | 1L

**83**

Cambria, Wisc. | Pardeeville HS

- Tied for second on the team with 17 catches (for 196 yards), and leads NIU with three touchdown catches.
- Caught three passes for 35 yards, including an 18-yarder, and scored NIU's first TD on a two-yard grab at Kent State.
- For the second time this season, shared offensive lineman of the week honors with Jason Onyebuagu for his play at Kent State. Also picked up the award after the Toledo game.
- Made a season-high four catches versus CMU, earning 28 yards.
- Totaled a season-high 46 yards, including a career-long 28-yard grab, at Eastern Michigan.
- Has at least one catch in eight games this year.
- Caught touchdown passes of nine and 10 yards versus Indiana State and Toledo, respectively.
- Grabbed a pair of passes for 35 yards and added two catches for 21 yards in the Tennessee game.

**CUNNINGHAM'S CAREER STATISTICS**

**RECEIVING**

Year	G/GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Yds/Gm
2006	7/0	0	0	0.0	0	-	0.0
2007	7/4	18	166	9.2	1	17	23.7
2008	11/10	17	196	11.5	3	28	17.8
<b>Career</b>	<b>25/14</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>14.5</b>

**CAREER HIGHS**

**Catches:** 7, vs. Kent State, 11-10-07  
**Receiving Yards:** 65, vs. Kent State, 11-10-07  
**Touchdowns:** 1, three times, last vs. Toledo, 10-18-08  
**Long Reception:** 28, vs. Eastern Michigan, 9-27-08





chandler **HARNISH**

QB | 6-2 | 210 | Fr.-RS | Sq

12

Bluffton, Ind. | Norwell HS

- Accounted for 290 yards of total offense and four TDs with 117 rushing and 173 passing yards in NIU's 42-14 win over Kent State. Two rushing TDs included a 31-yard jaunt.
- Broke NIU record for most yards of total offense by a freshman with 1,640, 1,226 passing and 414 rushing on the year.
- Completed season-high 18-of-36 passes for 288 yards, 236 in the second half comeback versus CMU.
- Averaging 153.3 passing and 51.8 rushing yards per game while completing 84-of-147 passes (57.1 percent).
- Has scored at least one rushing touchdown in each of the Huskies' last three games and ranks second on the team with four TDs on the year.
- Totaled 59 rushing yards with two 25-yarders, including a TD, and completed 14-of-22 passes for 115 yards, at Ball State.
- Ran for 113 yards on 19 carries versus Bowling Green to become the first Huskie QB since 1990 to gain 100 yards in a game.
- Named MAC West Offensive Player of the Week after throwing for 326 yards on 17-of-29 passing in his career debut at Minnesota.
- Missed three-plus games with an injured foot.
- Threw TD passes of 91 and 52 passes at Minnesota and had three touchdowns versus Toledo, when he also had a career-long 32-yard run.

**HARNISH'S CAREER STATISTICS**

**PASSING**

Year	G/GS	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Lg	Yds/Gm	Effic.
2008	8/7	84-147-5	57.1	1,226	7	91	153.3	130.43

**RUSHING**

Year	G/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Yds/Gm
2008	8/7	92	414	4.5	4	32	51.8

**CAREER HIGHS**

**Pass Attempts:** 36, vs. Central Michigan, 11-12-08  
**Pass Completions:** 18, vs. Central Michigan, 11-12-08  
**Yards:** 326, vs. Minnesota, 8-30-08    **Long Pass:** 91, vs. Minnesota, 8-30-08  
**Touchdowns:** 3, vs. Toledo, 10-18-08  
**Rushing Attempts:** 20, at Kent State, 11-18-08  
**Rushing Yards:** 117, at Kent State, 11-18-08  
**Long Run:** 32, vs. Toledo, 10-18-08

bradley **PRUITT**

CB | 6-1 | 200 | Sr.-RS | 3L

24

Chicago, Ill. | Hyde Park HS

- Injured versus Miami and sat out three games with an ankle injury before returning to action versus Central Michigan.
- Made 22 tackles on the season, 15 solo, with three tackles for loss and has 174 career stops.
- Leads NIU with two interceptions and has returned them 73 yards.
- Scored on a 54-yard interception return versus Indiana State when he also had three tackles and a five-yard tackle for loss.
- Had a season-high five stops - all solo - at EMU and added a pass deflection along with a 19-yard interception return.
- Tied for the team lead with six tackles at Tennessee.

**PRUITT'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	G/GS	Solo	Assist	Total	TFL-Yds.	Sk.-Yds.	FF/FR	Int/PBU
2005	12/0	10	1	11	1-2	0-0	0/1	0/0
2006	12/10	24	25	49	3-4	0-0	0/1	0/3
2007	12/11	47	45	92	6-21	1-8	0/0	1/2
2008	8/5	15	7	22	3-8	0-0	0/0	2/1
<b>Career</b>	<b>44/26</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>13-35</b>	<b>1-8</b>	<b>0/2</b>	<b>3/6</b>

**CAREER HIGHS**

**Tackles:** 12, vs. Kent State, 11-10-07

me'co **BROWN**

TB/KR | 5-7 | 180 | Fr. | HS

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Moss Point, Miss. | Moss Point HS

- Leads NIU in rushing, returns (PR and KOR) and all-purpose yards with 503 rushing yards for a 4.7 yards per carry average.
- Returned a career-high seven kickoffs for 185 yards versus Ball State to tie the NIU single game record for KOR yards. Had a career-long 44-yard effort and returns of 34, 29 and 26 yards in the game.
- Averaging 10.1 all-purpose yards per game with 1,011 total yards, including 567 on returns (492 KOR; 75 PR).
- Totaled 95 rushing yards on 20 carries with a key 10-yard pass reception in the Bowling Green game.
- Rushed for career and team season best 123 yards on 16 carries vs. Miami for his second 100-yard day of the season; averaged 7.7 yards per rush and career-best 36-yard run set up NIU score.
- Compiled 160 all-purpose yards in the Miami game with his best punt return day of 33 yards on two returns and a long of 19.
- Gained 111 rushing yards on 17 carries with a 26-yard TD run versus Eastern Michigan.
- Scored his first career TD on a 26-yard run at Western Michigan.

**BROWN'S CAREER STATISTICS**

**RUSHING**

Year	G/GS	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Lg	Yds/Gm
2008	11/6	107	503	4.7	2	36	45.7

**RETURNS**

Year	-----Punt Returns-----				-----Kickoff Returns-----			
	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
2008	8	75	9.4	0	23	492	21.4	0

**CAREER HIGHS**

**Carries:** 20, vs. Bowling Green, 10-25-08  
**Rushing Yards:** 123, vs. Miami (Ohio), 10-11-08  
**Rushing TDs:** 1, twice, last at Eastern Michigan, 9-27-08  
**Long Run:** 36, vs. Miami (Ohio), 10-11-08  
**Catches:** 1, four times, last vs. Bowling Green, 10-25-08  
**Yards:** 13, at W. Michigan, 9-6-08    **Long Catch:** 13, at WMU, 9-6-08  
**All-Purpose Yards:** 188, vs. Ball State, 11-5-08  
**Long Punt Return:** 19, vs. Miami (Ohio), 10-11-08  
**Long Kickoff Return:** 44, vs. Ball State, 11-5-08

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Maple Grove, Minn. | Maple Grove HS

- Leads the 2008 Huskies with 46 career starts and has played in every game (48) over the last four years.
- Earned a spot on the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District Team for the second straight year and was a semifinalist for the National Football Foundation Draddy Award as an electrical engineering major with a 3.5 GPA.
- Honored as the MAC Male Scholar Athlete of the Week on Oct. 2 after NIU's defeat of Eastern Michigan.
- Selected the Huskies' lineman of the week for the WMU and Indiana State games.
- Graded out over 70 percent versus the Broncos with a 90-plus percent efficiency rating and tallied a 100 percent effort grade in the ISU game.
- For the fifth time this year, Huskies did not give up a sack in the Kent State game, while line led the way to 224 rushing yards and three TDs.
  - O-line notched its three best performances in the Toledo, Bowling Green and Ball State games with season-high collective grades of 81, 86 and 81, respectively.
  - NIU is averaging 176.2 rushing yards per game to rank 43rd in the country and third in the league.



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<b>GAME 1</b>	<b>Minnesota</b>	<b>31</b>
	<b>Northern Illinois</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>Aug. 30 - Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome (44,029)</b>		
<b>Minneapolis, Minn. - Big Ten Network</b>		

MINNEAPOLIS - Minnesota's Duane Bennett scored on a one-yard run with 22 seconds remaining and Northern Illinois' last-second pass in the end zone was batted down as the Golden Gophers claimed a 31-27 win over the Huskies in the 2008 season-opener.

Northern Illinois nearly completed a miraculous comeback. Redshirt freshman quarterback Chandler Harnish, who completed 17-of-29 passes for 326 yards in his NIU debut, drove the Huskies to the Minnesota 30 before a pair of passes to the end zone fell incomplete.

Down 27-24 with 5:15 remaining, Minnesota quarterback Adam Weber marched the Gophers 74 yards in 10 plays on the game-winning drive. He completed four passes to take UM to the 11 yard-line. After a seven-yard Weber run, Bennett rushed three straight times before crossing the goal line.

Northern Illinois had taken its first lead, 27-24, with 8:09 remaining when Harnish hooked up with Nathan Palmer on a 52-yard touchdown pass.

Palmer caught three passes for 170 yards and two scores to notch the 13th-best receiving day in Huskie history. With NIU facing third and 10 from its nine-yard line, he caught a pass over the middle and sprinted to the end zone to pull Northern Illinois within four at 24-20 with 6:59 left in the third quarter. The 91-yard pass play was the fifth-longest ever at NIU.

Defensively, Northern Illinois was led by linebacker Tim McCarthy and safety Mike Sobol with eight tackles each. Larry English and Brandon Bice notched sacks while McCarthy and English each had two tackles for loss.

Minnesota took a 7-0 lead after opening the game with an 18-play, 90-yard drive that consumed nearly nine minutes on the clock. Northern Illinois tied the score at seven in the second quarter when Justin Anderson scored after a nine-play, 74-yard drive highlighted by a 26-yard pass play from Harnish to Matt Simon.

After the Golden Gophers regained the lead on a 40-yard field goal, the Huskies responded. Chad Spann blocked a punt and Tracy Wilson recovered at the Gophers' 27, setting up Mike Salerno's 39-yard three-pointer. The half ended in a 10-10 tie.

In the second half, Salerno added a 49-yard field goal, the longest by a Huskie kicker since 2005 and the eighth-longest in school history.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Northern Illinois	0	10	10	7	27
Minnesota	7	3	14	7	31

### SCORING SUMMARY

- UM - Decker 8 pass from Weber (Monroe kick), 1st 6:03 (18-90, 8:57)
- NIU - Anderson 2 run (Salerno kick), 2nd 10:45 (9-74, 4:54)
- UM - Monroe 40 FG, 2nd 6:02 (7-26, 2:29)
- NIU - Salerno 39 FG, 2nd 0:55 (4-5, 1:45)
- UM - Simmons 53 pass from Weber (Monroe kick), 3rd 11:25 (3-64, 1:17)
- NIU - Salerno 49 FG, 3rd 8:27 (8-40, 2:58)
- UM - Bennett 61 run (Monroe kick), 3rd 8:07 (1-61, 0:20)
- NIU - Palmer 91 pass from Harnish (Salerno kick), 3rd 6:59 (3-91, 1:08)
- NIU - Palmer 52 pass from Harnish (Salerno kick), 4th 8:09 (6-80, 2:03)
- UM - Bennett 1 run (Monroe kick), 4th 0:22 (10-74, 4:53)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

- Rushing** - NIU: Anderson 13-34, Clanton 5-17, Brown 4-11, Harnish 8-10, Crider 1-0. UM: Bennett 18-92, Weber 12-30, Eskridge 1-5.
- Passing** - NIU: Harnish 17-29-0, 326; Team 0-1-0, 0. UM: Weber 24-37-0, 298.
- Receiving** - NIU: Davis 4-24, Palmer 3-170, Simon 3-49, Cunningham 2-35, Crider 2-30, Skarb 2-13, Cox 1-5. UM: Decker 10-89, Tow-Arnett 4-66, Bennett 4-25, Simmons 3-77, Spry 2-25, Kuznia 1-16.
- Tackle Leaders** - NIU: McCarthy 8, Sobol 8, Bryant 7, Allen 5, Hanson 5. UM: Brock 5, Theret 5, Hightower 5, Davis 4, Sherels 4, Campbell 4.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	UM
First Downs (R-P)	15 (5-10)	18 (6-12)
Rushes-Net Yards	31-72	31-127
Passing Yards	326	298
Passes (C-A-I)	17-30-0	24-37-0
Plays-Total Yards	61-398	68-425
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-1
Penalties-Yards	2-14	3-20
Kickoff Returns-Yds	5-96	5-142
Punt Returns-Yds	1-9	0-0
3rd Down Conversions	6-14	5-14
4th Down Conversions	0-0	2-2
Punts-Average	6-40.7	6-36.0
Possession Time	29:49	30:11
Sacks By-Yards	2-20	2-16

<b>GAME 2</b>	<b>Western Michigan</b>	<b>29</b>
	<b>Northern Illinois</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>Sept. 6 - Waldo Stadium (26,262)</b>		
<b>Kalamazoo, Mich.</b>		

KALAMAZOO, Mich. - In the first Mid-American Conference game of the season, Western Michigan held on to defeat Northern Illinois, 29-26, at Waldo Stadium. For a moment, it appeared the Huskies would mount a last-second drive again.

After a touchdown pass from Dan Nicholson to Greg Turner pulled the Huskies within three points of the Broncos with 40 seconds left on the clock, NIU kicker Mike Salerno spun a perfect inside kick that teammate T.J. Griffin recovered. But the Huskies were called for an illegal procedure penalty and Western Michigan recovered Salerno's second try to end the Huskie comeback.

Statistically, Northern Illinois held the edge. The Huskies passed for 297 yards to Western Michigan's 186, ran 15 more plays than the Broncos and held the ball for nearly 10 more minutes than WMU. Northern Illinois converted seven-of-15 third downs while holding Western Michigan to a three-of-10 rate.

Northern Illinois battled adversity throughout the game, beginning with the loss of quarterback Chandler Harnish in the first quarter. Nicholson came on to complete 16-of-29 passes for 239 yards while also rushing for 21 yards on nine carries.

Freshman DeMarcus Grady provided a second-half spark and finished the game with seven runs for 43 yards and a score. Inserted with 4:11 left in the third, Grady carried the ball on four consecutive plays for 23 yards to the WMU 44. Two plays later, Nicholson picked up 24 yards on the longest run of his career to the 11. Three plays later, Grady's three-yard run gave the Huskies a 19-14 fourth-quarter lead.

Western Michigan came back with a 9-play, 82-yard drive to re-claim the lead on a three-yard pass from Tim Hiller to Juan Nunez with 10:05 on the clock. After a Grady fumble and behind the rushing of Brandon West, who gained 175 yards on 25 carries in the game, the Broncos extended the lead to 29-19 with seven minutes remaining.

NIU scored first on a 26-yard run by freshman Me'co Brown that was set up by a 45-yard completion on a flea-flicker from Harnish to Matt Simon.

Nine different Huskies caught passes in the game, led by senior Marcus Perez, who grabbed six passes for 77 yards. Freshman Nathan Palmer followed up his 170 receiving yard performance in the season opener with four catches for 78 yards.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Northern Illinois	7	3	3	13	26
Western Michigan	7	7	0	15	29

### SCORING SUMMARY

- NIU - M. Brown 26 run (Salerno kick), 1st 11:33 (7-84, 3:27)
- WMU - Simmons 26 pass from Hiller (Potter kick), 1st 3:02 (8-57, 3:41)
- WMU - West 7 pass from Hiller (Potter kick), 2nd 13:54 (8-55, 2:26)
- NIU - Salerno 20 FG, 2nd 1:16 (10-56, 5:02)
- NIU - Salerno 39 FG, 3rd 11:17 (8-39, 2:08)
- NIU - Grady 3 run (Nicholson pass failed), 4th 14:17 (9-67, 4:54)
- WMU - Hiller 5 run (Nunez pass from Hiller), 4th 10:05 (9-82, 4:12)
- WMU - Pritchard 1 pass from Hiller (Potter kick), 4th 6:59 (5-33, 2:15)
- NIU - Turner 16 pass from Nicholson (Salerno kick), 4th 0:40 (9-80, 1:48)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

- Rushing** - NIU: Brown 13-54, Grady 7-43, Crider 6-22, Nicholson 9-21, Harnish 3-9, Anderson 4-4, Team 2-(-2), Dittbenner 1-(-9). WMU: West 25-175, Thompson 1-12, Hiller 3-11, Elsworth 2-2, Team 1-(-2).
- Passing** - NIU: Nicholson 16-29-1, 239; Harnish 2-4-0, 58. WMU: Hiller 21-30-0, 186.
- Receiving** - NIU: Perez 6-77, Palmer 4-78, Cox 1-5, Simon 1-45, Skarb 1-24, Turner 1-16, Beal 1-15, Brown 1-13, Cunningham 1-8. WMU: Simmons 8-102, Nunez 4-32, Julien 4-27, Ledbetter 2-15, West 2-9, Pritchard 1-1.
- Tackle Leaders** - NIU: Bryant 8, Sobol 7, Hanson 6, English 4, Rice 4. WMU: Wilson 12, Delmas 10, Marshall 6, McCormell 6.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	WMU
First Downs (R-P)	23 (8-14)	19 (9-8)
Rushes-Net Yards	44-142	32-198
Passing Yards	297	186
Passes (C-A-I)	18-33-1	21-30-0
Plays-Total Yards	77-439	62-384
Fumbles-Lost	4-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	7-60	5-45
Kickoff Returns-Yds	3-51	3-73
Punt Returns-Yds	1-8	1-9
3rd Down Conversions	7-15	3-10
4th Down Conversions	1-3	1-2
Punts-Average	2-35.5	3-42.3
Possession Time	34:20	25:40
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	4-16





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<b>GAME</b>	<b>Northern Illinois</b>	<b>48</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Indiana State</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Sept. 20 - Huskie Stadium (20,936)</b>		
<b>DeKalb, Ill. - Comcast SportsNet Chicago</b>		

DeKALB, Ill. - Northern Illinois rushed for 285 yards and scored 21 points off four Indiana State turnovers, as the Huskies earned the 48-3 non-conference triumph over the Sycamores at Huskie Stadium, giving Jerry Kill his first victory as the head coach of the Huskies.

Four NIU players rushed for more than 40 yards, and three scored touchdowns on the ground. Senior Montell Clanton led the team with 10 carries for 61 yards and a score, while quarterback DeMarcus Grady ran the ball eight times for 53 yards and added a touchdown scamper in the second quarter that gave NIU a 31-0 advantage.

Grady split time under center with senior Dan Nicholson, completing both of his passes for 24 yards, including a 19 yard touchdown pass to Matt Simon on the first pass attempt of his career.

Nicholson went 5-for-10 and put the Huskies on the board with a nine-yard toss to Reed Cunningham midway through the first quarter.

Northern Illinois kicker Mike Salerno added a 46-yard field goal to increase the lead to 10-0 at the end of the first.

Huskie defensive back Bradley Pruitt picked off an Indiana State pass and returned it 54 yards to the end zone, extending NIU's advantage to 17-0 with 9:52 left in the contest.

Grady scored both of his touchdowns in the second quarter, and the Sycamores scored their only points of the game with a 42-yard field goal from Braulio Martinez in the final seconds of the half to make the score 31-3 at the break.

The Huskies outscored the Sycamores 17-0 in the second half, including a 1-yard score from Clanton and a 55-yard touchdown burst through the middle by Chad Spann.

Northern Illinois racked-up 363 yards of total offense, and didn't punt until late in the third quarter. The Huskies haven't scored more than 48 points since 2004, when NIU defeated Western Michigan, 59-38, in Kalamazoo.

The NIU defense held Indiana State to just 31 yards rushing and 154 yards total, while intercepting three Sycamore passes and forcing three fumbles. The Huskies compiled 13 tackles for loss, including sacks by Brandon Bice and Craig Rusch.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Indiana State	0	3	0	0	3
Northern Illinois	10	21	10	7	48

### SCORING SUMMARY

- NIU - Cunningham 9 pass from Nicholson (Salerno kick), 1st 8:33 (11-70, 6:27)
- NIU - Salerno 46 FG, 1st 4:55 (4--2), 1:05]
- NIU - Pruitt 54 interception return (Salerno kick), 2nd 9:52
- NIU - Simon 19 pass from Grady (Salerno kick), 2nd 6:49 (3-25, 1:41)
- NIU - Grady 6 run (Salerno kick), 2nd 2:32 (4-43, 2:12)
- ISU - Martinez 42 FG, 2nd 0:00 (3-9, 0:24)
- NIU - Salerno 39 FG, 3rd 9:53 (6-29, 2:58)
- NIU - Clanton 1 run (Salerno kick), 3rd 6:50 (3-10, 1:28)
- NIU - Spann 55 run (Salerno kick), 4th 12:12 (3-64, 0:55)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

**Rushing** - NIU: Spann 3-73, Clanton 10-61, Grady 8-50, Anderson 7-42, Brown 6-35, Crider 3-24. ISU: Dowdell 4-22, Schmidtko 7-11, Gates 5-3.

**Passing** - NIU: Nicholson 5-10-1, 37; Grady 2-2-0, 24; Morris 1-1-0, 17. ISU: Schmidtko 9-18-1, 46; Dowdell 10-17-2, 77.

**Receiving** - NIU: Simon 3-42, Adonis 1-17, Cunningham 1-9, Clark 1-6, Davis 1-5, Perez 1-(-1). ISU: Patrick 4-23, Kent 3-37, Gates 3-22, Jones 2-16, Gray 2-15, Jones 1-11.

**Tackle Leaders** - NIU: Hanson 6, McCarthy 6, Bice 5, Bryant 5, Carter 4, Sobol 4. ISU: Everett 10, Sewell 9, McCleskey 7, Scott 6.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	ISU
First Downs (R-P)	11 (2-6)	15 (11-4)
Rushes-Net Yards	26-31	37-285
Passing Yards	123	78
Passes (C-A-I)	19-35-3	8-13-1
Plays-Total Yards	61-154	50-363
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	2-2
Penalties-Yards	3-15	7-69
Kickoff Returns-Yds	6-85	1-24
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0	5-49
3rd Down Conversions	4-15	4-8
4th Down Conversions	0-2	0-0
Punts-Average	6-29.5	1-47.0
Possession Time	32:06	27:54
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	2-6

<b>GAME</b>	<b>Northern Illinois</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Eastern Michigan</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Sept. 27 - Rynearson Stadium (17,159)</b>		
<b>Ypsilanti, Mich. - ESPN Plus</b>		

YPSILANTI, Mich. - Four different Northern Illinois backs scored rushing touchdowns and the Huskie defense did not allow Eastern Michigan into the red zone, giving NIU a dominating 37-0 win over the Eagles at Rynearson Stadium in Ypsilanti.

Huskie head coach Jerry Kill earned the first Mid-American Conference win of his Northern Illinois career as NIU evened its record at 2-2 overall, 1-1 in the MAC to match its win total of a year ago. Eastern Michigan fell to 1-4, 0-2.

Northern Illinois scored its second straight shut out of Eastern Michigan in Rynearson Stadium as the last time NIU held an opponent scoreless was in the same stadium two years ago. The 37-point victory margin was the Huskies' fourth-largest ever in a Mid-American Conference game.

The defense held Eastern Michigan to just 3.6 yards per play and gave up 119 rushing yards. Eastern Michigan did not penetrate the Huskies' 30-yard line in the game and NIU held the Eagles to 5-of-15 third down conversion and 2-of-6 fourth down tries. Northern Illinois picked off two passes in the first half, broke up four passes on the day and totaled six tackles for loss.

Offensively, the Huskies got a 100-yard rushing game from true freshman Me'co Brown, who earned 111 yards on 17 carries, as NIU averaged 5.5 yards per rush in the game with 235 total yards. Quarterback Dan Nicholson completed 11-of-15 passes for 92 yards and a touchdown, with five of those going to senior Greg Turner.

The Huskies scored a pair of touchdowns in the final 2:42 of the first quarter with Brown scoring on a 26-yard run to complete a 12-play, 83-yard drive. After linebacker Tim McCarthy picked off EMU quarterback Andy Schmitt and returned it 20 yards to the Eastern Michigan 11-yard line, back-up QB DeMarcus Grady scored on a nine-yard run to give NIU a 14-0 lead and the Huskies never looked back.

Northern Illinois added a touchdown in each of the next three quarters - on a two-yard run by Marcus Perez, a four-yard Nicholson to Kyle Skarb completion, and an eight-yard run by Justin Anderson, respectively - to build a 35-0 lead. Fittingly, the Huskie defense capped off the scoring when D.J. Pirkle sacked EMU quarterback Jason Williams in the end zone for a safety. It was NIU's first safety since the 2004 season.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Northern Illinois	14	7	7	9	37
Eastern Michigan	0	0	0	0	0

### SCORING SUMMARY

- NIU - M. Brown 26 run (Salerno kick), 1st 2:42 (12-83, 5:35)
- NIU - Grady 9 run (Salerno kick), 1st 0:49 (2-11, 0:47)
- NIU - Perez 2 run (Salerno kick), 2nd 7:23 (6-65, 3:00)
- NIU - Skarb 4 pass from Nicholson (Salerno kick), 3rd 9:21 (11-85, 5:30)
- NIU - Anderson 8 run (Salerno kick), 4th 9:27 (8-60, 3:59)
- NIU - Pirkle safety, 4th 1:29

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

**Rushing** - NIU: Brown 17-111, Anderson 7-37, Spann 6-35, Clanton 3-33, Crider 3-10, Grady 2-10, Perez 1-2, Nicholson 3-(-1), Team 1-(-2). EMU: McMahon 2-32, Blevins 9-31, Schmitt 9-27, Welch 4-23, Priest 6-20, Williams 1-(-6), Sanders 2-(-8).

**Passing** - NIU: Nicholson 11-15-0, 92; Grady 2-2-0, 12. EMU: Schmitt 21-37-1, 140; McMahon 0-2-1, 0.

**Receiving** - NIU: Turner 5-24, Cunningham 2-46, Perez 2-10, Davis 1-8, Lewis 1-7, Adonis 1-5, Skarb 1-4. EMU: Stone 9-98, Jones 3-14, Blevins 3-0, Gage 2-11, Leduc 2-7, Sanders 1-7, Burke 1-3.

**Tackle Leaders** - NIU: Rice 8, McCarthy 6, Kube 5, Pruitt 5, Allen 4, Krause 4, Wilson 4. EMU: Holtzclaw 15, Wyatt 7, Hatchett 6, Harrison 6, Long 5.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	EMU
First Downs (R-P)	21 (13-5)	19 (6-11)
Rushes-Net Yards	43-235	33-119
Passing Yards	104	140
Passes (C-A-I)	13-17-0	21-39-2
Plays-Total Yards	60-339	72-259
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-50	3-28
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-17	4-92
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0	0-0
3rd Down Conversions	9-14	5-15
4th Down Conversions	0-0	2-6
Punts-Average	4-47.2	2-29.5
Possession Time	31:59	28:01
Sacks By-Yards	2-10	1-5





<b>GAME</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Northern Illinois</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Oct. 4 - Neyland Stadium (99,539)</b>		
<b>Knoxville, Tenn. - ESPN GamePlan</b>		

**KNOXVILLE** - In a performance that head coach Jerry Kill called, "more than valiant," the Northern Illinois Huskies battled Tennessee to the final play before falling, 13-9, in front of a crowd of 99,539 at Neyland Stadium in Knoxville.

Northern Illinois held the Volunteers to 225 yards and just one touchdown in the game, including just 69 on the ground, behind a defense led by Larry English, who totaled 2.5 sacks and forced a key third-quarter fumble. The Huskies won the turnover battle, 2-1, limited the Vols to nine first downs and allowed Tennessee to convert just three of 13 third downs.

The NIU offense, which played the final two and half quarters with back-up quarterback DeMarcus Grady under center, controlled the ball for 33 minutes to the Vols' 26:49. Grady led the Huskies in rushing with 47 yards on 15 attempts.

The Huskies moved the ball effectively versus the Vols' defense, especially in the first half under Dan Nicholson, but could not reach the end zone. Northern Illinois took a 3-0 lead in the first quarter after a nine-play, 44-yard drive. Mike Salerno hit the first of three field goals on the day, a 25-yarder to give NIU a lead.

Tennessee took advantage of Northern Illinois' only turnover to tie the game in the second quarter. Eric Berry intercepted a Nicholson throw and returned it to the Huskie 16; but the NIU defense held and limited UT to a 36-yard Daniel Lincoln field goal.

That score stood until the third quarter when Tennessee took the opening kick-off and drove to the Northern Illinois 17, where Lincoln put the Vols ahead 6-3 with a 34-yard effort. UT extended its lead to 13-3 one possession later thanks to the big play as QB Nick Stephens hit Denarius Moore with a 52-yard strike for the lone touchdown of the game.

Northern Illinois answered with a 10-play, 68-yard drive to the Tennessee 7. Grady hit Landon Cox with a 17-yard completion and threw a 35-yard pass to Willie Clark, leading to Salerno's 24-yard effort and cutting UT's lead to 13-6.

The Huskie defense gave the offense another chance as English sacked Stephens, forcing a fumble that Mike Krause recovered at the Tennessee nine yard line. Tennessee once again held NIU to a Salerno field goal as the kicker connected from 25 yards out again.

The teams' defensive battled continued through the fourth quarter with neither defense surrendering. Northern Illinois' last chance came on fourth and seven from the NIU 21 yard line when Grady came up inches short on a rush.

<b>SCORING BY QUARTERS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Northern Illinois	3	0	6	0	9
Tennessee	0	3	10	0	13

### SCORING SUMMARY

- NIU - Salerno 25 FG, 1st 2:53 (9-44, 4:57)
- UT - Lincoln 36 FG, 2nd 6:50 [4-(-3), 1:57]
- UT - Lincoln 34 FG, 3rd 12:37 (5-52, 2:24)
- UT - Moore 52 pass from Stephens (Lincoln kick), 3rd 9:49 (1-52, 0:11)
- NIU - Salerno 24 FG, 3rd 4:45 (10-68, 4:55)
- NIU - Salerno 25 FG, 3rd 1:31 (4-1, 2:26)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

- Rushing** - NIU: Grady 14-41, Brown 8-14, Anderson 4-6, Morris 2-5, Spann 2-5, Nicholson 4-1. UT: Foster 18-75, Hardesty 7-20, Jones 1-2, Team 1-(-2) Stephens 5-(-26).
- Passing** - NIU: Nicholson 10-15-1, 79; Grady 4-10-0, 39; Morris 0-1-0, 0. UT: Stephens 10-17-0, 156; Jones 0-1-0, 0.
- Receiving** - NIU: Palmer 4-26, Cox 3-36, Cunningham 2-21, Perez 2-13, Clark 1-35, Schepler 1-6, Team 1-(-19). UT: Moore 3-65, Jones 2-50, Briscoe 2-22, Rogers 2-14, Stocker 1-5.
- Tackle Leaders** - NIU: McCarthy 6, Bryant 6, Pruitt 6. UT: McKenzie 9, McCoy 8, Berry 6, Ayers 5, Brown 5.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	UT
First Downs (R-P)	12 (3-6)	9 (5-4)
Rushes-Net Yards	34-72	32-69
Passing Yards	118	156
Passes (C-A-I)	14-26-1	10-18-0
Plays-Total Yards	60-190	50-225
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-2
Penalties-Yards	7-40	6-45
Kickoff Returns-Yds	4-87	3-53
Punt Returns-Yds	1-7	4-22
3rd Down Conversions	5-16	3-13
4th Down Conversions	0-1	0-1
Punts-Average	5-39.6	4-36.5
Possession Time	33:05	26:55
Sacks By-Yards	3-28	4-10

<b>GAME</b>	<b>Northern Illinois</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Miami (Ohio)</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Oct. 11 - Huskie Stadium (17,444)</b>		
<b>DeKalb, Ill. - Comcast SportsNet Chicago (GamePlan)</b>		

DeKALB, Ill. - Me'co Brown rushed for a career-high 123 yards and Josh Allen batted down a potential game-winning fourth-down touchdown pass, as the Northern Illinois football team earned a 17-13 victory over Miami (OH) at Huskie Stadium.

With the win, the Huskies improved to 3-3 overall, and 2-1 in the Mid-American Conference, surpassing 2007 totals in both categories.

Down four points with 7:17 remaining, the RedHawks drove 57 yards to the NIU 12. An incomplete pass followed by an Alex Kube tackle-for-loss put the RedHawks at the Northern Illinois 15-yard line facing third down.

Miami quarterback Dan Raudabaugh threw a strike for Chris Givens in the endzone that was broken up by Melvin Rice, bringing up fourth down. Allen made it back-to-back pass break-ups on the next play to end the RedHawk drive, and give the Huskies their second conference win of the season.

While the NIU defense finished the game, Brown's 7.7 yards per carry average carried the Huskies through much of it. Brown's longest effort of the day came on a 36-yard burst in the third quarter that set-up a two-yard touchdown effort from Chad Spann. The score gave the Huskies a 17-13 lead with 2:18 left in the third, an advantage they held for the win.

The Huskie defense put forth more than late game heroics, allowing the RedHawks just six points on two field goals. NIU held an opponent to 13 points or less for the fourth straight game.

Miami scored their first points and only touchdown of the game on a 63-yard punt return by Eugene Harris with 4:49 left in the second quarter. The points were the first of 13-straight for the RedHawks, capped by a 35-yard field goal from Nathan Parseghian that put Northern Illinois in a 13-10 hole with 4:53 remaining in the third.

Northern Illinois started redshirt freshman DeMarcus Grady at quarterback. Grady completed 7-of-12 passes for 63 yards. He threw Northern Illinois' first touchdown of the game, a three-yard strike to Landon Cox that put the Huskies up 10-0 early in the second quarter. Grady also rushed for 43 yards, including a career-long 28-yard rush that precluded Mike Salerno's field goal.

Chandler Harnish replaced an injured Grady in the second quarter and completed 4-of-9 passes for 48 yards.

<b>SCORING BY QUARTERS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Total</b>
Miami (Ohio)	0	10	3	0	13
Northern Illinois	3	7	7	0	17

### SCORING SUMMARY

- NIU - Salerno 38 FG, 1st 4:55 (6-59, 2:30)
- NIU - Cox 3 pass from Grady (Salerno kick), 2nd 10:11 (6-42, 3:02)
- Miami - Harris 63 punt return (Parseghian kick), 2nd 4:49
- Miami - Parseghian 44 FG, 2nd 0:00 (8-51, 1:53)
- Miami - Parseghian 35 FG, 3rd 4:53 (15-62, 6:28)
- NIU - Spann 2 run (Salerno kick), 3rd 2:32 (5-63, 2:18)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

- Rushing** - NIU: Brown 16-123, Grady 6-43, Spann 4-21, Anderson 4-17, Harnish 5-15, Team 2-(-4). MU: Merriweather 17-60, Bratton 6-42, Taylor 2-19, Raudabaugh 3-8, Rogers 2-6.
- Passing** - NIU: Grady 7-12-0, 63; Harnish 4-9-0, 48. MU: Raudabaugh 19-35-0, 149.
- Receiving** - NIU: Perez 4-76, Skarb 2-18, Cox 2-3, Spann 1-6, Brown 1-4, Palmer 1-4. MU: Bratton 5-38, Woods 5-34, Robinson 2-20, Rogers 2-15, Harris 1-17, Potter 1-10, Merriweather 1-8, O'Connell 1-5, Crabtree 1-2.
- Tackle Leaders** - NIU: Bryant 9, Rice 7, Wilson 6, Kube 5, Schiller 5. MU: Hudson 10, Wilson 9, Mullins 8, Shula 5, Coniglio 4.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	Miami
First Downs (R-P)	16 (7-7)	16 (9-5)
Rushes-Net Yards	30-135	37-215
Passing Yards	149	111
Passes (C-A-I)	19-35-0	11-21-0
Plays-Total Yards	65-284	58-326
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	12-79	3-26
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-27	1-9
Punt Returns-Yds	2-79	2-33
3rd Down Conversions	6-16	4-12
4th Down Conversions	1-3	0-0
Punts-Average	5-50.4	4-37.8
Possession Time	29:12	30:48
Sacks By-Yards	0-0	1-5





<b>GAME</b>	<b>Northern Illinois</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Toledo</b>	<b>7</b>

Oct. 18 - Huskie Stadium (22,092)  
DeKalb, Ill. - Comcast SportsNet Chicago (GamePlan)

DeKALB, Ill. - Freshman quarterback Chandler Harnish returned to the starting line-up and threw for three touchdowns, leading the Huskies to a 38-7 Homecoming victory over Toledo.

The Huskies went up 21-0 halfway through the second quarter en route to their first win over Toledo at Huskie Stadium since 1989. NIU used a pair of Chad Spann touchdown runs, sandwiched by a 45-yard Marcus Perez touchdown reception from Harnish to take the three-touchdown halftime advantage.

After being shutout in the first half, the Rockets opened the third quarter with an 11-play, 77-yard drive that ended in a 21-yard touchdown run by Morgan Williams. The score brought the Rockets within 14, but the Huskies answered on their next possession with a 32-yard Mike Salerno field goal to extend the lead to 17.

The Huskies forced Toledo to punt and NIU followed with a nine-play, 70-yard drive. Britt Davis made an 18-yard catch on third down, and Marcus Perez scored on a 15-yard reception to put the Huskies up 31-7 with 13:07 to go in the game.

Northern Illinois sealed the victory on the second play of Toledo's next possession, when Larry English sacked Rocket quarterback Aaron Opelt, forcing a fumble that Jake Coffman recovered on the Toledo 43 yard line. Coffman finished the day with two fumble recoveries, a sack and three tackles.

The Huskies rushed on the next six plays, setting up a 10-yard touchdown pass from Harnish to Reed Cunningham. The score put the Huskies ahead by the final margin of 38-7 with 7:44 left.

Harnish, who started for the first time since Sept. 6, completed 12-of-16 passes for 173 yards and three touchdowns. He was also NIU's second-leading rusher, compiling a career-best 60 yards on eight attempts, including a 32-yard burst in the third quarter.

Spann led the Huskie ground attack with 15 attempts for 82 yards and two touchdowns. Spann opened Northern's scoring with a 12-yard rush on the first drive of the game, and added his second score on a two-yard run in the second.

The Huskie defense held an opposing offense to less than 10 points for the fourth time in five games. Northern Illinois sacked Opelt three times and intercepted the Toledo quarterback once. NIU allowed just 229 yards of total offense, with only 80 yards allowed on the ground.

Northern Illinois has now won 10 of its last 11 Homecoming games.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Toledo	0	0	7	0	7
Northern Illinois	14	7	3	14	38

### SCORING SUMMARY

- NIU - Spann 12 run (Salerno kick), 1st 7:23 (12-67, 7:37)
- NIU - Perez 45 pass from Harnish (Salerno kick), 1st 0:44 (6-82, 2:56)
- NIU - Spann 2 run (Salerno kick), 2nd 7:49 (9-71, 4:03)
- UT - Williams 21 run (Steigerwald kick), 3rd 9:37 (11-77, 5:18)
- NIU - Salerno 32 FG, 3rd 6:21 (7-57, 3:11)
- NIU - Perez 15 pass from Harnish (Salerno kick), 4th 13:07 (9-70, 4:57)
- NIU - Cunningham 10 pass from Harnish (Salerno kick), 4th 7:44 (7-43, 4:38)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

**Rushing** - NIU: Spann 15-82, Harnish 8-60, Anderson 6-37, Brown 10-35, Crider 5-8, Team 1-(-2). UT: Williams 8-50, Collins 7-27, Walker 1-12, Pettie 2-(-4), Opelt 4-(-5).

**Passing** - NIU: Harnish 12-16-0, 173. UT: Opelt 16-22-0, 138; Pettie 1-2-1, 11.

**Receiving** - NIU: Perez 3-68, Clark 3-35, Davis 2-27, Cunningham 2-14, Cox 1-24, Skarb 1-5. UT: Williams 9-75, Allen 3-28, Bailey 2-29, Moore 2-15, Williams 1-2.

**Tackle Leaders** - NIU: Wilson 7, Kube 6, Sobol 5, Carter 4, Allen 4. UT: Donald 11, Quinn 5, Brudzinski 5, Church 5.

### TEAM STATISTICS

First Downs (R-P)	13 (5-7).....24 (12-10)	UT.....NIU
Rushes-Net Yards	22-80.....45-220	
Passing Yards	149.....173	
Passes (C-A-I)	17-24-1.....12-16-0	
Plays-Total Yards	46-229.....61-393	
Fumbles-Lost	3-2.....0-0	
Penalties-Yards	10-85.....5-44	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	7-148.....2-48	
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0.....1-0	
3rd Down Conversions	3-9.....5-10	
4th Down Conversions	0-0.....1-1	
Punts-Average	4-41.8.....1-41.0	
Possession Time	25:09.....34:51	
Sacks By-Yards	0-0.....3-23	

<b>GAME</b>	<b>Northern Illinois</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Bowling Green</b>	<b>13</b>

Oct. 25 - Huskie Stadium (17,163)  
DeKalb, Ill. - Comcast SportsNet Chicago (GamePlan)

DeKALB, Ill. - Junior Mike Salerno kicked a 30-yard field goal with 12 seconds remaining to give Northern Illinois a 16-13 victory over Bowling Green in the third straight home game at Huskie Stadium.

The win was the Huskies' third straight and fifth in its last six contests as NIU improved to 5-3 on the season, 4-1 in the Mid-American Conference.

Salerno's field goal came after Landon Cox blocked a Falcon punt late in the fourth quarter with the game tied 13-13. Northern Illinois downed the ball at the BGSU 37-yard line and took over with less than five minutes remaining. After Cox's block, the Huskies ran the ball on the next seven plays, setting up the game-winner.

Northern Illinois' ground game racked-up 233 yards, including a career-high 113 from quarterback Chandler Harnish who became the first NIU quarterback since 1990 to rush for over 100 yards in a game. Me'co Brown accounted for 95 yards on 20 attempts, while Chad Spann scored NIU's only touchdown.

Spann's score capped a persistent 17-play, 80-yard drive that opened the second half and devoured 10:06 from the clock. The touchdown put the Huskies in front, 10-6, with less than five minutes remaining in the third quarter.

Bowling Green answered with its lone touchdown on an 18-yard strike from Tyler Sheehan to Marques Parksto to re-take the lead, 13-10, with 1:13 left in the third.

The Huskies took over on their own 20 on the next series, but ran into a third-and-eight on the 50. Harnish completed a pass to Brown, who gained 10 yards to keep the drive alive. Seven plays later, Salerno booted a 25-yard field goal to tie the game, 13-13, with 8:08 remaining.

Salerno not only ended the day's scoring, he started it, tying a school record with a 52-yard yard field goal on the Huskies' first drive.

The Huskie defense held Bowling Green to 168 yards of total offense. Tyler Sheehan was limited to 92 yards passing, despite completing 15-of-21 attempts. The Falcons also struggled to rush the ball, rushing 22 times for 76 yards.

The Northern Illinois offense held the ball for over 38 minutes, including nearly 23 minutes in the second half, helped by scoring drives of 10 and eight minutes.

Cox became the fifth NIU player to block a punt this season. Spencer Williamson deflected the Falcons' first try of the game, which went just 32 yards.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Bowling Green	3	3	7	0	13
Northern Illinois	3	0	7	6	16

### SCORING SUMMARY

- NIU - Salerno 52 FG, 1st 10:33 (6-17, 2:55)
- BG - Vrvilo 29 FG, 1st 2:33 (7-10, 3:05)
- BG - Vrvilo 20 FG, 2nd 6:16 (9-34, 4:58)
- NIU - Spann 1 run (Salerno kick), 3rd 4:54 (17-80, 10:06)
- BG - Parks 18 pass from Sheehan (Vrvilo kick), 3rd 1:13 (8-69, 3:36)
- NIU - Salerno 25 FG, 4th 8:08 (16-72, 8:05)
- NIU - Salerno 30 FG, 4th 0:12 (8-24, 4:43)

### TEAM STATISTICS

First Downs (R-P)	10 (6-4).....19 (14-4)	BGSU.....NIU
Rushes-Net Yards	22-76.....57-233	
Passing Yards	92.....45	
Passes (C-A-I)	15-21-0.....5-12-2	
Plays-Total Yards	43-168.....69-278	
Fumbles-Lost	1-1.....0-0	
Penalties-Yards	2-15.....2-21	
Kickoff Returns-Yds	1-7.....1-5	
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0.....0-0	
3rd Down Conversions	6-12.....10-16	
4th Down Conversions	0-0.....1-1	
Punts-Average	3-30.0.....1-25.0	
Possession Time	21:23.....38:37	
Sacks By-Yards	0-0.....1-5	

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

**Rushing** - NIU: Harnish 19-113, Brown 20-95, Spann 15-31, Perez 1-(-2), Team 2-(-4). BG: Turner 10-39, Bullock 7-31, Sheehan 4-5, Partridge 1-1.

**Passing** - NIU: Harnish 5-12-2, 45. BG: Sheehan 15-21-0, 92.

**Receiving** - NIU: Beal 3-34, Brown 1-10, Flahive 1-1. BG: Partridge 6-21, Turner 3-20, Pronty 2-1, Parks 1-18, Scheidler 1-16, Bullock 1-10, Wright 1-6.

**Tackle Leaders** - NIU: Rice 4, Kube 4, Rusch 3, Sobol 3, Krutsch 3, Allen 3. BG: Brown 12, Mahone 10, Smith 9, Briggs 7.





<b>GAME 9</b>	<b>Ball State</b>	<b>45</b>
	<b>Northern Illinois</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Nov. 5 - Scheumann Stadium (14,373)</b>		
<b>Muncie, Ind. - ESPN2</b>		

MUNCIE, Ind. - Ball State quarterback Nate Davis completed 18-of-22 passes for 300 yards and four touchdowns to lead the 16th-ranked Cardinals to a 45-14 victory over Northern Illinois on a Wednesday night at Scheumann Stadium.

The loss snapped Northern Illinois' three-game winning streak and dropped the Huskies' record to 5-4 on the year, 4-2 in the MAC while Ball State improved to 9-0, 5-0.

BSU tailback Miquale Lewis gained 119 yards on 19 carries and receiver Louis Johnson's six receptions went for 165 yards. The Cardinals rolled up 529 yards of total offense, the most gained versus the Huskies this year.

Ball State scored its first touchdown on a Lewis one-yard plunge with 1:41 left in the first quarter after a roughing the punter penalty extended the Cardinals' second drive of the game. Davis hit Briggs Orsbon on a 33-yard pass to the NIU one to set up the score.

After the Huskie defense forced Ball State to punt on its next two possessions, the Cardinals struck again after a 33-yard pass from Davis to Johnson took BSU to the Huskie 25. Four plays later, Davis hit Darius Hill with the first of his two scores on the day and Ball State led 14-0.

BSU led 21-0 at the half. While the Huskie defense struggled to stop Davis, NIU could not get its offense untracked with the exception of one third-quarter drive.

On the opening drive of the second half, Huskie quarterback Chandler Harnish gained all 59 of his (net) rushing yards on three carries, including a 25-yard touchdown run, and Chad Spann accounted for the other 16 as Northern Illinois cut Ball State's lead to 21-7 and appeared ready to mount a comeback.

But Lewis put an end to that hope on BSU's next play, bursting through the middle for a 64-yard pick-up to the Huskie 16-yard line. Four plays later, Davis scored on a one-yard sneak and BSU extended its lead to 28-7 and never looked back.

Northern Illinois scored its final touchdown late in the game as Indiana native Ricky Crider scored on a 40-yard run to make the final margin 45-14.

Harnish completed 14-of-22 passes for 115 yards in the game, while fullback Connor Flahive caught four passes to lead NIU.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Northern Illinois	0	0	7	7	14
Ball State	7	14	17	7	45

### SCORING SUMMARY

- BSU - Lewis 1 run (McGarvey kick), 1st 1:41 (9-77, 4:47)
- BSU - Hill 6 pass from Davis (McGarvey kick), 2nd 6:20 (5-58, 2:25)
- BSU - Ifft 25 pass from Davis (McGarvey kick), 2nd 1:53 (5-64, 2:09)
- NIU - Harnish 25 run (Salerno kick), 3rd 11:32 (6-75, 3:23)
- BSU - Davis 1 run (McGarvey kick), 3rd 9:10 (5-80, 2:22)
- BSU - McGarvey 18 FG, 3rd 3:56 (6-45, 3:32)
- BSU - Johnson 22 pass from Davis (McGarvey kick), 3rd 1:00 (3-72, 1:08)
- BSU - Hill 20 pass from Davis (McGarvey kick), 4th 14:24 (1-20, 0:22)
- NIU - Crider 40 run (Salerno kick), 4th 1:34 (7-95, 1:56)

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

- Rushing** - NIU: Harnish 12-59, Crider 1-40, Anderson 4-31, Spann 9-27, Brown 3-3. BSU: Lewis 19-119, Sykes 5-72, Winkler 6-15, Davis 5-10, Edmonds 3-8, Justice 1(-2), Orsbon 1(-3).
- Passing** - NIU: Harnish 14-22-1, 115. BSU: Davis 18-22-0, 300; Justice 1-1-0, 10.
- Receiving** - NIU: Flahive 4-24, Perez 3-21, Cox 3-15, Simon 2-32, Davis 2-23. BSU: Johnson 6-165, Orsbon 3-48, Hill 2-26, Trempe 2-14, Lewis 2-12, Ifft 1-25, Clancy 1-10, Givson 1-8, Grant 1-2.
- Tackle Leaders** - NIU: Allen 8, Bryant 7, Carter 6, Sobol 6, Schiller 6. BSU: Woodworth 11, Knipp 9, Baker 6.

### TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	BSU
First Downs (R-P)	12 (6-6)	25 (7-14)
Rushes-Net Yards	29-160	40-219
Passing Yards	115	310
Passes (C-A-I)	14-22-1	19-23-0
Plays-Total Yards	51-275	63-529
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	5-54	0-0
Kickoff Returns-Yds	8-194	2-41
Punt Returns-Yds	1-0	3-28
3rd Down Conversions	3-12	5-11
4th Down Conversions	1-1	0-1
Punts-Average	8-36.4	3-39.0
Possession Time	26:07	33:53
Sacks By-Yards	1-6	2-13

<b>GAME 10</b>	<b>Central Michigan</b>	<b>OT 33</b>
	<b>Northern Illinois</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>Nov. 12 - Huskie Stadium (13,543)</b>		
<b>DeKalb, Ill. - ESPN2</b>		

DeKALB, Ill. - Trailing 30-6, Northern Illinois scored 24 unanswered points in the final 16 minutes, capped by a 25-yard field goal by Mike Salerno with 19 seconds remaining, to force the MAC West battle with Central Michigan into overtime. But Huskie quarterback Chandler Harnish was picked off by CMU's Josh Gordy to end NIU's overtime possession, and Central's Andrew Aguila drilled a 40-yard field goal to give the Chippewas a 33-30 victory on a foggy night at Huskie Stadium.

Northern Illinois recovered two onside kicks and converted three fourth downs, including one on a fake punt, as the Huskies nearly staged one of the greatest comebacks in school history.

NIU trailed 23-3 at the break as CMU quarterback Dan LeFevour led his team to three second-quarter touchdowns. The Chips racked up 19 first downs to the Huskies' three and rushed for 202 yards in the first half.

Northern Illinois' Mike Sobol made the first of his two onside kick recoveries on the third-quarter opening kickoff and NIU drove 40 yards to set up Salerno's second field goal of the day, a 31-yarder.

Central Michigan responded, driving 80 yards in 12 plays and 4:38, with LeFevour running in from the eight to extend CMU's lead to 30-6.

Harnish and the Huskies then went to the air as the freshman completed 14 of 25 passes for 236 yards in the second half. Northern Illinois scored its first touchdown on Harnish's two-yard run with 1:25 left in the third quarter; he hit Britt Davis with the two-point conversion pass to close the gap to 30-14.

A second Salerno to Sobol onside kick set up the Huskies' next drive. Chad Spann scored on a one-yard run and the Huskies pulled within 10, 30-20.

Larry English made three straight tackles to force CMU into a three-and-out, and Harnish and the Huskie offense were off again. Marcus Perez collected a 39-yard completion and Matt Simon, who finished with six catches for 131 yards, made a 23-yard grab. Spann scored on a three-yard run and NIU pulled within three.

Central Michigan was again forced to punt and Northern Illinois embarked on the game-tying drive. Josh Allen collected a team season high 12 tackles for NIU while Harnish finished the day 18-of-36 for 288 yards.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Central Michigan	3	20	7	0	3	33
Northern Illinois	0	3	11	16	0	30

### SCORING SUMMARY

- CMU - Aguila 33 FG, 1st 8:31 (11-48, 3:57)
- CMU - Brown 25 pass from LeFevour (Aguila kick), 2nd 13:34 (9-89, 2:59)
- CMU - Sneed 27 pass from LeFevour (Aguila kick), 2nd 12:10 (2-38, 0:27)
- NIU - Salerno 39 FG, 2nd 10:13 [4(-12), 1:57]
- CMU - LeFevour 1 run (kick failed), 2nd 00:40 (11-80, 4:06)
- NIU - Salerno 31 FG, 3rd 10:14 (11-40, 4:46)
- CMU - LeFevour 8 run (Aguila kick), 3rd 5:36 (12-80, 4:38)
- NIU - Harnish 2 run (Davis pass from Harnish), 3rd 1:25 (10-53, 4:11)
- NIU - Spann 1 run (Brown rush failed), 4th 13:44 (6-58, 2:41)
- NIU - Spann 3 run (Salerno kick), 4th 7:38 (8-79, 3:19)
- NIU - Salerno 25 FG, 4th 00:19 (13-72, 2:05)
- CMU - Aguila 40 FG, OT (4-2)

### TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	CMU
First Downs (R-P)	19 (6-12)	28 (16-10)
Rushes-Net Yards	35-80	49-241
Passing Yards	288	189
Passes (C-A-I)	18-38-2	19-26-0
Plays-Total Yards	73-368	75-430
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	5-45	4-40
Kickoff Returns-Yds	6-196	3-51
Punt Returns-Yds	0-0	1-10
3rd Down Conversions	3-15	9-15
4th Down Conversions	3-3	1-1
Punts-Average	4-39.0	3-43.3
Possession Time	30:36	29:24
Sacks By-Yards	3-12	3-22

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

- Rushing** - NIU: Harnish 17-31, Perez 1-20, Spann 11-17, Brown 6-12. CMU: LeFevour 29-121, Sneed 11-60, Brown 2-32, Schroeder 4-24, Cotton 1-4, Hoskins 1-2, Team 1(-2).
- Passing** - NIU: Harnish 18-36-2, 288; Team 0-2-0, 0. CMU: LeFevour 19-26-0, 189.
- Receiving** - NIU: Simon 6-131, Cunningham 4-28, Perez 3-61, Turner 2-46, Spann 1-10, Cox 1-9, Davis 1-3. CMU: Brown 7-50, Poblach 3-29, Bockheim 3-15, Anderson 2-33, Sneed 2-32, Wilson 1-15, Weaver 1-15.
- Tackle Leaders** - NIU: Allen 12, Bryant 9, Kube 8, Rusch 6. CMU: Bellore 12, Bering 7, Fraser 7, Edwards 7.



<b>GAME</b>	<b>Northern Illinois</b>	<b>42</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Kent State</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>Nov. 18 - Dix Stadium (2,267)</b>		
<b>Kent, Ohio</b>		

KENT, Ohio - Northern Illinois used a 21-point outburst in the third quarter to earn its sixth win of the 2008 season with a 42-14 victory over Kent State on a snowy night in Kent, Ohio.

The win clinched at least a .500 season for the Huskies, and NIU won its fifth Mid-American Conference game of the year after claiming just one league victory in 2007. Northern Illinois recorded a perfect 3-0 mark versus MAC East teams in 2008.

On a night made for defense, Northern Illinois forced four fumbles and recovered three, one of which defensive end Craig Rusch picked up and returned for a 60-yard touchdown to give the Huskies a 28-7 lead midway through the third period.

The Huskies limited Kent State's potent offense to 253 yards, 127 on the ground. Defensive end Larry English broke the Northern Illinois career sack record with two in the contest to up his career number to 31.5.

Meanwhile the Northern Illinois offense effectively combined the running of quarterback Chandler Harnish and backs Chad Spann and Ricky Crider, with a surprisingly efficient passing attack, given the weather conditions.

Harnish finished the game with 117 rushing yards on 20 carries and two touchdowns. He completed 12-of-19 passes for 173 yards and two passing scores, hitting tight end Reed Cunningham and Matt Simon with touchdown throws.

Leading 14-0 on the strength of a Harnish to Cunningham two-yard pass and Harnish's first touchdown run, Kent State got on the board before halftime as they scored on Leneric Muldrow's five-yard run on a fake field goal.

The Huskies extended the lead to 21-7 in the third quarter when Harnish broke free down the right sideline for a 31-yard touchdown run to complete a seven-play, 77-yard drive. Three plays later, English and Rusch combined on the sack and fumble return to give Northern Illinois a 28-7 lead.

The Golden Flashes got their final score on their next possession, but the Huskie offense answered again. With the yard lines completely obscured as a constant snow fell in the second half, Chad Spann scored on a 26-yard run. Spann ran for 48 yards on five carries on the night while Crider carried 11 times for 49 yards.

Northern Illinois finished with 397 yards of total offense and averaged 6.2 yards per play on the game. The Huskies converted seven-of-13 third downs.

SCORING BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	Total
Northern Illinois	7	7	21	7	42
Kent State	0	7	7	0	14

#### SCORING SUMMARY

- NIU - Cunningham 2 pass from Harnish (Salerno kick), 1st 10:41 (9-63, 4:19)
- NIU - Harnish 3 run (Salerno kick), 2nd 10:17 (14-85, 7:07)
- KSU - Muldrow 5 run (Reed kick), 2nd 4:22 (11-82, 5:50)
- NIU - Harnish 31 run (Salerno kick), 3rd 8:57 (7-77, 3:55)
- NIU - Rusch 60 fumble return (Salerno kick), 3rd 8:02
- KSU - Jarvis 2 run (Reed kick), 3rd 3:15 (10-49, 4:39)
- NIU - Spann 26 run (Salerno kick), 3rd 0:53 (5-52, 2:15)
- NIU - Simon 17 pass from Harnish (Salerno kick), 4th 9:01 (8-46, 5:14)

#### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICAL LEADERS

- Rushing** - NIU: Harnish 20-117, Crider 11-49, Spann 5-48, Brown 4-10, Anderson 4-1, Team 1-(-1). KSU: Edelman 19-108, Jarvis 13-15, Muldrow 1-5, Team 1-(-1).
- Passing** - NIU: Harnish 12-19-0, 173. KSU: Edelman 11-21-0, 126.
- Receiving** - NIU: Perez 4-75, Cunningham 3-35, Flahive 2-35, Simon 2-30, Cox 1-(-2). KSU: Jarvis 3-50, Bayes 3-20, Garner 2-22, Thompson 1-23, Kirkland 1-9, Flowers 1-2.
- Tackle Leaders** - NIU: Sobol 9, Bryant 6, Carter 4, Schiller 4, Wilson 4. KSU: Burrell 13, Lainhart 8, Richey 8, Pleasant 6.

#### TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU.....	KSU
First Downs (R-P)	19 (11-8).....	16 (9-6)
Rushes-Net Yards	45-224.....	34-127
Passing Yards	173.....	126
Passes (C-A-I)	12-19-0.....	11-21-0
Plays-Total Yards	64-397.....	55-253
Fumbles-Lost	0-0.....	4-3
Penalties-Yards	4-32.....	3-15
Kickoff Returns-Yds	3-41.....	7-177
Punt Returns-Yds	1-1.....	1-(-3)
3rd Down Conversions	7-13.....	6-12
4th Down Conversions	2-3.....	1-3
Punts-Average	3-34.7.....	3-44.3
Possession Time	34:45.....	25:15
Sacks By-Yards	4-13.....	0-0

#### 2008 HONORS & AWARDS

PLAYER, POS.	AWARD	Game/Date
LARRY ENGLISH, DE	Bronko Nagurski Award Watch List (def. player) Ted Hendricks Award Watch List (DE) Rotary Lombardi Award Watch List (down lineman) Lowe's Senior CLASS Award candidate MAC West Defensive Player of the Week	Tennessee
JON BROST, OT	Draddy Award Semifinalist MAC Scholar-Athlete of the Week ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V	10/2
ANDY DITTBENNER, P	Ray Guy Award Watch List MAC West Special Teams Player of the Week	EMU
CHANDLER HARNISH, QB	MAC West Offensive Player of the Week MAC Scholar Athlete of the Week	Minnesota 9/4
MATT SIMON, WR	Allstate AFCA Good Works Team	
ALEX KUBE, LB	MAC West Defensive Player of the Week	Toledo
MIKE SALERNO, K	MAC West Specialist of the Week	Bowling Green
CRAIG RUSCH, DE	MAC West Defensive Player of the Week ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District V	Bowling Green





### OFFENSE

FIRST TEAM		SECOND TEAM	
X	5 Marcus Perez (6-0, 180, Sr.)	10	Willie Clark (6-1, 190, Fr.-R)
LT	62 Trevor Olson (6-6, 290, Fr.-R)	72	Joe Pawlak (6-5, 285, Fr.-R)
LG	65 Jason Onyebuagu (6-2, 305, Jr.)	59	Kevin Skatrud (6-7, 315, Jr.)
C	50 Eddie Adamski (6-3, 280, Jr.)	71	Scott Wedige (6-4, 285, Fr.-R)
RG	78 Dan Keller (6-6, 295, Sr.)	59	Kevin Skatrud (6-7, 315, Jr.)
RT	60 Jon Brost (6-6, 300, Sr.)	66	Tony Holmes (6-6, 330, Jr.)
TE	83 Reed Cunningham (6-5, 245, Jr.)	88	Brandon Beal (6-3, 250, Sr.)
V	17 Greg Turner (6-0, 195, Sr.)	85	Matt Simon (6-2, 210, Sr.)
Z	80 Landon Cox (6-3, 215, So.)	7	<b>Britt Davis (6-3, 205, Sr.)</b>
QB	12 Chandler Harnish (6-2, 210, Fr.-R)	19	<b>Dan Nicholson (6-3, 190, Sr.)</b>
		OR	3 DeMarcus Grady (6-1, 200, Fr.-R)
FB	47 Connor Flahive (6-0, 240, So.)	34	Kyle Skarb (6-2, 220, So.)
TB	8 Me'co Brown (5-7, 180, Fr.)	28	Chad Spann (5-9, 195, So.)

### DEFENSE

RE	51 <b>Larry English (6-3, 255, Sr.)</b>	OR	54 Jake Coffman (6-5, 245, So.)
NG	58 Mike Krause (6-4, 270, So.)	48	Mike Kritikos (6-3, 220, Jr.)
DT	69 <b>Alex Krutsch (6-3, 265, Sr.)</b>	98	D.J. Pirkle (6-0, 270, So.)
LE	99 <i>Craig Rusch (6-4, 265, Sr.)</i>	93	Adam Coleman (6-3, 245, Fr.)
SLB	9 <b>Josh Allen (6-0, 215, Sr.)</b>	56	<b>Brandon Bice (6-4, 250, Jr.)</b>
MLB	53 <i>Tim McCarthy (6-1, 230, Sr.)</i>	26	<b>Cory Hanson (6-2, 225, Jr.)</b>
WLB	37 <b>Alex Kube (6-0, 220, So.)</b>	43	T.J. Griffin (6-0, 230, Sr.)
LCB	2 Melvin Rice (5-11, 195, Sr.)	29	Pat Schiller (6-2, 225, Fr.-R)
SS	38 Mike Sobol (6-0, 195, So.)	33	Patrick George (5-11, 190, So.)
FS	4 David Bryant (5-11, 205, Jr.)	25	Tracy Wilson (6-2, 200, Fr.-R)
RCB	36 <b>Chase Carter (6-0, 175, Sr.)</b>	27	Spencer Williamson (6-4, 205, Jr.)
		24	Bradley Pruitt (6-1, 200, Sr.)

### SPECIALISTS

P	18 <b>Andy Dittbenner (6-2, 205, Sr.)</b>	16	Mike Salerno (5-11, 165, Jr.)
K	16 Mike Salerno (5-11, 165, Jr.)	18	Andy Dittbenner (6-2, 205, Sr.)
HO	18 Andy Dittbenner (6-2, 205, Sr.)	17	Greg Turner (6-0, 195, Sr.)
LS	55 <b>Nolan Owen (5-10, 210, So.)</b>	93	Adam Coleman (6-3, 245, Fr.)
PR	8 Me'co Brown (5-7, 180, Fr.)	17	Greg Turner (6-0, 195, Sr.)
KOR	8 Me'co Brown (5-7, 180, Fr.)	20	Montell Clanton (5-9, 195, Sr.)
AND	22 Ricky Crider (5-9, 190, So.-R)	AND	5 Marcus Perez (6-0, 180, Sr.)

### 2008 PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Name	Pronunciation
Eddie Adamski	uh-DAM-skee
Anthony Antonacci	AN-tah-NOTCH-ee
Jon Brost	BROH-st
Me'co Brown	MEE-coe
Tyler Clasey	CLAY-see
Kiaree Daniels	KY-ree
Dan Edem	EE-dum
Connor Flahive	FLAY-hive
Steve Ivanisevic	EYE-van-UH-sev-itsh
Victor Jacques	Jak-KEZ
Adam Kiel	Keel
Mike Kritikos	kritt-ih-KOHS
Alex Kube	KOO-bah
Jason Onyebuagu	On-YAY-boo-OGGA
Joe Pawlak	POLL-uck
Logan Pegram	PEA-grum
Sean Progar-Jackson	PRO-GAR
Craig Rusch	Rush
Kevin Sabock	SAY-bock
Kevin Skatrud	SCAT-rude
Mike Sobol	SEW-bull
Chad Spann	rhymes with ran
Panan Tense	Puh-nahn TEN-say
Jody Van Laanen	Van LANN-en
Scott Wedige	WED-ij
<b>Coaching Staff</b>	
Tracy Claeys	Clayz
Tom Matukewicz	Muh-TUKE-uh-witts
Jay Sawvel	Saw-VELL

**Bold** indicates 2007 starter (7 games or more). *Italics* indicates 2006 starter.

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### TEAM STATISTICS

	NIU	OPP
<b>SCORING</b>	304	201
Points Per Game	27.6	18.3
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	195	184
Rushing	98	78
Passing	84	89
Penalty	13	17
<b>RUSHING YARDAGE</b>	1938	1432
Yards gained rushing	2111	1683
Yards lost rushing	173	251
Rushing Attempts	437	351
Average Per Rush	4.4	4.1
Average Per Game	176.2	130.2
TDs Rushing	22	10
<b>PASSING YARDAGE</b>	1828	1918
Att-Comp-Int	247-142-8	309-195-6
Average Per Pass	7.4	6.2
Average Per Catch	12.9	9.8
Average Per Game	166.2	174.4
TDs Passing	12	13
<b>TOTAL OFFENSE</b>	3766	3350
Total Plays	684	660
Average Per Play	5.5	5.1
Average Per Game	342.4	304.5
<b>KICK RETURNS: #-Yards</b>	35-768	42-896
<b>PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards</b>	13-107	12-145
<b>INT RETURNS: #-Yards</b>	6-93	8-98
<b>KICK RETURN AVERAGE</b>	21.9	21.3
<b>PUNT RETURN AVERAGE</b>	8.2	12.1
<b>INT RETURN AVERAGE</b>	15.5	12.2
<b>FUMBLES-LOST</b>	9-5	17-13
<b>PENALTIES-Yards</b>	52-455	51-387
Average Per Game	41.4	35.2
<b>PUNTS-Yards</b>	39-1517	43-1644
Average Per Punt	38.9	38.2
Net punt average	33.6	33.4
<b>TIME OF POSSESSION/Game</b>	32:05	27:55
<b>3RD-DOWN Conversions</b>	63/145	55/142
3rd-Down Pct	43%	39%
<b>4TH-DOWN Conversions</b>	9/13	8/21
4th-Down Pct	69%	38%
<b>SACKS BY-Yards</b>	22-128	16-82
<b>MISC YARDS</b>	0	0
<b>TOUCHDOWNS SCORED</b>	36	24
<b>FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS</b>	17-23	11-15
<b>ON-SIDE KICKS</b>	2-3	0-0
<b>RED-ZONE SCORES</b>	35-42 83%	21-28 75%
<b>RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS</b>	24-42 57%	14-28 50%
<b>PAT-ATTEMPTS</b>	33-33 100%	22-23 96%
<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	91178	203629
Games/Avg Per Game	5/18236	6/33938
Neutral Site Games		0/0

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Northern Illinois	61	65	92	86	0	304
Opponents	27	70	72	29	3	201

### INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING	GP	Att	Gain	Loss	Net	Avg	TD	Lng	Avg/G
BROWN, Me'co	11	107	521	18	503	4.7	2	36	45.7
HARNISH, Chand.	8	92	482	68	414	4.5	4	32	51.8
SPANN, Chad	11	70	346	7	339	4.8	8	55	30.8
ANDERSON, Just.	11	53	224	15	209	3.9	2	25	19.0
GRADY, DeMarcus	5	37	195	8	187	5.1	3	28	37.4
CRIDER, Ricky	11	30	153	0	153	5.1	1	40	13.9
CLANTON, M.	4	18	113	2	111	6.2	1	28	27.8
NICHOLSON, Dan	5	16	49	28	21	1.3	0	24	4.2
PEREZ, Marcus	10	3	22	2	20	6.7	1	20	2.0
MORRIS, Ryan	3	2	6	1	5	2.5	0	6	1.7
DITTBENNER, A.	11	1	0	9	-9	-9.0	0	0	-0.8
TEAM	9	8	0	15	-15	-1.9	0	0	-1.7
Total.....	11	437	2111	173	1938	4.4	22	55	176.2
Opponents.....	11	351	1683	251	1432	4.1	10	64	130.2

PASSING	G	Effic	C-A-I	Pct.	Yds	TD	Lng	Avg/G
HARNISH, Chand.	8	136.11	84-147-5	57.1	1226	7	91	153.2
NICHOLSON, Dan	5	120.94	42-69-3	60.9	447	3	34	89.4
GRADY, DeMarcus	5	127.66	15-26-0	57.7	138	2	36	27.6
TEAM	9	0.00	0-3-0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
MORRIS, Ryan	3	121.40	1-2-0	50.0	17	0	17	5.7
Total.....	11	129.21	142-247-8	57.5	1828	12	91	166.2
Opponents.....	11	125.25	195-309-6	63.1	1918	13	53	174.4

RECEIVING	G	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long	Avg/G
PEREZ, Marcus	10	28	400	14.3	2	45	40.0
SIMON, Matt	10	17	329	19.4	2	45	32.9
CUNNINGHAM, R.	11	17	196	11.5	3	28	17.8
COX, Landon	11	14	111	7.9	1	24	10.1
PALMER, Nathan	8	12	278	23.2	2	91	34.8
DAVIS, Britt	10	11	90	8.2	0	18	9.0
TURNER, Greg	11	8	86	10.8	1	25	7.8
SKARB, Kyle	9	7	64	9.1	1	24	7.1
FLAHIVE, Connor	9	7	60	8.6	0	22	6.7
CLARK, Willie	11	5	76	15.2	0	35	6.9
BEAL, Brandon	11	4	49	12.2	0	15	4.5
BROWN, Me'co	11	4	31	7.8	0	13	2.8
CRIDER, Ricky	11	2	30	15.0	0	18	2.7
ADONIS, Evans	4	2	22	11.0	0	17	5.5
SPANN, Chad	11	2	16	8.0	0	10	1.5
LEWIS, Marcus	3	1	7	7.0	0	7	2.3
SCHLEPLER, Jason	9	1	6	6.0	0	6	0.7
TEAM	9	0	-23	0.0	0	0	-2.6
Total.....	11	142	1828	12.9	12	91	166.2
Opponents.....	11	195	1918	9.8	13	53	174.4

PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
BROWN, Me'co	8	75	9.4	0	19
TURNER, Greg	2	16	8.0	0	15
CLARK, Willie	1	7	7.0	0	0
SPANN, Chad	1	9	9.0	0	0
RICE, Melvin	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	13	107	8.2	0	19
Opponents.....	12	145	12.1	1	63

KICK RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
BROWN, Me'co	23	492	21.4	0	44
CRIDER, Ricky	6	201	33.5	0	75
SCHLEPLER, Jason	4	57	14.2	0	23
ANDERSON, Just.	1	9	9.0	0	9
CUNNINGHAM, R.	1	9	9.0	0	9
Total.....	35	768	21.9	0	75
Opponents.....	42	896	21.3	0	39

INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
PRUITT, Bradley	2	73	36.5	1	54
GEORGE, Patrick	1	0	0.0	0	0
McCARTHY, Tim	1	20	20.0	0	20
SCHILLER, Pat	1	0	0.0	0	0
HANSON, Cory	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total.....	6	93	15.5	1	54
Opponents.....	8	98	12.2	0	48





FUMBLE RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
DANIELS, Kiaree	1	3	3.0	0	3
SOBOL, Mike	1	28	28.0	0	28
TRANCHITELLA	1	4	4.0	0	4
WILSON, Tracy	1	12	12.0	0	12
RUSCH, Craig	1	60	60.0	1	60
Total.....	5	107	21.4	1	60
Opponents.....	0	0	0.0	0	0

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	Plays	Rush	Pass	Total	Avg/G
HARNISH, Chand.	8	239	414	1226	1640	205.0
BROWN, Me'co	11	107	503	0	503	45.7
NICHOLSON, Dan	5	85	21	447	468	93.6
SPANN, Chad	11	70	339	0	339	30.8
GRADY, DeMarcus	5	63	187	138	325	65.0
ANDERSON, Just.	11	53	209	0	209	19.0
CRIDER, Ricky	11	30	153	0	153	13.9
CLANTON, M.	4	18	111	0	111	27.8
MORRIS, Ryan	3	4	5	17	22	7.3
PEREZ, Marcus	10	3	20	0	20	2.0
DITTBENNER, A.	11	1	-9	0	-9	-0.8
TEAM	9	11	-15	0	-15	-1.7
Total.....	11	684	1938	1828	3766	342.4
Opponents.....	11	660	1432	1918	3350	304.5

SCORING	TD	PATs							Pts.
		FGs	Kick	Rush	Rcv	Pass	DXP	Saf	
SALERNO, Mike	0	17-23	33-33	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	84
SPANN, Chad	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	48
HARNISH, Chand.	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	1-1	0	0	24
CUNNINGHAM, R.	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
PEREZ, Marcus	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
GRADY, DeMarcus	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	18
BROWN, Me'co	2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0	0-0	0	0	12
ANDERSON, Just.	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
SIMON, Matt	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
PALMER, Nathan	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	12
SKARB, Kyle	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
RUSCH, Craig	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
TURNER, Greg	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
CLANTON, M.	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
PRUITT, Bradley	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
COX, Landon	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
CRIDER, Ricky	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	0	6
DAVIS, Britt	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1	0-0	0	0	2
PIRKLE, D.J.	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-0	0	1	2
NICHOLSON, Dan	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0-1	0	0	0
Total.....	36	17-23	33-33	0-1	1	1-2	0	1	304
Opponents.....	24	11-15	22-23	0-0	1	1-1	0	0	201

FIELD GOALS	FGM-A	Pct	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	Lg	Blk
SALERNO, Mike	17-23	73.9	0-0	6-6	8-10	2-6	1-1	52	0

FG SEQUENCE	Northern Illinois	OPPONENTS
Minnesota	(39),(49)	(40)
Western Michigan	(20),(39)	25
Indiana State	(46),(39)	(42)
Eastern Michigan	36	47
Tennessee	46,(25),(24),(25)	(36),(34),32
MIAMI	(38),30,48	(44),(35)
TOLEDO	(32),43	47
Bowling Green State	(52),49,(25),(30)	(29),(20)
Ball State Cardinals	-	(18)
Central Michigan	(39),(31),(25)	(33),(40)
Kent State	-	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
DITTBENNER, A.	36	1408	39.1	54	2	12	10	0
SALERNO, Mike	3	109	36.3	48	1	0	0	0
Total.....	39	1517	38.9	54	3	12	10	0
Opponents.....	43	1644	38.2	73	5	7	15	5

### LONG PLAYS

	No.	Long
Northern Illinois	37	91 TD pass Harnish to Palmer at Minn., 8/30
Rushing	13	55, vs. Indiana St., 9/20
Spann	2	55, vs. Indiana St., 9/20
Brown	4	36, vs. Miami (OH), 10/11
Anderson	1	25, vs. Indiana St., 9/20
Grady	1	28, vs. Miami (OH), 10/11
Harnish	4	32, vs. Toledo, 10/18
Crider	1	40, vs. Ball State, 11/5
Passing	14	91 TD, Harnish to Palmer at Minn., 8/30
by Harnish	10	91 TD, to Palmer at Minnesota, 8/30
by Nicholson	3	35, to Clark at Tennessee, 10/4
by Grady	1	36, to Perez vs. Miami (OH), 10/11
to Palmer	3	91 TD from Harnish at Minnesota, 8/30
to Clark	1	35 from Nicholson at Tennessee, 10/4
to Perez	5	45 from Harnish vs. Toledo, 10/18
to Cunningham	1	28 from Nicholson at E. Michigan, 9/27
to Simon	3	30 from Harnish vs. C. Michigan, 11/12
to Turner	1	25 from Harnish vs. C. Michigan, 11/12
Returns	10	75 KOR R. Crider vs. C. Michigan 11/12
Brown	6	44 KOR M. Brown at Ball State, 11/5
Crider	3	75 KOR R. Crider vs. C. Michigan 11/12
Rusch	1	60 FR C. Rusch at Kent State 11/18
Opponent	32	64 Rush by Lewis, Ball State, 11/5
Rushing	6	64, Lewis, Ball State, 11/5
Passing	14	53, Weber to Simmons, Minn., 8/30
Returns	12	63 Punt ret TD by Harris, Miami (OH), 10/11

\* 25 Yards or Longer

KICKOFFS	No.	Yds	Avg	TB	OB	Retn	Net	YdLn
SALERNO, Mike	61	3980	65.2	16	0			
Total.....	61	3980	65.2	16	0	896	45.3	24
Opponents.....	44	2717	61.8	6	2	768	41.6	28

ALL PURPOSE	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KOR	IR	Tot	Avg/G
BROWN, Me'co	11	503	31	75	492	0	1101	100.1
PEREZ, Marcus	10	20	400	0	0	0	420	42.0
HARNISH, Chand.	8	414	0	0	0	0	414	51.8
CRIDER, Ricky	11	153	30	0	201	0	384	34.9
SPANN, Chad	11	339	16	9	0	0	364	33.1
SIMON, Matt	10	0	329	0	0	0	329	32.9
PALMER, Nathan	8	0	278	0	0	0	278	34.8
ANDERSON, Just.	11	209	0	0	9	0	218	19.8
CUNNINGHAM, R.	11	0	196	0	9	0	205	18.6
GRADY, DeMarcus	5	187	0	0	0	0	187	37.4
COX, Landon	11	0	111	0	0	0	111	10.1
CLANTON, M.	4	111	0	0	0	0	111	27.8
TURNER, Greg	11	0	86	16	0	0	102	9.3
DAVIS, Britt	10	0	90	0	0	0	90	9.0
CLARK, Willie	11	0	76	7	0	0	83	7.5
PRUITT, Bradley	7	0	0	0	0	73	73	10.4
SKARB, Kyle	9	0	64	0	0	0	64	7.1
SCHEPLER, Jason	9	0	6	0	57	0	63	7.0
FLAHIVE, Connor	9	0	60	0	0	0	60	6.7
BEAL, Brandon	11	0	49	0	0	0	49	4.5
ADONIS, Evans	4	0	22	0	0	0	22	5.5
NICHOLSON, Dan	5	21	0	0	0	0	21	4.2
McCARTHY, Tim	11	0	0	0	0	20	20	1.8
LEWIS, Marcus	3	0	7	0	0	0	7	2.3
MORRIS, Ryan	3	5	0	0	0	0	5	1.7
DITTBENNER, A.	11	-9	0	0	0	0	-9	-0.8
TEAM	9	-15	-23	0	0	0	-38	-4.2
Total.....	11	1938	1828	107	768	93	4734	430.4
Opponents.....	11	1432	1918	145	896	98	4489	408.1





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## 2008 defensive statistics

	GP	-----Tackles-----			-Sacks-		---Pass Def---		QBH	-Fumbles-		Blkd	
		Solo	Ast	Total	TFL/Yds	No-Yds	Int-Yds	BrUp		FR-Yds	FF	Kick	Safety
4 BRYANT, David	11	34	30	64	2-2	.	.	2	.	.	2	.	.
38 SOBOL, Mike	10	37	15	52	3-6	.	.	1	.	1-28	.	.	.
9 ALLEN, Josh	11	25	25	50	7-13	1.0-4	.	3	1	1-0	.	.	.
37 KUBE, Alex	11	25	24	49	6-25	1.0-13	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53 McCARTHY, Tim	11	26	18	44	6-9	.	1-20	1	.	.	1	.	.
2 RICE, Melvin	10	31	11	42	1-4	.	.	4	.	1-0	1	.	.
25 WILSON, Tracy	11	20	19	39	.	.	.	1	.	1-12	.	.	.
36 CARTER, Chase	11	28	10	38	.	.	.	1	.	1-0	.	.	.
51 ENGLISH, Larry	11	24	9	33	14-69	8.0-57	.	1	2	1-0	3	.	.
26 HANSON, Cory	7	18	7	25	5-15	1.0-4	1-0	.	.	.	1	.	.
29 SCHILLER, Pat	11	9	15	24	3-3	0.5-2	1-0	.	.	.	.	.	.
24 PRUITT, Bradley	7	15	7	22	3-8	.	2-73	1	.	.	.	.	.
33 GEORGE, Patrick	11	17	3	20	2-3	.	1-0	2	.	.	.	1	.
99 RUSCH, Craig	11	11	9	20	6-13	2.0-9	.	1	.	1-60	.	.	.
56 BICE, Brandon	11	14	5	19	10-39	5.0-29	.	3	2	.	.	.	.
58 KRAUSE, Mike	11	10	7	17	2-1	.	.	1	1	1-0	1	.	.
98 PIRKLE, D.J.	11	10	6	16	6-20	1.0-6	.	.	1	.	.	.	1
69 KRUTSCH, Alex	11	7	9	16	2-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43 GRIFFIN, T.J.	11	9	6	15	3-6	1.0-0	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
42 TRANCHITELLA	9	12	3	15	2-3	0.5-2	.	1	.	1-4	.	.	.
54 COFFMAN, Jake	9	9	5	14	2-3	1.0-2	.	2	.	2-0	1	.	.
23 DANIELS, Kiaree	11	5	4	9	.	.	.	.	.	1-3	.	.	.
48 KRITIKOS, Mike	10	5	4	9	3-8	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
27 WILLIAMSON, S.	9	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	1	.
80 COX, Landon	11	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
84 CLASEY, Tyler	11	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93 COLEMAN, Adam	6	1	3	4	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
57 LARSEN, Zach	5	3	1	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28 SPANN, Chad	11	1	2	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
55 OWEN, Nolan	11	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52 BROWN, Phil	8	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
46 PRATT, David	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35 SMITH, Alan	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
7 DAVIS, Britt	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17 TURNER, Greg	11	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
83 CUNNINGHAM, R.	11	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
62 OLSON, Trevor	11	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM TEAM	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
10 CLARK, Willie	11	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
Total.....	11	422	267	689	89-254	22-128	6-93	25	7	13-107	12	5	1
Opponents.....	11	430	278	708	61-175	16-82	8-98	34	5	5-0	4	.	.



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## 2008 participation chart



No.	Name	GP/GS	Minn	WMU	Ind. St.	EMU	Tenn.	Miami (OH)	UT	BGSU	BSU	CMU	KSU	Navy
50	ADAMSKI, Eddie	11/11	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
13	ADONIS, Evans	4/-	.	.	X	X	.	.	X	.	.	.	X	.
9	ALLEN, Josh	11/11	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB	SLB
21	ANDERSON, Just.	11/2	RB	RB	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
49	ANTONACCI, A.	1/-	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
88	BEAL, Brandon	11/1	X	TE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
96	BECKNER, Bryan	1/-	.	.	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.
56	BICE, Brandon	11/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
60	BROST, Jon	11/11	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT	RT
8	BROWN, Me'co	11/6	X	X	X	X	RB	RB	RB	RB	X	RB	RB	RB
52	BROWN, Phil	8/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4	BRYANT, David	11/11	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS	FS
36	CARTER, Chase	11/10	X	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB
20	CLANTON, M.	4/2	X	.	RB	RB	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	CLARK, Willie	11/1	X	X	X	X	X	X	WR	X	X	X	X	X
84	CLASEY, Tyler	11/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
54	COFFMAN, Jake	9/-	.	.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
93	COLEMAN, Adam	6/-	X	.	X	X	.	.	X	.	X	.	X	X
80	COX, Landon	11/7	X	X	X	WR	X	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR	WR
22	CRIDER, Ricky	11/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
45	CRUIKSHANK, Ja.	9/-	.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	.
83	CUNNINGHAM, R.	11/10	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE	X	TE	TE	TE	TE	TE
23	DANIELS, Kiaree	11/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
7	DAVIS, Britt	10/2	WR	.	X	X	X	X	WR	X	X	WR	X	X
18	DITTBENNER, A.	11/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
51	ENGLISH, Larry	11/11	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE
44	FARLOW, Kendal	1/-	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	FLAHIVE, Connor	9/2	.	X	X	X	.	X	X	X	X	FB	FB	.
33	GEORGE, Patrick	11/1	X	X	X	X	X	X	CB	X	X	X	X	X
3	GRADY, DeMarcus	5/1	.	X	X	X	X	QB	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	GRIFFIN, T.J.	11/1	X	X	X	X	X	X	MLB	X	X	X	X	X
26	HANSON, Cory	7/5	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	WLB	.	.	.	.	X	X	X
12	HARNISH, Chand.	8/7	QB	QB	.	.	.	X	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB	QB
66	HOLMES, Tony	4/-	.	.	X	X	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	X
90	JACKSON, Ed	1/-	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
78	KELLER, Dan	11/11	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG	RG
74	KIEL, Adam	1/-	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
31	KNIGHT, Tyler	6/-	.	.	X	.	.	.	X	X	X	X	X	X
58	KRAUSE, Mike	11/11	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG	NG
2B	KREMER, John	1/-	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
48	KRITIKOS, Mike	10/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	.
69	KRUTSCH, Alex	11/11	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT	DT
37	KUBE, Alex	11/4	X	X	X	X	X	X	WLB	WLB	X	WLB	WLB	WLB
57	LARSEN, Zach	5/-	.	X	X	X	X	X	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	LEWIS, Marcus	3/-	.	.	X	X	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
53	McCARTHY, Tim	11/10	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	X	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB	MLB
15	MORRIS, Ryan	3/-	.	.	X	.	X	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
89	NEWCOMB, Ron	1/-	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
19	NICHOLSON, Dan	5/3	.	X	QB	QB	QB	QB	.	.	.	.	X	X
62	OLSON, Trevor	11/11	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT	LT
65	ONYEBUAGU, J.	11/8	X	X	X	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG	LG
55	OWEN, Nolan	11/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
81	PALMER, Nathan	8/3	X	X	WR	X	WR	X	WR	X	.	.	.	.
72	PAWLAK, Joe	10/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
5	PEREZ, Marcus	10/4	.	X	X	WR	X	WR	X	WR	WR	X	X	X
98	PIRKLE, D.J.	11/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
46	PRATT, David	10/-	X	.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
24	PRUITT, Bradley	7/5	CB	X	CB	CB	CB	CB	.	.	.	X	.	.
2	RICE, Melvin	10/6	CB	CB	.	X	X	X	X	CB	CB	CB	CB	CB
99	RUSCH, Craig	11/11	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE	DE
16	SALERNO, Mike	11/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
87	SCHLEPLER, Jason	9/2	X	X	TE	X	X	X	X	.	.	X	TE	TE
29	SCHILLER, Pat	11/-	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
85	SIMON, Matt	10/2	WR	WR	X	.	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
34	SKARB, Kyle	9/5	FB	FB	FB	X	FB	FB	X	.	.	X	X	X
59	SKATRUD, Kevin	11/3	LG	LG	LG	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
35	SMITH, Alan	1/-	.	.	.	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
38	SOBOL, Mike	10/10	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS
28	SPANN, Chad	11/1	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	RB	X	X	X
61	TENSE, Panan	3/-	.	.	X	X	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
42	TRANCHITELLA	9/2	X	X	X	X	X	WLB	.	.	WLB	X	X	X
17	TURNER, Greg	11/5	X	X	X	WR	WR	X	WR	WR	WR	X	X	X
71	WEDIGE, Scott	4/-	.	.	X	X	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
64	WERTZ, Jake	1/-	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
82	WILLIAMS, P.	2/-	.	.	X	.	.	.	X	.	.	.	.	.
27	WILLIAMSON, S.	9/-	X	.	X	X	X	.	X	X	X	X	X	X
25	WILSON, Tracy	11/1	X	X	X	X	X	SS	X	X	X	X	X	X

X-indicates played; letters indicate position started





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## 2008 game-by-game stats

Game	Score	--1st Downs--		Rushing No-Yds-TD	-----Passing-----			Total Off. Pl-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	27	15	5-10-0	31-72-1	17-30-0	326	2	61-398	6-40.7	1-1	2-14	6/14	29:49
at Minnesota	31	18	6-12-0	31-127-2	24-37-0	298	2	68-425	6-36.0	1-1	3-20	5/14	30:11
NIU	26	23	8-14-1	44-142-2	18-33-1	297	1	77-439	2-35.5	4-1	7-60	7/15	34:20
at W. Michigan	29	19	9-8-2	32-198-1	21-30-0	186	3	62-384	3-42.3	2-2	5-45	3/10	25:40
NIU	48	15	11-4-0	37-285-3	8-13-1	78	2	50-363	1-47.0	2-2	7-69	4/8	27:54
vs. Indiana St.	3	11	2-6-3	26-31-0	19-35-3	123	0	61-154	6-29.5	3-1	3-15	4/15	32:06
NIU	37	21	13-5-3	4-235-4	13-17-1	104	1	60-339	4-47.2	0-0	5-50	9/14	31:59
at E. Michigan	0	19	6-11-2	33-119-0	21-39-2	140	0	72-259	2-29.5	0-0	3-28	5/15	28:01
NIU	9	12	3-6-3	34-72-0	14-26-1	118	0	60-190	5-39.6	0-0	7-40	5/16	33:05
at Tennessee	13	9	5-4-0	32-69-0	10-18-0	156	1	50-225	4-36.5	2-2	6-45	3/13	26:55
NIU	17	16	9-5-2	37-215-1	11-21-0	111	1	58-326	4-37.8	1-0	3-26	4/12	30:48
vs. Miami (OH)	13	16	7-7-2	30-145-0	19-35-0	149	0	65-294	5-50.4	0-0	12-79	6/16	29:12
NIU	38	24	12-10-2	45-220-2	12-16-0	173	3	61-393	1-41.0	0-0	5-44	5/10	34:51
vs. Toledo	7	13	5-7-1	22-80-1	17-24-1	149	0	46-229	4-41.8	3-2	10-85	3/9	25:09
NIU	16	19	14-4-1	57-233	5-12-2	45	0	69-278	1-25.0	0-0	2-21	10/16	38:37
vs. Bowling Green	13	10	6-4-0	22-76	15-21-0	92	1	43-168	4-30.0	1-1	2-15	6/12	21:23
NIU	14	12	6-6-0	29-160-2	14-22-1	115	0	51-275	8-36.4	1-1	5-54	3/12	26:07
at Ball State	45	25	7-14-4	40-219-2	19-23-0	310	4	63-529	3-39.0	0-0	0-0	5/11	33:53
NIU	30	19	6-12-1	35-80-3	18-38-2	288	0	73-368	4-39.0	0-0	5-45	3/15	30:36
vs. C. Michigan	33	28	16-10-2	49-241-2	19-26-0	189	2	75-430	3-43.3	1-1	4-40	9/15	29:24
NIU	42	19	11-8-0	45-224-3	12-19-0	173	2	64-397	3-34.7	0-0	4-32	7/13	34:45
at Kent State	14	16	9-6-1	34-127-2	11-21-0	126	0	55-253	3-44.3	4-3	3-15	6/12	25:15

NIU  
vs. Navy

### NIU IN THE NCAA AND MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE RANKINGS

TEAM	Average	NCAA	MAC	TEAM	Average	NCAA	MAC
Rushing Offense	171.40	43	3	Fewest Penalties	4.80	21	2
Passing Offense	162.50	101	13	Fewest Yards Penalized	42.30	23	3
Total Offense	336.90	83	10	Punt Ret. Yardage Defense	13.45	106	10
Scoring Offense	26.20	59	7	Kickoff Ret. Yardage Defense	20.54	51	7
Rushing Defense	130.50	48	1	Third Down Conversion Pct.	42.4	T-40	6
Pass Efficiency Defense	126.90	65	6	Third Down Conv. Pct. Defense	34.8	58	1
Total Defense	309.70	26	1	Fourth Down Conversion Pct.	70.0	14	3
Scoring Defense	18.70	20	2	Fourth Down Conv. Pct. Defense	38.9	30	2
Net Punting	34.03	77	7	Time of Possession	31:49	22	3
Punt Returns	8.83	66	9				
Kickoff Returns	22.72	34	4	<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>	<b>Average</b>	<b>NCAA</b>	<b>MAC</b>
Turnover Margin	41	30	5	Me'co Brown, Kickoff Returns	21.39	100	11
Pass Defense	179.20	19	2	Mike Salerno, Field Goals	1.70	11	1
Passing Efficiency	125.43	57	7	Mike Salerno, Scoring	7.80	T-47	7
Sacks	1.80	65	3	Me'co Brown, All-Purpose Runners	109.10	74	7
Tackles for Loss	6.60	29	1	Larry English, Sacks	.60	T-42	T-4
Sacks Allowed	1.60	T-49	5	Brandon Bice, Sacks	.50	T-72	T-6
Tackles for Loss Allowed	4.70	T-28	7	Larry English, Tackles for Loss	1.05	T-62	T-2



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## 2008 game-by-game stats



### RUSHING

No-Yds	Minnesota	W. Mich.	Indiana St.	E. Mich.	Tennessee	Miami (OH)	Toledo	Bowling Green	Ball St.	C. Mich.	Kent St.	Navy
Anderson, Justin	13-34, TD	4-4	7-42	7-37, TD	4-6	4-17	6-37	0-0	4-31	0-0	4-1	
Brown, Me'co	4-11	13-54, TD	6-35	17-111, TD	8-14	16-123	10-35	20-95	3-3	6-14	4-10	
Clanton, Montell	5-17	DNP	10-61, TD	3-33	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Crider, Ricky	1-0	6-22	3-24	3-10	0-0	0-0	5-8	0-0	1-40, TD	0-0	11-49	
Grady, DeMarcus	DNP	7-43	8-50, TD	2-10	14-41	6-43	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Harnish, Chandler	8-10	3-9	DNP	DNP	DNP	5-15	8-60	19-116	12-59, TD	17-56, TD	20-117, 2TD	
Morris, Ryan	DNP	DNP	0-0	DNP	2-6	DNP	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Nicholson, Dan	0-0	9-39	0-0	3-4	4-5	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Perez, Marcus	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2	2-13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Spann, Chad	0-0	0-0	3-73, TD	6-35	2-5	4-21, TD	15-82, 2TD	15-31, TD	9-27	11-17	5-48, TD	

### RECEIVING

No-Yds	Minnesota	W. Mich.	Indiana St.	E. Mich.	Tennessee	Miami (OH)	Toledo	Bowling Green	Ball St.	C. Mich.	Kent St.	Navy
Adonis, Evans	DNP	DNP	1-17	1-5	DNP	DNP	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0	
Beal, Brandon	0-0	1-15	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-34	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Brown, Me'co	0-0	1-13	0-0	0-0	1-4	1-4	0-0	1-10	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Clark, Willie	0-0	0-0	1-6	0-0	1-35	0-0	3-35	0-0	DNP	0-0	0-0	
Cox, Landon	1-5	2-21	0-0	0-0	3-36	2-3, TD	1-24	0-0	3-15	1-9	1-2	
Crider, Ricky	2-30	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Cunningham, Reed	2-35	1-8	1-9, TD	2-46	2-21	0-0	2-14, TD	0-0	0-0	4-28	3-35, TD	
Davis, Britt	4-24	DNP	1-5	1-8	0-0	0-0	2-27	0-0	2-23	1-3	0-0	
Flahive, Connor	DNP	0-0	0-0	0-0	DNP	0-0	0-0	1-1	4-24	0-0	2-35	
Lewis, Marcus	DNP	DNP	0-0	1-7	DNP	DNP	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Palmer, Nathan	3-170, 2 TD	0-0	0-0	0-0	4-26	1-4	0-0	0-0	0-0	DNP	DNP	
Perez, Marcus	DNP	6-77	1(-1)	2-10	2-13	4-76	3-68, 2TD	0-0	3-21	3-61	4-75	
Schepler, Jason	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-6	0-0	0-0	0-0	DNP	0-0	0-0	
Skarb, Kyle	2-13	1-24	0-0	1-4, TD	0-0	2-18	1-5	DNP	DNP	0-0	0-0	
Simon, Matt	3-49	1-45	3-42, TD	DNP	DNP	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-32	6-131	2-30, TD	
Spann, Chad	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-6	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	
Turner, Greg	0-0	1-16, TD	0-0	5-24	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-46	0-0	

### PASSING

C-A, Yds	Minnesota	W. Mich.	Indiana St.	E. Mich.	Tennessee	Miami (OH)	Toledo	Bowling Green	Ball St.	C. Mich.	Kent St.	Navy
Grady, DeMarcus	DNP	0-0, 0	2-2, 24, TD	2-2, 12	4-10, 39	7-12, 63, TD	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Harnish, Chandler	17-29, 326 2 TD	2-4, 58	DNP	DNP	DNP	4-9, 48	12-16, 173 3 TD	5-12, 45 2 INT	14-22, 115 INT	18-36, 288 2 INT	12-19, 173 2 TD	
Ryan Morris	DNP	DNP	1-1, 17	0-0	0-1, 0	DNP	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
Nicholson, Dan	DNP	16-29, 239 INT, TD	5-10, 37 TD	11-15, 92 TD	10-15, 79 INT	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	

### PUNTING

No-Avg, In20	Minnesota	W. Mich.	Indiana St.	E. Mich.	Tennessee	Miami (OH)	Toledo	Bowling Green	Ball St.	C. Mich.	Kent St.	Navy
Dittbenner, Andy	6-40.7, 1	2-35.5, 0	1-47.0, 0	4-47.2, 4	5-39.6, 1	4-37.8, 1	1-41.0	1-25.0, 0	8-36.4, 2	3-36, 1	1-43.0	
Salerno, Mike	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-48	2-30.5	

### DEFENSE

Solo-Ass't-Total	Minnesota	W. Mich.	Indiana St.	E. Mich.	Tennessee	Miami (OH)	Toledo	Bowling Green	Ball St.	C. Mich.	Kent St.	Navy
Allen, Josh	4-1-5, FF	1-0-1	1-1-2	4-0-4, TFL	2-2-4, PBU	0-4-4, PBU	1-3-4, TFL	1-2-3, TFL, PBU	4-4-8	5-7-12, 0.5 TFL	2-1-3, TFL SK	
Bice, Brandon	1-0-1, TFL	1-0-1	3-2-5, SK 3 TFL	1-0-1, TFL	-	3-1-4, SK, TFL, PBU	-	1-0-1	2-0-2, SK, TFL	2-2-4, SK TFL	QBH	
Brown, Phil	-	1-0-1	0-1-1	DNP	-	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	
Bryant, David	7-0-7, PBU	6-2-8	2-3-5, FF PBU, 0.5 TFL	1-0-1	3-3-6	3-6-9	0-3-3	2-1-3	3-4-7, 0.5 TFL	6-3-9	1-5-6	
Carter, Chase	2-1-3	2-0-2	2-2-4, PBU	1-0-1	1-2-3	3-0-3	3-1-4	3-0-3	5-1-6	3-2-5	3-1-4	
Coffman, Jake	DNP	DNP	-	1-0-1	1-0-1, PBU	-	2-1-3, TFL SK, 2FR	2-0-2	0-1-1	1-2-3, 0.5 TFL	2-1-3, FF	
Coleman, Adam	-	DNP	0-1-1	0-1-1	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	0-1-1	DNP	1-0-1, TFL	
Daniels, Kiaree	1-1-2	2-1-3	0-1-1	-	-	-	1-0-1	FR	1-0-1	-	0-1-1	
English, Larry	3-1-4, FR	4-0-4	0-2-2, PBU	1-0-1	2-2-4, 2.5 SK	0-2-2	2-0-2, SK	1-0-1	4-1-5, TFL	4-1-5, 1.5 SK	3-0-3, 2 SK	
George, Patrick	2 TFL, SK	2 TFL, SK	0.5 TFL	-	2.5 TFL, FF	2.5 TFL, FF	TFL, FF	TFL, FF	2.5 TFL	2.5 TFL	2 TFL, FF	
Griffin, T.J.	1-0-1	1-0-1	2-0-2, INT	-	0-2-2, BIK	2-0-2	2-0-2	2-0-2, TFL, PBU	1-1-2	5-0-5, PBU	1-0-1	
Hanson, Cory	3-2-5, 1 TFL	6-0-6	3-0-3, 2 TFL 3-3-6, TFL FF, INT	1-1-2 3-0-3	2-2-4	DNP	0-3-3	2-0-2 DNP	1-2-3	1-0-1, TFL	1-0-1, TFL	
Krause, Mike	1-0-1	0-1-1	-	4-0-4	1-1-2, FR	0-1-1	2-0-2	1-0-1, TFL, PBU	0-2-2	1-1-2, FF	0-1-1	
Kritikos, Mike	-	1-0-1	-	2-0-2, TFL	-	0-1-1	1-0-1	DNP	0-1-1	1-2-3, 0.5 TFL	-	
Krutsch, Alex	2-2-4	-	-	1-0-1, TFL	-	0-1-1	1-0-1	2-1-3, TFL	0-4-4	0-1-1	1-0-1	
Kube, Alex	2-2-4	2-1-3	0-2-2	5-0-5	0-4-4, 0.5 TFL	3-2-5, TFL	4-2-6, SK	2-2-4	3-2-5, TFL	3-5-8	1-2-3, TFL	
Larsen, Zach	DNP	-	-	-	-	3-1-4	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	
McCarthy, Tim	6-2-8, 2 TFL	3-0-3, FF	2-4-6, 3 TFL	4-2-6, INT	3-3-6, TFL	1-2-3	1-0-1	2-0-2	1-3-4	0-2-2	3-0-3	
Pirkle, D.J.	1-1-2	2-0-2	1-0-1, TFL	2-1-3, SK TFL, SFTY	0-1-1	1-1-2, TFL	-	1-1-2, TFL	0-1-1	2-0-2, TFL	-	
Pratt, David	-	DNP	1-0-1	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	
Pruitt, Bradley	1-0-1 SK, PBU	3-0-3	1-2-3, INT TFL	5-0-5, INT PBU	2-4-6	1-1-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-0-2	DNP	
Rice, Melvin	2-0-2, PBU	4-0-4	DNP	6-2-8	2-1-3, FF	5-2-7, 2PBU	1-1-2	4-0-4, TFL	1-3-4	4-1-5, FR, PBU	2-1-3	
Rusch, Craig	1-0-1	1-0-1	2-1-3, SK 1.5 TFL	-	0-1-1, PBU	1-1-2	-	3-0-3, SK, TFL	0-1-1	2-4-6, TFL	1-1-2, TFL FR, TD	
Schiller, Pat	-	0-1-1	1-2-3 0.5 TFL	1-1	0-0-0	2-3-5	0-1-1, INT	-	2-4-6, 0.5 TFL	0-2-2, 0.5 SK 0.5 TFL	3-1-4	
Sobol, Mike	5-3-8	5-2-7	2-2-4, FR	3-0-3	4-0-4, TFL	DNP	2-3-5	3-0-3, TFL	4-2-6	2-1-3	7-2-9, TFL	
Spann, Chad	BKP	-	0-1-1	1-0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1-1	
Tranchitella, John	3-0-3	-	0-1-1	1-0-1, PBU	2-2-4, 0.5 SK TFL, FR	2-0-2	-	-	2-0-2	1-0-1	1-0-1	
Williamson, Spencer	-	DNP	-	DNP	0-1-1	DNP	2-0-2	BKP	-	-	1-0-1	
Wilson, Tracy	1-0-1	0-1-1	1-2-3, PBU	2-2-4	2-2-4	4-2-6	4-3-7	-	1-3-4	3-1-4	2-2-4, FR	





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**OPPONENTS**

**RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN...**  
Michael Turner (93 yards) vs. Wake Forest (8-29-02)

**RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN...**  
Dan Sheldon (73 yards) vs. Akron (10-2-04)

**RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN...**  
Craig Rusch (60-yards) at Kent State (11-18-08)

**SCORED A SAFETY...**  
D.J. Pirkle (tackled QB in end zone) at Eastern Michigan (9-27-08)

**RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN...**  
Bradley Pruitt (54 yards) vs. Indiana State (9-20-08)

**A NON-QB THREW A TOUCHDOWN PASS...**  
Marcus Perez (59 yards to Matt Simon) vs. WMU (10-14-07)

**BLOCKED A PUNT...**  
Spencer Williamson vs. Bowling Green (10-25-08)  
Landon Cox vs. Bowling Green (10-25-08)

**BLOCKED 2 PUNTS IN A GAME...**  
Landon Cox & Spencer Williamson vs. Bowling Green (10-25-08)

**BLOCKED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN...**  
Matt Simon (block) / Jeff Fontana (recovered in end zone) at Idaho (9-22-07)

**BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL...**  
Quince Holman at Northwestern (9-10-05)

**BLOCKED A PAT KICK...**  
Team vs. TCU, Poinsettia Bowl (12-19-06)

**CONVERTED A FAKE FG FOR A TOUCHDOWN...**  
Jimmy Erwin (8-yard rush) vs. Central Michigan (10-19-02)

**MISSED A PAT KICK (not blocked)...**  
Chris Nendick at Temple (10-6-07)

**RECORDED A SHUTOUT...**  
at Eastern Michigan, 37-0 (9-27-08)

**SUCCESSFULLY CONVERTED A TWO-POINT ATTEMPT...**  
Harnish (pass) to Davis vs. Central Michigan (11-12-08)

**AN NIU PLAYER PASSED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS...**  
Chandler Harnish (326) at Minnesota (8-30-08)

**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...**  
Chandler Harnish (117) vat Kent State (11-18-08)

**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 IN THE SAME GAME...**  
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 (131) vs. Central Michigan (11-12-08)

**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 TOUCHDOWNS RECEIVING...**  
Marcus Perez (2) vs Toledo (10-18-08)

**AN NIU PLAYER SCORED THREE OR MORE TOUCHDOWNS...**  
Chandler Harnish (4 total; 2 rush, 2 pass) at Kent State (11-18-08)

**RETURNED A KICKOFF FOR A TOUCHDOWN...**  
Antonio Brown (90 yards) of Central Michigan (9-29-07)

**RETURNED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN...**  
Eugene Harris (63 yards) of Miami (OH) (10-11-08)

**RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION FOR A TOUCHDOWN...**  
Larry Luster (55) and Brandon Williams (52) of Southern Ill. (9-9-07)

**RETURNED A FUMBLE FOR A TOUCHDOWN...**  
Terran Knighton (66 yards) of Temple (10-6-07)

**SCORED A SAFETY...**  
Eastern Michigan (NIU QB tackled in end zone) (10-15-05)

**BLOCKED A PUNT...**  
Ellis Hobbs of Iowa State (9-18-04)

**BLOCKED A PUNT FOR A TOUCHDOWN...**  
Ellis Hobbs (block) / LaMarcus Hicks (recovered ball in end zone) of Iowa State (9-18-04)

**BLOCKED A FIELD GOAL...**  
T.J. Lang of Eastern Michigan (9-15-07)

**BLOCKED A PAT KICK...**  
Jones Wright of Iowa State (9-18-04)

**MISSED A PAT KICK (not blocked)...**  
Andrew Aguila of Central Michigan (11-12-08)

**SHUT OUT THE HUSKIES...**  
Iowa 24, Northern Illinois 0 (9-18-99)

**PASSED FOR 300 OR MORE YARDS...**  
Nate Davis (300) of Ball State (11-5-08)

**PASSED FOR 400 OR MORE YARDS...**  
Nathan Enderle (423) of Idaho (9-22-07)

**RUSHED FOR 100 OR MORE YARDS...**  
Julian Edleman (108) of Kent State (11-18-08)

**RUSHED FOR 200 OR MORE YARDS...**  
Tyrell Sutton (214) of Northwestern (9-10-05)

**HAD A RUSH OF 60 YARDS OR LONGER...**  
MiQuale Lewis (64) of Ball State (11-5-08)

**TWO OR MORE OPPOSING PLAYERS RUSHED FOR 100 YARDS...**  
Jarod Bryant (139) and Zerbin Singleton (101) of Navy (11-17-07)

**AN OPPOSING PLAYER HAD 10 OR MORE RECEPTIONS...**  
Eric Decker (10) of Minnesota (8-30-08)

**AN OPPOSING PLAYER HAD 100 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS...**  
Louis Johnson (165) of Ball State (11-5-08)

**AN OPPOSING PLAYER HAD 200 OR MORE RECEIVING YARDS...**  
Travis Shelton (204) of Temple (10-21-06)





### TEAM HIGHS

### TEAM LOWS

### INDIVIDUAL HIGHS

#### MOST POINTS

Northern Illinois ....48, (9/20 vs. Indiana State)  
Opponent .....45, (11/5 at Ball State)

#### MOST POINTS, QUARTER

Northern Illinois ....21, 3rd Q. (11/18 at KSU, 21, 2nd Q. 9/20 vs. ISU)  
Opponent .....20, 2nd Q. (11/12 vs. CMU)

#### MOST POINTS, HALF

Northern Illinois ....31, 1st half (9/20 vs. ISU)  
Opponent .....24, 2nd half (11/5 at BSU)

#### MOST FIRST DOWNS

Northern Illinois ....24, (10/18 vs. Toledo)  
Opponent .....28, (11/12 vs. CMU)

#### MOST YARDS RUSHING

Northern Illinois ....285, (9/20 vs. Indiana St.)  
Opponent .....241, (11/12 vs. CMU)

#### MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

Northern Illinois ....57, (10/25 vs. BGSU)  
Opponent .....49, (11/12 vs. CMU)

#### MOST PASSING YARDS

Northern Illinois ....326, (8/30 at Minnesota)  
Opponent .....300, (11/5 at Ball State)

#### MOST PASS ATTEMPTS

Northern Illinois ....38, (11/12 vs. CMU)  
Opponent .....39, (9/27 at EMU)

#### MOST PASS COMPLETIONS

Northern Illinois ....18, (9/6 at WMU, 11/12 vs. CMU)  
Opponent .....24, (8/30 at Minnesota)

#### MOST SACKS (BY DEFENSE)

Northern Illinois ....4, (11/18 at KSU)  
Opponent .....4, (9/6 at WMU, 10/4 at TENN)

#### MOST TOTAL NET YARDS

Northern Illinois ....439, (9/6 at WMU)  
Opponent .....529, (11/5 at Ball State)

#### MOST PENALTIES

Northern Illinois ....7, (vs. three opponents)  
Opponent .....12, (10/11 vs. MU)

#### MOST TIME OF POSSESSION

Northern Illinois ....38:37, (10/25 vs. BGSU)  
Opponent .....32:06, (9/20 vs. ISU)

#### FEWEST POINTS

Northern Illinois ....9, (10/4 at TENN)  
Opponent .....0, (9/27 at EMU)

#### FEWEST POINTS, HALF

Northern Illinois ....0, (11/5 at Ball State)  
Opponent .....0, 2nd (9/20 vs. ISU)

#### FEWEST FIRST DOWNS

Northern Illinois ....12, (10/4 at TENN, 11/5 at BSU)  
Opponent .....9, (10/4 at TENN)

#### FEWEST YARDS RUSHING

Northern Illinois ....72, (8/30 at UM, 10/4 at TENN)  
Opponent .....31, (9/20 vs. ISU)

#### FEWEST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

Northern Illinois ....29, (11/5 at Ball State)  
Opponent .....22, (10/18 vs. Toledo)

#### FEWEST PASSING YARDS

Northern Illinois ....45, (10/25 vs. BGSU)  
Opponent .....92, (10/25 vs. BGSU)

#### FEWEST PASS ATTEMPTS

Northern Illinois ....12, (10/25 vs. BGSU)  
Opponent .....18, (10/4 at TENN)

#### FEWEST PASS COMPLETIONS

Northern Illinois ....5, (10/25 vs. BGSU)  
Opponent .....10, (10/4 at TENN)

#### FEWEST SACKS (BY DEFENSE)

Northern Illinois ....0, (9/6 at WMU)  
Opponent .....0, (Five times)

#### FEWEST TOTAL NET YARDS

Northern Illinois ....190, (10/4 at TENN)  
Opponent .....154, (9/20 vs. ISU)

#### FEWEST PENALTIES

Northern Illinois ....2, (8/30 at UM, 10/25 vs. BGSU)  
Opponent .....0, (11/5 at Ball State)

#### LEAST TIME OF POSSESSION

Northern Illinois ....26:07, (11/5 at Ball State)  
Opponent .....21:23, (10/25 vs. BGSU)

#### MOST YARDS RUSHING

NIU .....123, Me'co Brown (10/11 vs. MU)  
Opp. ....175, Brandon West (9/6 at WMU)

#### MOST RUSHING ATTEMPTS

NIU .....20, Chandler Harnish (11/18 at KSU)  
.....20, Mecco Brown (10/25 vs. BGSU)  
Opp. ....25, Brandon West (9/6 at WMU)

#### MOST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS

NIU .....2, Chandler Harnish (11/18 at KSU)  
.....2, Chad Spann (10/18 vs. Toledo)  
Opp. ....2, Duane Bennett (8/30 at UM)

#### MOST YARDS PASSING

NIU .....326, Chandler Harnish (8/30 at UM)  
Opp. ....300, Nate Davis (11/5 at Ball State)

#### MOST PASS ATTEMPTS

NIU .....29, Chandler Harnish (8/30 at UM)  
.....29, Dan Nicholson (9/6 at WMU)  
Opp. ....37, Adam Weber (8/30 at UM)

#### MOST PASS COMPLETIONS

NIU .....17, Chandler Harnish (8/30 at UM)  
Opp. ....37, Andy Schmitt (9/27 at EMU)

#### HIGHEST COMPLETION PERCENTAGE

NIU .....73.3 (11-15), Nicholson (9/27 at EMU)  
Opp. ....81.6 (18-22), Nate Davis (11/5 at BSU)

#### MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES

NIU .....3, Chandler Harnish (10/18 vs. Toledo)  
Opp. ....3, Tim Hiller (9/6 at WMU)

#### MOST RECEPTIONS

NIU .....6, Marcus Perez (9/6 at WMU)  
.....6, Matt Simon (11/12 vs. CMU)  
Opp. ....10, Eric Decker (8/30 at UM)

#### MOST RECEIVING YARDS

NIU .....170, Nathan Palmer (8/30 at UM)  
Opp. ....165, Louis Johnson (11/5 at BSU)

#### MOST TOUCHDOWN RECEPTIONS

NIU .....2, Nathan Palmer (8/30 at UM)  
.....2, Marcus Perez (10/18 vs. Toledo)  
Opp. ....2, Darius Hall (11/5 at BSU)

#### MOST TOUCHDOWNS

NIU .....2, Chandler Harnish (11/18 at KSU)  
.....2, Chad Spann (11/12 vs. CMU)  
.....2, Marcus Perez (10/18 vs. Toledo)  
.....2, Nathan Palmer (8/30 at UM)  
Opp. ....2, Duane Bennett (8/30 at UM)  
.....2, Darius Hall (11/5 at BSU)

#### MOST SACKS

NIU .....2.5, Larry English (10/4 at TENN)  
Opp. ....2.0, Zach Davidson (9/6 at WMU)

#### MOST TACKLES FOR LOSS

NIU .....3.0, Brandon Bice (9/20 vs. ISU)  
Opp. ....3.0, Zach Davidson (9/6 at WMU)

#### MOST INTERCEPTIONS

NIU .....1, Pat Schiller (10/18 vs. Toledo)  
.....1, Bradley Pruitt (vs. two opponents)  
.....1, Cory Hanson (9/20 vs. ISU)  
.....1, Patrick George (9/20 vs. ISU)  
Opp. ....1, by five opponents





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## niu numerical roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt.	Wgt.	Yr.	Exp.	Hometown (High School)
1	Ron Walker	WR	6-1	175	Fr.	HS	Marrero, LA (Archbishop Shaw)
2	Melvin Rice	CB	5-11	195	Sr.	3L	Chicago, IL (Morgan Park)
3	DeMarcus Grady	QB	6-1	200	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Grand Rapids, MI (East Grand Rapids)
4	David Bryant	DB	5-11	205	Jr.-RS	2L	St. Louis, MO (Ladue Horton Watkins)
5	Marcus Perez	WR	6-0	180	Sr.-RS	2L	Elkhart, IN (Central)
6	Jody Van Laanen	S	6-0	190	Fr.	HS	Green Bay, WI (Ashwaubenon)
7	Britt Davis	WR	6-3	205	Sr.-RS	3L	Broadview, IL (Riverside-Brookfield)
8	Me'co Brown	RB	5-7	180	Fr.	HS	Moss Point, MS (Moss Point)
8	Tommy Davis	WR	5-11	190	Fr.	HS	East St. Louis, IL (Althoff Catholic)
9	Josh Allen	LB	6-0	215	Sr.	3L	North Chicago, IL (North Chicago)
10	Willie Clark	WR	6-1	190	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Roselle, IL (Lake Park)
11	Marcus Lewis	WR	6-3	210	Jr.	2L	Gurnee, IL (Warren)
12	Chandler Harnish	QB	6-2	210	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Bluffton, IN (Norwell)
13	Evans Adonis	WR	6-0	190	Sr.-RS	2L	Miami, FL (Southwest)
14	Brandon Rogers	QB	6-2	205	Fr.	HS	Broken Arrow, OK (Tulsa Union)
15	Ryan Morris	QB	6-3	200	Jr.-RS	1L	Carol Stream, IL (West Chicago)
16	Boone Thorgesen	S	6-0	185	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Elburn, IL (Kaneland)
16	Mike Salerno	K/P	5-11	165	Jr.-RS	1Sq	Orland Park, IL (Sandburg/Winona State)
17	Greg Turner	WR	6-0	195	Sr.	3L	Glendale Heights, IL (Driscoll)
18	Andy Dittbenner	P	6-2	205	Sr.	3L	Bloomington, IL (Normal University)
19	Dan Nicholson	QB	6-3	190	Sr.-RS	3L	Chicago, IL (Brother Rice)
19	Nick Kamenjarin	LB	5-11	200	So.-RS	2Sq	Chicago, IL (New Prairie)
20	Montell Clanton	TB	5-9	195	Sr.-RS	2L	Rockford, IL (Guilford)
20	Ricardo Patton	DB	6-2	185	So.-RS	1Sq	Boulder, CO (Boulder/Morehouse)
21	Justin Anderson	TB	6-0	225	Jr.-RS	2L	Chicago, IL (Steinmetz)
22	John Kremer	DB	5-10	180	So.-RS	2Sq	Oswego, IL (Oswego)
22	Ricky Crider	TB	5-9	190	So.-RS	1L	Evansville, IN (Reitz)
23	Kiaree Daniels	DB	5-10	190	So.	JC	Kissimmee, FL (Osceola/Highland JC)
24	Bradley Pruitt	DB	6-1	200	Sr.	3L	Chicago, IL (Hyde Park)
24	Matt Schiffler	TB	5-10	205	Jr.-RS	3Sq	LaGrange Park, IL (Nazareth Academy)
25	Tracy Wilson	DB	6-2	200	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Harvey, IL (St. Francis DeSales)
26	Cory Hanson	LB	6-2	225	Jr.-RS	2L	Minneapolis, MN (De La Salle)
27	Spencer Williamson	SS	6-4	205	Jr.-RS	2L	Elkhart, IN (Central)
28	Chad Spann	RB	5-9	195	So.	1L	Indianapolis, IN (North Central)
29	Pat Schiller	LB	6-2	225	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Geneva, IL (Geneva)
30	James Jefferies	CB	5-9	180	So.-RS	2Sq	Chicago, IL (Mount Carmel)
31	Tyler Knight	DB	5-11	195	So.-RS	2Sq	Park Ridge, IL (Maine South)
32	Jeff Fontana	FS	6-0	205	Jr.-RS	2L	Libertyville, IL (Libertyville)
33	Patrick George	DB	5-11	190	So.	1L	Chicago, IL (Gordon Tech)
33	Pat McAvoy	FB	6-1	215	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Cary, IL (St. Viator)
34	Kyle Skarb	FB	6-2	220	So.	1L	Hawthorn Woods, IL (Lake Zurich)
35	Alan Smith	RB	5-10	200	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Naperville, IL (Neuqua Valley)
36	Chase Carter	DB	6-0	175	Sr.	1L	Wichita, KS (Wichita Heights/Coffeyville CC)
37	Alex Kube	LB	6-0	220	So.-RS	1L	Cary, IL (Cary-Grove)
38	Mike Sobol	SS	6-0	195	So.-RS	2Sq	Pevely, MO (Herculaneum)
39	Justin Stewart	FS	6-1	195	So.-RS	1L	O'Fallon, IL (Township)
40	Victor Jacques	FB	6-1	210	Fr.	HS	Miami, FL (Christopher Columbus)
41	Steve Ivanisevic	K	5-11	195	Jr.	JC	Darien, IL (Hinsdale South/Joliet JC)
42	John Tranchitella	LB	6-1	230	Jr.	2L	Addison, IL (Driscoll)
42	Connor Krisch	FB	6-0	220	Fr.	HS	Plainfield, IL (Joliet Catholic)
43	T.J. Griffin	LB	6-0	230	Sr.-RS	1L	Carol Stream, IL (Wheaton North)
44	Darnell Bolding	LB	6-2	215	So.-RS	JC	Washington, D.C. (Bowie/Coffeyville CC)
44	Mike Lepper	LB	6-1	230	So.-RS	2Sq	Oak Lawn, IL (Richards)
45	Jason Cruikshank	DE	6-3	220	So.-RS	1L	Elk Grove, IL (Elk Grove)





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46	Maurice Coon	DE	6-1	250	Fr.	HS	Lakeland, FL (George Jenkins)
46	David Pratt	DB	6-1	205	Jr.-RS	1Sq	Macomb, IL (Macomb)
47	Connor Flahive	FB	6-0	240	So.-RS	1Sq	Niles, IL (Notre Dame)
48	Mike Kritikos	DE	6-3	220	Jr.-RS	2Sq	Addison, IL (Addison Trail)
49	Anthony Antonacci	FB	6-1	240	Jr.-RS	1L	Naperville, IL (Neuqua Valley)
50	Eddie Adamski	C	6-3	280	Jr.-RS	2L	Kildeer, IL (Carmel)
51	Larry English	DE	6-3	255	Sr.-RS	3L	Aurora, IL (Marmion Academy)
52	Phil Brown	LB	6-0	220	Jr.-RS	2L	Chicago, IL (Morgan Park)
53	Tim McCarthy	LB	6-1	230	Sr.-RS	2L	Neenah, WI (Neenah)
54	Jake Coffman	DE	6-5	245	So.-RS	1L	German Valley, IL (Forreston)
55	Nolan Owen	DS	5-10	210	So.	1L	Canyon Lake, CA (Temescal Canyon)
56	Brandon Bice	DE	6-4	250	Jr.-RS	1L	McCook, IL (Lyons Township)
57	Zach Larsen	LB	6-2	225	Jr.-RS	1L	Northfield, MN (Northfield)
58	Mike Krause	DL	6-4	270	So.-RS	1L	Germantown, WI (Germantown)
59	Kevin Skatrud	OT	6-7	315	Jr.-RS	2L	Brodhead, WI (Brodhead-Juda)
60	Jon Brost	OT	6-6	300	Sr.-RS	3L	Maple Grove, MN (Maple Grove)
61	Panan Tense	OG	6-4	300	So.-RS	2Sq	Hillside, IL (Fenwick)
62	Trevor Olson	OL	6-6	290	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Richfield, MN (Richfield)
63	Kevin Sabock	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	HS	Sycamore, IL (Sycamore)
64	Jake Wertz	OT	6-5	305	Jr.-RS	3Sq	Prairie View, IL (Stevenson)
65	Jason Onyebuagu	OL	6-2	305	Jr.	2L	Indianapolis, IN (Warren Central)
66	Tony Holmes	OT	6-6	330	Jr.-RS	3Sq	Woodbury, MN (Senior)
68	Keith Otis	OL	6-4	295	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Chicago, IL (Hubbard)
69	Alex Krutsch	DT	6-3	265	Sr.-RS	3L	Schaumburg, IL (Schaumburg)
70	Logan Pegram	OL	6-3	310	Fr.	HS	Silver Lake, KS (Silver Lake)
71	Scott Wedige	OL	6-4	285	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Elkhorn, WI (Elkhorn Area)
72	Joe Pawlak	OL	6-5	285	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Grayslake, IL (Grayslake)
74	Adam Kiel	OL	6-5	290	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Wentzville, MO (St. Dominic)
78	Dan Keller	OG	6-6	295	Sr.-RS	1L	Racine, WI (St. Catherines)
80	Landon Cox	WR	6-3	215	So.	1L	Calumet City, IL (Thornton Fractional North)
81	Nathan Palmer	WR	5-11	185	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Elkhart, IN (Central)
82	Preston Williams	WR	5-11	180	Jr.-RS	3Sq	Urbana, IL (Urbana)
83	Reed Cunningham	TE	6-5	245	Jr.-RS	1L	Cambria, WI (Pardeeville)
84	Tyler Clasey	WR	6-1	190	So.-RS	1L	Champaign, IL (Centennial)
85	Matt Simon	WR	6-2	210	Sr.-RS	3L	Farmington, MN (Farmington)
86	Dan Edem	TE	6-2	210	Fr.	HS	Apple Valley, MN (Eastview)
87	Jason Schepler	TE	6-3	255	Fr.	HS	Sycamore, IL (Sycamore)
88	Brandon Beal	TE	6-3	250	Sr.-RS	3L	St. Louis, MO (Vianney)
89	Ron Newcomb	DL	6-3	235	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Wheatfield, IN (Mt. Carmel [Chicago])
90	Ed Jackson	DE	6-3	285	So.-RS	1L	Belleville, IL (Cahokia)
92	Brian Lawson	DL	6-3	260	Fr.	HS	Park Forest, IL (Rich East)
93	Adam Coleman	DT	6-3	245	Fr.	HS	Bettendorf, IA (Bettendorf)
94	John Hopkins	DL	6-4	240	So.	1Sq	St. Louis, MO (Oakville)
95	Sean Progar-Jackson	DE	6-3	250	Fr.	HS	Glenview, IL (Glenbrook South)
96	Bryan Beckner	TE	6-4	260	So.-RS	1L	Bourbonnais, IL (Bishop McNamara)
97	Jack Marks	TE	6-6	240	Fr.-RS	1Sq	Orland Park, IL (Marist)
98	D.J. Pirkle	DL	6-0	270	So.	1L	Frankfort, IL (Lincoln Way East)
99	Craig Rusch	DT	6-4	265	Sr.-RS	2L	Hilbert, WI (Hilbert)

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