



INDIANA

2025 FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



GAME CENTER

GAME THREE // FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2025 // BTN // 6:30 PM ET
MERCHANTS BANK FIELD AT MEMORIAL STADIUM (52,626) // BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA



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2025 SCHEDULE



A30 // OLD DOMINION // W, 27-14 // 47,109
Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



S6 // KENNESAW STATE // W, 56-9 // 43,801
Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



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



S20 // ILLINOIS // 7:30 p.m. // NBC
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 // 7:30 p.m. // NBC
Ross-Ade Stadium // West Lafayette, Ind.

BY THE NUMBERS



The offense posted back-to-back games with 500-plus yards of total offense for the first time since three-straight games from Weeks 4-6 in 2024.



With the blocked punt against Kennesaw State, Indiana has now blocked five kicks since the start of the 2024 season (4 punts, 1 field goal).



Indiana's two rushing touchdowns against Kennesaw State made it 13 of 15 games under **Curt Cignetti** that the Hoosiers had multiple rushing scores. **MORE ON PAGE 8**



Indiana has tied the program's longest home winning streak with 10 straight wins on Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium dating back to 2024. **MORE ON PAGE 4**

INDIANA STATE SYCAMORES

Ranking (AP/Coaches) NR/NR
Last Game W, 38-14 vs. Eastern Illinois
Head Coach Curt Mallory
Record at Indiana State (Year) 26-55 (9th)
Career Record (Year) Same



2-0, 0-0 MVC
0-0 ON THE ROAD



2-0, 0-0 B1G
2-0 AT HOME

INDIANA HOOSIERS

Ranking (AP/Coaches) 22/19
Last Game W, 56-9 vs. Kennesaw State
Head Coach Curt Cignetti
Record at IU (Year) 13-2 (2nd)
Career Record (Year) 132-37 (15th)

SETTING THE SCENE

- Indiana is set to host Indiana State on Friday (Sept. 12) at 6:30 p.m. on Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium in Bloomington, Indiana.
- The matchup will mark the eighth ever meeting between the two programs and first since 2023, when they also played on a Friday night. The Hoosiers own a 7-0 advantage in the series history.
- The home contest marks the third of seven home games for the Hoosiers on Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium this season and the third of four in a row to begin the 2025 campaign.
- Indiana State moved to a 2-0 start for the first time since the 1986 season when it opened with wins over St. Cloud State and Missouri State.

NEWS & NOTES

- Indiana enters the game with a 2-0 record after a 56-9 win in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6). The Hoosiers are 2-0 in back-to-back years for the first time since 2019-20.
- Friday's game will be the 12th Friday game in program history for the Hoosiers and the fourth consecutive season that Indiana has hosted one. Indiana owns a 6-5 record on Friday and has won three in a row (2022-24).
- Indiana Football is nationally ranked in the first three polls (counting preseason) for only the fourth time in the history of the AP poll (1944, 1945, 1968). Indiana has also been nationally ranked 15-straight weeks during the 2024 and 2025 seasons, the most weeks nationally ranked in any two seasons in program history.
- **Curt Cignetti** has the fourth-best winning percentage among active FBS head coaches with an .821 winning percentage in his career.

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- Indiana's 313 yards rushing against Kennesaw State marked the third game of 300-plus rushing yards under Cignetti. It was also the first time that Indiana posted 300-plus rushing yards in back-to-back games since 2014 (363, North Texas; 316, at Iowa). **MORE ON PAGE 8**
- The 593 yards of total offense mark the seventh game of the Cignetti era with 500-plus yards of total offense. It is the second-most yards Indiana has gained under Cignetti.
- **Fernando Mendoza** threw a career-high four touchdown passes while recording an 18-for-25 passing day with 245 yards. He and **Alberto Mendoza** became the first set of brothers to throw a touchdown pass in the same game of the same team since 2015 when Arkansas' Brandon Allen and Austin Allen did so against UT Martin (10/31/2015). **MORE ON PAGE 7**
- **Elijah Sarratt** and **Roman Hemby** both carry impressive streaks of consecutive games with a reception. Sarratt leads the nation with 40-straight games with a catch while Hemby has notched 28-straight games with a reception to lead all running backs. **MORE ON PAGE 4**
- Sarratt had his eighth career multi-receiving touchdown game and third at Indiana with three scores on the day, it was his third career 3-touchdown game and first since 2023 (at Coastal Carolina). **MORE ON PAGE 9**
- **Riley Nowakowski**'s first touchdown as a Hoosier came on a 1-yard rushing score in the first quarter. **MORE ON PAGE 10**
- **Kellan Wyatt** had a career-high and team-high nine tackles and matched a career-high 2.5 tackles against Kennesaw State (9/6). **MORE ON PAGE 12**
- **Jamari Sharpe** had the first forced fumble of his career and second fumble recovery in the win over Kennesaw State. **MORE ON PAGE 13**

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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	7:05 p.m. Inside Indiana Football w/ Curt Cignetti <i>Hoosier Hank's</i>	No media availability	6:30 p.m. ET Indiana State at Indiana <i>Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium</i> <i>TV: BTN</i> <i>Head coach Curt Cignetti and selected student-athletes will be available following the game.</i>	No media availability

MEDIA INFORMATION

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS CONTACTS

Associate athletic director for strategic communications and football contact **Jeff Keag** (812-219-2925 cell, jkeag@iu.edu) and assistant athletic director for strategic communications **Greg Campbell** (814-876-0824 cell, 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.

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.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

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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)	132-37 (15th Season)
Record at Indiana (Yrs)	13-2 (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
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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

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 . . . Coo-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
Radicic, 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

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INDIANA STATE: PAST AND PRESENT



INDIANA HOOSIERS

2-0, 0-0 Big Ten



INDIANA STATE SYCAMORES

2-0, 0-0 Missouri Valley Conference



NATIONAL RANKINGS

2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing	Fernando Mendoza	36-of-56, 438 yds, 4 TD
	Alberto Mendoza	3-of-3, 35 yds, 1 TD
Rushing	Roman Hemby	32 for 175 yds
	Kaelon Black	22 for 163 yds, 1 TD
Receiving	Elijah Saratt	12 for 141 yds, 3 TD
	Omar Cooper Jr.	3 for 92 yds
Tackles	E.J. Williams Jr.	.8 for 72 yds, 1 TD
	Louis Moore, DB	14 tkls, 1.5 TFL, 2 INT
Sacks	Aiden Fisher, LB	12 tkls, 2.5 TFL, 1.0 sacks
	Kellan Wyatt, DL	12 tkls, 2.5 TFL
Interceptions	Aiden Fisher, LB	1.0
	Isaiah Jones, LB	1.0
Scoring	Mikail Kamara, DL	1.0
	Elijah Saratt, WR	18 pts
	Nico Radicic, K	17 pts
	Eight Players Tied	.6 pts

2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing	Elijah Owens	28-of-37, 317 yds, 3 TD, 1 INT
	Keegan Patterson	11-of-17, 111 yds, 2 TD
Rushing	Plez Lawrence	31 for 143 yds, 3 TD
	Elijah Owens	31 for 112 yds
Receiving	Plez Lawrence	5 for 111 yds, 2 TD
	Rashad Rochelle	9 for 105 yds, 1 TD
Tackles	Larry Stephens III	.5 for 63 yds, 1 TD
	Kimal Clark, DB	24 tkls
Sacks	Lucas McAlister, LB	16 tkls, 3.5 TFL, 1.0 sacks, 1 FF
	Braxton Sampson, LB	16 tkls, 3.0 TFL, 1.0 sacks, 1 FF
Interceptions	Logan Wilson, DL	2.5
	Jayden Childers, DL	1.5
Scoring	Three-way tie	1.0
	Ahmond Glass, DB	1
	Jayden Childers, DL	1
	Jerome Robinson, DB	1
	Lawrence Plez, RB	30 pts
	Sebastian Lopez, K	19 pts
	Nick Osho, RB	12 pts

Indiana	Avg.	FBS Rank	Category	Indiana State	
				FCS Rank	Avg.
547.5	10		Total Offense	17	431.5
311.0	3		Rushing Offense	21	206.0
219.0	56		Passing Yards Gained	57	158.5
41.5	31		Scoring Offense	12	39.5
292.5	51		Total Defense	16	282.0
153.5	92		Rushing Defense	28	113.0
139.0	24		Passing Yards Allowed	31	169.0
11.5	30		Scoring Defense	25	19.0
2.00	7		Turnover Margin	14	1.00
0.577	16		3rd Down Conversion Pct	80	0.300
0.250	112		4th Down Conversion Pct	39	0.333
0.786	97		Red Zone Offense	39	0.900
1.000	90		Red Zone Defense	92	1.000
58	9		First Downs Gained	9	49
20	6		First Downs Allowed	49	40
3.50	13		Fewest Penalties Per Game	72	7.00
36:59	3		Time of Possession	86	27:34
83.6	14		PFF Offensive Grade	14	76.5
84.3	34		PFF Defensive Grade	3	90.4
69.7	117		PFF Special Teams Grade	82	72.3

LAST MEETING

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	F
	0	7	0	0	7

	21	3	7	10	41
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GAME TWO \ SEPTMBER 8, 2023 \ MERCHANTS BANK
FIELD AT MEMORIAL STADIUM \ BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

1st	12:04	IND	Lucas, 25 yd run (Freeman, kick)	7-0
	08:52	IND	4 plays, 73 yards, TOP 1:18 Lucas 25 yd run (Freeman kick)	14-0
	02:04	IND	6 plays, 81 yards, TOP 2:17 Jackson 10 yd run (Freeman kick)	21-0
	---		9 plays, 71 yards, TOP 4:38	
2nd	02:00	ISU	Blackwell 75 yd fumble recovery (Ruiz kick)	21-7
	00:17	IND	Freeman 28 yd field goal	24-7
	---		10 plays, 42 yards, TOP 1:39	
3rd	01:39	IND	Turner 1 yd run (Radicic kick)	31-7
	---		13 plays, 93 yards, TOP 6:03	
4th	10:50	IND	Henderson 3 yd run (Radicic kick)	38-7
	02:43	IND	7 plays, 45 yards, TOP 4:03 Radicic 21 yd field goal	41-7
			15 plays, 74 yards, TOP 7:07	

	ISU	IND
First Down	8	33
Rushing Yards	72	214
Passing Yards	21	344
Comp-Att-Int	3-11-1	27-37-0
Total Offense	93	558
Fumble Returns-Number-Yds	1-75	--
Punt Returns-Yards	1-0	2-17
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-17	2-39
Interceptions-Number-Yds	--	1-0
Punt	8-38.9	2-51.0
Fumbles-Lost	--	2-1
Penalties-Yards	8-65	7-60
Possession Time	23:11	36:49
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 10	12 of 16
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 1	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	0-1	5-5
Sacks By-Number-Yards	1-1	4-16

RUSHING (Att-Yards): Indiana State- Allen, Korbin 5-24; Olaes, Evan 12-17; Hodge, Tee 6-16; Dinka, Justin 5-14; Caton, Dakota 1-4; TEAM 1-minus 1; Screws, Gavin 2-minus 2. **Indiana-** Lucas, Jaylin 10-88; Henderson, Josh 12-60; Sorsby, Brendan 6-28; Howland, Trent 4-19; Turner, Christian 3-11; Jackson, Tayven 6-9; Holloman, David 1-minus 1.

PASSING (Comp-Att-TD-Yards): Indiana State- Olaes, Evan 3-9-1-21; Screws, Gavin 0-2-0-0. **Indiana-** Jackson, Tayven 18-21-0-236; Sorsby, Brendan 9-16-0-108.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards): Indiana St.- Caton, Dakota 2-6; Van Dyne, Harry 1-15. **Indiana-** Cooper Jr., Omar 7-101; McCulley, Donaven 4-58; Lucas, Jaylin 4-39; Henderson, Josh 3-55; Camper, Cam 3-37; Bomba, James 2-16; Carter, DeQuee 2-16; Archer, Bradley 1-12; Williams Jr., E.J. 1-10.

INTERCEPTIONS (INT-Yards): Indiana State- None. **Indiana-** Toomer, Nicolas 1-0.

FUMBLES (FR-Yards): Indiana State- None. **Indiana-** Lucas, Jaylin 2-1.

SACKS (UA-A): Indiana State- Johnson, Jarin 1-0. **Indiana-** Burris Jr., Marcus 1-0; Carr Jr., Lanell 1-0; Stewart, Race 1-0; Carter, Andre 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A): Indiana State- Blackwell, Maddix 6-3; Brown, Geoffrey 6-2; Ollendieck, Garrett 4-3; Edwards, Johnathan 4-2; Hauser, Micah 3-2; Davis, Kaleal 3-2; Westhoff, Dallas 3-2; Johnson, Jarin 3-1; Chatman, Malik 2-2; Hoover, Ethan 1-3; Hunter, Lucas 0-4; Osafo, JP 2-1; Sherman, Jack 2-1; Surface, Blake 1-2; Harris Jr., Antoinio 2-0; Gajewski, Kolten 1-1; Shew, Joey 0-2; Jenkins, Jordan 0-2; Edwards, Payton 1-0; Roberts, Tony 1-0; Sampson, Braxton 1-0; Belizaire, Giani 1-0; Boozer, Zane 0-1. **Indiana-** Dunnam, Phillip 7-1; Casey, Aaron 4-3; Carter, Andre 3-1; Carr Jr., Lanell 2-2; Moore, Louis 1-3; Mangum-Farrar, Jacob 1-2; Jackson, Myles 1-2; Monds III, James 0-2; Rudolph, Joshua 1-0; Grier, Jordan 1-0; Sneed Jr., Venson 1-0; Stewart, Race 1-0; Sharpe, Jamari 1-0; Burris Jr., Marcus 1-0; Kelly, Jamison 1-0; Hohlt, Matt 0-1; Sanguinetti, Josh 0-1; Toomer, Nicolas 0-1; Blidi, Phillip 0-1.

SERIES HISTORY

All-Time 7-0
In Bloomington 7-0
In Terre Haute 0-0
Neutral Site 0-0

Longest Indiana Win Streak 7 (1925-2023)
Longest Indiana State Win Streak N/A

Largest Margin of Victory 48 (55-7) - 2007
Largest Margin of Defeat N/A

Most Points Scored 73 (2013)
Most Points Allowed 35 (2013)

Date	Winner - Score	Site
9/8/2023	Indiana - 41-7	H
8/30/2014	Indiana - 28-10	H
8/29/2013	Indiana - 73-35	H
9/1/2012	Indiana - 24-17	H
9/1/2007	Indiana - 55-7	H
9/13/2003	Indiana - 33-3	H
10/3/1925	Indiana - 31-0	H

TEAM NOTES

NUMBERS DON'T LIE

Head coach **Curt Cignetti** brought a winning pedigree to Bloomington and has only continued that since, sporting a 132-37 career record over 15 years as a head coach. His stout record stands for an .821 winning percentage, the fourth-best of all active FBS head coaches. *Research by College Football Network.*

Active FBS Head Coaches by Winning Percentages

Coach	School	Pct.
1. Ryan Day	Ohio State	.873
2. Dan Lanning	Oregon	.860
3. Kirby Smart	Georgia	.846
4. Curt Cignetti	Indiana	.821
5. Spencer Danielson	Boise State	.800
6. Dabo Swinney	Clemson	.790
7. Jon Sumrall	Tulane	.786
8. Kalen DeBoer	Alabama	.761
9. Lincoln Riley	USC	.735
10. Jeff Traylor	UTSA	.667

PACKING & DEFENDING THE ROCK

In just his second year at the helm of the Indiana program, head coach **Curt Cignetti** has made Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium a daunting place for opposing teams to play. The Hoosiers went 8-0 in their home games last season and as a program carry a program record 10-straight wins on Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium into Week 3 of the 2025 campaign. Starting with the Nebraska game on Oct. 19, 2024 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), a 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.

RECEPTION COLLECTION

Elijah Sarratt and **Roman Hemby** are among college football's leaders in consecutive games with a reception. Sarratt leads the country with 40-consecutive games with a pass caught while Hemby leads the statistical category amongst all running backs with 28-straight games notching a reception. Indiana is the only school to have multiple players with streaks of 25-straight or more games with a catch named to the list. *Research by University of Tulsa Athletics Communications.*

Name	Pos.	School	Streak
Elijah Sarratt	WR	Indiana	40
Jyrin Johnson	TE	Bowling Green	35
Kole Wilson	WR	Baylor	32
Kevin Coleman Jr.	WR	Missouri	31
Raylen Sharpe	WR	Arkansas	31
Carnell Tate	WR	Ohio State	30
RaRa Thomas	WR	Troy	30
Junior Vandross III	WR	Toledo	29
Malachi Fields	WR	Notre Dame	28
Joseph Manjack IV	WR	TCU	28
Chase Roberts	WR	BYU	28
Roman Hemby	RB	Indiana	28
Pofele Ashlock	WR	Hawaii	27
Eric Singleton	WR	Auburn	26
Eric Weatherly	WR	Ball State	25

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

PORTAL POWER

For a second consecutive year, Indiana's roster features 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 Power 4 transfers 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)

#PROIU

Indiana is represented by 13 alums in the National Football League to start the 2025 season, which includes eight offensive players and five 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 13, five of the Hoosiers in the league are rookies who played for **Curt Cignetti** in 2024.

Dan Feeney*	Buffalo Bills
Luke Haggard*	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Zach Horton*	Detroit Lions
Cam Jones	New York Jets
Raheem Layne*	New York Giants
Marcelino McCrary-Ball	New York Jets
Micha McFadden	New York Giants
Myles Price	Minnesota Vikings
Kurtis Rourke	San Francisco 49ers
Ian Thomas	Las Vegas Raiders
CJ West	San Francisco 49ers
Nick Westbrook-Ikhine	Miami Dolphins
Ke'Shawn Williams*	Pittsburgh Steelers

* - Practice Squad | ^ - Injured Reserve

HOME-WINNING STREAK TRACKER

Indiana is currently on a 10-game winning streak on Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium which ties for the longest home-winning streak in program history.

Longest Home-Winning Streaks in Program History

10	2024-Present
7	1987-88
	1991-92
	1967-68

AT THE START

Opponent	Coin Toss	Choice	IU 1st Drive	Opponent 1st Drive	Game Captains
OLD DOMINION	Indiana	Deferred - ODU Received	Turnover on Downs	Touchdown	Kaelon Black, Pat Coogan, Aiden Fisher
KENNESAW STATE	Kennesaw State	Deferred - IU Received	Punt	Punt	Pat Coogan, Aiden Fisher, D'Angelo Ponds & Elijah Sarratt
INDIANA STATE	-	-	-	-	-
ILLINOIS	-	-	-	-	-
at Iowa	-	-	-	-	-
at Oregon	-	-	-	-	-
MICHIGAN STATE	-	-	-	-	-
UCLA	-	-	-	-	-
at Maryland	-	-	-	-	-
at Penn State	-	-	-	-	-
WISCONSIN	-	-	-	-	-
at Purdue	-	-	-	-	-

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ONE-SCORE SQUAD

Indiana head coach **Curt Cignetti** has compiled an impressive 132-37 record across his 15 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. Cignetti has never had a losing season as a head coach.

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. In the Week 2 win over Kennesaw State, they become the first set of brothers to throw a touchdown pass in the same game of the same team since 2015 when Arkansas' Brandon Allen and Austin Allen did so against UT Martin (10/31/2015).

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 at 7:30 p.m. The two contests mark the 12th and 13th Friday games in program history. The first Friday game at Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium came at noon in 1995 in a battle for the Old Oaken Bucket and was the only Friday 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 Fridays.

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**.

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	Solomon Vanhorse	Indiana	Running Back
8th	Brandon Harris	North Carolina	Quarterback
8th	David Reese	Syracuse	Defensive Line
7th	Mark Langston	Indiana	Long Snapper
32 total seventh year players.			

BIG GRADS

Indiana's roster features 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 Ratdiff
Kaiden Turner*
Solomon Vanhorse
EJ Williams Jr.*
Grant Wilson

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 Tycie	Mississippi State	Fr.	Punter
26	Jackson Ross	Tennessee	Jr.	Punter

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

B1G 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 Sarraatt	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 Sarraatt	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 Defense
Hosea Wheeler	Third Team Defense

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 made 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.

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 debuted during 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.

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 Tavenner* (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.	Ohio State (57)	2-0	1,614	1
2.	Penn State (5)	2-0	1,524	2
3.	LSU (2)	2-0	1,487	3
4.	Oregon (1)	2-0	1,375	6
5.	Miami (Fla.)	2-0	1,360	5
6.	Georgia	2-0	1,350	4
7.	Texas	1-1	1,248	7
8.	Notre Dame	0-1	1,086	9
9.	Illinois	2-0	1,001	11
10.	Florida State	2-0	954	14
11.	South Carolina	2-0	927	10
12.	Clemson	1-1	894	8
13.	Oklahoma	2-0	893	18
14.	Iowa State	3-0	794	16
15.	Tennessee	2-0	537	22
16.	Texas A&M	2-0	532	19
17.	Ole Miss	2-0	518	20
18.	USF	2-0	444	NR
19.	Alabama	1-1	396	21
20.	Utah	2-0	361	25
21.	Texas Tech	2-0	347	24
22.	INDIANA	2-0	331	23
23.	Michigan	1-1	250	15
24.	Auburn	2-0	172	NR
25.	Missouri	2-0	109	NR

Receiving Votes: Arizona State 94, BYU 92, Georgia Tech 78, Florida 70, USC 64, TCU 58, Mississippi State 52, Louisville 49, SMU 26, Nebraska 10, Tulane 9, Baylor 7, UNLV 5, Pittsburgh 3, Navy 2, Memphis 1, Vanderbilt 1.

USA TODAY/US LBM COACHES POLL

Rk	Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts.	Prev.
1.	Ohio State (62)	2-0	1,668	1
2.	Penn State (4)	2-0	1,576	2
3.	Georgia	2-0	1,488	3
4.	LSU (1)	2-0	1,472	4
5.	Oregon	2-0	1,423	5
6.	Miami (Fla.)	2-0	1,330	7
7.	Texas	1-1	1,288	6
8.	Notre Dame	0-1	1,041	9
9.	Illinois	2-0	1,019	12
10.	South Carolina	2-0	1,007	11
11.	Clemson	1-1	995	8
12.	Florida State	2-0	843	19
13.	Ole Miss	2-0	803	14
14.	Iowa State	3-0	794	18
15.	Tennessee	2-0	733	17
16.	Oklahoma	2-0	693	24
17.	Texas A&M	2-0	514	22
18.	Alabama	1-1	436	20
19.	INDIANA	2-0	425	21
20.	Texas Tech	2-0	362	23
21.	Utah	2-0	270	NR
22.	Michigan	1-1	241	13
23.	USF	2-0	232	NR
24.	Arizona State	1-1	206	10
25.	BYU	2-0	169	25

Receiving Votes: Missouri 142, Louisville 88, USC 87, SMU 87, Florida 68, Auburn 57, Tulane 55, TCU 36, Georgia Tech 26, Nebraska 19, Navy 16, Washington 15, Mississippi State 15, Memphis 11, Baylor 9, Vanderbilt 7, Kansas 4, UNLV 3, Pittsburgh 1, NC State 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** leads the room and serves 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**.
- Him and Fernando are the only active set of brothers to share the same quarterback room in the FBS. They are reunited for the first time since being teammates in 2022 at Christopher Columbus High School in Miami, Florida.
- The brothers each tossed a touchdown pass in Week 2, to become the first set of brothers to throw a touchdown pass in the same FBS game for the same team since 2015 when Arkansas' Brandon Allen and Austin Allen did so against UT Martin (10/31/2015).
- Mendoza recorded an 18-for-25 passing day with 245 yards and four touchdowns in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- In Fernando's Indiana debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30), he threw for 193 yards on 18-of-31 passing and had 34 yards rushing with a rushing touchdown.
- He appeared in 20 games with 19 starts for the Golden Bears. He amassed 4,924 career all-purpose yards and accounted for 34 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 454-of-685 passing attempts for 5,150 yards with 34 touchdowns. Additionally, he has run for 251 career yards and five rushing scores while also catching one pass for a 15-yard touchdown.
- **Alberto Mendoza** threw his first career touchdown pass on a 6-yard connection to **Charlie Becker** in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- He served as the No. 3 quarterback for Indiana in 2024 and made his collegiate debut against Western Illinois in Week 2 (9/6).
- Mendoza enjoyed a standout career at the prep level, going 26-2 and twice being 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 five collegiate seasons, most recently playing for Old Dominion (2023-24) and prior to that, at Fordham (2020-22).
- 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** is in 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.
- Indiana's 313 yards rushing in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6) marked back-to-back games of 300-plus yards rushing after going for 309 in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30). It was the first time reaching the mark in consecutive games since 2014 (363, North Texas; 316, at Iowa).
- With two rushing scores against the Owls, Indiana has recorded multiple rushing scores in 13 of Cignetti's 15 games.
- The 309 yards rushing in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30) was the team's first 300-yard effort against an FBS team since 2016 (411 yards vs. Maryland).
- **Kaelon Black** had a strong showing in Week 1 against Old Dominion as he had 92 yards rushing and a touchdown.
- Black joined IU in 2024 after four years at James Madison (2020-23). He has registered 42 appearances with 16 starts over the course of his career.
- In 2024, Black appeared in all 13 games and logged 251 yards rushing 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 yards rushing with one touchdown and 254 receiving yards and four touchdown receptions.
- He owns two career 100-yard rushing games and has produced 2,275 career all-purpose yards and 14 touchdowns (8 rushing, 6 receiving).
- **Roman Hemby's** 25-yard reception in Week 2 against Kennesaw State pushed his consecutive games with a catch streak to 28. His mark leads all FBS running backs.
- Hemby had his eighth career 100-yard rushing game when he totaled 111 yards on the ground in his Indiana debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- Hemby is the first IU running back to top the 100-yard mark in their Hoosier debut since **Jordan Howard** ran for 145 yards against Southern Illinois to open the 2015 season.
- 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.
- Notched his first career game with both a rushing and receiving touchdown in Week 5 at Indiana (9/28).
- Hemby owns 3,589 all-purpose yards (2,522 rushing, 955 receiving, 112 kickoff return), has scored 27 career touchdowns (22 rushing, 5 receiving) and owns eight career 100-yard rushing games (1, 2025; 1, 2024; 2, 2023; 4, 2022).
- Hemby is a two-time honorable mention All-Big Ten (2022 & 2023).
- UAB transfer **Lee Beebe Jr.** posted 90 yards rushing with a touchdown in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- He made his Indiana debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30) and had 73 yards rushing on 11 attempts.
- Beebe Jr. spent the first three years of his career at UAB (2022-24) with 24 games played and 10 starts.
- In 2024, Beebe Jr. appeared in all 12 games and made 10 starts en route to being named third-team All-American Athletic Conference.
- Beebe Jr. has accumulated 1,791 career all-purpose yards (1,439 rushing, 317 receiving, 34 kickoff return, 1 fumble return) and totaled 13 career touchdowns (12 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 51 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).
- Redshirt freshman **Khobie Martin** has appeared in both games of 2025 with two carries and six yards rushing in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- Martin appeared in two games of the 2024 season and logged 14 carries for 73 yards on the ground.
- He made his Hoosier debut in Week 2 against Western Illinois (9/6) and had a 31-yard rush.



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.

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- In his second year as Indiana's offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach, **Mike Shanahan**, is building 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** has caught a pass in each game of his career to lead the nation with a streak of 40-straight games with a reception. His nine catches for 97 yards in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6) continued that streak.
- In the win over Kennesaw State, Sarratt went for a career-high three receiving touchdowns for the first time since 2023 (at Coastal Carolina).
- In 2024, Sarratt started all 13 games with 957 yards receiving 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).

- Sarratt owns 11 career 100-yard receiving games (4 at Indiana; 6 at JMU; 1 at SFU) and has posted multiple receiving touchdowns in eight games (3 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.
- **Omar Cooper Jr.** had a 75-yard rush for a touchdown in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6). It tied for the longest touchdown run by an IU wide receiver since at least 1996 (**Shane Wynn** - Michigan State, 2014) and was the longest rushing touchdown by a non-running back since 2014 (**Zander Diamont** - Ohio State).
- In 2024, he made 13 appearances with four starts, 24 of his 28 receptions went for 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).
- Senior **E.J. Williams Jr.** scored on an 8-yard touchdown reception in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6). It was his first touchdown as a Hoosier and his first since 2020 (vs. Notre Dame).
- Williams Jr. returned to Indiana after entering the transfer portal with four appearances and a redshirt season in 2024.
- 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).
- **Charlie Becker** hauled in a 6-yard touchdown reception from **Alberto Mendoza** for his first career receiving touchdown in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- He caught his first career pass on a 4-yard connection with **Fernando Mendoza** in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- Becker appeared in 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 39 career games with 21 starts and owns a reception in 36 of 39 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**.
- Brady scored IU's first touchdown of the season on a 91-yard punt return in the first quarter, which is tied for the fourth-longest punt return in program history and the longest since **Lance Bennett** broke the program record of 94 yards in 2004 against Michigan State.
- His punt return touchdown was the first for IU since **D.J. Matthews Jr.** returned one 81 yards against Idaho (9/11/21).
- With 108 total punt return yards, Brady moved into No. 6 on the single-game charts and the most since J-Shun Harris (100), in 2018.
- 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).
- True freshman **Lebron Bond** had his first career reception on a 12-yard catch for a first down in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).



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 is Cain's seventh year coaching the position group as he has done so every year in his time under **Curt Cignetti** (2019-present).
- Sixth-year senior **Riley Nowakowski** scored his first touchdown as a Hoosier on a 1-yard rushing score in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6). It was his first career rushing attempt.
- He caught two passes for 15 yards in his Hoosier debut in in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- Including his time at IU and his five years at Wisconsin (2020-24), Nowakowski has appeared in 42 career games with 12 starts.
- He started in nine of 12 games at Wisconsin in 2024 and caught 11 passes for 73 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** joined IU for his senior season after spending last year at Tennessee and the first two of his college career at Notre Dame (2022-23).
- Staes made one catch for 4 yards in his Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30)
- Over the course of his career, Staes has appeared in 37 games with 13 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 31 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** is continuing 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.
- The offensive line protected for 593 yards of total offense in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6), marking back-to-back games with 500-plus yards of total offense for the first time since three-straight games from Weeks 4-6 in 2024.
- Indiana's consistent presence at left tackle is **Carter Smith**, who has started 27-straight games since Week 1 of 2023.
- 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** returns from Indiana's stellar 2024 offensive line for his redshirt junior season.
- Evans made his first start in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30) since suffering a season-ending injury prior to Week 11 against Michigan (11/9) in 2024.
- 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 before 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.
- Since becoming the team's starter at right guard at the start of 2024, Lynch has started every game at the positon since then.
- 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 after one season at Colorado in 2024. Benson spent the previous four seasons at IU (2020-23) where he played in 25 games with 17 starts.
- In both games back in Bloomington, Benson has started at right tackle.
- During his lone season in Boulder, Benson made nine appearances with four starts while battling injury and missing three games.
- **Pat Coogan** quickly emerged as Indiana's starting center and made his Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30). Dating back to his time at Notre Dame (2021-24), Coogan has appeared in 32 career games with 28 starts.
- 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.
- **Zen Michalski** has spent time on special teams for Indiana. He made his Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- 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.
- Coogan (Notre Dame) and Michalski (Ohio State) faced off in the 2025 College Football Playoff National Championship.

* - 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	Utzing, Jeff *	6-3	232	R-Jr.	Ind.

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- 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.
- A two-time finalist for the Broyles Award, 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.
- Senior **Aiden Fisher** notched seven stops with 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.0 sacks in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- He 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) in 2024.

- He has played in 38 career games with 26 starts, including starting all 15 games of his time at Indiana.
- **Rolijah Hardy** has emerged as the Hoosiers' second starting linebacker in 2025 after a breakout 2024 season where he played in all 13 games with four starts as a true freshman.
- In Week 2 of 2024 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** logged his first career solo sack in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- Jones has made 19 appearances with two starts at Indiana (2022-25) and registered snaps in every game 2024-25 (15 games).
- 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 2024.
- In Week 4 of 2024 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 Utzinger** has registered snaps in every game of 2024 and 2025.
- In his appearances, he mostly has seen time on special teams and racked up five tackles in the 2024 season.
- Utzinger collected his first career tackle on the final play of the game in Week 1 against FIU (8/31).

- **Kaiden Turner** has made 14 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.

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- Defensive tackles coach **Pat Kuntz** and defensive ends coach **Buddha Williams** are each in their second seasons leading the defensive line for the Hoosiers.
- They 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) in 2024.
- In his first season as a Hoosier in 2024, Kamara had 15.0 tackles for loss and 10.0 sacks.
- Kamara owns at least one tackle in every game played, with at least 0.5 tackle for loss in 31 of his 38 career games.
- He notched five total tackles with 2.0 tackles for loss and 1.0 sacks in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- 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 in 2024 and has started through Weeks 1-2.
- 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 14 career appearances, missing just one game of his career due to an injury in 2024.
- 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).
- **Stephen Daley** had three tackles and 1.0 tackles for loss in his Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30). He has appeared in 36 career games including 24 starts at Kent State (2022-24).
- In 2024, Daley logged 9.5 tackles for loss, 4.0 sacks, one forced fumble and a fumble recovery.
- **Dominique Ratcliff** has appeared in 40 career games, including 38 appearances with four starts over five collegiate seasons at Texas State (2022-24) and Louisiana (2020-21).

- Ratcliff made his Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- **Hosea Wheeler's** Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30), saw him log five stops.
- Wheeler came 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.
- 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.
- **Kellan Wyatt** logged a team-high nine tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6) after three tackles in his Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- In three seasons at Maryland (2022-24), Wyatt logged 35 career appearances and 28 starts. In 2024, he had 7.5 tackles for loss and 3.0 sacks.
- Wyatt posted his first career forced 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.

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- **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.
- **D'Angelo Ponds** opened his second season at Indiana with his sixth career interception, four tackles and 1.0 tackle for loss in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- 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 of 2024 against Washington (10/26), Ponds logged his first career multi-interception game when he caught two picks.
- Ponds has started 24 games of his 27 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 26 appearances and 14 starts, and has been the starter opposite Ponds in both weeks of the 2025 season.
- Sharpe had the first forced fumble of his career and second fumble recovery in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- Sharpe played in nine games with three starts in 2024 after enjoying a breakout 2023 season. After playing just three games in his redshirt season of 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.
- **Ryland Gandy** made his Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30), after three years at Pitt (2022-24) with 29 appearances.
- All 13 of his starts as a Panther were made in 2024 with his first career start against Kent State (8/31) in the season opener.
- In Week 10 at SMU (11/2), he had six tackles and combined for his first career tackle for loss in the first quarter.

- **Amariyun Knighten** made his Hoosier debut in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6), after 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 an upset win over 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.
- He 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.
- **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.
- True freshman **Jaylen Bell** made his Hoosier debut in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- He came 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.



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** made the first of three IU interceptions in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- Ferrell has started every game since 2024 (15 games) and has made 27 career appearances.
- 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) in 2024 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 48 career games with one start, but suffered a season-ending injury against Old Dominion.
- In the 2024 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 2022.
- **Louis Moore** made it back-to-back weeks with seven tackles and an interception in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6). He also notched 1.5 tackles for loss in the win.
- In his first game back at IU, Moore led the team with seven tackles and an interception in a Week 1 start against Old Dominion (8/30).
- 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 (2020-21).
- He has appeared in 37 career games with 12 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 opened 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).
- In Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6), **Devan Boykin** logged four stops and 1.0 tackles for loss.

- Boykin started and made one tackle in his Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30). He missed the entire 2024 season due to injury and redshirted while at NC State.
- In his five seasons with NC State (2020-24), Boykin appeared in 45 career games with 20 starts.
- Against Notre Dame (9/9) in 2023, 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).
- He made his first career start as a true freshman in 2020 at North Carolina.
- **Anthony Chung** made his first career tackle in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6). After not seeing the field in all of 2023 or 2024, he made his Hoosier debut on special teams in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- **Clay Conner** has become a valuable contributor on special teams, playing Weeks 1-2 with the unit. He blocked his first career punt in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- He made his Indiana debut in Week 14 against Purdue (11/30) in 2024.
- Following a lost 2024 season due to injury, **Jah Jah Boyd** made his Hoosier debut in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- True freshman **Garrett Reese** has served as a special teams contributor and made his Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- **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** is in 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.
- **Nicolas Radicic** has 16 career appearances at IU and has started as the team's field goal specialist in every game since the start of the 2024 season (15 games).
- Radicic made one appearance in his redshirt season in 2023.
- In Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6), Radicic's 8-for-8 effort on extra points pushed him to No. 8 on the career extra points made charts with 82. He passed **Logan Justus** (77; 2018-2019).
- 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 13-of-14 (.929) on field goal attempts and 82-of-82 (1.000) on extra point attempts in his collegiate career.
- Radicic holds five of the top-10-single-game extra points made marks with No. 1 (11; Western Illinois, 2024), No. 3 (9; Purdue, 2024), T-No. 4 (8; Kennesaw State, 2025), (8; Nebraska, 2024) and T-No. 8 (7; Charlotte, 2024).
- 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 assumed the kickoff specialist duties for the Hoosiers.
- Franke has logged a touchback on all 14 kickoffs in his time as a Hoosier, and has a career touchback rate of .719 (161-of-224) over the course of his college career.
- He has appeared in 51 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).
- **Mitch McCarthy** is the only punter on the roster and is in his first season as a Hoosier.
- McCarthy had one punt for 47 yards in his Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30) before exiting the game with injury which caused him to miss Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- McCarthy spent three seasons at UCF (2022-24) prior to IU 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 made 37-straight appearances through Week 1 of 2025, including every game of the Golden Knights' 2023 and 2024 campaigns.
- He has notched 40 punts inside the 20-yard line and has averaged 43.0 yards per punt on 116 career punts.
- McCarthy, 27, is the fourth oldest player in FBS Football with the only players older being 29 or 30 years-old.

- In Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6), sophomore **Quinn Warren** had a 49-yard punt to the Kennesaw State 5-yard line in the second quarter to mark the second time out of three career punts that he has pinned it inside the opponent's 10-yard line.
- Warren punted in the second half in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30) to relieve McCarthy. Warren had one punt travel 38 yards and land inside the 5.
- Warren appeared in seven games in 2024 as a kickoff specialist due to injuries in the special teams unit.
- Long snapper **Mark Langston** is in second season with the IU program and has started every game at long snapper since coming to Bloomington.
- 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 37 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	2-0	13-2
Big Ten	0-0	8-1
Day Games	2-0	10-1
Night Games	0-0	3-1
Televised Games	2-0	13-2
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
FST	2-0	3-0
NBC/Peacock	0-0	2-0
vs. Ranked Opponents	0-0	1-2
Scoring First	1-0	10-1
Opponent Scores First	1-0	3-1
Leading at the Half	2-0	13-0
Trailing at the Half	0-0	0-2
Tied at the Half	0-0	0-0
Leading after Three Quarters	2-0	13-0
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	1-0	2-0
Scoring 30-39 points	0-0	2-0
Scoring 40+ points	1-0	9-0
Allowing 10 points or less	1-0	6-0
Allowing 11-20 points	1-0	5-0
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	2-0	3-0
Passing for less than 200 yards	1-0	3-1
Passing for 200-299 yards	1-0	5-1
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	2-0	7-0

	2025	Cignetti at IU
Allowing less than 100 yards rushing	1-0	9-0
Allowing 100+ yards rushing	1-0	4-2
Allowing less than 300 yards total offense	1-0	8-0
Allowing 300+ yards total offense	1-0	5-2
Having one 100-yard rusher	1-0	4-0
Having two 100-yard rushers	0-0	0-0
Opponent having a 100-yard rusher	1-0	2-1
No turnovers	1-0	8-0
1-3 turnovers	1-0	4-2
4+ turnovers	0-0	1-0
No takeaways	0-0	3-1
1-2 takeaways	1-0	5-1
3+ takeaways	1-0	5-0
Winning in turnover margin	2-0	10-0
Losing in turnover margin	0-0	2-1
Tied in turnover margin	0-0	1-1
More than 30:00 of possession	2-0	10-1
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	Uttinger, 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	Depaeppe, 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	OL
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	Depaeppe, Andrew	DL
98	Depaeppe, 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, Tyler	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 & STAFF

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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
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Carl Miller	Athletic Performance Coach
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Michael Turner	Athletic Trainer
Jon Wicks	Athletic Trainer
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Isaac Hicks III	Director of Sports Performance Nutrition

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
26 Kaiser, Cade
82 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 Bomba, 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