



INDIANA

2025 FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



GAME CENTER

GAME SEVEN // SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025 // PEACOCK // 3:30 PM ET
MERCHANTS BANK FIELD AT MEMORIAL STADIUM (56,626) // BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA



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SIRIUSXM: CHANNEL 85

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 // W, 73-0 // 46,219
Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



S20 // ILLINOIS // W, 63-10 // 56,088
Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



S27 // at Iowa // W, 20-15 // 69,251
Kinnick Stadium // Iowa City, Iowa



O11 // at Oregon // W, 30-20 // 59,625
Autzen Stadium // Eugene, Oregon



O18 // MICHIGAN STATE // 3:30 p.m. // Peacock
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



Indiana's ranking in both the AP and U.S. Today/US LBM Coaches Poll is No. 3, the highest in program history.



Indiana's 12-game home winning streak is the longest streak in program history and No. 3 nationally among active streaks.



IU has 17 victories since the start of the 2024 season, which rank tied for No. 5 nationally and the most in any two-year stretch in program history.



Indiana has been ranked in the AP poll for 20-straight weeks, the longest streak in program history and No. 9 among active streaks.

MICHIGAN STATE SPARTANS

Ranking (AP/Coaches) NR/NR
Last Game L, 13-38 vs. UCLA
Head Coach Jonathan Smith
Record at MSU (Year) 8-10 (2nd)
Career Record (Year) 42-46 (8th)



3-3, 0-3 B1G
0-2 ON THE ROAD

vs.



6-0, 3-0 B1G
4-0 AT HOME

INDIANA HOOSIERS

Ranking (AP/Coaches) 3/3
Last Game W, 30-20 at No. 3/2 Oregon
Head Coach Curt Cignetti
Record at IU (Year) 17-2 (2nd)
Career Record (Year) 136-37 (15th)

SETTING THE SCENE

- After two games on the road, No. 3/3 Indiana returns home for Homecoming on Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium for a 3:30 p.m. ET kick against Michigan State on Saturday.
- The two programs first played in 1922, with the first edition of the Old Brass Spittoon rivalry taking place in 1950. Indiana has won three of the last five meetings.
- Michigan State leads the all-time series, 50-19-2. Indiana won last year's matchup, 47-10, in East Lansing. The 37-point differential marked the largest margin of victory for the Hoosiers in the series.
- This will be the 15th consecutive season the two programs face off, dating back to 2011, and the 67th time for the Old Brass Spittoon.

NEWS & NOTES

- The 17 victories since the beginning of the 2024 season are the most in any two-year span in program history and rank tied for No. 5 nationally over that span. The 11 Big Ten wins during that span are tied for the most in a two-year stretch in IU history. **MORE ON PAGE 5**
- Indiana is 6-0 to start a season for the third time in program history after a 30-20 win at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11) in Week 7. It is the second-straight season Indiana has started 6-0 to mark just the first time in program history consecutive seasons were started at 6-0 or better.
- Indiana's win in Eugene is its second-ever win over a top-5 opponent (No. 3 Purdue, 1967) and the first over a top-5 opponent on the road.
- The Hoosiers are 37-27-1 all-time as a ranked team, which includes a 30-20-1 mark in Big Ten play.
- Indiana's win snapped Oregon's previously nation-leading 18-game home winning streak at Autzen Stadium.
- Oregon had allowed just 1.0 sack entering the game and Indiana finished with 6.0 sacks in the game. It was the most by a team against Oregon since Ohio State in the 2024 College Football Playoff (8.0).
- The Indiana defense held Oregon to its fewest yards of total offense under head coach Dan Lanning and fewest yards since 2021 (Utah; 221).
- **Fernando Mendoza** threw for 215 yards on 20-of-31 passing with a touchdown at No. 3/2 Oregon. He threw the go-ahead touchdown pass to **Elijah Sarratt** on an 8-yard connection to give Indiana a 27-20 lead with 6:23 left. **MORE ON PAGE 8**
- **Roman Hemby** had his fifth multi-rushing touchdown and sixth multi-touchdown game of his career with his two scores against the Ducks. With 25 yards receiving he is now the only active FBS player with 2,500 yards rushing and 1,000-yards receiving in his career. **MORE ON PAGE 9**
- **Elijah Sarratt** has a catch in all 44 games of his career and is the nation's active leader for consecutive games with a reception. Sarratt had the go-ahead touchdown reception in the fourth quarter at Iowa in Week 5 and at Oregon in Week 7. **MORE ON PAGE 10**
- Sarratt is tied for first in the Big Ten with seven receiving touchdowns and **Omar Cooper Jr.** is tied for No. 3 with six.
- **Aiden Fisher** had his 10th career game with double-digit tackles, racking up 13 stops and a career-high 1.5 sacks. His efforts against the Ducks earned him Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week. **MORE ON PAGE 13**
- **Rolijah Hardy** recorded the first double-digit tackle game of his career with 12 tackles. **MORE ON PAGE 13**
- **Isaiah Jones** had his first career interception when he picked off Dante Moore in the fourth quarter. He also tied a career-high eight tackles and marked back-to-back weeks with eight stops. **MORE ON PAGE 13**
- Jones leads the Big Ten in tackles for loss (10) and is tied for second in the conference in sacks (5).
- **Louis Moore** had his second consecutive game with an interception when he picked off Dante Moore in the fourth quarter. **MORE ON PAGE 16**

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GAME WEEK MEDIA SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Noon Weekly Press Conference w/ Curt Cignetti	6 p.m. Selected student-athletes	No media availability	7:05 p.m. Inside Indiana Football w/ Curt Cignetti <i>Hoosier Hank's</i>	No media availability	3:30 p.m. ET Michigan State vs. Indiana <i>Memorial Stadium</i> <i>TV: Peacock</i> <i>Head coach Curt Cignetti and selected student-athletes will be available following the game.</i>

MEDIA INFORMATION

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS CONTACTS

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

IUHOOSIERS.COM

IUHoosiers.com is the official website of the Indiana football program. This is the best and most efficient way for media wishing to receive updated information on Indiana football.

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY FACTS

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

HEAD COACH

Head Coach	Curt Cignetti
Alma Mater	(West Virginia '82; Pittsburgh '84)
Career Record (Yrs)	136-37 (15th Season)
Record at Indiana (Yrs)	17-2 (2nd)

COACHING STAFF

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

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TEAM INFORMATION

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

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

Marek, Matt	mare-ick
Massel IV, Bruno	mass-ull
Michalski, Zen	muh-hall-ski
Monette, Jamari	moe-nay
Ndukwe, Daniel	N-duke-way
Nowakowski, Riley	No-uh-cow-ski
Placzek, Joshua	plah-check
Radice, 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

MICHIGAN STATE: PAST AND PRESENT



INDIANA HOOSIERS

6-0, 3-0 Big Ten

2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing	Fernando Mendoza	109-of-153, 1,423 yds, 17 TD, 2 INT
	Alberto Mendoza	9-of-12, 139 yds, 3 TD
Rushing	Roman Hemby	84 for 421 yds, 2 TD
	Kaelon Black	62 for 375 yds, 2 TD
Receiving	Elijah Sarraatt	39 for 533 yds, 7 TD
	Omar Cooper Jr.	29 for 466 yds, 6 TD
Tackles	E.J. Williams Jr.	14 for 153 yds, 2 TD
	Aiden Fisher, LB	39 tkl, 5.0 TFL, 2.5 sacks
Sacks	Louis Moore, DB	37 tkl, 1.5 TFL, 4 INT
	Isaiah Jones, LB	32 tkl, 10.0 TFL, 4.5 sacks, 1 INT
Interceptions	Isaiah Jones, LB	4.5
	Mario Landino, DL	4.0
Scoring	Tyrique Tucker, DL	3.0
	Louis Moore, DB	4
Interceptions	Amare Ferrell, DB	3
	Two players tied	1
Scoring	Nico Radicic, K	56 pts
	Omar Cooper Jr., WR	42 pts
Scoring	Elijah Sarraatt, WR	42 pts



MICHIGAN STATE SPARTANS

3-3, 0-3 Big Ten

2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing	Aidan Chiles	87-of-142, 1,019 yds, 9 TD, 3 INT
	Alessio Milivojevic	14-of-26, 171 yds, 2 TD, 1 INT
Rushing	Mahki Frazier	87 for 383 yds, 2 TD
	Aidan Chiles	58 for 186 yds, 5 TD
Receiving	Omari Kelly	24 for 347 yds, 1 TD
	Nick Marsh	29 for 340 yds, 4 TD
Tackles	Jack Velling	13 for 127 yds, 2 TD
	Jordan Hall, LB	45 tkl, 3.5 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 1 INT, 1 FF
Sacks	Wayne Matthews, LB	36 tkl, 2 TFL, 1 INT
	Malik Spencer, DB	25 tkl, 3.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, 1 FF
Interceptions	Alex VanSumeren, DL	25 tkl, 2.0 TFL, 1.5 sacks
	Jordan Hall, LB	2.0
Interceptions	Malik Spencer, DB	2.0
	Jalen Thompson, DL	2.0
Scoring	Anelufale, DL	2.0
	Jordan Hall, LB	1
Scoring	Wayne Matthews, LB	1
	Amaorion Smith, DB	1
Scoring	Aidan Chiles, QB	30 pts
	Martin Connington, K	29 pts
Scoring	Nick Marsh, WR	24 pts



NATIONAL RANKINGS

Indiana	NCAA Rank	Category	Michigan State	NCAA Rank	Avg.
502.8	8	Total Offense	108	331.7	
241.7	9	Rushing Offense	96	131.2	
237.2	43	Passing Yards Gained	96	169.8	
44.8	4	Scoring Offense	58	29.5	
229.0	4	Total Defense	71	369.2	
86.8	12	Rushing Defense	55	131.2	
142.2	6	Passing Yards Allowed	92	238.0	
11.3	4	Scoring Defense	119	31.8	
1.17	6	Turnover Margin	99	-0.50	
.541	9	3rd Down Conversion Pct	68	.400	
.222	131	4th Down Conversion Pct	92	.467	
.912	39	Red Zone Offense	14	.957	
.833	62	Red Zone Defense	100	.893	
163	1	First Downs Gained	97	115	
65	1	First Downs Allowed	46	111	
4.50	15	Fewest Penalties Per Game	12	4.33	
34:38	3	Time of Possession	57	30:26	
93.0	1	PFF Offensive Grade	63	73.2	
90.1	29	PFF Defensive Grade	98	79.3	
90.4	5	PFF Special Teams Grade	133	56.0	

LAST MEETING

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	F
	0	21	12	14	47
	10	0	0	0	10

GAME NINE \ NOVEMBER 2, 2024

SPARTAN STADIUM \ EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN

1st	09:58	MSU	Kim 39 yd field goal	0-3
	02:39	MSU	Marsh 18 yd pass from Chiles (Kim kick)	0-10
			13 plays, 71 yards, TOP 6:18	
2nd	14:13	IND	Horton 17 yd pass from Rourke (Radicic kick)	7-10
	06:22	IND	Lawton 1 yd run (Radicic kick)	14-10
	02:10	IND	Sarraatt 4 yd pass from Rourke (Radicic kick)	21-10
			6 plays, 37 yards, TOP 2:45	
3rd	13:28	IND	TEAM Safety	23-10
	11:39	IND	Price 18 yd pass from Rourke	30-10
			6 plays, 65 yards, TOP 1:43	
	02:43	IND	Radicic 29 yd field goal	33-10
			9 plays, 44 yards, TOP 4:56	
4th	14:05	IND	Cooper Jr. 16 yd run (Radicic kick)	40-10
			2 plays, 21 yards, TOP 0:49	
4th	10:52	IND	Sarraatt 11 yd pass from Rourke (Radicic kick)	47-10
			5 plays, 37 yards, TOP 1:37	

	IND	MSU
First Downs	20	15
Rushing Yards	122	(-24)
Passing Yards	263	229
Comp-Att-Int	19-29-0	20-32-2
Total Offense	385	205
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds	--	--
Punt Returns-Yards	3-56	1-4
Kickoff Returns-Yards	1-14	2-47
Interceptions: Number-Yds	2-15	--
Punt	4-188	5-202
Fumbles-Lost	--	1-0
Penalties-Yards	4-35	4-28
Possession Time	29:34	30:26
Third-Down Conversions	2 of 10	5 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	2 of 2	1 of 4
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	7-7	1-1
Sacks By: Number-Yards	7-61	--

SERIES HISTORY

All-Time	Michigan State leads, 50-19-2
In Bloomington	Michigan State leads, 23-12-1
In East Lansing	Michigan State leads, 27-7-1
Neutral Site	N/A

Longest Indiana Win Streak	3 (1967-1969)
Longest Michigan State Win Streak	8 (1950-1957)

Largest Margin of Victory	37 (47-10) - 2024
Largest Margin of Defeat	54 (54-0) - 1957

Most Points Scored	47 - (2024)
Most Points Allowed	56 - (2014)

Date	Winner - Score	Site	Date	Winner - Score	Site
11/2/2024	Indiana - 47-10	A	11/13/1965	Michigan State - 27-13	A
11/18/2023	Michigan State - 24-21	H	10/17/1964	Indiana - 27-20	H
11/19/2022	Indiana - 39-31 (20T)	A	10/19/1963	Michigan State - 20-3	A
10/16/2021	Michigan State - 15-20	H	10/27/1962	Michigan State - 26-8	H
11/14/2020	Indiana - 24-0	A	10/28/1961	Michigan State - 35-0	A
9/28/2019	Michigan State - 40-31	A	10/22/1960	Michigan State - 35-0	H
9/22/2018	Michigan State - 35-21	H	10/24/1959	Michigan State - 14-6	A
10/21/2017	Michigan State - 17-9	A	11/8/1958	Indiana - 6-0	H
10/1/2016	Indiana - 24-21 (OT)	H	9/28/1957	Michigan State - 54-0	A
10/24/2015	Michigan State - 52-26	A	10/12/1956	Michigan State - 53-0	A
10/18/2014	Michigan State - 56-17	H	9/24/1955	Michigan State - 21-14	H
10/12/2013	Michigan State - 42-28	A	10/17/1953	Michigan State - 47-18	A
10/6/2012	Michigan State - 31-27	H	11/8/1952	Michigan State - 41-14	H
11/19/2011	Michigan State - 55-3	A	11/17/1951	Michigan State - 30-26	H
9/27/2008	Michigan State - 42-29	H	11/4/1950	Michigan State - 35-0	A
10/13/2007	Michigan State - 52-27	A	11/9/1940	Indiana - 20-0	H
10/28/2006	Indiana - 46-21	H	11/8/1939	Tied - 7-7	A
10/29/2005	Michigan State - 46-15	A	11/5/1927	Indiana - 33-7	H
9/25/2004	Michigan State - 30-20	H	10/28/1922	Indiana - 14-6	H
10/4/2003	Michigan State - 31-3	A			
11/9/2002	Michigan State - 56-21	H			
11/10/2001	Indiana - 37-28	A			
10/10/1998	Michigan State - 38-31 (20T)	A			
10/11/1997	Michigan State - 38-6	H			
11/9/1996	Michigan State - 38-15	A			
11/11/1995	Michigan State - 31-13	H			
10/29/1994	Indiana - 21-27 (Forfeit)	A			
10/30/1993	Indiana - 10-0	H			
10/3/1992	Michigan State - 42-31	A			
10/5/1991	Indiana - 31-0	H			
11/3/1990	Michigan State - 45-20	A			
11/4/1989	Michigan State - 51-20	H			
11/14/1988	Michigan State - 38-12	H			
11/14/1987	Michigan State - 27-3	A			
11/8/1986	Indiana - 17-14	A			
11/9/1985	Michigan State - 35-16	H			
10/12/1984	Michigan State - 13-6	A			
10/15/1983	Indiana - 24-12	H			
10/30/1982	Michigan State - 22-14	H			
10/31/1981	Michigan State - 26-3	A			
10/21/1978	Michigan State - 49-14	A			
10/15/1977	Tied - 13-13	H			
11/6/1976	Michigan State - 23-0	A			
11/8/1975	Michigan State - 14-6	H			
11/16/1974	Michigan State - 19-10	H			
11/17/1973	Michigan State - 10-9	A			
10/31/1970	Michigan State - 32-7	H			
11/1/1969	Indiana - 16-0	A			
11/9/1968	Indiana - 24-22	A			
11/11/1967	Indiana - 14-13	A			
11/12/1966	Michigan State - 37-19	H			

THE OLD BRASS SPITTOON

ALL-TIME RESULTS

Date	Note	Winner	IU	MSU	Site
11/2/2024		Indiana	47	10	A
11/18/2023		Michigan State	21	24	H
11/19/2022	2OT	Indiana	39	31	A
10/16/2021		Michigan State	15	20	H
11/14/2020		Indiana	24	0	A
9/28/2019		Michigan State	31	40	A
9/22/2018		Michigan State	21	35	H
10/21/2017		Michigan State	9	17	A
10/1/2016	OT	Indiana	24	21	H
10/24/2015		Michigan State	26	52	A
10/18/2014		Michigan State	17	56	H
10/12/2013		Michigan State	28	42	A
10/6/2012		Michigan State	27	31	H
11/19/2011		Michigan State	3	55	A
9/27/2008		Michigan State	29	42	H
10/13/2007		Michigan State	27	52	A
10/28/2006		Indiana	46	21	H
10/29/2005		Michigan State	15	46	A
9/25/2004		Michigan State	20	30	H
10/4/2003		Michigan State	3	31	A
11/9/2002		Michigan State	21	56	H
11/10/2001		Indiana	37	28	A
10/10/1998	2OT	Michigan State	31	38	A
10/11/1997		Michigan State	6	38	H
11/9/1996		Michigan State	15	38	A
11/11/1995		Michigan State	13	31	H
10/29/1994	#	Michigan State	21	27	A
10/30/1993		Indiana	10	0	H
10/3/1992		Michigan State	31	42	A
10/5/1991		Indiana	31	0	H
11/3/1990		Michigan State	20	45	A
11/4/1989		Michigan State	20	51	H
11/14/1988		Michigan State	12	38	H
11/14/1987		Michigan State	3	27	A
11/8/1986		Indiana	17	14	A
11/9/1985		Michigan State	16	35	H
10/12/1984		Michigan State	6	13	A
10/15/1983		Indiana	24	12	H
10/30/1982		Michigan State	14	22	H
10/31/1981		Michigan State	3	26	A
10/21/1978		Michigan State	14	49	A
10/15/1977		Tied	13	13	H
11/6/1976		Michigan State	0	23	A
11/8/1975		Michigan State	6	14	H
11/16/1974		Michigan State	10	19	H
11/17/1973		Michigan State	9	10	A
10/31/1970		Michigan State	7	32	H
11/1/1969		Indiana	16	0	A
11/9/1968		Indiana	24	22	A
11/11/1967		Indiana	14	13	A
11/12/1966		Michigan State	19	37	H
11/13/1965		Michigan State	13	27	A
10/17/1964		Indiana	27	20	H
10/19/1963		Michigan State	3	20	A
10/27/1962		Michigan State	8	26	H
10/28/1961		Michigan State	0	35	A
10/22/1960		Michigan State	0	35	H
10/24/1959		Michigan State	6	14	A
11/8/1958		Indiana	6	0	H
9/28/1957		Michigan State	0	54	A
10/12/1956		Michigan State	6	53	A
9/24/1955		Michigan State	13	20	H
10/9/1954		Michigan State	14	21	H
10/17/1953		Michigan State	18	47	A
11/8/1952		Michigan State	14	41	H
11/17/1951		Michigan State	26	30	H
11/4/1950		Michigan State	0	35	A
11/9/1940	^	Indiana	20	0	H
11/18/1939	^	Tied	7	7	A
11/5/1927	^	Indiana	33	7	H
10/28/1922	^	Indiana	14	6	H

- Game forfeited to Indiana
^ - Games played prior to Old Brass Spittoon

The Old Brass Spittoon has been awarded to the winner of the Indiana-Michigan State football game since the trophy's inception in 1950. Initiated by the junior and senior classes and student council at Michigan State, the trophy was quickly accepted by the Indiana Student Senate.

The spittoon came from one of Michigan's earliest trading posts and is widely believed to be nearly 200 years old. Legend holds that the spittoon was around when both institutions were founded (Indiana - 1820, Michigan State - 1855).

Indiana and Michigan State have faced each other since 1922 and the trophy became a part of the series 28 years after the first meeting.

SERIES RECORD

Overall Series	MSU leads 50-19-2
at Indiana	MSU leads 23-12-1
at Michigan State	MSU leads 27-7-1
Spittoon Game (1950-)	MSU leads 50-16-1

MOST POINTS

Indiana	47 - 2024
IU at Home	46 - 2006
IU on the Road	47 - 2024
Michigan State	56 - 2002 & 2014
MSU at Home	55 - 2011
MSU on the Road	56 - 2002 & 2014

MARGIN OF VICTORY

Indiana	37 (47-10) - 2024
IU at Home	31 (31-0) - 1991
IU on the Road	37 (47-10) - 2024
Michigan State	54 (0-54) - 1957
MSU at Home	54 (0-54) - 1957
MSU on the Road	39 (17-56) - 2014

LONGEST WINNING STREAK

Indiana	3 - 1967-69
Michigan State	8 - 1950-57

INDIANA RECORD BY DECADE

1920s	2-0
1930s	0-0-1
1940s	1-0
1950s	1-9
1960s	4-6
1970s	0-6-1
1980s	2-7
1990s	3-6
2000s	2-6
2010s	1-8
2020s	3-2



TEAM NOTES

NUMBERS DON'T LIE

Head coach **Curt Cignetti** brought a winning pedigree to Bloomington and has only continued that since, sporting a 136-37 career record over 15 years as a head coach. His stout record stands for an .837 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	.891
2. Dan Lanning	Oregon	.851
3. Kirby Smart	Georgia	.843
4. Curt Cignetti	Indiana	.837
5. Spencer Danielson	Boise State	.792
6. Dabo Swinney	Clemson	.789
7. Jon Sumrall	Tulane	.783
8. Kalen DeBoer	Alabama	.780
9. Lincoln Riley	USC	.735
10. Jeff Traylor	UTSA	.671

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 carry a program record 12-straight wins on Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium. 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. Indiana has done the same thing in 2025, selling out its last four home games in 2025 (Illinois, Michigan State, UCLA, Wisconsin). 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). Including games from 2024-25, Indiana has defeated its home opponents by an average margin of 39.2 points. The Hoosiers play seven home games this season, and played four in a row to begin the year.

RECEPTION COLLECTION

Elijah Sarratt is the FBS leader in consecutive games with a reception. He leads the country with 44-consecutive games with a pass caught which spans the course of every game in his career. *Research by University of Tulsa Athletics Communications.*

Name	Pos.	School	Streak
Elijah Sarratt	WR	Indiana	44
Jyrin Johnson	TE	Bowling Green	39
Kole Wilson	WR	Baylor	36
Kevin Coleman Jr.	WR	Missouri	35
Raylen Sharpe	WR	Arkansas	35
Junior Vandross III	WR	Toledo	33
Malachi Fields	WR	Notre Dame	33
Joseph Manjack IV	WR	TCU	33
Chase Roberts	WR	BYU	32
Pofele Ashlock	WR	Hawaii	31
Eric Singleton	WR	Auburn	30
Eric Weatherly	WR	Ball State	29
Eric Rivers	WR	Georgia Tech	27
Devin McCuin	WR	UTSA	25

CHANGING THE CULTURE

When he arrived in Bloomington, head coach Curt Cignetti talked about injecting life into the fan base, and with a 12-0 record on Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium, he has done just that. Since the stadium capacity expanded to 50,000-plus in 1970, Indiana has sold out 18 home games. Of those 18, eight of those have come under Cignetti's watch. Since 1970, only six seasons have featured multiple sellouts, with 2024 and 2025 among those. The four sellouts in both 2024 and 2025 mark the second-most in a single season in program history, with the 1969 team selling out all five homes games.

Single Season Sellouts

- 1969 (5) - Cal, Minnesota, Illinois, Iowa, Purdue*
- 2025 (4) - Illinois, Michigan State, UCLA, Wisconsin
- 2024 (4) - Nebraska, Washington, Michigan, Purdue
- 1968 (3) - Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota
- 2021 (2) - Cincinnati, Ohio State
- 2017 (2) - Ohio State, Michigan
- * - All five home games sold out.

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 23 transfers to Bloomington. That list includes 11 offensive players, eight defensive players and four specialists. There are 22 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)***
 - 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)***

Bold - Appeared in 2025 | * - Started in 2025

WIN STREAKING

Indiana enters the week with a number of streaks that rank among the nation's best and continue to rewrite the program record book. From its rank among active leaders in victories over the past two seasons to a program-best home winning streak, Indiana is among the best teams in the FBS in the win column.

FBS Victories since 2024

Indiana's 17 victories since the start of 2024 are tied for No. 5 nationally. Its two losses are tied for the fewest during that span with five others.

1.	20	Ohio State	20-2
2.	18	Notre Dame	18-4
	18	Oregon	18-2
	18	Texas	18-4
5.	17	Indiana	17-2
	17	BYU	17-2
	17	Memphis	17-2
	17	UNLV	17-3

Program Wins in a Two-Year Stretch

Indiana has won 17 games over the past two seasons, which are the most in a two-year span in program history.

1.	17	2024 (11)	2025 (6)
2.	16	1987 (8)	1988 (8)
	16	1944 (7)	1945 (9)
4.	15	1993 (8)	1994 (7)
	15	1967 (9)	1968 (6)
	15	1945 (9)	1946 (6)

Program Big Ten Wins in a Two-Year Stretch

The Indiana win total from the past two seasons stretches further than overall victories, as the 11 victories in Big Ten play are tied for the most all-time at IU.

1.	11	2024 (8)	2025 (3)
	11	2019 (5)	2020 (6)
	11	1987 (6)	1988 (5)
4.	10	1967 (6)	1968 (4)
5.	9	2023 (1)	2024 (8)
	9	1993 (5)	1994 (4)
	9	1986 (3)	1987 (6)
	9	1945 (5)	1946 (4)
	9	1944 (4)	1945 (5)

Active FBS Home Winning Streak

One of just five active home winning streaks of 10-or-more games, Indiana enters the week with the third longest active home winning streak in the FBS.

1.	15	Alabama	2023-
	15	Boise State	2023-
3.	12	Indiana	2024-
4.	10	Memphis	2024-
	10	Miami (Fla.)	2024-
	10	Ohio	2023-

Program Home Winning Streaks

The 12-game winning streak is the longest in program history and just the second double-digit win streak all-time.

1.	12	2024-
2.	10	1987-88
	7	1991-92
	7	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	Indiana State	Deferred - IU Received	Touchdown	Punt	Pat Coogan, Aiden Fisher, Riley Nowakowski & Elijah Sarratt
No. 9/8 ILLINOIS	Indiana	Deferred - Illinois Received	Punt	Punt	Pat Coogan, Aiden Fisher, Riley Nowakowski & Elijah Sarratt
at Iowa	Indiana	Deferred - Iowa Received	Touchdown	Interception	Pat Coogan, Aiden Fisher, Riley Nowakowski & Elijah Sarratt
at No. 3/2 Oregon	Indiana	Deferred - Oregon Received	Field Goal	Turnover on Downs	Pat Coogan, Aiden Fisher, Riley Nowakowski & Elijah Sarratt
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 136-37 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 28-18 record in games decided by one score. After going 6-9 in one-score games at IUP, Cignetti has a combined 22-9 record in one-score contests from 2017-25. He went 10-2 in such games at Elon and 10-7 while at James Madison. At Indiana, he's only coached in two games that came down to one score, winning in Week 5 at Iowa, 20-15, and 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). The brothers followed up with more touchdowns in Week 3 against Indiana State. Fernando accounted for six total scores, including five passing touchdowns, while Alberto threw two touchdowns.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

The 2025 season marks the fourth consecutive year that Indiana plays in a Friday night game. It is also the first time that the Hoosiers play in two regular season Friday night contests in one season. Indiana defeated Indiana State, 73-0, in Week 3, and will play at Purdue on Friday, November 28 at 7:30 p.m. 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
Sept. 12, 2025	Indiana State	W, 73-0
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 13-6-1 mark in non-Saturday games in program history with a 7-5 mark on Fridays.

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 28 players on the roster this year that are in their final year of eligibility in 2025, which ties for the fourth-most of all FBS teams with Hawaii and Navy. Indiana has the second 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 - UAB	
28 - INDIANA	
28 - Hawaii	
28 - Navy	
27 - Texas Tech	
27 - Troy	
26 - San Diego State	
26 - UTSA	
26 - East Carolina	
25 - Georgia Tech	
25 - Ball State	
25 - North Texas	
24 - Louisville	
24 - Notre Dame	
23 - Clemson	
23 - Arizona State	

#PROIU

Indiana is represented by 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	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
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
Micah 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

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 Ratcliff	
Kaiden Turner*	
Solomon Vanhorne	
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 Tiyce	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

OMAR COOPER JR.
- Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (Week 3)
- Biletnikoff Award 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)
- Jason Witten Man of the Year Watch List
- Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (Week 7)

ROMAN HEMBY
- Doak Walker Award Preseason Watch List
- William V. Campbell Trophy Semifinalist.

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 Wuerffel Trophy Preseason Watch List
- O'Brien Award Preseason Watch List
- Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award Top 25
- East-West Shrine Bowl Monday Morning Quarterback (Week 4)
- Senior Bowl Stock Up Player of the Week (Week 4)
- Davey O'Brien Great 8 (Week 4)
- Big Ten Co-Offensive Player of the Week (Week 4)
- Maxwell Award Player of the Week (Week 4)
- Hispanic College Football Player of the Year Watch List
- Davey O'Brien Great 8 (Week 7)

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 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)
- East-West Shrine Bowl Breakout Offensive Player of the Week (Week 7)

E.J. WILLIAMS JR.
- College Football Comeback Player of the Year Watch List

INDIANA HOOSIERS
- Pop-Tart Crazy Good National Team of the Week (Week 4)

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.			

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

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.

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**.

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.

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Announcer	School	Year in 2025
Don Fischer	Indiana	53
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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 (50)	6-0	1,631	1
2.	Miami (Fla.) (13)	5-0	1,582	2
3.	INDIANA (3)	6-0	1,531	7
4.	Texas A&M	6-0	1,433	5
5.	Ole Miss	6-0	1,331	4
6.	Alabama	5-1	1,315	8
7.	Texas Tech	6-0	1,266	9
8.	Oregon	5-1	1,175	3
9.	Georgia	5-1	1,148	10
10.	LSU	5-1	1,012	11
11.	Tennessee	5-1	939	12
12.	Georgia Tech	6-0	904	13
13.	Notre Dame	4-2	793	16
14.	Oklahoma	5-1	786	6
15.	BYU	6-0	655	18
16.	Missouri	5-1	649	14
17.	Vanderbilt	5-1	547	20
18.	Virginia	5-1	521	19
19.	USF	5-1	398	24
20.	USC	5-1	361	NR
21.	Texas	4-2	319	NR
22.	Memphis	6-0	285	23
23.	Utah	5-1	261	NR
24.	Cincinnati	5-1	184	NR
25.	Nebraska	5-1	149	NR

Receiving Votes: Illinois 113, Michigan 73, Washington 36, UNLV 30, Navy 11, Mississippi State 8, Tulane 2, San Diego State 2.

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Rk	Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts.	Prev.
1.	Ohio State (63)	6-0	1,646	1
2.	Miami (Fla.) (2)	5-0	1,566	3
3.	INDIANA (1)	6-0	1,492	7
4.	Texas A&M	6-0	1,417	5
5.	Ole Miss	6-0	1,389	4
6.	Alabama	5-1	1,280	8
7.	Georgia	5-1	1,198	9
8.	Texas Tech	6-0	1,183	10
9.	Oregon	5-1	1,154	2
10.	LSU	5-1	1,062	11
11.	Tennessee	5-1	962	12
12.	Georgia Tech	6-0	951	13
13.	Oklahoma	5-1	781	6
14.	BYU	6-0	720	18
15.	Notre Dame	4-2	661	16
16.	Missouri	5-1	585	14
17.	Texas	4-2	519	19
18.	Vanderbilt	5-1	498	20
19.	Virginia	5-1	415	24
20.	Memphis	6-0	337	25
21.	USC	5-1	310	NR
22.	Utah	5-1	298	NR
23.	USF	5-1	234	NR
24.	Cincinnati	5-1	169	NR
25.	Illinois	5-2	151	17

Receiving Votes: Michigan 119, Nebraska 90, Washington 85, UNLV 43, Navy 43, Louisville 18, Tulane 17, Arizona State 17, Duke 11, **Iowa 9**, Iowa State 7, Clemson 6, Houston 4, TCU 1, San Diego State 1, Pittsburgh 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

- **Chandler Whitmer** leads the revamped quarterback room and serves as co-offensive coordinator. The only new on-field coaching staff member 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**.
- Alberto 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).
- They followed that up with more touchdowns in Week 3 against Indiana State as Fernando accounted for six scores (5 passing; 1 rushing) and Alberto threw two touchdown passes.
- Mendoza connected with **Elijah Sarratt** for an 8-yard touchdown and a 27-20 Indiana lead with 6:23 remaining in Week 7 at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11). His 17th scoring pass put him in a tie at No. 9 on the single-season passing touchdown charts with **Ben Chappell** (2009) and **Antwaan Randle El** (1999).
- He had 233 yards passing on 13-of-23 passing and two touchdowns, including the game-winning touchdown pass to **Sarratt** on a 49-yard connection with 1:28 left in the fourth quarter in Week 5 at Iowa (9/27).

- Mendoza is the third Big Ten quarterback since 2000 with three-straight games of at least four passing touchdowns and zero interceptions - **C.J. Stroud** (Ohio State; 2021) and **Kyle Orton** (Purdue; 2004, four straight since he did so in Weeks 2-4 against Kennesaw State, Indiana State and Illinois).
- In Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20), Mendoza had a 21-for-23 passing day with 267 yards and five passing touchdowns. His .910 (21-for-23) completion percentage put him at No. 3 on the game completion percentage charts just a week after setting the program record.
- Mendoza went 19-of-20 passing for 270 yards and five touchdowns to go along with a rushing score in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
- His .950 (19-for-20) completion percentage set the program's single-game record, topping **Peyton Ramsey's** mark against Eastern Illinois (13-14; .929) in 2019.
- Mendoza's six touchdowns accounted for are tied for the most in a single-game in program history with **Kurtis Rourke** (2024, Purdue), **Tre Roberson** (2013, Purdue) **Levron Williams** (2001, at Wisconsin), and **Bob Hoernschemeyer** (1943; Nebraska).
- 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 where he amassed 4,924 career all-purpose yards and accounted for 34 touchdowns at Cal.
- 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 Cal history. He finished top-10 on Cal's single-season passing charts in total offense (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 (.664) 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.
- 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 527-of-782 passing attempts for 6,135 yards with 47 touchdowns. Additionally, he has run for 330 career yards and six rushing scores while also catching one pass for a 15-yard touchdown.
- **Alberto Mendoza** charted 104 yards passing and two touchdowns in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
- He 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 made his Hoosier debut in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12). He completed his only passing attempt for a 5-yard pickup.
- Wilson appeared in 23 career games with 14 starts over his first five collegiate seasons, between Old Dominion (2023-24) and 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).



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 in 2024 made for an instant success. The Indiana running backs combined for 37 rushing scores which tied for the most in a season in program history.
- Indiana's 312 yards rushing in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20) marked four-straight 300-yard rushing efforts for the first time in program history.
- With two rushing scores at Oregon, Indiana has recorded multiple rushing scores in 16 of Cignetti's 98 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 40-yard rushing touchdown in the third quarter of Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20). He totaled 89 yards rushing on 10 carries.
- He had a strong showing in Week 1 against Old Dominion with 92 yards rushing and a touchdown.
- Black joined IU in 2024 after four years at James Madison (2020-23). He has registered 45 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 2,501 career all-purpose yards and 15 touchdowns (9 rushing, 6 receiving).
- **Roman Hemby** had the fifth multi-rushing touchdown game and his sixth multi-touchdown game of his career when he rushed for two scores in Week 7 at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11).
- Hemby also had 25 yards receiving in the game to make him only active FBS player with 2,500 yards rushing and 1,000-yards receiving in his career. Hemby owns 3,953 all-purpose yards (2,676 rushing, 1,022 receiving, 163 kickoff return) and has scored 29 career touchdowns (24 rushing, 5 receiving).
- He logged 86 yards rushing and one reception for five yards receiving in Week 5 at Iowa (9/27).
- Hemby totaled 102 all-purpose yards (65 rushing; 37 receiving) in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20).
- He had his eighth career 100-yard rushing game when he totaled 111 yards on the ground in his IU debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- Hemby is the first Hoosier 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, at Maryland he started in all 12 games and totaled 607 yards rushing on 134 attempts and six touchdowns. He also logged 273 yards receiving 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 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), before he suffered a season-ending injury in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
- 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 1,844 career all-purpose yards (1,485 rushing, 324 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.
- In Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois, Vanhorse registered his first rushing attempts of the season, charting 27 yards rushing on four carries.
- Vanhorse has made 56 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 all six games in 2025.
- Martin logged back-to-back weeks with over 100 yards rushing and multiple scores when he logged 107 yards rushing and two touchdowns in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20).
- In Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12), Martin had his first 100-yard rushing game and multi-touchdown game when he charted 109 yards rushing on 11 carries and two scores.
- 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.
- True freshman **Sean Cuono** made his Hoosier debut in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12) with two carries for 17 yards.



WIDE RECEIVERS

WIDE RECEIVERS (15)

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.
89	Jordan, Camden **	6-0	180	R-Sr.	Ind.
26	Kaiser, Cade	6-5	207	Fr.	Ind.
82	Kendrick, Myles	6-0	1900	Fr.	Fla.
86	Massel IV, Bruno	5-11	193	Fr.	Ill.
9	Morris, Tyler	5-11	183	Sr.	Ill.
13	Sarratt, Elijah *	6-2	213	Sr.	Va.
83	Hunter Stroud	6-0	178	Fr.	Ind.
17	Wasserstrom, Jackson **	5-11	175	R-Jr.	Ind.
7	Williams Jr., E.J. **	6-3	205	Sr.+	Ala.

* - Varsity letter earned

- 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** and **Omar Cooper Jr.** both rank among the top-15 in Pro Football Focus grade (Min. 150 Rec. Snaps). Sarratt (No. 2; 88.9) is tied for the Big Ten lead with seven touchdown receptions while Cooper Jr. (No. 14: 80.4) is in a tie for No. 3 with six.
- Sarratt (34) and Cooper Jr. (15) are one of two FBS duos with 15-plus career receiving touchdowns, along with SMU (RJ Maryland - 19; Jordan Hudson - 17).
- **Elijah Sarratt** has caught a pass in each game of his career to lead the nation with a streak of 44-straight games with a reception. His 24-yard catch in the first quarter of Week 7 at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11) extended the streak.
- In the Oregon win, Sarratt caught the go-ahead touchdown reception to put Indiana up 27-20 with 6:23 remaining in the game and registered his 13th career 100-yard receiving game with 121 yards on eight catches.
- His touchdown marked his 15th career touchdown reception, putting him in a tie at No. 8 in the program's career charts: with **Cooper Jr.** (2022-present), TE **Ted Bolser** (2010-13) and WR **Trent Smock** (1973-75).
- In Week 5 at Iowa (9/27), Sarratt had the game-winning touchdown reception on a 49-yard connection with **Fernando Mendoza** with 1:28 left in the fourth quarter. He logged 156 yards receiving on seven catches.
- The Week 4 win over No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20) featured Sarratt's ninth-career multi-touchdown game on nine receptions for 92 yards and two touchdowns.

- In Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6), Sarratt went for a career-high-tying three receiving touchdowns for the first time since 2023 (at Coastal Carolina). He had nine catches for 97 yards in the win.
- 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 owns 13 career 100-yard receiving games (6 at Indiana; 6 at JMU; 1 at SFU) and has posted multiple receiving touchdowns in nine games (4 at Indiana; 5 at JMU).
- After starting his tenure at JMU on the third unit, Sarratt had a breakout sophomore season in 2023 to earn first-team All-Sun Belt. Sarratt played at Saint Francis (Pa.) as a true freshman in 2022 and was tabbed as a FCS Freshman All-America and first-team All-Northeast Conference.
- **Omar Cooper Jr.**'s 14-yard touchdown reception in Week 5 at Iowa (9/27) marked three consecutive weeks (Week 3-5) with a receiving touchdown and four-straight weeks with a score (Week 2-5).
- His touchdown against Iowa put him at 15 career receiving touchdowns and into a tie at No. 8 on the career charts with **Sarratt** (2024-present), TE **Ted Bolser** (2010-13) and WR **Trent Smock** (1973-75).
- Cooper Jr. went for 10 catches, 207 yards receiving and four touchdowns in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12). It was the first multi-touchdown game of his career and tied the school record for most receiving scores in a single game (4) with **James Hardy** (Michigan State, 2006).
- The 24 points scored tied for No. 3 on the single-game scoring charts and tied for the most points scored since **Anthony Thompson** posted 32 against Northwestern in 1989.
- His performance marked the ninth 200-yard receiving game in program history and sit No. 7 on the single-game charts. The 207 yards are the most in a game since **Ty Fryfogle** (218) at Ohio State in 2020. His 10-catch effort is the first double-digit catch game since Jaylin Lucas (10) in 2023 versus Louisville.
- He 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) for his first touchdown as a Hoosier and his first since 2020 (vs. Notre Dame) while at Clemson.
- 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 is 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.
- Indiana added transfer receiver **Jonathan Brady** in the spring window from California where he teamed with **Fernando Mendoza**.
- His 27 punt return yards in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20) pushed him to No. 12 on the single-season punt return yardage list with a season total of 238.
- Brady went for two receiving touchdowns on three catches for 27 yards in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
- He scored IU's first touchdown of the season on a 91-yard punt return in the first quarter in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30), which is tied for the fourth-longest punt return in program history and the longest since **Lance Bennett**'s program-record 94-yarder 2004 against Michigan State.
- The 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.

* - Varsity letter earned

- 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** had a 43-yard touchdown reception in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20).
- He 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 46 career games with 16 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).
- He caught his first touchdown as a Hoosier on an 18-yard reception in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
- 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 41 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 35 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.



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 Hoosiers totaled 312 yards rushing in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20) to mark four-straight 300-yard rushing games for the first time in program history.
- In Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12), the offensive line protected for 680 yards of total offense, good for No. 3 in a single game since at least 1959 and marked the eighth game of the **Curt Cignetti** era with 500-plus yards of total offense. It is the second-most yards Indiana has gained under Cignetti.
- Indiana's consistent presence at left tackle is **Carter Smith**, who has started 31-straight games since Week 1 of 2023.
- Smith ranks as the No. 5-graded offensive lineman in the Power 4 per Pro Football Focus (85.5).
- 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 nine starts in 2024, Evans did not see any game action in 2022-23. He spent 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 position since.
- 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.
- Benson has started at right tackle in five of six games since returning to Bloomington.
- 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 36 career games with 32 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** spent time on special teams for Indiana in Weeks 1-2 before making his first start as a Hoosier at right tackle in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12). 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	Utzingler, Jeff *	6-3	232	R-Jr.	Ind.

* - Varsity letter earned

- Defensive coordinator **Bryant Haines** is in his second season serving in the role and as linebackers coach after a fantastic first year with the Hoosiers.
- A two-time finalist for the Broyles Award, Haines' defense ranked No. 2 in total defense (256.3 YPG) in the FBS last season, with the No. 1 rushing defense (80.2 YPG).
- Senior **Aiden Fisher** was the Hoosiers' top tackler again in Week 7 at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11) with 13 stops and 1.5 sacks.
- Fisher led the team with nine stops in Week 5 at Iowa (9/27).
- He 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, 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 10 career double-digit tackle games (6 at IU; 4 at JMU), which includes a 12-tackle effort in his Indiana debut against FIU (8/31) to open the 2024 season.
- He has played in 42 career games with 30 starts, including starting all 19 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.
- He had his first career double-digit tackle game (12) to go along with 2.0 tackles for loss and a sack in Week 7 at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11).
- Hardy had one of seven Hoosier sacks in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20) to force a punt on the opening drive of the game.
- 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 force two 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** had his first career interception to go along with eight tackles, 1.0 sacks and 2.0 tackles for loss in Week 7 at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11).
- He posted eight stops and 0.5 sack in Week 5 at Iowa (9/27). Jones added his first career blocked kick when he tipped Rhys Dakin's punt in the third quarter.
- He had 1.0 sacks and 2.0 tackles for loss in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20), as part of a four-tackle game.
- Jones led the Hoosiers in tackles (4) and tackles for loss (2.5) while adding a solo sack in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
- He logged his first career solo sack in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- Jones has made 23 appearances with three starts at Indiana (2022-25) and registered snaps in every game from 2024-25 (19 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 in his first two seasons at Indiana (2022-23), **Jeff Utzingler** has registered snaps in every game of 2024 and 2025.
- In his appearances, he has seen time on special teams and racked up five tackles in the 2024 season.
- Utzingler collected his first career tackle on the final play of the game in Week 1 against FIU (8/31).
- **Kaiden Turner** has made 16 career appearances with one start across his four years on campus.
- In Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12), Turner notched three stops.
- His lone start came during his redshirt year against Purdue in the final week of the 2022 season with a game-high nine tackles.



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.
- Redshirt senior **Mikail Kamara** elected to come back to Bloomington after leading all of FBS in total pressures (73) in 2024. Kamara owns at least one tackle in 41 of 43 career games and at least 0.5 tackle for loss in 31 games.
- In his first season as a Hoosier in 2024, Kamara had 15.0 tackles for loss and 10.0 sacks. His sack total ranks tied for No. 5 on the single season list at IU.
- He notched five total tackles with 2.0 tackles for loss and 1.0 sacks in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- In 2024, he garnered second-team All-America from The Athletic, third-team All-America per the Association Press, named a finalist for the Lott IMPACT Trophy and tabbed a semifinalist for the 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.
- His younger brother **Amari Kamara** is a true freshman and linebacker for the Hoosiers.
- **Tyrique Tucker** was a key rotational piece to the defensive line in 2024 and has started every game of 2025. He has a tackle for loss in four of six games.
- Tucker is the No. 9 graded defensive interior in the Power 4 per Pro Football Focus (81.5) which is No. 2 in the Big Ten among interiors with at least 150 snaps.
- Tucker logged 2.0 sacks on four total tackles in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20).
- In Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12) notched 1.5 tackles for loss and had a solo sack.
- 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** had 1.0 sack and four tackles in his first career start in Week 7 at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11)
- He notched 2.0 sacks on four total tackles in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20).
- Landino has 18 career appearances, missing just one game of his career due to an injury in 2024.
- Landino logged 1.5 tackles for loss and had a solo sack in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
- He registered his first career sack on a combined effort with Tucker in Week 9 of 2024 against Washington (10/26) when they brought down Will Rogers in the third quarter.
- His first-career appearance came in Week 1 of 2024 against FIU when he combined on a tackle for loss with Tucker for his first career tackle.
- **Kellan Wyatt** made it three-straight weeks with at least 0.5 sack when he notched 1.5 sacks in Week 7 at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11).
- Wyatt posted six tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss and 0.5 sack in Week 5 at Iowa (9/27).
- He had 0.5 sack and 2.0 tackles for loss along with four total tackles in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20).
- 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 against Old Dominion (8/30) in the season opener.

- In three seasons at Maryland (2022-24), Wyatt logged 35 career games played 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.
- **Stephen Daley** logged four tackles and 1.0 tackles for loss in Week 5 at Iowa (9/27) after his first sack as a Hoosier as part of a 2.0 tackles for loss day in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
- He had three tackles and 1.0 tackles for loss in his Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- He appeared in 39 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 44 career games, including 38 appearances with four starts over five collegiate seasons at Texas State (2022-24) and Louisiana-Lafayette (2020-21).
- In Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12), Ratcliff logged 2.0 tackles for loss.
- 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 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.



CORNERBACKS

CORNERBACKS (8)

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

* - Varsity letter earned

- **Rod Ojong** is in his second year coaching the cornerbacks in Bloomington after five years coaching defensive backs at multiple schools: Austin Peay (2018), Furman (2019), Buffalo (2021-22) and Charlotte (2023).
- In 2020, he was a quality control assistant for a Georgia team that won the Peach Bowl and posted an 8-2 record.
- **D'Angelo Ponds** has logged 1.0 tackles for loss in three of his five games of the 2025 season and is the No. 5 rated coverage cornerback in the Power 4 per Pro Football Focus (81.6) and top in the Big Ten.
- Ponds blocked his second career punt in the first quarter and returned it 11 yards for a touchdown in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20). It was the program's first blocked punt return for a touchdown since **Javon Swinton** against Idaho in 2021.
- He 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 2024 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, one that he returned 67 yards for a touchdown.
- Ponds has started 28 games of his 31 career appearances spanning his time at James Madison (2023) and Indiana (2024-present).
- Ponds was tabbed as a Freshman All-American by the FWAA, 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 30 appearances and 18 starts, and has started opposite Ponds in every week 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 2023.
- 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's** first start as a Hoosier came in Week 5 at Iowa (9/27), when he had five tackles and 1.0 tackles for loss.
- 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 for the Panthers.
- **Amariyun Knighten** had his first tackle as a Hoosier in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
- 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.
- True freshman **Jaylen Bell** made his first two career tackles in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
- He 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.

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- **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** logged seven tackles in the Week 7 win at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11).
- He made his seventh career interception in the first quarter of Week 5 at Iowa (9/27). His pick of Mark Gronowski set up Indiana for a touchdown on their first offensive series of the game.
- He intercepted Ethan Hampton in the fourth quarter of Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20), and made the first of three IU interceptions in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).

- He has started every game since 2024 (19 games) and has made 31 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) in 2024, 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).
- **Louis Moore** had eight tackles and a second consecutive week with an interception in Week 7 at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11).
- Moore logged seven tackles and an interception in the Week 5 win at Iowa (9/27), after he led the team with six tackles, including five solo stops in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20).
- He posted back-to-back weeks with seven tackles and an interception in Weeks 1-2 against Old Dominion (8/30) and Kennesaw State (9/6). He also notched 1.5 tackles for loss in Week 2.
- 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 41 career games with 16 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 was the Hoosiers' second-leading tackler (82 stops) in 2023.
- 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** logged his first career tackle in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12) and 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.
- **Jah Jah Boyd** made his first career tackle in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
- Following a lost 2024 season due to injury, 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.** was a consensus four-star prospect per ESPN, 247Sports, Rivals and On3 and a top-100 national recruit by 247Sports and On3, after a prep career at St. Frances Academy.
- 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.
- **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.



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	Radacic, Nico **	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.

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- **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, his pupils have notched three All-America honors and 13 all-conference selections.
- **Nico Radacic** has 20 career appearances at IU and has started as the team's field goal specialist in every game since the start of the 2024 season (19 games).
- Radacic's two made field goals in Week 7 at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11), pushed his active streak to nine-straight made field goals, which ties his career-long streak and is tied for the eighth-longest streak in program history.
- His 3-for-3 effort on extra points and his two field goals made against the Ducks put his career scoring total to 160 points and into No. 19 on the IU career scoring charts. He passed WR **Shane Wynn** (154; 2011-14) in the game.
- His three made extra points at Oregon pushed his career total to 106, passing **Austin Starr** (103; 2006-08) and into No. 6 on the career list. He trails **Pete Stoyanovich** (107; 1985-88) for the No. 5 spot.

- In Week 5 at Iowa (9/27), both of Radacic's field goals tied the game, making a 46-yarder to tie the game at 10-10 going into half, and his 44-yarder put the score at 13-13 in the fourth quarter.
- He became the third Hoosier to make 100 consecutive extra points as he joined **Mitch Ewald** (100-for-100 before first miss; 2010-13) and **Pete Stoyanovich** (107-for-107; 1985-88).
- 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. He 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 18-of-19 (.947) on field goal attempts and 106-of-106 (1.000) on extra point attempts in his collegiate career.
- Radacic holds seven of the top-10 single-game extra points made marks with No. 1 (11; Western Illinois, 2024), T-No. 2 (10; Indiana State, 2023), T-No. 3 (9; Illinois, 2025), (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, Radacic 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.
- **Brendan Franke** arrived to Bloomington in 2025 and assumed the kickoff specialist duties for the Hoosiers.
- In Week 7 at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11), Franke made his first career field goal when he tied the IU program record for longest field goal with a 58-yarder in the closing seconds of the first half to put Indiana ahead, 13-10.
- The kick was the longest made field goal by a Hoosier in a road or neutral-site game and also set an Autzen Stadium record.
- Franke has logged a touchback on 40 of his 43 kickoffs (.930) in his time as a Hoosier, and has a career touchback rate of .739 (187-of-253) over the course of his college career.
- He has appeared in 55 career games. He played in 12 games at Texas State (2024), four at Georgia Southern (2023) and redshirted, and 24 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 spent three seasons at UCF (2022-24) prior to IU where he played his first snaps of American Football.
- McCarthy, 27, is the fourth oldest player in FBS Football with the only players older being 29 or 30 years-old.

- In Week 5 at Iowa (9/27), McCarthy punted for the first time since his Week 1 injury. McCarthy logged four punts for 155 yards and had two punts land inside the Iowa 20-yard line.
- McCarthy returned in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20) after being injured in Week 1. He did not punt in the game, but was the placeholder.
- He 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 Weeks 2-3.
- He has notched 43 punts inside the 20-yard line and and has averaged 42.7 yards per punt on 125 career punts.
- 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.
- **Quinn Warren** has placed three of his seven career punts inside the 10-yard line.
- Both of Warren's punts in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20) went for 52 yards with his second being pinned at the Illinois 2-yard line.
- Warren's lone punt in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12) traveled 57 yards.
- Warren punted in the second half in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30) to relieve McCarthy. Warren had one punt 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.
- Langston started in all 13 games for the Hoosiers in 2024 and has appeared in 41 collegiate games. The first 22 of those came at Georgia Southern. He did not see any game action at Kennesaw State.
- 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.
- He missed the entire 2023 season due to an ACL injury sustained at the end of his 2022 campaign.
- Redshirt freshman **Josh Placzek** made his collegiate debut in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12). He had five kickoff opportunities in the second half of the game.

RECORD BREAKDOWN

	2025	Cignetti at IU
Overall.....	6-0	17-2
Big Ten	3-0	11-1
Day Games.....	4-0	12-1
Night Games.....	2-0	5-1
Televised Games	6-0	17-2
ABC.....	0-0	0-1
Big Ten Network	1-0	7-0
CBS.....	1-0	2-0
ESPN.....	0-0	0-0
ESPN2/ESPNU	0-0	0-0
FOX.....	0-0	1-1
FS1.....	2-0	3-0
NBC/Peacock	2-0	4-0
vs. AP Ranked Opponents.....	2-0	2-2
Scoring First	5-0	14-1
Opponent Scores First.....	1-0	3-1
Leading at the Half	5-0	16-0
Trailing at the Half	0-0	0-2
Tied at the Half	1-0	1-0
Leading after Three Quarters	5-0	16-0
Trailing after Three Quarters	0-0	0-2
Tied after Three Quarters	1-0	1-0

	2025	Cignetti at IU
In Overtime	0-0	0-0
Games decided by 7 or fewer points.....	1-0	2-0
Scoring less than 20 points	0-0	0-2
Scoring 20-29 points	2-0	3-0
Scoring 30-39 points	1-0	3-0
Scoring 40+ points	3-0	11-0
Allowing 10 points or less.....	3-0	8-0
Allowing 11-20 points	3-0	7-0
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	2-0	7-0
Rushing for 200-299 yards	0-0	4-0
Rushing for 300+ yards.....	4-0	5-0
Passing for less than 200 yards.....	1-0	3-1
Passing for 200-299 yards	4-0	8-1
Passing for 300-399 yards	1-0	6-0
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	2-0	4-0
Totaling 400-499 yards total offense	0-0	3-0
Totaling 500+ yards of total offense	4-0	9-0

	2025	Cignetti at IU
Allowing less than 100 yards rushing.....	5-0	13-0
Allowing 100+ yards rushing	1-0	4-2
Allowing less than 300 yards total offense.....	5-0	12-0
Allowing 300+ yards total offense	1-0	5-2
Having one 100-yard rusher	3-0	6-0
Having two 100-yard rushers	0-0	0-0
Opponent having a 100-yard rusher	1-0	2-1
No turnovers	3-0	10-0
1-3 turnovers	3-0	6-2
4+ turnovers.....	0-0	1-0
No takeaways.....	1-0	4-1
1-2 takeaways	4-0	8-1
3+ takeaways.....	1-0	5-0
Winning in turnover margin	5-0	13-0
Losing in turnover margin	0-0	2-1
Tied in turnover margin	1-0	2-1
More than 30:00 of possession	5-0	13-1
Less than 30:00 of possession	1-0	4-1



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	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./Maurry
6	Kamara, Mikail	DL	6-1	262	R-Sr.	Ashburn, Va./Stone Bridge (James Madison)
7	Williams Jr., E.J.	WR	6-3	205	R-Sr. +	Phenix City, Ala./Central (Clemson)
7	Moore, Louis	DB	5-11	200	R-Sr. +	Mesquite, Texas/Poteet (Ole Miss)
8	Black, Kaelon	RB	5-10	211	R-Sr.	Virginia Beach, Va./Salem (James Madison)
8	Daley, Stephen	DL	6-1	273	Sr.	Winchester, Va./John Handley (Kent State)
9	Morris, Tyler	WR	5-11	183	Sr.	Bolingbrook, Ill./Nazareth Academy (Michigan)
9	Stewart Jr., Seaonta	DB	6-1	203	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Winton Woods
10	Gandy, Ryland	DB	6-0	186	R-Jr.	Buford, Ga./Buford (Pitt)
12	Bell, Jacob	QB	6-2	213	Fr.	Naperville, Ill./Naperville North
12	Boykin, Devan	DB	5-10	195	R-Sr. +	Greensboro, N.C./Ragsdale (NC State)
13	Sarratt, Elijah	WR	6-2	213	Sr.	Stafford, Va./St. Frances Academy (James Madison)
13	Wyatt, Kellan	DL	6-2	257	Sr.	Glen Burnie, Md./Archbishop Spalding (Maryland)
14	Geske, Maverick	QB	6-0	192	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind./Brebeuf Jesuit
14	Turner, Kaiden	LB	6-0	229	R-Jr.	Fayetteville, Ark./Fayetteville
15	Mendoza, Fernando	QB	6-5	225	R-Jr.	Miami, Fla./Christopher Columbus (Cal)
15	Radicic, Nico	K	5-11	187	R-So.	Coppell, Texas/Coppell
16	Mendoza, Alberto	QB	6-2	207	R-Fr.	Miami, Fla./Christopher Columbus
16	Boyd, Jah Jah	DB	5-11	188	R-Fr.	Philadelphia, Pa./Roman Catholic
17	Wasserstrom, Jackson	WR	5-11	175	R-Jr.	Westfield, Ind./Westfield
17	Ndukwe, Daniel	DL	6-3	244	So.	Lithonia, Ga./Arabia Mountain
18	Vanhorse, Solomon	RB	5-8	185	Gr. +	Alpharetta, Ga./Milton (James Madison)
18	Turvy, Andrew	DL	6-2	253	R-Sr.	Carmel, Ind./Carmel
19	Staes, Holden	TE	6-4	250	Sr.	Atlanta, Ga./Westminster School (Tennessee)
19	Smith, Zacharey	DB	5-11	170	Fr.	Union City, Ga./Hapeville Charter Academy
20	Cuono, Sean	RB	5-10	198	Fr.	Clearwater, Fla./Clearwater Central Catholic
20	Henderson, Dontrae	DB	5-11	183	R-Fr.	Charlotte, N.C./Julius Chambers
21	Hardy, Rolijah	LB	5-11	229	So.	Lakeland, Fla./Lakeland (Naval Academy Preparatory School)
22	Ciongoli, Ace	WR	5-11	169	Fr.	Needham, Mass./St. Sebastian's
22	Sharpe, Jamari	DB	6-1	187	R-Jr.	Miami, Fla./Northwestern
23	Knighten, Amariyun	DB	6-0	178	R-Jr.	Hollywood, Fla./Stranahan (Northern Illinois)
24	Bonds, Bryson	DB	6-0	202	R-Sr.	Fort Worth, Texas/Crowley
26	Kaiser, Cade	WR	6-5	207	Fr.	Batesville, Ind./Batesville
27	Bellin, Reece	DB	6-1	206	R-So.	Carmel, Ind./Carmel
28	Martin, Khobe	RB	6-0	208	R-Fr.	Fishers, Ind./Fishers
29	Beebe Jr., Lee	RB	5-10	218	R-Jr.	Montgomery, Ala./Park Crossing (UAB)
30	Kropp, Kyler	RB	6-2	209	R-Fr.	New Palestine, Ind./New Palestine
30	Nelson, PJ	LB	6-1	219	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio/Princeton
31	Chung, Anthony	DB	6-1	197	R-So.	Mequon, Wis./Homestead
33	Reese, Garrett	DB	6-2	203	Fr.	Chicago, Ill./Nazareth Academy
34	Utzinger, Jeff	LB	6-3	232	R-Jr.	Carmel, Ind./Cathedral
35	Franke, Brendan	K	6-3	233	R-Sr. +	Gretna, Neb./Gretna (Texas State)
36	Conner, Clay	DB	6-4	207	R-So.	Boonville, Ind./Boonville
37	Nowakowski, Riley	TE	6-1	249	R-Sr. +	Milwaukee, Wis./Marquette University High School (Wisconsin)
37	Kizer, Heath	DB	6-1	203	R-Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind./North Central
38	McConnell, Kaden	LB	6-2	229	R-Fr.	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove
40	Clark, Quentin	DL	6-1	227	R-Fr.	Dexter, Ga./West Laurens
41	Calhoun, Keishaun	DL	6-2	267	Fr.	Groveport, Ohio/Groveport-Madison
42	Depaepe, Andrew	DL	6-5	261	R-So.	Bettendorf, Iowa/Pleasant Valley (Michigan State)

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

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

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

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

COACHES & STAFF

Curt Cignetti	Head Coach
Bryant Haines	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
Mike Shanahan	Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers
Grant Cain	Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends
Ola Adams	Safeties/Defensive Backs
Bob Bostad	Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator
Pat Kuntz	Defensive Tackles
John Miller	Running Backs
Rod Ojong	Cornerbacks
Chandler Whitmer	Quarterbacks/Co-Offensive Coordinator
Buddha Williams	Defensive Ends
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Nate Adams	Athletic Performance Coach
Daniel Johnson	Athletic Performance Coach
Carl Miller	Athletic Performance Coach
Jared Myatt	Athletic Performance Coach
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Jake McDonald	Assistant Director of Football Operations
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Mitch Gudmundson	Director of Football Equipment
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Alex Higgins	Senior Offensive Analyst
Ryan McInerney	Senior Special Teams Analyst
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Zach Leeds	Offensive Quality Control
Francis Meehan	Defensive Quality Control
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Brooks Halsey	Assistant Director of Player Personnel
Gage Proctor	Assistant Director of Player Personnel
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Kristina McCain-Perez	Athletic Trainer
Michael Turner	Athletic Trainer
Jon Wicks	Athletic Trainer
Jacob Laverman	Director of Football Rehabilitation
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 Verstegen, Mitch
61 Baylor Wilkin

Wide Receivers (15)

80 Becker, Charlie
6 Bond, Lebron
0 Brady, Jonathan
4 Chandler, Davion
22 Ciongoli, Ace
3 Cooper Jr., Omar
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 Depaape, Andrew
98 Depaape, Hunter
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 (8)

0 Brady, Jonathan
8 Daley, Stephen
4 Fisher, Aiden
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 Depaape, 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 Depaape, 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 Verstegen, 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 Depaape, 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 Verstegen, 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 (2)

16 Boyd, Jah Jah
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 Depaape, 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