



# INDIANA

## 2025 FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



### GAME CENTER

GAME ONE // SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2025 // FS1 // 2:30 PM ET  
MERCHANTS BANK FIELD AT MEMORIAL STADIUM (52,626) // BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA



**TELEVISION: FS1**  
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**SIRIUSXM: CHANNEL 113 OR 197**

### 2025 SCHEDULE



**A30 // OLD DOMINION // 2:30 p.m. // FS1**  
Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



**S6 // KENNESAW STATE // NOON // FS1**  
Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



**S12 // INDIANA STATE // 6:30 p.m. // BTN**  
Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



**S20 // ILLINOIS**  
Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



**S27 // at Iowa // Noon/3:30/4 p.m.**  
Kinnick Stadium // Iowa City, Iowa



**O11 // at Oregon**  
Autzen Stadium // Eugene, Oregon



**O18 // MICHIGAN STATE**  
Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



**O25 // UCLA**  
Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



**N1 // at Maryland**  
SECU Stadium // College Park, Maryland



**N8 // at Penn State**  
Beaver Stadium // University Park, Pennsylvania



**N15 // WISCONSIN**  
Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



**N28 // at Purdue**  
Ross-Ade Stadium // West Lafayette, Ind.

### BY THE NUMBERS

20

Indiana agreed to a 20-year commitment for \$50 million to rename Indiana Football's playing surface to Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium. **MORE ON PAGE 4**

53

Indiana returns 53 student-athletes from its 2024 College Football Playoff team, and adds 53 newcomers to its roster in 2025.

24

Indiana brought in 24 transfers to Bloomington this offseason. The group includes 12 players on offense, eight on defense and four on special teams. **MORE ON PAGE 5**

8

The Hoosiers carry an eight-game home winning streak at Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium into 2025 after a perfect mark at home in 2024. **MORE ON PAGE 4**

### OLD DOMINION MONARCHS

Ranking (AP/Coaches) . . . . . NR/NR  
Last Game . . . . . W, 40-32 at Arkansas State (2024)  
Head Coach . . . . . Ricky Rahne  
Record at Old Dominion (Year) . . . . . 20-30 (6th)  
Career Record (Year) . . . . . Same



vs.



**0-0, 0-0 SUN BELT**  
0-0 ON THE ROAD

**0-0, 0-0 BIG TEN**  
0-0 AT HOME

### INDIANA HOOSIERS

Ranking (AP/Coaches) . . . . . 20/19  
Last Game . . . . . L, 17-27 at Notre Dame (2024)  
Head Coach . . . . . Curt Cignetti  
Record at IU (Year) . . . . . 11-2 (2nd)  
Career Record (Year) . . . . . 130-37 (15th)

### SETTING THE SCENE

- Indiana is set to open the 2025 season under second-year head coach **Curt Cignetti** with a home date against Old Dominion on Saturday (Aug. 30) at Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium in Bloomington, Indiana.
- Cignetti and the Hoosiers will look to build upon the success of 2024, when the team had its winningest season of all time, going 11-2 and reaching the College Football Playoff for the first time in program history.
- The opener marks the first time in program history that Indiana and Old Dominion have faced off against one another. While the two programs have never met, Cignetti coached against the Monarchs twice when he was at James Madison and went 2-0 in those games, defeating them 30-27 in 2023 and 37-3 in 2022.
- The home contest marks the first of seven home games for the Hoosiers at Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium this season and the first of four in a row to begin the 2025 campaign.
- In non-conference home season openers, Indiana owns a 26-3 mark since 1953 - the first year the Big Ten fielded 10 teams in the conference.
- The Hoosiers have won 12 straight non-conference home season openers dating back to 2001.

### NEWS & NOTES

- **Curt Cignetti** begins the 2025 season with the fifth-best winning percentage among all FBS head coaches. Cignetti owns a .812 winning percentage in all FBS games. **MORE ON PAGE 4**
- Indiana has an experienced and veteran-filled roster with 29 players in their final year of eligibility in the 2025 season. That mark ranks tied for third most in the FBS. **MORE ON PAGE 4**
- Curt Cignetti nearly retained his entire staff from the 2024 season, only losing one of his 10 on-field assistants. The only new coaching staff member is **Chandler Whitmer**, who will lead the quarterbacks and serve as co-offensive coordinator after serving as a pass specialist for the Atlanta Falcons in 2024. **MORE ON PAGE 6**
- For the first time in program history, Indiana will play two regular season Friday games, facing off against Indiana State (Sep. 12) on Friday in Week 3 and at Purdue (Nov. 28) on a Friday to close the regular season. **MORE ON PAGE 5**
- Indiana has four players who were recognized as preseason All-Americans by multiple outlets, including **Aiden Fisher**, **Mikail Kamara**, **D'Angelo Ponds** and **Elijah Sarratt**. **MORE ON PAGE 5**
- Fisher returns to the Hoosier defense after leading the Big Ten in total tackles with 118 in 2024. **MORE ON PAGE 11**
- Indiana's defensive line was bolstered by a strong group of transfers in the offseason to replace the majority of the line's core in 2024: Hosea Wheeler (Western Kentucky), Kellen Wyatt (Maryland), Stephen Daley (Kent State) and Dominique Ratcliff (Texas State). **MORE ON PAGE 12**
- For the second year in a row, Indiana's starting quarterback will be a first-year Hoosier and transfer as **Fernando Mendoza** replaces **Kurtis Rourke** under center in 2025. Mendoza comes to Bloomington from California, where his strong play made him the No. 14 ranked player in the Transfer Portal this past offseason and the No. 3 quarterback in the cycle. **MORE ON PAGE 7**
- Sarratt and **Roman Hemby** both carry impressive streaks of consecutive games with a reception. Sarratt leads the nation with 38-straight games with a catch while Hemby has notched 26-straight games a reception to lead all running backs. **MORE ON PAGE 6**

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GAME WEEK MEDIA SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Noon Weekly Press Conference w/ Curt Cignetti	6 p.m. Selected student-athletes	No media availability	7:05 p.m. Inside Indiana Football w/ Curt Cignetti <i>Hoosier Hank's</i>	No media availability	2:30 p.m. ET Old Dominion at Indiana <i>Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium TV: FS1</i>  <i>Head coach Curt Cignetti and selected student-athletes will be available following the game.</i>

MEDIA INFORMATION

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS CONTACTS

Associate athletic director for strategic communications and football contact **Jeff Keag** (812-219-2925 cell, [jkeag@iu.edu](mailto:jkeag@iu.edu)) and assistant athletic director for strategic communications **Greg Campbell** (814-876-0824 cell, [campbeg@iu.edu](mailto:campbeg@iu.edu)) handle all media requests for the Indiana football program.

WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE

Indiana head coach **Curt Cignetti** will hold his weekly press conference every Monday during the regular season at 12 p.m. ET in the Don Croftcheck Team Room. Lunch will be provided. Live streaming will be made available on IUHoosiers.com and a transcript will be provided by ASAP Sports.

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

Practices are closed to the media. Selected student-athletes will be made available in the Don Croftcheck Team Room in the North End Zone complex on Tuesdays.

INTERVIEW REQUESTS

All requests for head and assistant coaches should be directed to **Jeff Keag**. Student-athlete requests can be made to **Greg Campbell**. Personal phone numbers will not be made available to media. Student-athletes have been instructed not to conduct interviews when contacted without prior approval from the strategic communications staff. Please contact Campbell if you would like to contact student-athlete family members.

POSTGAME INTERVIEW POLICY

The Indiana locker room is closed at all times. A strategic communications staff member will collect student-athlete requests in the press box midway through the fourth quarter. Requested student-athletes will be available in the weight room of the North End Zone Complex immediately following head coach **Curt Cignetti's** post-game press conference.

Cignetti will be available in the Football Team Room of the North End Zone Complex following his post-game radio duties. Post-game interviews on the road will be held in accordance with the host school's procedures.

CREDENTIALS

Working credentials for the 2025 Indiana football season must be requested at [iuhoosiers.com/FBCredentials](http://iuhoosiers.com/FBCredentials).

All requests will be held at media will call, which is located at ticket booth No. 3 on the west side of Memorial Stadium and opens three hours prior to kickoff.

IUHOOSIERS.COM

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow Indiana Football on Twitter and Instagram (@IndianaFootball) and Facebook ([facebook.com/IndianaFootball](https://facebook.com/IndianaFootball)). Head coach **Curt Cignetti** is on Twitter (@CCignettiIU).

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY FACTS

Location	Bloomington, Ind.
Population	79,986
Founded	1820
Joined Big Ten	1899
First Year of Big Ten Football	1900
Enrollment	48,952
Nickname	Hoosiers
Colors	Cream and Crimson
Marching Band	Marching Hundred
President	Pamela Whitten
Director of Athletics	Scott Dolsen
Faculty Representative	Dr. Kurt Zorn
Ticket Office Phone	866-IUSPORTS
Website	IUHoosiers.com
Twitter	@IndianaFootball, @CCignettiIU
Facebook/Instagram	@IndianaFootball

HEAD COACH

Head Coach	Curt Cignetti
Alma Mater	(West Virginia '82; Pittsburgh '84)
Career Record (Yrs)	130-37 (15th Season)
Record at Indiana (Yrs)	11-2 (2nd)

COACHING STAFF

Bryant Haines	- Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
Mike Shanahan	- Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers
Grant Cain	- Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends
Ola Adams	- Safeties/Defensive Backs
Bob Bostad	- Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator
Pat Kuntz	- Defensive Tackles
John Miller	- Running Backs
Rod Ojong	- Cornerbacks
Chandler Whitmer	- Quarterbacks/Co-Offensive Coordinator
Buddha Williams	- Defensive Ends
Derek Owings	- Director of Athletic Performance

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TEAM INFORMATION

Offensive Formation	Multiple
Defensive Formation	Multiple
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	38/48
Offense	18/25
Defense	17/19
Special Teams	3/4
Starters Returning/Lost	11/11
2024 Overall Record	11-2
2024 Big Ten Record/Finish	8-1/2nd

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PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Ajani, Adedamola	uh-john-knee, add-E-duh-mole-uh
Ciongoli, Ace	see-in-goalie
Benson, Khalil	kuh-leal
Black, Kaelon	kay-lawn
Calhoun, Keishaun	key-shaun
Cuono, Sean	Co-no
Depaepe, Andrew	dub-payp
Depaepe, William	dub-payp
Ferrell, Amare	Uh-marr-ee Fair-ul
Franke, Brendan	frank-E
Hall, Jhrevious	juh-ray-V-us
Hardy, Rolijah	row-lie-juh
Hemby, Roman	Him-bee
Kamara, Mikail	muh-kyle kuh-marr-uh
Knighten, Amariyun	uh-marr-E-on
Leibfried, Austin	lieb-freed

Marek, Matt	mare-ick
Massel IV, Bruno	mass-ull
Michalski, Zen	muh-hall-ski
Monette, Jamari	moe-nay
Ndukwe, Daniel	N-duke-way
Nowakowski, Riley	No-uh-cow-ski
Placzek, Joshua	plah-check
Radacic, Nico	rad-uh-chich, knee-ko
Sarratt, Elijah	suh-rat
Staes, Holden	stays
Stewart Jr., Seaonta	see-on-tay
Tucker, Tyrique	tie-reek
Verstegen, Mitch	ver-stay-ginn (like win)
Wheeler, Hosea	Ho-zay-uh

OLD DOMINION: PAST AND PRESENT



INDIANA **HOOSIERS**  
0-0, 0-0 B1G (2024 statistics and rankings)

2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing	Kurtis Rourke	222-of-320, 3042 yds, 29 TD/5 INT
	Tayven Jackson	23-of-37, 349 yds, 4 TD/1 INT
Rushing	Justice Ellison	159 for 848 yds, 10 TD
	Ty Son Lawton	141 for 668 yds, 12 TD
Receiving	Elijah Sarratt	53 for 957 yds, 8 TD
	Omar Cooper Jr.	28 for 594 yds, 7 TD
Tackles	Ke'Shawn Williams	39 for 448 yds, 5 TD
	Aiden Fisher, LB	118 tkls, 5.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks
Sacks	Jailin Walker, LB	.82 tkls, 10 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 2 INT, 3 FF
	Shawn Asbury II, DB	69 tkls, 4.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks, 1 INT
Interceptions	Mikail Kamara, DL	10.0
	James Carpenter, DL	6.0
Scoring	Amare Ferrell, DB	4
	D'Angelo Ponds, DB	3
Interceptions	Nicolas Radicic, K	99 pts
	Ty Son Lawton, RB	72 pts
Scoring	Justice Ellison, RB	60 pts
	Elijah Sarratt, WR	50 pts
Scoring	Omar Cooper Jr., WR	50 pts



OLD DOMINION **MONARCHS**  
0-0, 0-0 Sun Belt (2024 statistics and rankings)

2024 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing	Colton Joseph	133-of-222, 1627 yds, 11 TD/5 INT
	Grant Wilson	48-of-86, 507 yds, 4 TD/3 INT
Rushing	Aaron Young	172 for 887 yds, 8 TD
	Colton Joseph	114 for 647 yds, 11 TD
Receiving	Isiah Page	61 for 819 yds, 3 TD
	Pat Conroy	37 for 523 yds, 5 TD
Tackles	Diante Vines	36 for 393 yds, 2 TD
	Koa Naotala, LB	88 tkls, 4.5 TFL, 3.5 sacks, 1 FF
Sacks	Jahron Manning, DB	85 tkls, 5.5 TFL, 0.5 sacks, 3 INT
	Mario Thompson, LB	65 tkls, 9.5 TFL, 4.0 sacks, 1 FR
Interceptions	Kris Trinidad, DE	5.5
	Mario Thompson, LB	4.0
Interceptions	Jahron Manning, DB	3
	Angelo Rankin Jr, DB	3
Scoring	Ethan Sanchez, K	70 pts
	Colton Joseph, QB	66 pts
Scoring	Aaron Young, RB	48 pts
	Pat Conroy, TE	32 pts
Scoring	Demariyon Houston, WR	18 pts
	Devin Roche, RB	18 pts
Scoring	Quinn Henicle, QB	18 pts



NATIONAL **RANKINGS**  
2024 Statistics and Rankings

Indiana		Category		Old Dominion	
Avg.	NCAA Rank			NCAA Rank	Avg.
426.4	34	Total Offense		54	402.7
165.1	63	Rushing Offense		14	209.8
253.5	22	Passing Yards Gained		88	180.8
41.3	2	Scoring Offense		69	28.0
256.3	2	Total Defense		102	410.4
80.2	2	Rushing Defense		97	172.6
176.1	10	Passing Yards Allowed		101	237.8
15.6	6	Scoring Defense		87	28.0
1.15	3	Turnover Margin		86	-0.25
0.472	13	3rd Down Conversion Pct		40	0.431
0.591	42	4th Down Conversion Pct		27	0.636
0.928	7	Red Zone Offense		1	0.950
0.813	56	Red Zone Defense		63	0.821
306	20	First Downs Gained		95	236
192	1	First Downs Allowed		73	256
4.77	17	Fewest Penalties Per Game		80	6.17
30:42	47	Time of Possession		112	28:00
93.1	2	PFF Offensive Grade		130	64.1
93.2	3	PFF Defensive Grade		79	77.8
88.7	4	PFF Special Teams Grade		112	65.4

LAST MEETING

SERIES HISTORY

All-Time	0-0
In Bloomington	0-0
In Norfolk	0-0
Neutral Site	0-0
Longest Indiana Win Streak	N/A
Longest Old Dominion Win Streak	N/A
Largest Margin of Victory	N/A
Largest Margin of Defeat	N/A
Most Points Scored	N/A
Most Points Allowed	N/A

Date Winner - Score Site

TEAM NOTES

NUMBERS DON'T LIE

Head coach **Curt Cignetti** brought a winning pedigree to Bloomington and has only continued that since, sporting a 130-37 career record over 14 years as a head coach. His stout record stands for an .812 winning percentage in the FBS, the fifth-best of all active FBS head coaches. *Research by College Football Network.*

Active FBS Head Coaches by Winning Percentages

<i>Coach</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Pct.</i>
1. Ryan Day	Ohio State	.870
2. Dan Lanning	Oregon	.854
3. Kirby Smart	Georgia	.843
4. Spencer Danielson	Boise State	.833
5. <b>Curt Cignetti</b>	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>.812</b>
6. Dabo Swinney	Clemson	.793
7. Jon Sumrall	Tulane	.775
8. Kalen DeBoer	Alabama	.773
9. Lincoln Riley	USC	.730
10. Jeff Traylor	UTSA	.687

A NEW & HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP

Just over a week before the start of the 2025 season, Indiana announced that IU Athletics and Merchants Bank formed a new partnership in support of the University's Department of Intercollegiate Athletics.

The agreement includes a \$50 million commitment over 20 years. As part of the agreement with Indiana Athletics and Learfield's IU Sports Properties, Memorial Stadium's playing surface has been named renamed Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium, effectively immediately.

While the new branding is the biggest change that IU fans will see, what separates this agreement from many others is that it extends well beyond naming rights. An exciting part of the partnership for IU student-athletes – both present and future – is that Merchants Bank will provide them with comprehensive financial literacy training. This training will be at no cost to the student-athletes and will help ensure that they have the tools to maximize their opportunities in a new intercollegiate athletics landscape that includes, among other things, revenue sharing and NIL.

"Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium" will be prominently displayed in multiple locations on the stadium's playing surface. New interior, exterior and directional signage will also be evident for the team's Week 1 opener against Old Dominion (Aug. 30).

This is the first time in program history that Memorial Stadium's field will have its own distinct name.

PACKING & DEFENDING THE ROCK

After just one year of Indiana head coach Curt Cignetti at the helm of the program, Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium has become a daunting place for opposing teams to play.

The Hoosiers went 8-0 in their home games last season and as a program carry nine-straight wins at Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium into 2025.

Starting with the Nebraska game on Oct. 19, Indiana sold out its final four home contests of the 2024 season. The Nebraska sellout was the program's first since 2021.

In 2024, Indiana defeated seven of their eight home opponents by double digits and won on average by 35.5 points at home. Notable triumphs included a 77-3 victory against Western Illinois (Sep. 6). 56-7 defeat of Nebraska (Oct. 19) and a 66-0 win over Purdue (Nov. 30).

The Hoosiers will play seven home games this season, including four in a row to begin the year.

THE BISON IS BACK

Indiana University's official mascot – Hoosier The Bison - has returned to the IU-Bloomington campus after a nearly 60-year hiatus. The mascot's homecoming is a result of the 'Bring Back the Bison Act' passed by the Indiana University Student Body Congress on Dec. 16, 2024. In response to the student government vote to re-adopt the Bison as the official IU-Bloomington mascot, IU Athletics moved forward with embracing it as a symbol of both the department and campus' spirit, passion, tradition, unity, and success.

Hoosier The Bison will make its first public debut at the season opener against Old Dominion on Aug. 30 at Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium.

The state of Indiana and the bison have been linked for more than two centuries. The bison has been used as an Indiana symbol longer than Indiana has been a U.S. state. The bison first appeared on official court documents signed by then Indiana Territory Governor and future U.S. President William Henry Harrison in 1801, a full 15 years before Indiana became the country's 19th state in 1816. The Indiana Territory seal depicted a woodsman chopping trees while a bison runs in the foreground, symbolizing the country's expansion on the Indiana frontier (at the time, the western boundary of the United States). The bison has been a part of the Indiana state seal ever since.

At the recommendation of the IU Student Athletic Board and confirmed by the Indiana University Student Senate, the bison mascot was officially adopted and brought to life on October 14, 1965. While the original intent was to have a live bison, that never came to fruition, so the first bison mascot debuted just in time for the final home football game that year – the Old Oaken Bucket game on November 20, 1965.

The 1966 Indiana Football season featured a new costume that was focused on a more realistic look with a very large, authentic-looking bison head. This look lasted through the 1967 season before moving on to a costume more catered to the performer inside with an emphasis on an ease of mobility.

The new bison mascot costume debuted just in time for the January 1, 1968, Rose Bowl matchup with USC. The updated bison costume returned for the 1968 and 1969 seasons but student and fan support for the bison mascot began to wane and ultimately led to a long hiatus from the campus.

GET OLD, STAY OLD

Since Curt Cignetti has took over as Indiana head coach, he has made it a priority to acquire players with vast experience and proven levels of production over potential.

The Hoosiers have 29 players on the roster this year that are in their final year of eligibility in 2025, which ties for the third-most of all FBS teams with Illinois and UAB. Indiana and Illinois are tied for the most in the Big Ten. Colorado leads the list with 38 players in their final year. *Research by Georgia Tech Athletic Communications.*

Number of Players in Final Year of Eligibility

- 38 - Colorado
- 30 - Mississippi State
- 30 - Oklahoma State
- 29 - Illinois
- 29 - **INDIANA**
- 29 - UAB
- 28 - Hawaii
- 28 - Navy
- 27 - Texas Tech
- 27 - Troy
- 26 - San Diego State
- 26 - UTSA
- 26 - East Carolina
- 25 - Georgia Tech
- 25 - Ball State
- 25 - North Texas
- 24 - Louisville
- 24 - Notre Dame
- 23 - Clemson
- 23 - Arizona State

#PROIU

Indiana is represented by 11 alums in the National Football League to start the 2025 season, which includes seven offensive players and four defensive players.

The longest tenured Hoosiers in the NFL are **Dan Feeney** (9th), **Nate Sudfeld** (9th), **Ian Thomas** (8th) and **Nick Westbrook-Ikhine** (7th), who have all spent at least five seasons in the league.

Of the 11, three of the Hoosiers in the league are rookies who played for **Curt Cignetti** in 2024.

Dan Feeney	Buffalo Bills
Luke Haggard	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Cam Jones	Kansas City Chiefs
Marcelino McCrary-Ball	New York Jets
Micah McFadden	New York Giants
Myles Price	Minnesota Vikings
Nate Sudfeld	San Francisco 49ers
Kurtis Rourke^	San Francisco 49ers
Ian Thomas	Las Vegas Raiders
CJ West	San Francisco 49ers
Nick Westbrook-Ikhine	Miami Dolphins

\* - Practice Squad | ^ - Reserved/Non-Football Injury List

AT THE START

Opponent	Coin Toss	Choice	IU 1st Drive	Opponent 1st Drive	Game Captains
OLD DOMINION	-	-	-	-	-
KENNESAW STATE	-	-	-	-	-
INDIANA STATE	-	-	-	-	-
ILLINOIS	-	-	-	-	-
at Iowa	-	-	-	-	-
at Oregon	-	-	-	-	-
MICHIGAN STATE	-	-	-	-	-
UCLA	-	-	-	-	-
at Maryland	-	-	-	-	-
at Penn State	-	-	-	-	-
WISCONSIN	-	-	-	-	-
at Purdue	-	-	-	-	-



## 2025 INDIANA FOOTBALL

### ONE-SCORE SQUAD

Indiana head coach Curt Cignetti has compiled an impressive 130-37 record across his 14 years as a head coach, including stops at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (2011-16), Elon (2017-18) or James Madison (2019-23).

No matter if he was coaching in the Division II ranks, the FCS level or in the FBS, winning close games is a difference-making part of Cignetti's success with a 27-18 record in games decided by one score.

After going 6-9 in one-score games at IUP, Cignetti has a combined 21-9 record in one-score contests from 2017-24. He went 10-2 in such games at Elon and 10-7 while at James Madison. At Indiana, he's only coached in one game that came down to one score when the Hoosiers defeated Michigan, 20-15, on Nov. 9 last season.

In Cignetti's 14 seasons as a head coach, he has never had a losing season.

### FAMILY REUNION

When redshirt junior quarterback **Fernando Mendoza** elected to transfer to Indiana after spending three years at California, he reunited with his brother and fellow quarterback, **Alberto Mendoza**, to become teammates for the first time since 2022 when they attended Christopher Columbus High School in Miami together. They are the only active set of brothers to share the same quarterback room in FBS Football.

At California, Fernando played in 20 games with 19 starts where he finished his career as the all-time leader in completion percentage at Cal (66.4%) and tied for No. 7 in 250-yard passing games (10). His outstanding play in Berkeley slotted him as the No. 14 overall prospect in the Transfer Portal and the No. 3 ranked quarterback in the cycle.

Alberto redshirted his first year in Bloomington and played in one game, appearing against Western Illinois in Week 2. He will be a redshirt freshman in 2025.

### FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Indiana will play in a Friday night game for the fourth consecutive season in 2025. It will also be the first time that the Hoosiers play in two regular season Friday night contests in one season as Indiana will host Indiana State on Friday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. and play at Purdue on Friday, November 28.

The two contests mark the 12th and 13th Friday night games in program history. The first Friday night game at Memorial Stadium came in 1995 in a battle for the Old Oaken Bucket and was the only Friday night game on IU's campus until 2022 versus Illinois.

Date	Opponent	Score
Dec. 20, 2024	at Notre Dame	L, 17-27
Sept. 6, 2024	Western Illinois	W, 77-3
Sept. 8, 2023	Indiana State	W, 41-7
Sept. 2, 2022	Illinois	W, 23-20
Oct. 26, 2018	at Minnesota	L, 31-38
Sept. 2, 2005	at Central Michigan	W, 20-13
Nov. 24, 1995	Purdue	L, 14-51
Oct. 16, 1987	at Minnesota	W, 18-17
Oct. 21, 1966	at Miami (Fla.)	L, 7-14
Oct. 23, 1964	at Miami (Fla.)	W, 28-14
Oct. 2, 1953	at USC	L, 14-17

The first non-Saturday contest in IU history was against border rival Kentucky on Thursday, November 30, 1893. The two teams played to a 24-24 tie in Lexington. In all, Indiana holds an 12-6-1 mark in non-Saturday games in program history with a 6-5 mark on Friday nights.

### B1G GRADS

Entering the 2025 season, Indiana's roster will feature 23 student-athletes that have already earned their degrees.

Of the 23 graduates, nine of them own degrees from Indiana (\*), while 14 of them transferred to Indiana with degrees already in hand.

- Kahlil Benson
- Kaelon Black\*
- James Bomba\*
- Bryson Bonds\*
- Devan Boykin
- Pat Coogan
- Brendan Franke
- Ryland Gandy
- Roman Hemby
- Isaiah Jones\*
- Camden Jordan\*
- Mikail Kamara\*
- Mark Langston
- Fernando Mendoza
- Zen Michalski
- Louis Moore
- Riley Nowakowski
- Carter Smith\*
- Dominique Ratcliff
- Kaiden Turner\*
- Solomon Vanhorse
- EJ Williams Jr.\*
- Grant Wilson

### PORTAL POWER

For a second consecutive year, Indiana's roster will feature plenty of transfer portal flavor. In **Curt Cignetti's** first season, he brought in 30 transfers ahead of the 2024 campaign.

In 2025, the Hoosiers welcome 24 transfers to Bloomington. That list includes 12 offensive players, eight defensive players and four specialists.

There are 23 players from Division I, including 14 at the Power 4 level and one from Division II at their previous schools.

- Name, Pos. (Previous School)
- Oladube Baker, K (Morehouse)
- Kahlil Benson, OL (Colorado)
- Lee Beebe Jr., RB (UAB)
- Devan Boykin, DB (NC State)
- Jonathan Brady, WR (California)
- Pat Coogan, OL (Notre Dame)
- Stephen Daley, DL (Kent State)
- Brendan Franke, K (Texas State)
- Ryland Gandy, DB (Pittsburgh)
- Roman Hemby, RB (Maryland)
- Makai Jackson, WR (Appalachian State)
- Amariyun Knighten, DB (Northern Illinois)
- Sam Lindsey, LS (Georgia State)
- Mitch McCarthy, P (UCF)
- Fernando Mendoza, QB (California)
- Zen Michalski, OL (Ohio State)
- Louis Moore, DB (Ole Miss)
- Tyler Morris, WR (Michigan)
- Riley Nowakowski, TE (Wisconsin)
- Dominique Ratcliff, DL (Texas State)
- Holden Staes, TE (Tennessee)
- Hosea Wheeler, DL (Western Kentucky)
- Grant Wilson, QB (Old Dominion)
- Kellan Wyatt, DL (Maryland)

### BEEN AROUND THE BLOCK

There are 35 players in FBS Football that are on the seventh year or more of eligibility. Indiana running back **Solomon Vanhorse** is one of only three players on that list who are in their eighth year of college football. Vanhorse, Brandon Harris (MTSU) and David Reese (Syracuse) are all tied for the longest active tenured players in FBS football. Each member of the trio started their college football journey in the fall of 2018.

Hoosier long snapper **Mark Langston** is one of the 32 seventh-year players in the sport. Indiana is one of eight schools on the list with at least two players and is tied with Minnesota for the most in the Big Ten. Colorado leads the entire country with three seventh year players. *Research by Middle Tennessee State University Athletics Communications.*

Year	Name	School	Position
8th	<b>Solomon Vanhorse</b>	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>Running Back</b>
8th	Brandon Harris	North Carolina	Quarterback
8th	David Reese	Syracuse	Defensive Line
7th	<b>Mark Langston</b>	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>Long Snapper</b>
32 total seventh year players.			

### RECEPTION COLLECTION

**Elijah Sarratt** and **Roman Hemby** are among college football's leaders in consecutive games with a reception.

Sarratt leads the the country with 38-consecutive games with a pass caught while Hemby leads the statistical category amongst all running backs with 26-straight games notching a reception.

Indiana is the only school to have multiple players named to the list. *Research by University of Tulsa Athletics Communications.*

Name	Pos.	School	Streak
<b>Elijah Sarratt</b>	<b>WR</b>	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>38</b>
Raylen Sharpe	WR	Arkansas	37
Antonio Williams	WR	Clemson	33
Jyrin Johnson	TE	Bowling Green	33
Kole Wilson	WR	Baylor	30
Kevin Coleman Jr.	WR	Missouri	29
Malik Rutherford	WR	Georgia Tech	29
Carnell Tate	WR	Ohio State	28
RaRa Thomas	WR	Troy	28
Joseph Manjack IV	WR	TCU	27
Malachi Fields	WR	Notre Dame	27
Chase Roberts	WR	BYU	26
<b>Roman Hemby</b>	<b>RB</b>	<b>Indiana</b>	<b>26</b>
Jalen Moss	WR	Arizona State	25

### HONORS TRACKER

#### BYRON BALDWIN JR.

- Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award Watch List

#### PAT COOGAN

- Rimington Trophy Preseason Watch List

#### DREW EVANS

- College Football Comeback Player of the Year Watch List

#### AIDEN FISHER

- Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Bednarik Award Preseason Watch List
- Lombardi Award Preseason Watch List
- Dick Butkus Award Preseason Watch List
- Phil Steele Preseason All-American (Second Team)
- The Sporting News Preseason All-American (First Team)
- Associated Press Preseason All-American (Second Team)
- ESPN Top-100 CFP Players Entering 2025 (No. 77)

#### ROMAN HEMBY

- Doak Walker Award Preseason Watch List

#### MAKAI JACKSON

- Paul Hornung Award Preseason Watch List

#### MIKAIL KAMARA

- LOTT Impact Trophy Watch List
- Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Walter Camp Award Preseason Watch List
- Bednarik Award Preseason Watch List
- Lombardi Award Preseason Watch List
- Phil Steele Preseason All-American (Second Team)
- Sports Illustrated Preseason All-American (First Team)
- ESPN Top-100 CFP Players Entering 2025 (No. 35)

#### MARK LANGSTON

- Mannelly Award Preseason Watch List

#### BRAY LYNCH

- Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Preseason Watch List

#### FERNANDO MENDOZA

- Maxwell Award Preseason Watch List
- Allstate Wuertfel Trophy Preseason Watch List
- O'Brien Award Preseason Watch List
- Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Preseason Watch List

#### D'ANGELO PONDS

- Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Paycom Jim Thorpe Award Watch List
- Bednarik Award Preseason Watch List
- Phil Steele Preseason All-American (Third Team)
- The Sporting News Preseason All-American (Second Team)
- Sports Illustrated Preseason All-American (Second Team)
- Associated Press Preseason All-American (Second Team)
- ESPN Top-100 CFP Players Entering 2025 (No. 82)

#### ELIJAH SARRATT

- Maxwell Award Preseason Watch List
- Biletnikoff Award Preseason Watch List
- Phil Steele Preseason All-American (Second Team)
- Associated Press Preseason All-American (Second Team)
- ESPN Top-100 CFP Players Entering 2025 (No. 78)

#### E.J. WILLIAMS JR.

- College Football Comeback Player of the Year Watch List

WISE BEYOND HIS YEARS

Indiana punter and newcomer **Mitch McCarthy** ranks as the fourth oldest player in FBS football this season. McCarthy is one of seven 27-year-olds in college football, the oldest Big Ten player and the second oldest player in the Power 4. *Research by University of Hawaii Athletics Communications.*

McCarthy, 27, spent three seasons at UCF (2022-24) before coming to IU. He did not begin playing American football until 2022. He spent one year at Village Christian High School in California and participated in basketball before he was selected as the No. 7 overall pick in the 2016 Australian Rules Football Rookie Draft by Collingwood and then trained with ProKick Australia in the fall of 2021.

Age	Name	School	Class	Position
30	Jack Murley	Southern Miss	Fr.	Punter
30	Monte Harrison	Arkansas	So.	Wide Receiver
29	Billy Gowers	Hawaii	Fr.	Punter
27	Mitch McCarthy	Indiana	Sr.	Punter
27	Daniel Hughes	New Mexico	So.	Punter
27	Wilson Berry	Kentucky	Sr.	Punter
27	Bubba Thompson	New Mexico	Fr.	Quarterback
27	Bailey Ettridge	Nevada	Fr.	Punter
27	Nate Torney	Louisiana	Sr.	Punter
27	Aliki Vihami	Utah	Gr.	Defensive Tackle
26	Cory Godinet	UTSA	Sr.	Offensive Line
26	Nathan Tiyce	Mississippi State	Fr.	Punter
26	Jackson Ross	Tennessee	Jr.	Punter

BIG PRESEASON RECOGNITION

The national Preseason All-Big Ten lists included 11 different Hoosiers across Athlon Sports and Phil Steele's honors sheets.

Athlon Sports	Team
Elijah Sarratt	First Team Offense
Mikail Kamara	First Team Defense
Aiden Fisher	First Team Defense
D'Angelo Ponds	First Team Defense
Carter Smith	Second Team Offense
Pat Coogan	Third Team Offense
Amare Ferrell	Third Team Defense
Fernando Mendoza	Fourth Team Offense
Roman Hemby	Fourth Team Offense
Kellan Wyatt	Fourth Team Defense
Phil Steele	Team
Elijah Sarratt	First Team Offense
Mikail Kamara	First Team Defense
Aiden Fisher	First Team Defense
D'Angelo Ponds	First Team Defense
Carter Smith	Second Team Offense
Fernando Mendoza	Third Team Offense
Pat Coogan	Third Team Offense
Hosea Wheeler	Third Team Defense

STAFF UPDATE

After an outstanding 2024 season, Indiana head coach **Curt Cignetti** retained nearly the entire coaching staff from the previous campaign.

The only countable on-field assistant to leave was quarterbacks/co-offensive coordinator Tino Sunseri, who took the same position at UCLA.

**Chandler Whitmer** replaced Sunseri as the new head of the quarterbacks for Indiana in December 2024. Whitmer came to Bloomington after serving as a pass game specialist for the Atlanta Falcons in 2024.

Five of Cignetti's staff members were with him at James Madison, including: defensive coordinator/linebackers **Bryant Haines**, offensive coordinator/wide receivers **Mike Shanahan**, special teams coordinator/tight ends **Grant Cain**, defensive tackles **Pat Kuntz** and running backs **John Miller**.

TWO HOOSIERS ON COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME BALLOT

A pair of Indiana All-Americans in running back **Vaughn Dunbar** (1990-91) and quarterback **Antwaan Randle El** (1998-2001) are on the ballot for the College Football Hall of Fame in 2025.

Randle El earned All-Big Ten distinction in 1999, 2000 and 2001, and was named Big Ten Freshman of the Year in 1998. The Big Ten MVP, and first-team All-American in 2001, Randle El finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy balloting that season.

The Riverdale, Illinois, native was the first in NCAA history to score 40 career touchdowns (45) and throw 40 career touchdown passes (42). He was also the first to record over 2,500 total yards in four seasons, and the first to both pass for over 6,000 and rush for over 3,000 career yards.

Dunbar was a first-team All-B1G pick and unanimous first-team All-American in 1991 when he led the nation in rushing (1,805) and finished sixth in Heisman voting.

The Fort Wayne, Indiana, native posted consecutive 1,000-yard seasons and finished his career No. 3 on the career rushing charts at IU with 3,029 yards, a total that currently sits No. 7 all-time in program history. He led IU to a pair of bowl appearances and a win in the 1991 Copper Bowl as the game's offensive MVP.

Six Indiana football student-athletes are already among the less than one percent enshrined in the CFB Hall of Fame: **Zora Clevenger** (HB; 190--3), **Alvin "Bo" McMillin** (Coach; 1934-47), **Pete Pihos** (End/FB' 1942-43, 45-47), **George Taliaferro** (HB; 1945, 47-48), **Anthony Thompson** (RB; 1986-89) and **John Tavener** (1941-44).

FISCHER AMONG ICONIC VOICES IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL

In his 53rd season with the Indiana football program, the legendary voice of the Hoosiers, Don Fischer, is among the longest tenured play-by-play voices in the sport.

The 2022 recipient of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame's Chris Schenkel Award and IU Hall of Fame Class of 2022, Fischer is the longest tenured radio play-by-play announcer in college football, tied with Tommy Suggs of South Carolina.

Announcer	School	Year in 2025
Don Fischer	Indiana	53
Tommy Suggs	South Carolina	53
Bill Hillgrove	Pittsburgh	52
John Cox	Southern Miss	48
George Blaha	Michigan State	48
Johnny Holliday	Maryland	46
Jon Teicher	UTEP	45

ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 25

Rk	Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts.	Prev.
1.	Texas (25)	0-0	1,552	--
2.	Penn State (23)	0-0	1,547	--
3.	Ohio State (11)	0-0	1,472	--
4.	Clemson (4)	0-0	1,398	--
5.	Georgia (1)	0-0	1,331	--
6.	Notre Dame	0-0	1,325	--
7.	Oregon (1)	0-0	1,236	--
8.	Alabama	0-0	1,179	--
9.	LSU	0-0	1,174	--
10.	Miami (Fla.)	0-0	889	--
11.	Arizona State	0-0	791	--
12.	Illinois	0-0	713	--
13.	South Carolina	0-0	667	--
14.	Michigan	0-0	662	--
15.	Florida	0-0	626	--
16.	SMU	0-0	565	--
17.	Kansas State	0-0	512	--
18.	Oklahoma	0-0	463	--
19.	Texas A&M	0-0	434	--
20.	INDIANA	0-0	423	--
21.	Ole Miss	0-0	370	--
22.	Iowa State	0-0	309	--
23.	Texas Tech	0-0	274	--
24.	Tennessee	0-0	192	--
25.	Boise State	0-0	191	--

**Receiving Votes:** BYU 156, Utah 144, Baylor 132, Louisville 90, Southern Cal 64, Georgia Tech 63, Missouri 33, Tulane 23, Nebraska 23, UNLV 21, Toledo 13, Auburn 10, James Madison 9, Memphis 9, Florida St. 8, Duke 6, Liberty 5, Navy 5, Iowa 5, TCU 4, Pittsburgh 3, Army 2, Colorado 1, Louisiana 1.

USA TODAY/AFCA COACHES POLL

Rk	Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts.	Prev.
1.	Texas (28)	0-0	1,606	--
2.	Ohio State (20)	0-0	1,565	--
3.	Penn State (14)	0-0	1,525	--
4.	Georgia (3)	0-0	1,466	--
5.	Notre Dame	0-0	1,360	--
6.	Clemson (2)	0-0	1,324	--
7.	Oregon	0-0	1,307	--
8.	Alabama	0-0	1,210	--
9.	LSU	0-0	1,056	--
10.	Miami (Fla.)	0-0	823	--
11.	Arizona State	0-0	806	--
12.	Illinois	0-0	734	--
13.	South Carolina	0-0	665	--
14.	Michigan	0-0	580	--
15.	Ole Miss	0-0	573	--
16.	SMU	0-0	555	--
17.	Florida	0-0	498	--
18.	Tennessee	0-0	492	--
19.	INDIANA	0-0	460	--
20.	Kansas State	0-0	438	--
21.	Texas A&M	0-0	392	--
21.	Iowa State	0-0	392	--
23.	BYU	0-0	287	--
24.	Texas Tech	0-0	261	--
25.	Boise State	0-0	246	--

**Receiving Votes:** Oklahoma 221, Missouri 142, Louisville 126, USC 116, Utah 86, Baylor 76, Auburn 50, Iowa 49, Memphis 34, Army 33, Tulane 31, Georgia Tech 27, TCU 24, Nebraska 19, Syracuse 16, Washington 15, Navy 14, Arkansas 14, Duke 12, Colorado 12, Minnesota 11, UNLV 8, Florida State 8, Kansas 6, Vanderbilt 3, Buffalo 1.

QUARTERBACKS

QUARTERBACKS (5)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
12	Bell, Jacob	6-2	213	Fr.	Ill.
14	Geske, Maverick	6-0	192	Fr.	Ind.
16	Mendoza, Alberto *	6-2	207	R-Fr.	Fla.
15	Mendoza, Fernando	6-5	225	R-Jr.	Fla.
5	Wilson, Grant	6-3	220	R-Sr.+	Va.

\* - Varsity letter earned

- The 2025 Indiana quarterbacks room is nearly completely different from 2024 with the changes starting at the top as **Chandler Whitmer** is set to lead the room and serve as co-offensive coordinator.
- Whitmer is the one new on-field coaching staff member in 2025 for the Hoosiers and comes to Bloomington by way of the Atlanta Falcons where he was a pass game specialist for the team in 2024.
- Redshirt junior **Fernando Mendoza** transferred to IU this winter after three seasons at California (2022-24) and is the older brother of fellow Indiana quarterback **Alberto Mendoza**.
- He appeared in 20 games with 19 starts for the Golden Bears. He amassed 4,924 career all-purpose yards and accounted for 21 touchdowns.
- In 2024, he completed 265-of-386 of his passes for 3,004 yards, 16 touchdowns with 87 rushes for 105 yards and two rushing scores over the course of his 11 starts before missing the last week due to illness.
- It was just the ninth 3,000-yard passing season in California history. He finished top-10 on Cal's single-season passing charts in total offense yards (No. 7; 3,109 yards), passing efficiency (No. 8; 144.59) and yards passing (No. 9; 3,004 yards).
- Mendoza finished his Cal career as the all-time leader in completion percentage (66.4%) and tied for No. 7 in 250-yard passing games (10), equaling the marks of Gale Gilbert (10; 1980-84) and Aaron Rodgers (10; 2003-04) in career 250-yard passing games at Cal.
- He was ranked as the No. 14 overall prospect in the Transfer Portal and No. 3 quarterback per 247Sports.
- The 2023 season featured Mendoza earning the starting gig in the final eight games of the season. He threw for 1,708 yards on 153-of-243 passing attempts with 14 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. Mendoza also charted 48 rushes for 92 yards and two touchdowns.

- Mendoza was named fourth-team All-Pac 12 per Phil Steele and was Cal's Jonathan and Judy Hoff Football Scholar-Athlete of the Year in 2023.
- In Mendoza's career he has completed 418-of-629 passing attempts for 4,712 yards with 30 touchdowns. Additionally, he has run for 197 career yards and four rushing scores while also catching one pass for a 15-yard touchdown.
- **Alberto Mendoza** is the lone returning signal caller for the Hoosiers. The redshirt freshman served as the No. 3 quarterback for Indiana in 2024 and made his collegiate debut against Western Illinois in Week 2 (9/6).
- Him and Fernando are the only active set of brothers to share the same quarterback room in FBS Football. They are reunited for the first time since being teammates in 2022 at Christopher Columbus High School in Miami.
- Mendoza enjoyed a standout career at the prep level, going 26-2 at Christopher Columbus High School in Miami, Florida. He was twice named the Class 4 Metro Florida Player of the Year.
- He threw for 4,596 yards passing and 57 touchdowns in his career and was considered a consensus three-star prospect by ESPN, 247Sports, Rivals and On3.
- Indiana also brought in transfer **Grant Wilson** in the offseason to provide depth in the room.
- Wilson has appeared in 22 career games with 14 starts over collegiate seasons, most recently playing for Old Dominion (2023-24) and prior to that, Wilson was at Fordham (2020-22).
- He will face off against his old team to start the season in Week 1 (8/30) at Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium.
- At Old Dominion, he appeared in 15 games with 14 starts including 11 starts in 2023 when he accounted for 21 total touchdowns (17 passing, 4 rushing).
- In 2024, Wilson started three games before suffering a season-ending injury. He had five scores on the year (4 passing, 1 rushing).
- Wilson made his collegiate debut against Wagner (10/9) in the 2021 season while at Fordham.





RUNNING BACKS

RUNNING BACKS (7)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
29	Beebe Jr., Lee	5-10	218	R-Jr.	Ala.
8	Black, Kaelon *	5-10	211	R-Sr.	Va.
20	Cuono, Sean	5-10	198	Fr.	Fla.
1	Hemby, Roman	6-0	210	R-Sr.	Md.
30	Kropp, Kyler	6-2	209	R-Fr.	Ind.
28	Martin, Khobie *	6-0	208	R-Fr.	Ind.
18	Vanhorse, Solomon *	5-8	185	Gr.+	Ga.

\* - Varsity letter earned

- **John Miller** enters his second season coaching the Indiana running backs in 2025. Prior to Indiana, he coached the same position at James Madison for three seasons (2021-23).
- Miller's work with the running backs last year made for an instant success in 2024. The Indiana running backs helped combine for 37 rushing scores which tied for the most in a season in program history.
- Miller retained four holdovers from 2024 and added three newcomers to the mix for this season.
- **Kaelon Black** is the leading returner in the Indiana running back room.
- Black joined IU in 2024 after four years at James Madison (2020-23). He has registered 40 appearances with 16 starts over the course of his career.
- In 2024, Black appeared in all 13 games and logged 251 rushing yards on 46 attempts with two touchdowns. He recorded his first touchdown as a Hoosier in Week 4 against Charlotte (9/21).
- In 2023, Black made 12 starts and appeared in all 13 games at James Madison, logging 637 rushing yards with one touchdown and 254 receiving yards and four touchdown receptions.
- He owns two career 100-yard rushing games and has produced 2,126 career all-purpose yards and 13 touchdowns (7 rushing, 6 receiving).
- Maryland transfer **Roman Hemby** will look to carry over his success as a Terrapin, over four seasons at Maryland he totaled 41 career games with 38 starts.

- Hemby has an active 26-game streak with at least one reception. His mark leads all FBS running backs.
- In 2024, he started in all 12 games and totaled 607 rushing yards on 134 attempts and six touchdowns. He also logged 273 receiving yards on 40 receptions with one touchdown.
- He notched his first career game with both a rushing and receiving touchdown in Week 5 at Indiana (9/28).
- Hemby owns 3,352 all-purpose yards (2,347 rushing, 921 receiving, 84 kickoff return), has scored 27 career touchdowns (22 rushing, 5 receiving) and owns seven career 100-yard rushing games (1, 2024; 2, 2023; 4, 2022)
- Hemby was also a two-time honorable mention All-Big Ten (2022 & 2023).
- Another running back transfer looking to make an impact is **Lee Beebe Jr.** who came to Indiana by way of UAB.
- Beebe Jr. spent the first three years of his career at UAB (2022-24). In his time there, he appeared in 24 games with 10 starts.
- The 2024 campaign was Beebe Jr.'s best, as he appeared in all 12 games and made 10 starts en route to being named third-team All-American Athletic Conference.
- Beebe Jr. has accumulated 1,628 career all-purpose yards (1,276 rushing, 317 receiving, 34 kickoff return, 1 fumble return) and totaled 12 career touchdowns (11 rushing, 1 receiving).
- He also owns three career 100-yard rushing games (1, 2023; 2, 2024) and has three career multi-rushing touchdown games (1, 2023; 2, 2024).
- **Solomon Vanhorse** is in his eighth season of college football, beginning his career back in 2018. He is one of three eighth-year players in the FBS in 2025.
- Vanhorse has made 50 career appearances with nine starts.
- In his first year at Indiana in 2024, Vanhorse appeared in all 13 games, primarily on special teams where he served as a primary kick returner. He returned five kickoffs for a total of 102 yards.
- Prior to Indiana, he spent six seasons at James Madison (2018-23) and played in 37 games with nine starts. He redshirted his initial college season and missed much of 2022 and 2023 due to injuries.
- In 2021, he became the 39th player in FBS or FCS since 1996 to return a kickoff for a touchdown, score a rushing touchdown and have a receiving touchdown in the same game (Towson, 11/20).





WIDE RECEIVERS

WIDE RECEIVERS (16)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
80	Becker, Charlie *	6-4	209	So.	Tenn.
6	Bond, Lebron	5-9	173	Fr.	Va.
0	Brady, Jonathan	5-10	183	Sr.	Calif.
4	Chandler, Davion	5-11	180	Fr.	Ind.
22	Ciongoli, Ace	5-11	169	Fr.	Mass.
3	Cooper Jr., Omar ***	6-0	204	R-Jr.	Ind.
2	Jackson, Makai	6-0	197	Sr.	Pa.
89	Jordan, Camden **	6-0	180	R-Sr.	Ind.
26	Kaiser, Cade	6-5	207	Fr.	Ind.
82	Kendrick, Myles	6-0	1900	Fr.	Fla.
86	Massel IV, Bruno	5-11	193	Fr.	Ill.
9	Morris, Tyler	5-11	183	Sr.	Ill.
13	Sarratt, Elijah *	6-2	213	Sr.	Va.
83	Hunter Stroud	6-0	178	Fr.	Ind.
17	Wasserstrom, Jackson **	5-11	175	R-Jr.	Ind.
7	Williams Jr., E.J. **	6-3	205	Sr.+	Ala.

\* - Varsity letter earned

- Entering his second year as Indiana's offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach, **Mike Shanahan**, looks to build upon a productive 2024 season.
- The Indiana offense had a PFF grade of 93.2 in 2024, which was best in the Big Ten and second-best in the country.
- **Elijah Sarratt** is the team's top-returning receiver after an impressive 2024 season that saw him start all 13 games with 957 receiving yards on 53 receptions and eight touchdowns.
- His performance earned him third-team All-Big Ten from the conference coaches and media and second-team All-Big Ten by the Associated Press.
- Sarratt graded as the No. 4 receiver in the Big Ten and No. 13 in Power 4 (80.8) per Pro Football Focus (min. 500 snaps).
- He has caught a pass in each game of his career to lead the nation with a streak of 38-straight games with a reception.
- Sarratt owns 11 career 100-yard receiving games (4 at Indiana; 6 at JMU; 1 at SFU) and has posted multiple receiving touchdowns in seven games (2 at Indiana; 5 at JMU).

- After starting his tenure at JMU on the third unit, Sarratt had a breakout sophomore season in 2023. He finished among the top-35 among FBS pass catchers in yards receiving (No. 11; 1,191), touchdowns (No. 32; 8) and receptions (No. 22; 82) to earn First Team All-Sun Belt.
- Prior to James Madison, Sarratt played at Saint Francis (Pa.) as a true freshman in 2022. He was tabbed as a FCS Freshman All-America and first-team All-Northeast Conference.
- Redshirt junior **Omar Cooper Jr.** is another consistent playmaker for the Hoosiers and owns two career 100-yard receiving games.
- In 2024, he made 13 appearances with four starts, 24 of his 28 receptions went either a first down or touchdown.
- In the opening round of the College Football Playoff against Notre Dame (12/20), Cooper Jr. caught a 23-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.
- He also caught deep touchdown passes in Week 2 (69 yards) against Western Illinois (9/6) and in Week 9 (42 yards) against Washington (10/26).
- Cooper Jr. has made 25 appearances and six starts in his Hoosier career.
- Senior **E.J. Williams Jr.** returns to Indiana for one more season after playing in four games before redshirting the 2024 season and entering the transfer portal.
- In 2023, Williams Jr. played in eight games with three starts and missed four games due to injury.
- This will be Williams Jr.'s third year in Bloomington (2023-25) after spending the first three at Clemson (2020-22).
- He has appeared in 45 career games with nine starts.
- Williams Jr. was an Under Armour All-American and four-star recruit out of Central (Ala.) High School and was considered a consensus top-130-ranked prospect and top-20 receiver by all three recruiting services.
- **Charlie Becker** appeared in all 12 games as a true freshman in 2024, seeing time mostly on special teams. He logged 123 special teams snaps (46 kickoff return, 21 kickoff coverage, 53 punt return).
- In his collegiate debut in Week 2 against Western Illinois (9/6), he scored his first career touchdown on a 3-yard rush in the fourth quarter.
- Shanahan added **Makai Jackson** and **Tyler Morris** via the transfer portal to add some more experience to the room.
- Jackson was an accomplished receiver at both Saint Francis (Pa.) (2022) and Appalachian State (2023-24) prior to joining the Hoosiers.

- In 2024, Jackson appeared in all 11 games with 10 starts and caught a pass in every game played. He finished the year with back-to-back 100-yard receiving games.
- In 2022, he was named Freshman All-America along with now reunited teammate Elijah Sarratt.
- Jackson has logged 37 career games with 20 starts over his first three collegiate seasons and owns a reception in 24-straight games and 36 of 37 career games played.
- He boasts seven career 100-yard receiving games (5, 2022; 2, 2024) and has two multi-receiving touchdown games (2, 2022).
- Morris appeared in 34 career games with 14 starts, including 10 in 2024, at Michigan over the course of his first three seasons (2022-24).
- He suffered a season-ending injury over the summer that will sideline him for the 2025 season.
- Indiana added another transfer receiver in senior **Jonathan Brady** in the spring window from California where he teamed with **Fernando Mendoza**.
- In 2024, Brady appeared in all 13 games for Cal with 24 starts and caught 36 passes for 386 yards and three touchdowns.
- Prior to Cal, Brady spent his first two years (2022-23) at New Mexico where he saw time in 28 games with 21 starts.
- He owns two career 100-yard receiving games (2; 2023).
- **Lebron Bond** enters his freshman year from Norfolk, Virginia. Bond was a standout at Maury High School where he helped MHS to the 2023 Virginia High School League Class 5 state title as a junior.
- He was named first-team all-state as a junior and had 35 receptions and nine touchdowns in his senior season.
- Bond was ranked as a four-star recruit by ESPN and the No. 51 wide receiver nationally.
- **Davion Chandler** is the latest Lawrence North High School (Indianapolis) receiver to join the Hoosiers, following in the footsteps of high school and now college teammate **Omar Cooper Jr.**
- Chandler accumulated career statistics of 2,696 all-purpose yards, (12 rushing, 2,039 receiving), 27 career touchdowns (24 receiving, 2 kickoff return, 1 rushing) and 111 receptions.
- He was named Marion County Offensive Player of the Year in 2023 and helped LNHS to the 2025 IHSAA Track and Field state championship as a part of the state-title winning 4x100 team.



TIGHT ENDS

TIGHT ENDS (5)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
85	Barker, Andrew	6-4	246	Fr.	Ind.
48	Bomba, James ***	6-6	253	R-Jr.	Ind.
37	Nowakowski, Riley	6-1	249	R-Sr.+	Wis.
19	Staes, Holden	6-4	250	Sr.	Ga.
84	Thiry, Blake	6-4	224	Fr.	Wis.

- In addition to serving his second season as Indiana's special teams coordinator, **Grant Cain** continues his role with Indiana's tight ends unit.
- This will be Cain's seventh year coaching the position group as he has done so every year in his time under Coach **Curt Cignetti** (2019-present).
- **Riley Nowakowski**, the sixth-year senior, spent the first five seasons of his college career at Wisconsin (2020-24) where he appeared in 40 career games and made 10 starts.
- He started in nine of 12 games at Wisconsin in 2024 and caught 11 passes for 73 receiving yards.
- In 2023, he made his first collegiate start against Ohio State (10/28) and caught his first career touchdown pass at Minnesota (11/25).
- He joined Wisconsin as a linebacker and went on to play that position and fullback before moving to tight end in 2023.
- **Holden Staes** joins IU for his senior season after spending last year at Tennessee and the first two of his college career at Notre Dame (2021-22).
- Over the course of his career, Staes has appeared in 35 games with 12 starts.
- In his lone season at Tennessee, Staes appeared in all 13 games with three starts and caught 15 passes for 131 receiving yards.
- **James Bomba** is the lone returner from the tight end unit and is in his fifth and final season in Bloomington. He has appeared in 29 games with 10 starts.
- He caught his first career touchdown pass in Week 12 of the 2023 season versus Michigan State. He hauled in a 3-yard pass in the third quarter.

- Bomba is an Indiana legacy, as his father, **Matt Bomba** (1990-92), and grandfathers, **Brad Bomba** (1954-56) and **Bob Van Pelt** (1964-66), all lettered in football at IU. His mother, Kelly, is an executive associate athletic director for the Hoosiers.
- Bomba was put on scholarship in 2022 after joining the team as a walk-on in 2021.

\* - Varsity letter earned

OFFENSIVE LINE

OFFENSIVE LINE (16)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
72	Ajani, Adedamola *	6-4	308	R-Fr.	Ind.
67	Benson, Kahlil **	6-6	319	R-Sr.+	Miss.
78	Coogan, Pat	6-5	311	R-Sr.	Ill.
62	Evans, Drew *	6-4	309	R-Jr.	Wis.
54	Greer, Jack *	6-3	313	R-Jr.	Ind.
56	Johnson, Chance	6-5	300	Fr.	Ind.
71	Lawrence, Evan	6-6	306	R-Fr.	Ind.
70	Leibfried, Austin	6-6	306	R-Fr.	Wis.
74	Lynch, Bray ***	6-5	312	R-Jr.	Texas
77	Marek, Matt	6-3	308	Fr.	Ill.
65	Michalski, Zen	6-6	310	R-Sr.	Ind.
66	Parker, Evan	6-4	308	Fr.	Ind.
65	Smith, Carter ***	6-5	313	R-Jr.	Ohio
63	Verstegen, Mitch	6-4	308	R-Fr.	Wis.
61	Wilkin, Baylor	6-5	290	Fr.	Ohio

- Back for year three to lead the offensive line in Bloomington, **Bob Bostad** looks to continue his progress with the unit as the lone holdover from Indiana's coaching staff in 2023.
- Bostad tutored 11 All-Americans over two stints at Wisconsin. That included eight on the offensive line, one tight end and two linebackers to earn All-America honors.
- Indiana's consistent presence at left tackle is back again for 2025 as **Carter Smith** enters his redshirt junior season.
- Smith has made 25 career starts over 27 appearances with all of his starts coming at left tackle. He started every game of the 2023 and 2024 seasons.
- His 2024 season earned him honorable mention All-Big Ten from the conference media and was part of an offensive line that was named a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award.
- **Drew Evans** also returns from Indiana's stellar 2024 offensive line for his redshirt junior season.
- Evans started the first nine games of 2024 at left guard before suffering a season-ending injury prior to Week 11 against Michigan (11/9).
- Prior to his nine starts in 2024, Evans did not see any game action in 2022 or 2023. He began his career in 2022 at Wisconsin before transferring to Indiana prior to the 2023 season.
- **Bray Lynch** is the third returning starter from the 2024 Indiana offensive line that earned semifinalist honors for the Joe Moore Award.
- In Lynch's first season as a starter, he made 13 starts at right guard in 2024.
- Lynch made nine appearances across the 2022 and 2023 seasons, logging his first career appearance against Idaho (9/10) in Week 2 of 2022.
- **Kahlil Benson** returns to Indiana one season at Colorado last year (2024). Benson spent the previous four seasons at IU (2020-23) where he played in 25 games with 17 starts.

- In his lone season in Boulder, Benson made nine appearances with four starts while battling injury and missing three games.
- Of his 21 career starts, he has registered 12 at right tackle and nine at right guard.
- Indiana's other two transfer offensive linemen are **Pat Coogan** (Notre Dame) and **Zen Michalski** (Ohio State). The duo's teams faced off in the 2025 College Football Playoff National Championship.
- Coogan appeared in 30 career games with 26 starts over four seasons at Notre Dame (2021-24).
- He helped lead Notre Dame to a national championship game appearance in 2024 as the team's starting center in the final 13 games of the season after an injury to Ashton Craig versus Purdue (9/14) in Week 3.
- He started all 13 games at left guard in 2023 and made his first collegiate appearance against Boston College in 2022.
- Michalski, an Indiana native, returned to his home state after spending the first four years of his career at Ohio State (2021-24). He appeared in 29 career games with one start during his time in Columbus.
- Michalski made his first collegiate start against Nebraska (10/26) in 2024 before getting injured in that game and missing the final nine games of the season.
- He saw 160 snaps at left tackle and one at left guard in 2024, while also logging 101 snaps on special teams.

\* - Varsity letter earned



LINEBACKERS

LINEBACKERS (9)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
52	Allen, Clayton	6-2	219	R-So.	Ind.
4	Fisher, Aiden *	6-1	231	Sr.	Va.
21	Hardy, Rolijah *	5-11	229	So.	Fla.
46	Jones, Isaiah ***	6-2	230	R-Jr.	Ohio
44	Kamara, Amari	5-11	202	Fr.	Va.
38	McConnell, Kaden	6-2	229	R-Fr.	Ind.
30	Nelson, PJ	6-1	219	Fr.	Ohio
14	Turner, Kaiden ***	6-0	229	R-Jr.	Ark.
34	Utzingier, Jeff *	6-3	232	R-Jr.	Ind.

\* - Varsity letter earned

- Defensive coordinator **Bryant Haines** is in his second season serving in the role and as linebackers coach after a fantastic first year with the Hoosiers.
- Haines' defense ranked No. 2 in total defense in the FBS last season, only allowing opponents to 256.3 yards per game and was the No. 1 rushing defense.
- The Indiana linebacking core will be anchored by key returners with plenty of game experience.
- The linebackers will be led by senior **Aiden Fisher** who led the Big Ten in tackles a year ago with 118 stops. His 118 tackles were the most by a Hoosier in a single season since **TeGray Scales** (126) in 2016.
- Fisher became Indiana's first-ever first-team All-America linebacker in 2024 (FWAA, Phil Steele).
- He also was an All-conference performer in back-to-back seasons (2023, third-team All-Sun Belt; 2024 first-team All-Big Ten).
- The senior owns nine career double-digit tackle games (5 at IU; 4 at JMU).
- In his Indiana debut, he posted 12 tackles in the Week 1 win over FIU (8/31).

- He has played in 36 career games with 24 starts, including starting all 13 games of Indiana's 2024 campaign.
- **Rolijah Hardy** may have been Indiana's biggest surprise of the 2024 season as he played in all 13 games with four starts as a true freshman.
- In Week 2 against Western Illinois (9/7), Hardy etched his name into the record book. He returned his first career interception for a touchdown and was the first true freshman with an interception return for the touchdown since **Jameel Cook Jr.** versus FIU in 2015.
- Hardy also forced a fumble in that game to become the first IU defender to have two forced turnovers in a game since 2022.
- He made his first collegiate start in Week 8 against Nebraska (10/19) when he grabbed his second interception of the season.
- Hardy attended Lakeland (Fla.) High School before spending one year at the Naval Academy Preparatory School in 2023.
- **Isaiah Jones** has steadily improved year over year in his time at Indiana.
- He made 17 appearances with two starts at Indiana (2022-24) and registered snaps in all 13 games of 2024.
- He tied for the Big Ten lead with teammate **Bryson Bonds** and tied for No. 2 in Power 4 in special teams tackles (9).
- In Week 4 against Charlotte (9/21), he had six tackles and his first career tackle for loss on a solo stop in the second quarter.
- He made his first collegiate start in Week 6 at Northwestern (10/5).
- His father, D.J., lettered in football at Ohio State (1992-94, 96). D.J. was part of the 1992 Big Ten co-championship team and the 1996 Big Ten and Rose Bowl championship team.
- After not playing at all his first two seasons at Indiana (2022-23), **Jeff Utzingier** registered snaps in every game of 2024.
- In his appearances, he mostly saw time on special teams and racked up five tackles in the 2024 season.
- Utzingier collected his first career tackle on the final play of the game in Week 1 against FIU (8/31).
- **Kaiden Turner** has made 12 career appearances with one start across his four years on campus.
- His lone start came during his redshirt year against Purdue in the final week of the 2022 season where he posted a game-high nine tackles, with seven of them being solo stops.

- **Amari Kamara** is a true freshman and younger brother of Hoosier defensive end and All-American **Mikail Kamara**.
- The younger Kamara compiled 104 stops and 2.0 sacks in his senior season at Stone Bridge High School in Ashburn, Virginia.
- **PJ Nelson** is another true freshman in the Indiana linebacker core.
- As a standout at Princeton High School in Cincinnati, Nelson was selected as the Ohio Prep Sports Writers Association Defensive Player of the Year as a junior as well as the Greater Miami Conference Player of the Year and Cincinnati Enquirer Defensive Player of the Year.
- In his senior year, he totaled 137 tackles (85 solo) with 24.0 tackles for loss and 8.0 sacks as a senior, added one interception and scored two defensive touchdowns
- Nelson was ranked as a consensus three-star prospect by ESPN, 247Sports, Rivals and On3.





DEFENSIVE LINE

DEFENSIVE LINE (20)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
96	Abram, Triston	6-3	228	Fr.	Mo.
99	Burrus Jr., Tyrone	6-4	236	Fr.	Ind.
41	Calhoun, Keishaun	6-2	267	Fr.	Ohio
58	Cannon, Aden	6-6	268	R-Jr.	Ind.
40	Clark, Quentin *	6-1	227	R-Fr.	Ga.
8	Daley, Stephen	6-1	273	Sr.	Va.
42	Depaepe, Andrew	6-5	261	R-So.	Iowa
98	Depaepe, William	6-6	260	R-Fr.	Ill.
94	Garcia, Kyler	6-4	291	Fr.	Tenn.
50	Hall, Jhrevious	6-2	306	Fr.	Tenn.
97	Landino, Mario *	6-4	284	So.	Pa.
6	Kamara, Mikail *	6-1	262	R-Sr.	Va.
90	Monette, J'Mari *	6-3	286	R-Jr.	La.
17	Ndukwe, Daniel *	6-3	244	So.	Ga.
91	Ratcliff, Dominique	6-3	296	R-Sr.+	Texas
95	Tucker, Tyrique *	6-0	302	R-Jr.	Va.
18	Turvy, Andrew ***	6-2	253	R-Sr.	Ind.
47	Walters, Finn	6-4	250	R-So.	Ind.
0	Wheeler, Hosea	6-3	298	R-Sr.	Calif.
13	Wyatt, Kellan	6-2	257	Sr.	Md.

\* - Varsity letter earned

- Defensive tackles coach **Pat Kuntz** and defensive ends coach **Buddha Williams** are each in their second seasons leading the defensive line for the Hoosiers.
- The two coaches retained a star in redshirt senior **Mikail Kamara** when he elected to come back to Bloomington after leading all of FBS in total pressures (73).
- Kamara owns at least one tackle in every game played, with at least 0.5 tackle for loss in 30 of his 36 career games.
- The senior has appeared in 36 career games with 35 starts.
- Kamara has been a menace for opposing offensive lines his entire career and fully put that on display in his first season as a Hoosier in 2024 when he had 15.0 tackles for loss and 10.0 sacks.
- He garnered second-team All-America from The Athletic and third-team All-America per the Association Press and was named a finalist for the Lott IMPACT Trophy, tabbed a semifinalist Bednarik Award.
- Kamara was also a consensus first-team All-Big Ten pick by the conference's coaches, media and Associated Press.
- He was named the Bednarik National Defensive Player of the Week and Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week after 4.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks at Michigan State (11/2) in Week 10.
- **Tyrique Tucker** was a key rotational piece to the defensive line and could take a step forward in 2025.
- He appeared in all 13 games in 2024 and was graded as the No. 9 defensive interior in the Big Ten and No. 25 nationally (78.2) per Pro Football Focus (min. 300 snaps).
- Tucker spent his first two seasons at James Madison (2022-23) where he redshirted in 2022 and then made five starts over 13 appearances in 2023.
- **Mario Landino** and **Daniel Ndukwe** are a pair of defensive linemen that burned their redshirts as true freshmen after each playing a significant role in 2024.
- Landino has 12 career appearances, missing one game in 2024 due to injury.
- He registered his first career sack on a combined effort with Tucker in Week 9 against Washington (10/26) when they brought down Will Rogers in the third quarter.
- His first career appearance came in Week 1 against FIU when he combined on a tackle for loss with Tucker for his first career tackle.

- Ndukwe appeared in all 13 games in 2024 and logged 17 snaps on defense and 117 on special teams where he made a major impact.
- In Week 5 against Maryland (9/28), he blocked his first career kick on a Terrapin punt. He blocked a second punt in Week 10 at Michigan State (11/2) in the fourth quarter.
- With his two blocked punts, Ndukwe became the first Hoosier with multiple blocked kicks in the same season since **James Head Jr.** in 2022 and the first IU player with multiple blocked punts in the same season since **Jeremy Finch** in 2008 (Ball State & Michigan State).
- Kuntz and Williams added four transfers along the line to add depth to the unit, including **Stephen Daley**, **Dominique Ratcliff**, **Hosea Wheeler** and **Kellan Wyatt**.
- Daley arrived in Bloomington this offseason after appearing in 34 career games with 24 starts at Kent State (2022-24). He has started 24 consecutive games dating back to the 2023 season.
- In 2024, Daley logged 9.5 tackles for loss, 4.0 sacks, one forced fumble and a fumble recovery.
- Ratcliff appeared in 38 career games with four starts over five collegiate seasons at Texas State (2022-24) and Louisiana (2020-21).
- Wheeler has leveled up in every step of his collegiate career, coming to Indiana after three seasons at Western Kentucky (2022-24) and one year at Sacramento City College (2021).
- The California native has four career forced turnovers (1 INT, 2 FF, 1 FR) and has blocked two career kicks. He also has posted at least one tackle in 27-straight games.
- Wheeler earned first-team All-Conference USA honors after posting a tackle in all 14 games and leading Conference USA interior defenders with 619 snaps played in 2024.
- He has appeared in 40 career games with 25 starts over his four seasons.
- Wyatt left Maryland, but stayed in the Big Ten when deciding to come to Indiana for his senior season. In three seasons at Maryland (2022-24), Wyatt logged 35 career appearances and 28 starts.
- In 2024, Wyatt had 7.5 tackles for loss and 3.0 sacks.
- Wyatt posted his first career fumble in Week 2 at Michigan State (9/7) with two in the game to go along with six tackles with 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.0 sacks.
- He made his first collegiate start as a true freshman against Michigan (9/24) in 2022.





CORNERBACKS

CORNERBACKS (8)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
3	Bell, Jaylen	5-10	176	Fr.	N.J.
10	Gandy, Ryland	6-0	186	R-So.	Ga.
20	Henderson, Dontrae *	5-11	183	R-Fr.	N.C.
23	Knighten, Amariyun	6-0	178	R-Jr.	Fla.
45	Murff, Lincoln	5-10	184	R-So.	Ind.
22	Sharpe, Jamari ***	6-1	187	R-Jr.	Fla.
19	Smith, Zacharey	5-11	170	Fr.	Ga.
5	Ponds, D'Angelo *	5-9	173	Jr.	Fla.

\* - Varsity letter earned

- **Rod Ojong** is in his second year coaching the cornerbacks in Bloomington after five years coaching defensive backs at multiple schools: Austin Peay (2018), Furman (2019), Buffalo (2021-22) and Charlotte (2023).
- In 2020, he was a quality control assistant for a Georgia team that won the Peach Bowl and posted an 8-2 record.
- Indiana's 2025 cornerback room features veterans and plenty of youth.
- **D'Angelo Ponds** is in his second season at Indiana after a great Hoosier debut in 2024.
- He garnered second-team All-America honors from The Athletic, CBS Sports, ESPN, Football Writers Association of American, Phil Steele and USA Today while also earning first-team All-Big Ten from the conference coaches, media and Associated Press.
- In Week 9 against Washington (10/26), Ponds logged his first career multi-interception game when he caught two picks.
- Ponds has started 22 games of his 26 career appearances spanning across his time at James Madison (2023) and Indiana (2024-present).
- Ponds was tabbed as a Freshman All-American by the Football Writers Association of America, a Semifinalist for the Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year award and notched second-team All-Sun Belt honors as a freshman.
- **Jamari Sharpe** is the longest tenured Hoosier in the cornerback room with 24 appearances and 12 starts.
- Sharpe played in nine games with three starts in the 2024 season after enjoying a breakout 2023 season. After playing just three games in his redshirt season in 2022, Sharpe appeared in all 12 games and made nine starts in the 2023 campaign.
- His first career interception came in Week 12 of the 2023 season against Michigan State on a third-quarter pick of Katin Houser.
- Transfers **Amariyun Knighten** and **Ryland Gandy** are both expected to bolster the cornerback room's depth.
- Knighten appeared in 25 career games with 14 starts over three seasons at Northern Illinois (2022-24).
- He was named the Lott Trophy National Defensive Player of the Week after a Week 2 interception to set up the game-winning field goal in upset at No. 5 Notre Dame (9/7). The interception was the first of his career.

- In 2024, he started eight games before missing the final five due to injury.
- Made 10 tackles, including six solo, and added one pass breakup in his first collegiate start against Ball State (10/1) in the 2022 season.
- Gandy enjoyed a breakthrough season in 2024 at Pittsburgh where he spent his first three years of collegiate football (2022-24).
- All 13 of his starts of his 29 appearances as a Panther were made in the 2024 campaign. He made his first career start against Kent State in the season opener (8/31).
- In Week 10 at SMU (11/2), he had six tackles and combined for his first career tackle for loss in the first quarter.
- In the final game of the regular season at Boston College (11/30), he notched his first career punt return in the second quarter.
- Helped Pitt get off to a 7-0 start to begin the 2024 season.
- **Dontrae Henderson** redshirted the 2024 season for Indiana when he played in one game.
- Henderson appeared on defense in Week 2 against Western Illinois (9/6), he was one of 12 true freshmen to debut for the Hoosiers in 2024.
- **Jaylen Bell** comes to Indiana after a standout career at Grayson High School (Georgia) where he became a consensus three-star recruit and considered a top-60 defensive back nationally. His career totals include 128 tackles, 5.0 tackles for loss, six interceptions and 25 pass breakups
- **Zacharey Smith** also comes to Bloomington from the Peach State, where he had a successful career at Hapeville Charter Academy. Smith was tabbed as a consensus three-star recruit and top-80 ranked defensive back.



SAFETIES/ROVERS

SAFETIES (10)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
2	Baldwin Jr., Byron	6-2	194	Fr.	Md.
27	Bellin, Reece	6-1	206	R-So.	Ind.
24	Bonds, Bryson *****	6-0	202	R-Sr.	Texas
16	Boyd, Jah Jah	5-11	188	R-Fr.	Pa.
12	Boykin, Devan	5-10	195	R-Sr.+	N.C.
36	Conner, Clay	6-4	207	R-So.	Ind.
37	Kizer, Heath	6-1	203	R-Fr.	Ind.
7	Moore, Louis	5-11	200	R-Sr.+	Texas
33	Reese, Garrett	6-2	203	Fr.	Ill.
9	Stewart Jr., Seaonta	6-1	203	Fr.	Ohio

ROVER (2)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
31	Chung, Anthony	6-1	197	R-So.	Wis.
1	Ferrell, Amare **	6-2	202	Jr.	Fla.

\* - Varsity letter earned

- **Ola Adams** is back for his second year coaching Indiana's safeties and defensive backs in 2024.
- In 2023, Adams was a defensive analyst and analytics coordinator at Penn State. Prior to 2023, Adams coached defensive backs across the collegiate and professional ranks.
- Adams coached at Villanova from 2015-21, tutoring the defensive backs and serving as the team's defensive coordinator from 2019-21. He also was defensive backs assistant for the Denver Broncos in 2022.
- **Amare Ferrell** is primed for his junior season after making a big impact as a sophomore when he started in every game of the 2024 campaign.
- Ferrell has made 25 career appearances and 13 starts.
- He rated as the No. 8 safety (78.2) in the Big Ten for the 2024 season per Pro Football Focus.
- He posted his first career multi-interception games at Michigan State (11/2) with a pair of second-quarter picks.

- In his first career start in Week 1 against FIU (8/31), Ferrell grabbed his first career interception and posted two tackles.
- He was one of seven true freshmen in the program to debut in 2023 and the only not to redshirt (played in all 12 games).
- **Bryson Bonds** is the longest-tenured Hoosier on the roster, spending all six of his collegiate seasons with IU. Bonds has appeared in 47 career games with one start.
- In the Old Oaken Bucket Game, Bonds hauled in his first career interception against Purdue (11/30).
- He made his first career start last season in Week 8 against Nebraska (10/19) when he logged four tackles.
- Bonds made his first career takeaway when he recovered a fumble at Ohio State (11/12) in the 2022 season.
- After just one year away, **Louis Moore** is back in Bloomington for his last go-around in 2025.
- Moore transferred back to Indiana after spending the 2024 season at Ole Miss. He previous played for IU in the 2022-23 seasons and before that was a standout at Navarro Community College in 2020-21.
- He has appeared in 35 career games with 10 starts over his five years with four career double-digit tackle games (1, 2024: 3, 2023).
- At Ole Miss, Moore appeared in 11 games with two starts and logged 36 tackles with 2.0 tackles for loss.
- In Week 3 at Wake Forest (9/14) he made his first career fumble recovery.
- In his first stint at Indiana, Moore made 10 starts in 24 appearances and had a highly successful 2023 season when he was the Hoosiers' second-leading tackler with 82 stops.
- In Week 4 against Akron (9/23), Moore had the first multi-interception game of his career when he hauled in two, which included a pick-6 in the third quarter.
- Moore made a strong impression to open the 2023 season with six solo stops and his first career pass breakup in his first career start against No. 3/4 Ohio State (9/2).
- Sixth-year senior **Devan Boykin** joins IU for his final year of eligibility after spending five seasons at NC State (2020-24).
- In his five seasons with the Wolfpack, Boykin appeared in 45 career games with 20 starts.

- He missed the entire 2024 season due to injury and redshirted.
- The 2023 season was his most consistent campaign, making 10 starts in his 11 appearances.
- Against Notre Dame (9/9), he logged his first career double-digit tackle game when he had 11 stops.
- He also forced his first career fumble against North Carolina to end the regular season (11/25).
- Made his first career start as a true freshman in 2020 at North Carolina.
- **Byron Baldwin Jr.** will have the opportunity to make an impact as a true freshman.
- Baldwin Jr. was a consensus four-star prospect per ESPN, 247Sports, Rivals and On3 and a top-100 national recruit by 247Sports and On3.
- The Maryland native was named an Under Armour All-American and is considered the No. 8 highest rated recruit in Indiana football history per 247Sports.
- Baldwin Jr. logged 79 tackles, two interceptions and three pass breakups as a junior and made 35 tackles with one interception and six pass breakups as a sophomore.





SPECIALISTS

PLACE KICKERS (6)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
49	Baker, Oludabe	6-1	207	R-Sr.	Ga.
35	Franke, Brendan	6-3	233	R-Sr.+	Neb.
15	Radicic, Nicolas **	5-11	187	R-So.	Texas
90	Placzek, Josh	5-11	199	R-Fr.	Ind.
43	Taylor, Bryce	5-10	184	Fr.	Ind.
93	Warren, Quinn	6-6	223	So.	Ind.

PUNTERS (1)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
44	McCarthy, Mitch	6-5	233	Sr.	Australia

LONG SNAPPERS (2)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
47	Langston, Mark	6-0	222	R-Sr.+	Ga.
45	Lindsey, Sam	6-0	190	R-So.	Ga.

\* - Varsity letter earned

- **Grant Cain** enters his second season at the helm of Indiana's special teams unit and his seventh under **Curt Cignetti**, previously leading the same unit for James Madison from 2019-23.
- Cain's unit earned an 88.7 grade by PFF in the 2024 season which graded out at No. 4 nationally and No. 2 in the Big Ten.
- In his time leading special teams units, he has notched three All-America honors and 13 All-Conference selections.
- Indiana's **Nicolas Radicic** steps into his second year as the field goal specialist for the Hoosiers in 2025.
- Radicic has made 14 career appearances at IU, starting in all 13 games in 2024 and making one in his redshirt season in 2023.
- He finished No. 2 in FBS in extra points made (69) and posted an FBS-best 5.3 extra points made per game in 2024.
- Radicic also broke Indiana's single-season record for extra points made last year and it only took him nine games to claim the record.
- He is 11-of-12 (.916) on field goal attempts and 71-of-71 (1.000) on extra point attempts in his collegiate career.

- Radicic holds four of the top-10-single-game extra points made marks with No. 1 (11; Western Illinois), No. 3 (9; Purdue), T-No. 4 (8; Nebraska) and T-No. 8 (7; Charlotte).
- A five-star prospect per Kohl's Kicking, Nico Radicic was rated the No. 3 kicker nationally by 247Sports and the No. 4 kicking prospect by ESPN in the class of 2023. He was selected to participate in the 2023 Army All-American Bowl, as well.
- Radicic was an all-district performer for Coppell (Texas) High School, after moving to America from Croatia in 2016.
- **Brendan Franke** arrived to Bloomington in 2025 and has assumed the kickoff specialist duties for the Hoosiers.
- Franke has appeared in 49 career games. He played in 12 games at Texas State (2024), four appearances at Georgia Southern (2023) and redshirted after playing 24 games over two seasons at Nebraska (2021-22). He saw time in nine games in one season at Morningside (Iowa) College (2020).
- He has a career touchback rate of .700 (147-of-210) over the course of his college career.
- **Mitch McCarthy** is the only punter on the roster and is in his first season as a Hoosier.
- McCarthy has had a unique journey to Bloomington. He spent three seasons at UCF (2022-24) prior and before then he had never played a snap of American football.
- The Australia native spent one year at Village Christian High School in California and participated in basketball before he was selected as the No. 7 overall pick in the 2016 Australian Rules Football Rookie Draft by Collingwood and then trained with ProKick Australia in the fall of 2021.
- After not playing in the first two games of UCF's 2022 season, McCarthy has not missed a game since, making 37-straight appearances, including every game of the Golden Knights' 2023 and 2024 campaigns.
- McCarthy has notched 39 punts inside the 20-yard line and has averaged 43.0 yards per punt on 115 career punts.
- McCarthy, 27, is the fourth oldest player in FBS Football with the only players older being 29 or 30 years-old.
- Long snapper **Mark Langston** is back to snap for his second season with the program.
- His strong performance in the 2024 season earned him preseason recognition, being named to the Mannelly Award watch list which honors the best long snapper in the FBS.

- He is in his seventh and final collegiate season after spending two years at Kennesaw State (2019-20) and three years at Georgia Southern (2021-23) before coming to Bloomington in 2024.
- Langston started in all 13 games for the Hoosiers in 2024 and has appeared in 35 collegiate games. The first 22 of those came at Georgia Southern. He did not see any game action at Kennesaw State.
- He missed the entire 2023 season due to an ACL injury sustained at the end of his 2022 campaign.

RECORD BREAKDOWN

	2025	Cignetti at IU
Overall	0-0	11-2
Big Ten	0-0	8-1
Day Games	0-0	8-1
Night Games	0-0	3-1
Televised Games	0-0	11-2
ABC	0-0	0-1
Big Ten Network	0-0	6-0
CBS	0-0	1-0
ESPN	0-0	0-0
ESPN2/ESPNU	0-0	0-0
FOX	0-0	1-1
FS1	0-0	1-0
NBC/Peacock	0-0	2-0
vs. Ranked Opponents	0-0	1-2
Scoring First	0-0	9-1
Opponent Scores First	0-0	2-1
Leading at the Half	0-0	11-0
Trailing at the Half	0-0	0-2
Tied at the Half	0-0	0-0
Leading after Three Quarters	0-0	11-0
Trailing after Three Quarters	0-0	0-2
Tied after Three Quarters	0-0	0-0

	2025	Cignetti at IU
In Overtime	0-0	0-0
Games decided by 7 or fewer points	0-0	1-0
Scoring less than 20 points	0-0	0-2
Scoring 20-29 points	0-0	1-0
Scoring 30-39 points	0-0	2-0
Scoring 40+ points	0-0	8-0
Allowing 10 points or less	0-0	5-0
Allowing 11-20 points	0-0	4-0
Allowing 21-30 points	0-0	2-1
Allowing 31+ points	0-0	0-1
Rushing for less than 100 yards	0-0	1-2
Rushing for 100-199 yards	0-0	5-0
Rushing for 200-299 yards	0-0	4-0
Rushing for 300+ yards	0-0	1-0
Passing for less than 200 yards	0-0	2-1
Passing for 200-299 yards	0-0	4-1
Passing for 300-399 yards	0-0	5-0
Passing for 400+ yards	0-0	0-0
Totaling less than 300 yards total offense	0-0	1-2
Totaling 300-399 yards total offense	0-0	2-0
Totaling 400-499 yards total offense	0-0	3-0
Totaling 500+ yards of total offense	0-0	5-0

	2025	Cignetti at IU
Allowing less than 100 yards rushing	0-0	8-0
Allowing 100+ yards rushing	0-0	3-2
Allowing less than 300 yards total offense	0-0	7-0
Allowing 300+ yards total offense	0-0	4-2
Having one 100-yard rusher	0-0	3-0
Having two 100-yard rushers	0-0	0-0
Opponent having a 100-yard rusher	0-0	1-1
No turnovers	0-0	7-0
1-3 turnovers	0-0	3-2
4+ turnovers	0-0	1-0
No takeaways	0-0	3-1
1-2 takeaways	0-0	4-1
3+ takeaways	0-0	4-0
Winning in turnover margin	0-0	8-0
Losing in turnover margin	0-0	2-1
Tied in turnover margin	0-0	1-1
More than 30:00 of possession	0-0	8-1
Less than 30:00 of possession	0-0	3-1



## PERSONAL

**Born** . . . . . June 2, 1961  
**Hometown** . . . . . Pittsburgh, Pa.  
**Family** . . . . . Wife - Manette;  
 Daughters - Carly & Natalie  
 Son - Curtis  
**High School** . . . . . Morgantown (W.Va.)  
**College** . . . . . West Virginia University, '82

## COACHING EXPERIENCE

**Pittsburgh**  
 1983-84: Graduate Assistant  
**Davidson**  
 1985: Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers  
**Rice**  
 1986-88: Quarterbacks  
**Temple**  
 1989-92: Quarterbacks  
**Pittsburgh**  
 1993-99: Quarterbacks/Tight Ends  
**NC State**  
 2000-06: Recruiting Coordinator/Quarterbacks/Tight Ends  
**Alabama**  
 2007-10: Recruiting Coordinator/Wide Receivers  
**Indiana University of Pennsylvania (53-17 as head coach)**  
 2011-16: Head Coach  
**Elon (14-9 as Head Coach)**  
 2017-18: Head Coach  
**James Madison (52-9 as Head Coach)**  
 2019-23: Head Coach  
**Indiana**  
 2024-: Head Coach

## BOWL/PLAYOFF EXPERIENCE

1984	Fiesta Bowl	Pittsburgh
1997	AXA/Equitable Liberty Bowl	Pittsburgh
2000	Micronpc.com Bowl	NC State
2001	Tangerine Bowl	NC State
2003	Gator Bowl	NC State
2003	Tangerine Bowl	NC State
2005	Meineke Car Care Bowl	NC State
2007	Independence Bowl	Alabama
2009	Sugar Bowl	Alabama
2010	Citi BCS National Championship	Alabama
2011	Capital One Bowl	Alabama
2012	NCAA Division II Quarterfinals	Indiana University (Pa.)
2015	NCAA Division II 2nd Round	Indiana University (Pa.)
2016	NCAA Division II 2nd Round	Indiana University (Pa.)
2017	FCS Playoffs 1st Round	Elon
2018	FCS Playoffs 1st Round	Elon
2019	FCS National Championship Game	James Madison
2020	FCS Semifinals	James Madison
2021	FCS Semifinals	James Madison
2023*	Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl	James Madison
2024	College Football Playoff (First Round)	Indiana

\*Did not coach bowl game.

## INDIANA RESURGENCE

- Cignetti has immediately elevated the Indiana program with a program-record 11 victories in his first season at the helm and a College Football Playoff appearance.
- After helping the Hoosiers to an 11-2 record and an 8-1 mark in the Big Ten – both win totals are program-bests – he was named the Hayes-Schembechler Big Ten Coach of the Year (coaches) and Dave McClain Coach of the Year (media) from the conference office.
- The accolades didn't stop there, as he was named the Home Depot National Coach of the Year at the annual ESPN Home Depot Awards and added national coaching honors from The Sporting News, FWAA, Associate Press, Walter Camp Football Foundation and AFCA.
- Cignetti is the first-ever Division I head coach to start 10-0 in consecutive seasons at different schools. (James Madison, 2023; Indiana, 2024).
- One of six Big Ten coaches that started their Big Ten tenures with 10-0 overall records in the AP Poll Era (since 1936): Cignetti (2024), Ryan Day (Ohio State, 2018-19), Urban Meyer (Ohio State, 2012), Earle Bruce (Ohio State, 1979), Bennie Oosterbaan (Michigan, 1948-49) and Carroll Widdoes (Ohio State, 1944-45).
- Cignetti engineered a 7.5-game improvement from Indiana's 2023 to 2024 season, a number that sits as the fourth-best improvement by a first-year head coach since at least 1996 and is the best by a Power 4 head coach since 2012 (Gus Malzahn, Auburn; 8 games).
- He is the only Indiana head coach to begin his head coaching tenure 4-0 or better and his 11 wins set the mark for wins by a first-year IU head coach, previously held by James M. Sheldon (8; 1905).
- A win over FIU in Week 1, Cignetti became the 15th coach in program history to win the first game of his Indiana tenure and the first to do since Bill Lynch in 2007. He was the eighth IU frontman to start 2-0 and fourth to begin 3-0.
- Joins Clyde B. Smith (1948) as the only first-year Indiana head coaches to win their first game at IU and their initial Big Ten game.
- The 77 points in the Western Illinois set the single-game program record for points in a game and the 66 points against Purdue in a 66-0 shutout are the most by an IU team in a Big Ten game. The previous marks were 76 (Franklin College, 1901) and 63 (at Wisconsin, 2001).
- The 29-point margin of victory at UCLA was Indiana's largest in a Big Ten road game since defeating Wisconsin (Oct. 6), 63-32, in 2001.
- Indiana's offense has set program records for total touchdowns (70), offensive touchdowns scored (68), and rushing touchdowns (tied; 37).
- Bryant Haines and Mike Shanahan have been with Cignetti for the long haul. Both took jobs at Indiana University of Pennsylvania and were elevated to coordinator for the first time at James Madison under Cignetti.
- Along with the six assistant coaches, Cignetti saw 13 key contributors from his previous stop join the IU program via the transfer portal in 2024.

## SUCCESS AT JAMES MADISON

- Prior to becoming Indiana's head coach in December 2023, Cignetti amassed massive success at James Madison in his five-year tenure in Harrisonburg.
- Cignetti's Dukes teams went 52-9 from 2019-23, including a 19-4 mark in 2022 and 2023, JMU's first two years as an FBS program.
- 2023 was nothing short of magical for James Madison as the team went 11-1, had a 7-1 mark in the Sun Belt while winning the eastern division and spent time in the national rankings.
- Cignetti became the first coach to lead his team into the Top 25 during a program's first year of transition from FCS to FBS.
- In 2023, JMU clinched the school's first bowl bid, back-to-back Sun Belt East titles, and a Top-25 ranking for six-straight weeks.
- In Week Two (9/9), James Madison went on the road and defeated the flagship school of the state, the University of Virginia, in dramatic fashion, 36-35.
- The outstanding season earned Cignetti 2023 Sun Belt Coach of the Year.
- In 2022, JMU went 8-3 overall with a 6-2 mark in conference play to finish tied for first in the Sun Belt East Division. The Dukes opened with a 5-0 record, earning its Top-25 nod for the first time.
- Prior to FBS football, Cignetti led his JMU teams to equal levels of success in the Colonial Athletic Association and the FCS from 2019-21.
- The Dukes clinched three-consecutive CAA championships and playoff appearances, a berth in the 2019 FCS national championship game, and FCS semifinal appearances in 2020 and 2021.
- In his five years at James Madison, Cignetti's teams went 31-4 in conference play.
- Cignetti led James Madison to a 14-2 record and the national title appearance in his first campaign in Harrisonburg in 2019. JMU reeled off 14 consecutive wins, went 8-0 in league play, and notched eight nationally-ranked wins, with three inside the Top 10.
- The Dukes went 7-1 and reached the FCS semifinals in 2020, and finished 12-2 with a conference championship and semifinal appearance in their final FCS season in 2021.

- A 2019 Eddie Robinson Award finalist, Cignetti mentored 27 Dukes to All-America status. At the conference level, he tutored one Player of the Year, three Offensive Players of the Year, two Defensive Players of the Year, and one Special Teams Player of the Year.
- James Madison totaled 72 all-conference honorees, including 2023 Sun Belt Player of the Year quarterback Jordan McCloud and 2023 Defensive Player of the Year defensive lineman Jalen Green. Additionally, 17 Dukes carded spots on the All-Sun Belt team.

## RAPID TURNAROUND AT ELON

- Prior to his stint at James Madison, Cignetti amassed a 14-9 record in two years at Elon (2017-18), a program that went 12-45 in the previous five campaigns.
- The Phoenix qualified for the FCS Playoffs in both seasons, just the second and third playoff berths in program history (2009).
- Cignetti led Elon to a six-win improvement in 2017, going 8-4 and finishing second in the CAA at 6-2. The Phoenix defeated four ranked opponents and returned to the national rankings for the first time since 2010.
- His squad also went on an eight-game winning streak, the first from an Elon football team since 2009.
- He was named Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year as the Phoenix reached the postseason and finished 20th in the national rankings.
- The great success also put him in line for a fourth-place finish in the voting for the Eddie Robinson Award.
- Elon secured a second-straight playoff appearance in 2018, with the ninth-ranked Phoenix knocking off No. 2 James Madison for the program's first-ever win over an FCS Top-5 opponent. The victory also snapped the Dukes' 22-game conference winning streak.

## THE IUP DAYS

- Cignetti's inaugural head-coaching opportunity came at Indiana University of Pennsylvania from 2011-16.
- The IUP job was personally special for Cignetti as that is where his father, Frank Cignetti Sr., patrolled the sidelines for 20 years as head coach and played his college football.
- His father, Frank, is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame after playing at IUP and compiling a coaching record of 199-77-1 at West Virginia (1976-79) and IUP (1986-2005).
- The field at IUP is named in his honor (Frank Cignetti Field @ George P. Miller Stadium).
- Curt Cignetti went 53-17 with three playoff appearances and four Top 25s in six campaigns as the IUP head coach.
- The Crimson Hawks touted a 33-11 ledger in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference after a 4-10 two-year stretch prior to his arrival. Cignetti was 4-3 in the playoffs and had a final ranking as high as 12th (2016).

## BEFORE HE WAS A HEAD COACH

- Cignetti's 27-year tenure as an FBS assistant coach featured a spot on Nick Saban's first coaching staff at Alabama. He served as wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator (2007-10).
- Saban coached under Frank Cignetti before later employing Curt at Alabama.
- The Crimson Tide went 12-2 in 2008, the same year Cignetti helped corral the nation's No. 1 recruiting class. Alabama followed with an undefeated national championship season in 2009, and a 10-win campaign in 2010.
- He joined the Crimson Tide after a seven-year stint as recruiting coordinator (2000-06), tight ends coach (2000-02), and quarterbacks coach (2003-04) at North Carolina State.
- The Wolfpack reached five bowl games, including the 2002 Gator Bowl squad that set a program record with 11 victories.
- His first run as a recruiting coordinator came at Pitt from (1993-99), where he also coached tight ends and quarterbacks at various times under College Football Hall of Fame head coach Johnny Majors.
- Cignetti started his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Pitt (1983-84) and was part of its Fiesta Bowl team his first year. • He mentored quarterbacks and receivers at Davidson in 1985, and he oversaw the quarterbacks at Rice (1986-88) and Temple (1989-92).
- Cignetti graduated from West Virginia in 1982, where he lettered as a quarterback and earned his bachelor's degree in business administration.

## PERSONAL

- Curt and his wife, Manette, have three children, Natalie, Carly and Curtis. Natalie was an honorable mention All-American in volleyball at IUP.
- Cignetti earned his bachelor's degree from West Virginia University in 1982.

## COACHING STAFF

**BRYANT HAINES (FIELD)**

*Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers*  
2nd season at Indiana



- Eleven years of collegiate coaching experience and is a two-time Broyles Award semifinalist (2023 & 2024).
- In 2024, his units led the nation in rushing defense (80.2) and finished No. 2 in total defense (256.34).
- Tutored Aiden Fisher to first-team All-America honors in 2024, the first Hoosier linebacker to earn the honor in program history.
- Fourth school working under Curt Cignetti: Indiana University Pennsylvania (2016), Elon (2017-18) and James Madison (2019-23).
- Served as a graduate assistant on the defense at IU in 2012.

**MIKE SHANAHAN (BOOTH)**

*Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers*  
2nd season at Indiana



- Enters 10th season coaching receivers and fifth as an offensive coordinator.
- In 2024, offense ranked No. 2 nationally in scoring offense (41.3) and passing efficiency (174.3).
- Fourth school working under Curt Cignetti: Indiana University Pennsylvania (2016), Elon (2017-18) and James Madison (2019-23).
- At JMU, his offenses produced two All-Americans at wide receiver and six all-conference picks. Each season as a coordinator, a JMU quarterback earned Sun Belt Player of the Year or Sun Belt Offensive Player of the Year honors.

**GRANT CAIN (FIELD)**

*Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends*  
2nd season at Indiana



- Holds 21 years of coaching experience in the college and professional ranks.
- Special teams units finished with the third-highest special teams grade per Pro Football Focus (88.7) in the Power 4 in 2024.
- At JMU, his pupils earned three All-America honors with his units combining for four All-Sun Belt Conference picks and nine All-Colonial Athletic Association selections.
- Tight end Zach Horton was a first-team All-SBC pick in 2023, catching six touchdowns, No. 5 nationally among tight ends.

**OLA ADAMS (BOOTH)**

*Safeties/Defensive Backs*  
2nd season at Indiana



- Owns 16 seasons of experience across college and professional football. Of those, 12 seasons have been spent coaching defensive backs.
- Tutored at least one all-conference honoree in all but one season dating back to 2009.
- Spent the 2023 season at Penn State as a defensive analyst and analytics coordinator for the nation's No. 1 defense that sat atop the FBS in total defense (223.4 ypg) and allowed the fewest yards per game in the FBS since 2011.
- Assistant secondary coach for the Denver Broncos in 2022.

**BOB BOSTAD (FIELD)**

*Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator*  
3rd season at Indiana



- The lone coach retained by Indiana head coach Curt Cignetti after the coaching change in 2023.
- Owns 27 years of experience coaching the offensive line at the collegiate and professional levels.
- In first season at Indiana, Bostad helped the offensive line to its best season grade since 2017 according to Pro Football Focus and year two saw his unit earn semifinalist distinction for the Joe Moore Award.
- Had two separate stints at Wisconsin (2006-11, 17-21). During his initial run, the Badgers won two Big Ten titles. He coached 11 first-team All-Americans over his 11 total years with the Badgers.

**PAT KUNTZ (FIELD)**

*Defensive Tackles*  
2nd season at Indiana



- In his eighth season as a college assistant after stints coaching defensive lines at James Madison (2022-23) and VMI (2018-21).
- Saw CJ West picked in the fourth round of the 2025 NFL Draft.
- In 2023, his line had four all-conference selections, including the 2023 Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year Jalen Green.
- Returns to IU after serving as a graduate assistant on the defense for the Hoosiers for two years (2016-17).
- Was a four-year letterwinner and three-year starter at Notre Dame (2005-08) at noseguard and graduate of Roncalli High School in Indianapolis.

**JOHN MILLER (FIELD)**

*Running Backs*  
2nd season at Indiana



- In his fifth season coaching running backs after three years at James Madison (2021-23).
- Helped the duo of Ty Son Lawton (12) and Justice Ellison (10) become the first running backs duo in Indiana history to reach double-digit rushing touchdowns in the same season.
- At only 28 years old, Miller was named to 247Sports' "30Under30" list of the top young assistant coaches in the country.
- Played wideout at James Madison (2014-17) and them to back-to-back FCS national championship game appearances in 2016 and 2017, capturing the 2016 title.

**ROD OJONG (FIELD)**

*Cornerbacks*  
2nd season at Indiana



- Has six years of experience coaching defensive backs with stops at Austin Peay (2018), Furman (2019), Buffalo (2021-22), Charlotte (2023) and Indiana (2024-).
- Saw D'Angelo Ponds earn second-team All-America honors in 2024.
- At Charlotte, helped Dontae Balfour to third-team All-AAC honors.
- Tutored Marcus Fuqua to first-team All-MAC honors and an FBS-best seven interceptions in 2022 at Buffalo.
- In 2020, he was a quality control assistant for a Georgia team that won the Peach Bowl and posted an 8-2 record.

**CHANDLER WHITMER (FIELD)**

*Quarterbacks/Co-Offensive Coordinator*  
1st season at Indiana



- Enters first season in a full-time coaching role at the collegiate level after four seasons in the NFL.
- Spent three seasons as a graduate assistant, with stops at Yale (2018), Ohio State (2019) and Clemson (2020).
- Helped develop Justin Herbert (Los Angeles, 2021-23) to NFL success, and developed Michael Penix Jr. (Atlanta, 2024) into an NFL starting quarterback.
- Played quarterback at the Illinois (2010), Butler (Kan.) Community College (2011) and Connecticut (2012-14).

**BUDDHA WILLIAMS (FIELD)**

*Defensive Ends*  
2nd season at Indiana



- Owns nine years of experience coaching the defensive line or defensive ends. Coached the defensive line at Colorado State (2022-23) and UT-Martin (2016) and the defensive ends at North Dakota State (2017-21).
- At Colorado State, developed Mohamed Kamara who posted 17.0 tackles for loss with 13.0 ssacks in 2023 and earned Mountain West Defensive Player of the Year.
- His time at North Dakota State included a 66-5 record over his five years as well as three All-American defensive linemen.

## ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

**DEREK OWINGS**

*Director of Athletic Performance*  
2nd season at Indiana



- Owns eight years of experience on a collegiate strength and conditioning staffs.
- Was the Director of Strength and Conditioning for James Madison from 2020-2023. In his time at JMU, the Dukes went 38-7. Also served on the strength staffs of Texas Tech (2019-20) and UCF (2018).
- Began career as a graduate assistant for Utah State (2016-18).
- Played football at both Eastern Michigan (2012-13) and Mercer (2014-15). Was a wide receiver at Eastern Michigan and played tight end for Mercer.
- Earned bachelor's degree in sports management from Mercer in 2016 and his master's in physical and sport education at Utah State in 2018.

**NATE ADAMS**

*Athletic Performance Coach*  
2nd season at Indiana

- Holds nine years of experience working on strength and conditioning staffs at both the collegiate and professional levels.
- Followed Derek Owings from James Madison (2021-23). Also has worked on strength staffs for the The Citadel (2020), the New York Giants (2020), Wagner (2018-20), Rugby United New York (2020), Colorado (2018) and Gannon (2017).
- Played linebacker at Eastern Michigan (2013-15) and Gannon (2016).

**DANIEL JOHNSON**

*Athletic Performance Coach*  
2nd season at Indiana

- Enters his sixth year as an athletic performance coach with previous stops at Louisiana Tech (2022-24), Texas Tech (2021) and Houston (2021).
- Worked as a strength and conditioning graduate assistant at Toledo (2018).
- Received his undergraduate degree from Mississippi State in 2018. Attended Itawamba (Miss.) Community College and played football prior.

**CARL MILLER**

*Athletic Performance Coach*  
2nd season at Indiana

- Has 14 years of collegiate strength and conditioning experience with stops at Eastern Michigan (2011), Wayne State (2012), Mercer (2013-18), Colorado State (2019) and Wyoming (2020-23).
- Served as director of strength and conditioning at Mercer during the 2018 season.
- Earned his associate degree in exercise science from Washtenaw Community College in 2010 and got a bachelor's in exercise science from Eastern Michigan in 2012.

**JARED MYATT**

*Athletic Performance Coach*  
2nd season at Indiana

- Owns 10 years of experience as an athletic performance coach: Louisiana Tech (2015), Mercer (2015-17), LSU (2017), Appalachian State (2017), Northwestern State (2017-19), Texas Tech (2020), Live Oak High School (La.) (2022-23).
- Played football at Louisiana College (2011-14) on the defensive line where he got his bachelor's degree before getting a master's at Mercer.



## NUMERICAL ROSTER

**NOTE:** IU Athletics advanced players eligibility forward as normal in 2020-21. Any extra seasons of eligibility awarded due to COVID-19 will be recognized following a player's regular senior season. A "+" will be added to indicate the extra season.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
0	Brady, Jonathan	WR	5-10	183	Sr.	Los Angeles, Calif./ Bishop Gorman (Cal)
0	Wheeler, Hosea	DL	6-3	298	R-Sr.	Elk Grove, Calif./Franklin (Western Kentucky)
1	Hemby, Roman	RB	6-0	210	R-Sr.	Edgewood, Md./John Carroll (Maryland)
1	Ferrell, Amare	DB	6-2	202	Jr.	Lake City, Fla./Columbia
2	Jackson, Makai	WR	6-0	197	Sr.	Levittown, Pa./Harry S. Truman (Appalachian State)
2	Baldwin Jr., Byron	DB	6-2	194	Fr.	Baltimore, Md./Saint Frances Academy
3	Cooper Jr., Omar	WR	6-0	204	R-Jr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Lawrence North
3	Bell, Jaylen	DB	5-10	176	Fr.	Union, N.J./Grayson
4	Chandler, Davion	WR	5-11	180	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Lawrence North
4	Fisher, Aiden	LB	6-1	231	Sr.	Fredericksburg, Va./Riverbend (James Madison)
5	Wilson, Grant	QB	6-3	220	R-Sr.+	Arlington, Va./Yorktown (Old Dominion)
5	Ponds, D'Angelo	DB	5-9	173	Jr.	Miami, Fla./Chaminade Madonna (James Madison)
6	Bond, Lebron	WR	5-9	173	Fr.	Norfolk, Va./Maury
6	Kamara, Mikail	DL	6-1	262	R-Sr.	Ashburn, Va./Stone Bridge (James Madison)
7	Williams Jr., E.J.	WR	6-3	205	R-Sr.+	Phenix City, Ala./Central (Clemson)
7	Moore, Louis	DB	5-11	200	R-Sr.+	Mesquite, Texas/Poteet (Ole Miss)
8	Black, Kaelon	RB	5-10	211	R-Sr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Salem (James Madison)
8	Daley, Stephen	DL	6-1	273	Sr.	Winchester, Va./John Handley (Kent State)
9	Morris, Tyler	WR	5-11	183	Sr.	Bolingbrook, Ill./Nazareth Academy (Michigan)
9	Stewart Jr., Seaonta	DB	6-1	203	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Winton Woods
10	Gandy, Ryland	DB	6-0	186	R-Jr.	Buford, Ga./Buford (Pitt)
12	Bell, Jacob	QB	6-2	213	Fr.	Naperville, Ill./Naperville North
12	Boykin, Devan	DB	5-10	195	R-Sr.+	Greensboro, N.C./Ragsdale (NC State)
13	Sarratt, Elijah	WR	6-2	213	Sr.	Stafford, Va./St. Frances Academy (James Madison)
13	Wyatt, Kellan	DL	6-2	257	Sr.	Glen Burnie, Md./Archbishop Spalding (Maryland)
14	Geske, Maverick	QB	6-0	192	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Brebeuf Jesuit
14	Turner, Kaiden	LB	6-0	229	R-Jr.	Fayetteville, Ark./Fayetteville
15	Mendoza, Fernando	QB	6-5	225	R-Jr.	Miami, Fla./Christopher Columbus (Cal)
15	Radicic, Nico	K	5-11	187	R-So.	Coppell, Texas/Coppell
16	Mendoza, Alberto	QB	6-2	207	R-Fr.	Miami, Fla./Christopher Columbus
16	Boyd, Jah Jah	DB	5-11	188	R-Fr.	Philadelphia, Pa./Roman Catholic
17	Wasserstrom, Jackson	WR	5-11	175	R-Jr.	Westfield, Ind./Westfield
17	Ndukwe, Daniel	DL	6-3	244	So.	Lithonia, Ga./Arabia Mountain
18	Vanhorse, Solomon	RB	5-8	185	Gr.+	Alpharetta, Ga./Milton (James Madison)
18	Turvy, Andrew	DL	6-2	253	R-Sr.	Carmel, Ind./Carmel
19	Staes, Holden	TE	6-4	250	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga./Westminster School (Tennessee)
19	Smith, Zacharey	DB	5-11	170	Fr.	Union City, Ga./Hapeville Charter Academy
20	Cuono, Sean	RB	5-10	198	Fr.	Clearwater, Fla./Clearwater Central Catholic
20	Henderson, Dontrae	DB	5-11	183	R-Fr.	Charlotte, N.C./Julius Chambers
21	Hardy, Rolijah	LB	5-11	229	So.	Lakeland, Fla./Lakeland (Naval Academy Preparatory School)
22	Ciongoli, Ace	WR	5-11	169	Fr.	Needham, Mass./St. Sebastian's
22	Sharpe, Jamari	DB	6-1	187	R-Jr.	Miami, Fla./Northwestern
23	Knighten, Amariyun	DB	6-0	178	R-Jr.	Hollywood, Fla./Stranahan (Northern Illinois)
24	Bonds, Bryson	DB	6-0	202	R-Sr.	Fort Worth, Texas/Crowley
26	Kaiser, Cade	WR	6-5	207	Fr.	Batesville, Ind./Batesville
27	Bellin, Reece	DB	6-1	206	R-So.	Carmel, Ind./Carmel
28	Martin, Khobe	RB	6-0	208	R-Fr.	Fishers, Ind./Fishers
29	Beebe Jr., Lee	RB	5-10	218	R-Jr.	Montgomery, Ala./Park Crossing (UAB)
30	Kropp, Kyler	RB	6-2	209	R-Fr.	New Palestine, Ind./New Palestine
30	Nelson, PJ	LB	6-1	219	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Princeton
31	Chung, Anthony	DB	6-1	197	R-So.	Mequon, Wis./Homestead
33	Reese, Garrett	DB	6-2	203	Fr.	Chicago, Ill./Nazareth Academy
34	Utzinger, Jeff	LB	6-3	232	R-Jr.	Carmel, Ind./Cathedral
35	Franke, Brendan	K	6-3	233	R-Sr.+	Gretna, Neb./Gretna (Texas State)
36	Conner, Clay	DB	6-4	207	R-So.	Boonville, Ind./Boonville
37	Nowakowski, Riley	TE	6-1	249	R-Sr.+	Milwaukee, Wis./Marquette University High School (Wisconsin)
37	Kizer, Heath	DB	6-1	203	R-Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind./North Central
38	McConnell, Kaden	LB	6-2	229	R-Fr.	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove
40	Clark, Quentin	DL	6-1	227	R-Fr.	Dexter, Ga./West Laurens
41	Calhoun, Keishaun	DL	6-2	267	Fr.	Groveport, Ohio/Groveport-Madison
42	Depaepe, Andrew	DL	6-5	261	R-So.	Bettendorf, Iowa/Pleasant Valley (Michigan State)

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.
96	Abram, Triston	DL
72	Ajani, Adedamola	OL
52	Allen, Clayton	LB
49	Baker, Olubade	K
2	Baldwin Jr., Byron	DB
85	Barker, Andrew	TE
80	Becker, Charlie	WR
29	Beebe Jr., Lee	RB
12	Bell, Jacob	QB
3	Bell, Jaylen	DB
27	Bellin, Reece	DB
67	Benson, Kahlil	OL
8	Black, Kaelon	RB
48	Bomba, James	TE
6	Bond, Lebron	WR
24	Bonds, Bryson	DB
16	Boyd, Jah Jah	DB
12	Boykin, Devan	DB
0	Brady, Jonathan	WR
99	Burrus Jr., Tyrone	WR
41	Calhoun, Keishaun	DL
58	Cannon, Aden	DL
4	Chandler, Davion	WR
31	Chung, Anthony	DB
22	Ciongoli, Ace	WR
40	Clark, Quentin	DL
36	Conner, Clay	DB
78	Coogan, Pat	OL
3	Cooper Jr., Omar	WR
20	Cuono, Sean	RB
8	Daley, Stephen	DL
42	Depaepe, Andrew	DL
98	Depaepe, William	DL
62	Evans, Drew	OL
1	Ferrell, Amare	DB
4	Fisher, Aiden	LB
35	Franke, Brendan	K
10	Gandy, Ryland	DB
94	Garcia, Kyler	DL
14	Geske, Maverick	QB
54	Greer, Jack	OL
50	Hall, Jhrevious	DL
21	Hardy, Rolijah	LB
1	Hemby, Roman	RB
2	Henderson, Dontrae	DB
2	Jackson, Makai	WR
56	Johnson, Chance	OL
46	Jones, Isaiah	LB
89	Jordan, Camden	WR
26	Kaiser, Cade	WR
44	Kamara, Amari	LB
6	Kamara, Mikail	DL
82	Kendrick, Myles	WR
37	Kizer, Heath	DB
23	Knighten, Amariyun	DB
30	Kropp, Kyler	RB
97	Landino, Mario	DL
47	Langston, Mark	LS
71	Lawrence, Evan	OL
70	Leibfried, Austin	OL
45	Lindsey, Sam	LS
74	Lynch, Bray	OL
77	Marek, Matt	OL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
43	Taylor, Bryce	K	5-10	184	Fr.	Bloomington, Ind./Bloomington South
44	McCarthy, Mitch	P	6-5	233	Sr.	Melbourne, Australia/Frankston (UCF)
44	Kamara, Amari	LB	5-11	202	Fr.	Asburn, Va./Stone Bridge
45	Lindsey, Sam	LS	6-0	190	R-So.	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview (Georgia State)
45	Murff, Lincoln	DB	5-10	184	R-So.	Indianapolis, Ind./Ben Davis
46	Jones, Isaiah	LB	6-2	230	R-Jr.	London, Ohio/London
47	Langston, Mark	LS	6-0	222	R-Sr.+	Savannah, Ga./Savannah Christian (Georgia Southern)
47	Walters, Finn	DL	6-4	250	R-So.	Indianapolis, Ind./Brebeuf Jesuit
48	Bomba, James	TE	6-6	252	R-Sr.	Bloomington, Ind./Bloomington South (Miami (Ohio))
49	Baker, Olubade	K	6-1	207	R-Sr.	Lawrenceville, Ga./Parkview (Morehouse)
50	Hall, Jhprevious	DL	6-2	306	Fr.	Columbia, Tenn./Columbia Central
52	Allen, Clayton	LB	6-2	219	R-So.	Fishers, Ind./Hamilton Southeastern
54	Greer, Jack	OL	6-3	313	R-Jr.	Fishers, Ind./Hamilton Southeastern
56	Johnson, Chance	OL	6-5	300	Fr.	Jeffersonville, Ind./Jeffersonville
58	Cannon, Aden	DL	6-6	268	R-Jr.	Carmel, Ind./Guerin Catholic
61	Wilkin, Baylor	OL	6-5	290	Fr.	Van Buren, Ohio/Findlay
62	Evans, Drew	OL	6-4	309	R-Jr.	Fort Atkinson, Wis./Fort Atkinson (Wisconsin)
63	Verstegen, Mitch	OL	6-4	308	R-Fr.	Kaukauna, Wis./Kaukauna
65	Smith, Carter	OL	6-5	313	R-Jr.	Powell, Ohio/Olentangy Liberty
66	Parker, Evan	OL	6-4	308	Fr.	Carmel, Ind./Carmel
67	Benson, Kahlil	OL	6-6	319	R-Sr.+	Webb, Miss./Southaven (Colorado)
70	Leibfried, Austin	OL	6-6	306	R-Fr.	Mount Horeb, Wis./Mount Horeb
71	Lawrence, Evan	OL	6-6	306	R-Fr.	Danville, Ind./Danville Community
72	Ajani, Adedamola	OL	6-4	308	R-Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Speedway
74	Lynch, Bray	OL	6-5	312	R-Jr.	Austin, Texas/Westlake
75	Michalski, Zen	OL	6-6	310	R-Sr.	Floyds Knobb, Ind./Floyd Central (Ohio State)
77	Marek, Matt	OL	6-3	308	Fr.	Orland Park, Ill./Sandburg
78	Coogan, Pat	OL	6-5	311	R-Sr.	Palos Heights, Ill./Marist (Notre Dame)
80	Becker, Charlie	WR	6-4	209	So.	Nashville, Tenn./Father Ryan
82	Kendrick, Myles	WR	6-0	190	Fr.	Jacksonville, Fla./Riverside
83	Stroud, Hunter	WR	6-0	178	Fr.	Martinsville, Ind./Martinsville
84	Thiry, Blake	TE	6-4	224	Fr.	Prairie du Chien, Wis./Prairie du Chien
85	Barker, Andrew	TE	6-4	246	Fr.	Kokomo, Ind./Kokomo
86	Massel IV, Bruno	WR	5-11	193	Fr.	Elmhurst, Ill./York
89	Jordan, Camden	WR	6-0	180	R-Sr.	Carmel, Ind./Cathedral (San Jacinto College)
90	Placzek, Josh	K	5-11	199	R-Fr.	Carmel, Ind./Carmel
90	Monette, J'mari	DL	6-3	286	R-Jr.	Alexandria, La./Alexandria
91	Ratcliff, Dominique	DL	6-3	296	R-Sr.+	Conroe, Texas/Conroe (Texas State)
93	Warren, Quinn	K	6-6	223	So.	Indianapolis, Ind./Brebeuf Jesuit
94	Garcia, Kyler	DL	6-4	291	Fr.	Nashville, Tenn./Pearl-Cohn
95	Tucker, Tyrique	DL	6-0	302	R-Jr.	Norfolk, Va./Life Christian Academy (James Madison)
96	Abram, Triston	DL	6-3	228	Fr.	St. Louis, Mo./Christian Brothers
97	Landino, Mario	DL	6-4	284	So.	Macungie, Pa./Emmaus
98	Depaape, William	DL	6-6	260	R-Fr.	Moline, Ill./Moline
99	Burrus Jr., Tyrone	DL	6-4	236	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Warren Central

No.	Name	Pos.
28	Martin, Khobe	RB
86	Massel IV, Bruno	WR
44	McCarthy, Mitch	P
38	McConnell, Kaden	LB
16	Mendoza, Alberto	QB
15	Mendoza, Fernando	QB
75	Michalski, Zen	OL
90	Monette, J'mari	DL
7	Moore, Louis	DB
9	Morris, Tyler	WR
45	Murff, Lincoln	DB
17	Ndukwe, Daniel	DL
30	Nelson, PJ	LB
37	Nowakowski, Riley	TE
66	Parker, Evan	OL
90	Placzek, Josh	K
5	Ponds, D'Angelo	DB
15	Radacic, Nico	K
91	Ratcliff, Dominique	DL
33	Reese, Garrett	DB
13	Sarratt, Elijah	WR
22	Sharpe, Jamari	DB
65	Smith, Carter	OL
19	Smith, Zacharey	DB
19	Staes, Holden	TE
9	Stewart Jr., Seaonta	DB
83	Stroud, Hunter	WR
43	Taylor, Bryce	K
84	Thiry, Blake	TE
95	Tucker, Tyrique	DL
14	Turner, Kaiden	LB
18	Turvy, Andrew	DL
34	Utzinger, Jeff	LB
18	Vanhorse, Solomon	RB
63	Verstegen, Mitch	OL
47	Walters, Finn	DL
93	Warren, Quinn	K
17	Wasserstrom, Jackson	WR
0	Wheeler, Hosea	DL
61	Wilkin, Baylor	OL
7	Williams Jr., E.J.	WR
5	Wilson, Grant	QB
13	Wyatt, Kellan	DL

## COACHES &amp; STAFF

Curt Cignetti	Head Coach
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Mike Shanahan	Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers
Grant Cain	Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends
Ola Adams	Safeties/Defensive Backs
Bob Bostad	Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator
Pat Kuntz	Defensive Tackles
John Miller	Running Backs
Rod Ojong	Cornerbacks
Chandler Whitmer	Quarterbacks/Co-Offensive Coordinator
Buddha Williams	Defensive Ends
Derek Owings	Director of Athletic Performance
Nate Adams	Athletic Performance Coach
Daniel Johnson	Athletic Performance Coach
Carl Miller	Athletic Performance Coach
Jared Myatt	Athletic Performance Coach
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Zach Leeds	Offensive Quality Control
Francis Meehan	Defensive Quality Control
Aiden Moyers	Defensive Quality Control
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Brooks Halsey	Assistant Director of Player Personnel
Gage Proctor	Assistant Director of Player Personnel
John Srofe	Director of Scouting
Kendel Bennett	Director of On-Campus Recruiting
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Kristina McCain-Perez	Athletic Trainer
Michael Turner	Athletic Trainer
Jon Wicks	Athletic Trainer
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## ROSTER BREAKDOWN

## BY POSITION

**Offensive Line (15)**

72 Ajani, Adedamola  
67 Benson, Kahlil  
78 Coogan, Pat  
62 Evans, Drew  
54 Greer, Jack  
56 Johnson, Chance  
71 Lawrence, Evan  
70 Leibfried, Austin  
74 Lynch, Bray  
77 Matt Marek  
75 Michalski, Zen  
66 Parker, Evan  
65 Smith, Carter  
63 Versteegen, Mitch  
61 Baylor Wilkin

**Wide Receivers (16)**

80 Becker, Charlie  
6 Bond, Lebron  
0 Brady, Jonathan  
4 Chandler, Davion  
22 Ciongoli, Ace  
3 Cooper Jr., Omar  
2 Jackson, Makai  
89 Jordan, Camden  
86 Kaiser, Cade  
26 Kendrick, Myles  
86 Massel IV, Bruno  
9 Morris, Tyler  
13 Sarratt, Elijah  
83 Stroud, Hunter  
17 Wasserstrom, Jackson  
7 Williams Jr., E.J.

**Tight Ends (5)**

85 Barker, Andrew  
48 Bomba, James  
37 Nowakowski, Riley  
19 Staes, Holden  
84 Thiry, Blake

**Running Backs (7)**

8 Black, Kaelon  
29 Beebe Jr., Lee  
20 Cuono, Sean  
1 Hemby, Roman  
30 Kropp, Kyler  
28 Martin, Khobie  
18 Vanhorse, Solomon

**Quarterbacks (5)**

12 Bell, Jacob  
14 Geske, Maverick  
16 Mendoza, Alberto  
15 Mendoza, Fernando  
5 Wilson, Grant

**Defensive Backs (20)**

2 Baldwin Jr., Byron  
3 Bell, Jaylen  
27 Bellin, Reece  
24 Bonds, Bryson  
16 Boyd, Jah Jah  
12 Boykin, Devan  
31 Chung, Anthony  
36 Conner, Clay  
1 Ferrell, Amare  
20 Henderson, Dontrae  
10 Gandy, Ryland  
37 Kizer, Heath  
23 Knighten, Amariyun  
45 Murff, Lincoln  
7 Moore, Louis  
5 Ponds, D'Angelo  
33 Reese, Garrett  
22 Sharpe, Jamari  
19 Smith, Zacharey  
9 Stewart Jr., Seaonta

**Defensive Line (20)**

96 Abram, Triston  
99 Burrus Jr., Tyrone  
41 Calhoun, Keishaun  
58 Cannon, Aden  
40 Clark, Quentin  
8 Daley, Stephen  
42 Depaeppe, Andrew  
98 Depaeppe, William  
94 Garcia, Kyler  
50 Hall, Jhrevious  
6 Kamara, Mikail  
97 Landino, Mario  
90 Monette, J'mari  
17 Ndukwe, Daniel  
91 Ratcliff, Dominique  
95 Tucker, Tyrique  
18 Turvy, Andrew  
47 Walters, Finn  
0 Wheeler, Hosea  
13 Wyatt, Kellan

**Linebackers (9)**

52 Allen, Clayton  
4 Fisher, Aiden  
21 Hardy, Rolijah  
46 Jones, Isaiah  
44 Kamara, Amari  
38 McConnell, Kaden  
30 Nelson, PJ  
14 Turner, Kaiden  
34 Utzinger, Jeff

**Kickers (6)**

49 Baker, Oludabe  
35 Franke, Brendan  
90 Placzek, Josh  
15 Radicic, Nicolas  
43 Taylor, Bryce  
93 Warren, Quinn

**Long Snappers (2)**

47 Langston, Mark  
45 Lindsey, Sam

**Punters (1)**

44 McCarthy, Mitch

## BY ELIGIBILITY

**Graduate+ (1)**

18 Vanhorse, Solomon

**Redshirt-Senior+ (9)**

67 Benson, Khalil  
12 Boykin, Devan  
35 Franke, Brendan  
47 Langston, Mark  
7 Moore, Louis  
37 Nowakowski, Riley  
91 Ratcliff, Dominique  
7 Williams, E.J.  
5 Wilson, Grant

**Redshirt-Senior (11)**

49 Baker, Oludabe  
8 Black, Kaelon  
48 Bomba, James  
24 Bonds, Bryson  
78 Coogan, Pat  
1 Hemby, Roman  
89 Jordan, Camden  
6 Kamara, Mikail  
75 Michalski, Zen  
18 Turvy, Andrew  
0 Wheeler, Hosea

**Senior (9)**

0 Brady, Jonathan  
8 Daley, Stephen  
4 Fisher, Aiden  
2 Jackson, Makai  
44 McCarthy, Mitch  
9 Morris, Tyler  
13 Sarratt, Elijah  
19 Staes, Holden  
13 Wyatt, Kellan

**Redshirt Junior (17)**

29 Beebe Jr., Lee  
58 Cannon, Aden  
3 Cooper Jr., Omar  
62 Evans, Drew  
10 Gandy, Ryland  
54 Greer, Jack  
46 Jones, Isaiah  
23 Knighten, Amariyun  
74 Lynch, Bray  
15 Mendoza, Fernando  
90 Monette, J'Mari  
22 Sharpe, Jamari  
65 Smith, Carter  
95 Tucker, Tyrique  
14 Turner, Kaiden  
34 Utzinger, Jeff  
17 Wasserstrom, Jackson

**Junior (2)**

1 Ferrell, Amare  
5 Ponds, D'Angelo

**Redshirt Sophomore (9)**

52 Allen, Clayton  
27 Bellin, Reece  
31 Chung, Anthony  
36 Conner, Clay  
42 Depaeppe, Andrew  
45 Lindsey, Sam  
45 Murff, Lincoln  
15 Radicic, Nicolas  
47 Walters, Finn

**Sophomore (5)**

80 Becker, Charlie  
21 Hardy, Rolijah  
97 Landino, Mario  
17 Ndukwe, Daniel  
93 Warren, Quinn

**Redshirt Freshman (14)**

72 Ajani, Adedamola  
16 Boyd, Jah Jah  
40 Clark, Quentin  
98 Depaeppe, William  
20 Henderson, Dontrae  
37 Kizer, Heath  
30 Kropp, Kyler  
71 Lawrence, Evan  
70 Leibfried, Austin  
28 Martin, Khobie  
38 McConnell, Kaden  
16 Mendoza, Alberto  
90 Placzek, Josh  
63 Versteegen, Mitch

**True Freshman (29)**

96 Abram, Triston  
2 Baldwin Jr., Byron  
85 Barker, Andrew  
12 Bell, Jacob  
3 Bell, Jaylen  
6 Bond, Lebron  
99 Burrus Jr., Tyrone  
41 Calhoun, Keishaun  
4 Chandler, Davion  
22 Ciongoli, Ace  
20 Cuono, Sean  
94 Garcia, Kyler  
14 Geske, Maverick  
50 Hall, Jhrevious  
56 Johnson, Chance  
26 Kaiser, Cade  
41 Kamara, Amari  
82 Kendrick, Myles  
77 Marek, Matt  
86 Massel IV, Bruno  
30 Nelson, PJ  
66 Parker, Evan  
33 Reese, Garrett  
19 Smith, Zacharey  
9 Stewart Jr., Seaonta  
83 Stroud, Hunter  
43 Taylor, Bryce  
84 Thiry, Blake  
61 Wilkin, Baylor

## BY STATE/COUNTRY

**Indiana (33)**

72 Ajani, Adedamola  
52 Allen, Clayton  
85 Barker, Andrew  
29 Bellin, Reece  
48 Depaeppe, James  
99 Burrus Jr., Tyrone  
58 Cannon, Aden  
4 Chandler, Davion  
36 Conner, Clay  
3 Cooper Jr., Omar  
14 Geske, Maverick  
54 Greer, Jack  
56 Johnson, Chance  
89 Jordan, Camden  
26 Kaiser, Cade  
37 Kizer, Heath  
30 Kropp, Kyler  
71 Lawrence, Evan  
28 Martin, Khobie  
86 Massel IV, Bruno  
38 McConnell, Kaden  
75 Michalski, Zen  
97 Miller, Jaxon  
45 Murff, Lincoln  
66 Parker, Evan  
90 Placzek, Josh  
83 Stroud, Hunter  
43 Taylor, Bryce  
18 Turvy, Andrew  
34 Utzinger, Jeff  
47 Walters, Finn  
17 Wasserstrom, Jackson  
93 Warren, Quinn

**Florida (11)**

22 Ciongoli, Ace  
20 Cuono, Sean  
1 Ferrell, Amare  
21 Hardy, Rolijah  
82 Kendrick, Myles  
23 Knighten, Amariyun  
16 Mendoza, Alberto  
15 Mendoza, Fernando  
5 Ponds, D'Angelo  
19 Sanguinetti, Josh  
22 Sharpe, Jamari

**Georgia (9)**

49 Baker, Oludabe  
40 Clark, Quentin  
10 Gandy, Ryland  
47 Langston, Mark  
45 Lindsey, Sam  
17 Ndukwe, Daniel  
19 Smith, Zacharey  
19 Staes, Holden  
18 Vanhorse, Solomon

**Virginia (9)**

8 Black, Kaelon  
6 Bond, Lebron  
8 Daley, Stephen  
4 Fisher, Aiden  
44 Kamara, Amari  
6 Kamara, Mikail  
13 Sarratt, Elijah  
95 Tucker, Tyrique  
5 Wilson, Grant

**Illinois (6)**

12 Bell, Jacob  
78 Coogan, Pat  
98 Depaeppe, William  
77 Marek, Matt  
9 Morris, Tyler  
33 Reese, Garrett

**Ohio (6)**

41 Calhoun, Keishaun  
46 Jones, Isaiah  
30 Nelson, PJ  
65 Smith, Carter  
9 Stewart Jr., Seaonta  
61 Wilkin, Baylor

**Wisconsin (6)**

31 Chung, Anthony  
62 Evans, Drew  
70 Leibfried, Austin  
37 Nowakowski, Riley  
84 Thiry, Blake  
63 Versteegen, Mitch

**Texas (5)**

24 Bonds, Bryson  
74 Lynch, Bray  
7 Moore, Louis  
15 Radicic, Nicolas  
91 Ratcliff, Dominique

**Maryland (3)**

2 Baldwin Jr., Byron  
1 Hemby, Roman  
13 Wyatt, Kellan

**Pennsylvania (3)**

16 Boyd, Jah Jah  
2 Jackson, Makai  
97 Landino, Mario

**Tennessee (3)**

80 Becker, Charlie  
94 Garcia, Kyler  
50 Hall, Jhrevious

**Alabama (2)**

29 Beebe Jr., Lee  
7 Williams Jr., E.J.

**California (2)**

0 Brady, Jonathan  
0 Wheeler, Hosea

**North Carolina (2)**

12 Boykin, Devan  
20 Henderson, Dontrae

**Arkansas (1)**

14 Turner, Kaiden

**Australia (1)**

44 McCarthy, Mitch

**Iowa (1)**

42 Depaeppe, Andrew

**Louisiana (1)**

90 Monette, J'mari

**Mississippi (1)**

67 Benson, Kahlil

**Missouri (1)**

96 Abram, Triston

**Nebraska (1)**

35 Franke, Brendan

**New Jersey (1)**

3 Bell, Jaylen