2025 FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



GAME CENTER

GAME EIGHT // SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025 // FOX // NOON 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 // lowa City, lowa



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



018 // MICHIGAN STATE // W, 38-13 // 55,165 Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



025 // UCLA // Noon // FOX Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



N1 // at Maryland // 3:30 p.m. // CBS SECU Stadium // College Park, Maryland



N8 // at Penn State



Beaver Stadium // University Park, Pennsylvania

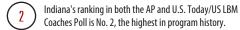
N15 // WISCONSIN Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana

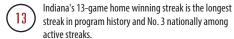


N28 // at Purdue //7:30 p.m. // NBC

Ross-Ade Stadium // West Lafayette, Ind.

BY THE NUMBERS









UCLA **BRUINS**

Ranking (AP/Coaches) NR/NR **Head Coach** Tim Skipper (Interim) Career Record (Year) 9-8 (2nd)



7-0 4-0 R1G

INDIANA **HOOSIERS**

| Ranking (AP/Coaches) | 2/2 |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Last Game | N, 38-13 vs. Michigan State |
| Head Coach | Curt Cignett |
| Record at IU (Year) | 18-2 (2nd |
| Career Record (Year) | 137-37 (15th |

SETTING THE SCENE

- No. 2/2 Indiana is set to host UCLA on Saturday (Oct. 25) at noon on Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium in Bloomington, Indiana. The matchup will air on FOX with the network's Big Noon Kickoff pregame show leading into the game
- The two programs met for the first time a year ago when Indiana won 42-13 in the Rose Bowl. This time around, UCLA will make its first trip in program history to Bloomington.
- Both teams enter the matchup on winning streaks as the Hoosiers are undefeated at 7-0 and UCLA has won three in a row after losing their first four games to begin the season.

NEWS & NOTES

• Indiana's ranking in both the AP and U.S. Today/US LBM Coaches Poll is No. 2, the highest in program history.

1-2 ON THE ROAD

- The 18 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 12 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 7-0 to start a season for the third time in program history after its 38-13 win over Michigan State (10/18) in Week 8. It is the secondstraight season Indiana has started 7-0 to mark the first time in program history consecutive seasons were started at 7-0 or better.
- Indiana's 4-0 start in Big Ten play marks the fifth time in program history an Indiana team started with an unblemished mark through at least four conference games (7-0, 2024; 4-0, 2020; 4-0, 1987; 5-0, 1967).
- The Hoosiers are 38-27-1 all-time as a ranked team, which includes a 31-20-1 mark in Big Ten play.
- Indiana's 13-game home winning streak is the longest streak in program history and No. 3 nationally among active streaks. MORE ON PAGE 5
- With the victory over the Spartans, Indiana won back-to-back Old Brass Spittoon games for the first time since it claimed three-straight from
- With zero punts against Michigan State, Indiana registered its first Big Ten game without a punt since 1989 versus Northwestern, which was the last time that IU did not punt against a Power 4 opponent. The last IU game without a punt was in 2024 against Western Illinois in Week 2.
- Fernando Mendoza had a 24-of-28 passing day with 332 yards and four touchdowns against Michigan State (10/18). The game marked his fourth time in 2025 with at least four touchdown passes, the most by a Hoosier quarterback in a single season in program history. MORE ON PAGE 7
- Mendoza's four touchdowns against Michigan State put him in a tie at No. 1 in both the Big Ten and FBS in passing touchdowns this season (21).
- Elijah Sarratt has a catch in all 45 games of his career and is the nation's active leader for consecutive games with a reception. Sarratt had his tenth career multi-touchdown game with two scores in Week 8. MORE ON PAGE 9
- Omar Cooper Jr. had his fourth game of 100-yards receiving game with 115 yards on eight catches and a touchdown versus the Spartans. MORE ON PAGE 9
- Sarratt leads the Big Ten with nine receiving touchdowns and Cooper Jr. is tied for No. 2 with seven.
- Aiden Fisher went for nine stops and 1.5 tackles for loss in Week 8. MORE ON PAGE 12
- Rolijah Hardy had 2.5 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks with a total of eight stops against Michigan State. MORE ON PAGE 12
- Isaiah Jones has logged at least 1.0 tackle for loss in every game of 2025. Jones leads the Big Ten in tackles for loss (11.0) and is tied for third in the conference in sacks (5.0). MORE ON PAGE 12

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GAME WEEK MEDIA SCHEDULE

| Noon | |
|---------|--------------------|
| Weekl | Press Conference w |
| Curt Ci | gnetti |

TUESDAY 6 p.m.

Selected student-athletes

WEDNESDAY No media availability

7:05 p.m. Inside Indiana Football w/ Curt Cignetti Hoosier Hank's

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

No media availability

Noon ET UCLA vs. Indiana Memorial Stadium TV: FOX

Head coach Curt Cignetti and selected student-athletes will be available following the game.

SATURDAY

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 studentathlete 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 postgame 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.

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

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 | |
| DePaepe, Andrew | dub-payp |
| DePaepe, William | dub-payp |
| Ferrell, Amare | Uh-marr-ee Fair-ul |
| Franke, Brendan | frank-E |
| Hall, Jhrevious | juh-ray-V-us |
| Hardy, Rolijah | row-lie-juh |
| Hemby, Roman | Him-bee |
| Kamara, Mikail | muh-kyle kuh-marr-uh |
| Knighten, Amariyun | uh-marr-E-on |
| Leibfried, Austin | lieb-freed |
| | |

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

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY FACTS

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

HEAD COACH

| Head Coach | Curt Cignetti |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Alma Mater | (West Virginia '82; Pittsburgh '84) |
| Career Record (Yrs) | |
| Record at Indiana (Yrs) | |

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 | | | | | | | | | | | | ١. | ∕lultiple |
|----------------------------|----|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|----|-----------|
| Defensive Formation | | | | | | | | | | | | ١. | Aultiple |
| Letterwinners Returning/Lo | st | | | | | | | | | | | | . 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 | 3-1/2nd |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

UCLA: PAST AND PRESENT



2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| Passing | Fernando Mendoza 133-of-181, 1,755 yds, 21 TD, 2 INT |
|---------------|--|
| | Alberto Mendoza9-of-12, 139 yds, 3 TD |
| Rushing | Kaelon Black |
| | Roman Hemby |
| Receiving | Elijah Sarratt |
| | Omar Cooper Jr |
| | E.J. Williams Jr |
| Tackles | Aiden Fisher, LB 48 tkls, 6.5 TFL, 2.5 sacks |
| | Louis Moore, DB 48 tkls, 2.0 TFL, 4 INT |
| | Isaiah Jones, LB 37 tkls, 11.0 TFL, 4.5 sacks, 1 INT |
| Sacks | Isaiah Jones, LB |
| | Mario Landino, DL |
| | Stephen Daley, DL |
| Interceptions | Louis Moore, DB |
| | Amare Ferrell, DB |
| | Two players tied |
| Scoring | Nico Radicic, K |
| | Omar Cooper Jr., WR |
| | Elijah Sarratt, WR |
| | |



UCLA BRUINS

3-4, 3-1 Big Ten

2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

| Passing | Nico lamaleava |
|---------------|---|
| Rushing | Nico lamaleava |
| | Jalen Berger |
| Receiving | Kwazi Gilmer |
| | Titus Mokiao-Atimalala 18 for 240 yds, 3 TD |
| | Mikey Matthews 16 for 205 yds, 1 TD |
| Tackles | JonJon Vaughns, LB |
| | Isaiah Chisom, LB |
| | Cole Martin, DB |
| Sacks | Anthony Jones, DL |
| | Three players tied |
| | Three players tied |
| Interceptions | Scooter Jackson, DB |
| Scoring | Mateen Bhaghani, K |
| | Nico lamaleava, QB |
| | Two players tied |
| | |



NATIONAL RANKINGS

| Indiana | | Category | | UCLA |
|---------|-----------|---------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Avg. | NCAA Rank | | NCAA Rank | Avg. |
| 497.3 | 7 | Total Offense | 87 | 364.6 |
| 226.0 | 13 | Rushing Offense | 51 | 171.0 |
| 250.7 | 32 | Passing Yards Gained | 85 | 193.6 |
| 43.9 | 4 | Scoring Offense | 103 | 22.4 |
| 248.7 | 7 | Total Defense | 69 | 364.9 |
| 85.0 | 8 | Rushing Defense | 115 | 186.0 |
| 163.7 | 15 | Passing Yards Allowed | 25 | 178.9 |
| 11.6 | 4 | Scoring Defense | 93 | 27.4 |
| 1.00 | 10 | Turnover Margin | 80 | -0.14 |
| .549 | 4 | 3rd Down Conversion Pct | 70 | .400 |
| .273 | 130 | 4th Down Conversion Pct | 24 | .667 |
| .892 | 44 | Red Zone Offense | 12 | .957 |
| .800 | 40 | Red Zone Defense | 53 | .815 |
| 187 | 2 | First Downs Gained | 84 | 137 |
| 84 | 2 | First Downs Allowed | 91 | 145 |
| 4.00 | 8 | Fewest Penalties Per Game | 131 | 8.43 |
| 33:47 | 6 | Time of Possession | 58 | 30:14 |
| 93.8 | 1 | PFF Offensive Grade | 67 | 72.5 |
| 93.8 | 3 | PFF Defensive Grade | 104 | 76.6 |
| 90.2 | 7 | PFF Special Teams Grade | 66 | 76.3 |

LAST MEETING

| | 10 | 20 | 3Q | 4Q | F |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|----|
| (III) | 14 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 42 |
| Ucla | 0 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 13 |

GAME THREE \\ SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 ROSE BOWL STADIUM \\ PASADENA, CALIFORNIA

| 1st | 08:31 | IND | Cross 3 yd pass from Rourke (Radicic kick) 12 plays, 75 yards, TOP 6:29 | 7-0 |
|-----|-------|------|--|----------|
| | 07:28 | IND | Williams 14 yd pass from Rourke (Radicic kick 3 plays, 17 yards, TOP 0:53 |) 14-0 |
| | | | | |
| 2nd | 04:21 | IND | Ellison 1 yd run (Radicic kick) 12 plays, 90 yards, TOP 5:29 | 21-0 |
| | 00:42 | UCLA | Harden, 1 yd run (Bhagani kick) 9 plays, 78 yards, TOP 3:34 | 21-7 |
| | | | | |
| 3rd | 09:37 | UCLA | Bhaghani 28 yd field goal 9 plays, 65 yards, TOP 5:19 | 21-10 |
| | 04:55 | IND | Williams 3 yd pass from Rourke (Radicic kick) 9 plays, 87 yards, TOP 4:36 | 28-10 |
| | | | | |
| 4th | 13:13 | UCLA | Bhaghani 34 yd field goal 11 plays, 66 yards, TOP 6:37 | 28-13 |
| 4th | 07:28 | IND | Cooper Jr. 23 yd pass from Rourke (Radicic kicl 10 plays, 75 yards, TOP 5:45 | k) 35-13 |
| 4th | 05:28 | IND | Green 14 yd run (Radicic kick) 4 plays, 40 yards, TOP 1:36 | 42-13 |

| | IND | UCLA |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|
| First Downs | 25 | 16 |
| Rushing Yards | 123 | 96 |
| Passing Yards | 307 | 142 |
| Comp-Att-Int | 25-33-0 | 15-24-1 |
| Total Offense | 430 | 238 |
| Fumble Returns: Number-Yds | | |
| Punt Returns-Yards | 1-38 | 2-95 |
| Kickoff Returns-Yards | 1-13 | 4-78 |
| Interceptions: Number-Yds | 1-0 | |
| Punt | 1-38 | 2-95 |
| Fumbles-Lost | | 1-1 |
| Penalties-Yards | 14-134 | 7-74 |
| Possession Time | 31:34 | 28:26 |
| Third-Down Conversions | 9 of 12 | 2 of 8 |
| Fourth-Down Conversions | 0 of 1 | 1 of 1 |
| Red-Zone Scores-Chances | 5-5 | 3-3 |
| Sacks By: Number-Yards | 2-11 | |

RUSHING (Att-Yards): Indiana- Ellison, Justice 10-47, Lawton, Ty Son 10-33, Black, Kaelon 5-21, Green, Elijah 3-15, Rourke, Kurtis 1-7. UCLA- Harden, T.J. 12-48, Garbers, Ethan 7-21, Berger, Jalen 3-13, Jones, Keegan 3-12, Mokiao-Atimalala, Titus1-2.

PASSING (Comp-Att-TD-Yards): Indiana- Rourke, Kurtis 25-33-4-307. UCLA-Garbers, Ethan 14-23-0-137, Martin, Justyn 1-1-0-5.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards): Indiana- Cross, Miles 6-90, Cooper, Jr., Omar 4-58, Sarratt, Elijah 4-54, Horton, Zach 4-31, Price, Myles 3-39, Williams, Ke'Shawn 3-31, Lawton, Ty Son 1-4. UCLA- Harden, T.J. 4-41, Matavao, Moliki 3-32, Flores Jr., Rico 2-31, Mokiao-Atimalala, Titus 2-14, Jones, Keegan 1-7, Pedersen, Jack 1-6, Loya, Logan 1-6, Berger, Jalen 1-5.

INTERCEPTIONS (INT-Yards): Indiana- Ferrell, Amare 1-0. UCLA- None.

FUMBLES (FR-Yards): Indiana- None. UCLA- Garbers, Ethan 1-1.

SACKS (UA-A): Indiana- Ferrell, Amare 1-0, Carpenter, James 1-0. UCLA- None.

TACKLES (UA-A): Indiana- Fisher, Aiden 4-5, Walker, Jailin 3-4, Ferrell, Amare 3-3, Sanguinetti, Josh 4-1, Ponds, D'Angelo 2-2, Jones, Isaiah 3-0, Johnson, Jamier 3-0, Carpenter, James 2-1, Asbury II, Shawn 1-2, Bonds, Bryson 1-1, Kamara, Mikail 1-0, Warnell Jr., DJ 1-0, Carr Jr., Lanell 1-0, Burris Jr., Marcus 0-1, Utzinger, Jeff 0-1, West, CJ 0-1. UCLA- Medrano, Kain 8-1, Oladejo, Oluwafemi 4-4, Stewart, Croix 4-1, Henderson, Ramon 2-3, Taupaki, Siale 3-1, Addison, Bryan 3-1, Havili Kaufusi, Sitiveni 2-2, Moore, Kaylin 3-0, Wallace, K.J. 3-0, Davies, Jaylin 2-1, Kirkwood, Devin 2-0, Schwesinger, Carson 1-1, Busic, Jacob 1-0, Clark, Kanye 1-0, Vaughn, Joseph 1-0, Kaho, Ale 0-1.

SERIES HISTORY

| All-Time In Bloomington. In Pasadena. Neutral Site | |
|--|-----|
| Longest Indiana Win Streak | |
| Largest Margin of VictoryLargest Margin of Defeat | |
| Most Points Scored | , , |

Date

TEAM NOTES

NUMBERS DON'T LIE

Head coach **Curt Cignetti** brought a winning pedigree to Bloomington and has only continued that since, sporting a 137-37 career record over 15 years as a head coach. His stout record stands for an .841 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 | .892 |
| 2. | Dan Lanning | Oregon | .854 |
| 3. | Kirby Smart | Georgia | .844 |
| 4. | Curt Cignetti | Indiana | .841 |
| 5. | Spencer Danielson | Boise State | .800 |
| 6. | Jon Sumrall | Tulane | .787 |
| 7. | Dabo Swinney | Clemson | .785 |
| 8. | Kalen DeBoer | Alabama | .784 |
| 9. | Lincoln Riley | USC | .729 |
| 10. | Jeff Traylor | UTSA | .662 |
| | | | |

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 13-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 38.1 points.

RECEPTION COLLECTION

Elijah Sarratt is the FBS leader in consecutive games with a reception.

He leads the the country with 45-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 | 45 |
| Jyrin Johnson | TE | Bowling Green | 40 |
| Kole Wilson | WR | Baylor | 37 |
| Kevin Coleman Jr. | WR | Missouri | 36 |
| Raylen Sharpe | WR | Arkansas | 36 |
| Junior Vandross III | WR | Toledo | 34 |
| Malachi Fields | WR | Notre Dame | 34 |
| Chase Roberts | WR | BYU | 33 |
| Pofele Ashlock | WR | Hawaii | 32 |
| Eric Singleton | WR | Auburn | 31 |
| Eric Weatherly | WR | Ball State | 30 |
| Eric Rivers | WR | Georgia Tech | 28 |
| DeAree Rogers | WR | Northern Illinois | 27 |
| Devin McCuin | WR | UTSA | 26 |
| Dalen Cobb | WR | Ga. Southern | 25 |
| Easton Messer | WR | Florida Atlantic | 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 18 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. | 21 | Ohio State | 21-2 |
|----|----|------------|------|
| 2. | 19 | Notre Dame | 19-4 |
| | 19 | Oregon | 19-2 |
| | 19 | Texas | 19-4 |
| 5. | 18 | Indiana | 18-2 |
| | 18 | BYU | 18-2 |
| 7. | 17 | Memphis | 17-3 |
| | 17 | UNIV | 17-4 |

Program Wins in a Two-Year Stretch

Indiana has won 18 games over the past two seasons, which are the most in a two-year span in program history.

| 1. | 18 | 2024 (11) | 2025 (7) |
|----|----|-----------|----------|
| 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 12 victories in Big Ten play are the most all-time at IU.

| 1. | 12 | 2024 (8) | 2025 (4) |
|----|----|----------|----------|
| 2. | 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 | . 16 | Alabama | 2023- |
|---|------|-------------|-------|
| | 16 | Boise State | 2023- |
| 3 | . 13 | Indiana | 2024- |
| 4 | . 11 | Ohio | 2023- |
| 5 | . 10 | Memphis | 2024- |

Program Home Winning Streaks

The 13-game winning streak is the longest in program history and just the second double-digit win streak all-time.

| 1. | 13 | 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 - ILL Received | Punt | Punt | Pat Coogan, Aiden Fisher, Riley Nowakowski & Elijah Sarratt | | | |
| at lowa | Indiana | Deferred - IOWA Received | Touchdown | Interception | Pat Coogan, Aiden Fisher, Riley Nowakowski & Elijah Sarratt | | | |
| at No. 3/2 Oregon | Indiana | Deferred - ORE Received | Field Goal | Turnover on Downs | Pat Coogan, Aiden Fisher, Riley Nowakowski & Elijah Sarratt | | | |
| MICHIGAN STATE | Indiana | Deferred - MSU Received | Touchdown | Field Goal | Pat Coogan, Aiden Fisher, Roman Hemby & Elijah Sarratt | | | |
| UCLA | - | - | - | - | - | | | |
| at Maryland | - | - | - | - | <u>-</u> | | | |
| at Penn State | - | - | - | - | <u>-</u> | | | |
| WISCONSIN | - | - | - | - | <u>-</u> | | | |
| at Purdue | - | - | - | - | <u>-</u> | | | |

ONF-SCORE SOLIAD

Indiana head coach Curt Cignetti has compiled an impressive 137-37 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 lowa, 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 teammatees 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 Foootball.

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

#PROIII

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-Ikihne (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 |
| lan Thomas | Las Vegas Raiders |
| CJ West | San Francisco 49ers |
| Nick Westbrook-Ihkine | Miami Dolphins |
| Ke'Shawn Williams | Pittsburgh Steelers |

^{* -} Practice Squad | ^ - Injured Reserve

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 Black³ James Bomba*

Bryson Bonds*

Devan Boykin

Pat Coogan

Brendan Franke

Ryland Gandy Roman Hemby

Isaiah Jones*

Camden Jordan*

Mikail Kamara*

Mark Langston Fernando Mendoza

Zen Michalski

Louis Moore Riley Nowakowski

Carter Smith

Dominique Ratcliff

Kaiden Turner* Solomon Vanhorse

EJ Williams Jr.*

Grant Wilson

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)
- Riletnikoff 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 Semifinalist
- Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (Week 7)
- Chuck Bednarik National Defensive Player of the Week (Week 7)
- Walter Camp National 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 Quarterfinalist
- 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

RRAY IYNCH

- 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) - The Athletic Midseason All-America Second Team

D'ANGELO PONDS

- Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Paycom Jim Thorpe Award Watch List
- Rednarik 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)
- The Athletic Midseason All-America Second Team

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)

- Outland Trophy National Player of the Week (Week 7)

- The Athletic Midseason All-America First Team

F.J. WILLIAMS JR.

- College Football Comeback Player of the Year Watch List

CURT CIGNETTI - Bear Bryant National Coach of the Week (Week 7)

INDIANA OFFENSIVE LINE - Joe Moore Award Midseason Honor Roll

2025 INDIANA FOOTBALL

REEN AROUND THE RUCK

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 play | | |

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

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 readopt 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

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 IIPDATE

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 Tavener* (1941-44).

FISCHER AMONG ICONIC VOICES IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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

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

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

ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 25 Team (1st Place Votes) Prev. Ohio State (60) 1,643 2. INDIANA 7-0 1,583 3. Texas A&M 7-0 1,499 4. Alabama 6-1 1,463 6 5. Georgia 6-1 1,360 6. **Oregon** 6-1 1,317 7. Georgia Tech 7-0 1.143 12 8. Ole Miss 6-1 1.119 5 Miami (Fla.) 5-1 1.073 2 10 17 Vanderhilt 6-1 1.031 11 RYIJ 7-0 975 15 5-2 12. Notre Dame 964 13 Oklahoma 6-1 882 14 13 14 Texas Tech 6-1 782 7 15. 6-1 748 16 Missouri 6-1 624 18 16. Virginia 17. Tennessee 5-2 527 11 19 18. South Florida 6-1 501 19. 5-1 458 NR Louisville 5-2 10 20. LSU 388 21. Cincinnati 6-1 350 24 21 22. Texas 5-2 318 23. Illinois 5-2 168 NR Arizona State 5-2 155 NR 25. Michigan 123

Receiving Votes: USC 97, Utah 40, Tulane 37, Houston 34, Navy 28, San Diego State 7, James Madison 6, Boise State 4, TCU 2, Minnesota 1.

USA TODAY/US LBM COACHES POLL

| 1. | Team (1st Place Votes) Ohio State (65) | | | Prev. |
|-----|--|-----|-------|-------|
| _ | | 7-0 | 1,625 | 1 |
| 2. | INDIANA (6) | 7-0 | 1,549 | 3 |
| 3. | Texas A&M | 7-0 | 1,470 | 4 |
| 4. | Alabama | 6-1 | 1,408 | 6 |
| 5. | Georgia | 6-1 | 1,358 | 7 |
| 6. | Oregon | 6-1 | 1,302 | 9 |
| 7. | Georgia Tech | 7-0 | 1,153 | 12 |
| 8. | Ole Miss | 6-1 | 1,110 | 5 |
| 9. | Miami (Fla.) | 5-1 | 1,027 | 2 |
| 10. | BYU | 7-0 | 990 | 14 |
| 11. | Oklahoma | 6-1 | 960 | 13 |
| 12. | Vanderbilt | 6-1 | 902 | 18 |
| 13. | Notre Dame | 5-2 | 872 | 15 |
| 14. | Missouri | 6-1 | 778 | 16 |
| 15. | Texas Tech | 6-1 | 738 | 8 |
| 16. | Virginia | 6-1 | 528 | 19 |
| 17. | Tennessee | 5-2 | 523 | 11 |
| 18. | Texas | 5-2 | 483 | 17 |
| 19. | LSU | 5-2 | 451 | 10 |
| 20. | USF | 6-1 | 393 | 23 |
| 21. | Cincinnati | 6-1 | 355 | 24 |
| 22. | Louisville | 5-1 | 336 | NR |
| 23. | Illinois | 5-2 | 192 | 25 |
| 24. | Michigan | 5-2 | 175 | NR |
| 25. | Arizona State | 5-2 | 144 | NR |

Receiving Votes: Navy 59, USC 52, Utah 51, Tulane 45, Houston 34, Iowa 17, James Madison 9, Iowa State 9, San Diego State 4, North Texas 4, Washington 3, UNLV 3, SMU 3, Memphis 3, TCU 2, Pittsburgh 2, Boise State 2, Northwestern 1.

QUARTERBACKS

QUARTERBACKS (5)

| No. | Name | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | State |
|-----|--------------------|-----|-----|--------|-------|
| 12 | Bell, Jacob | 6-2 | 213 | Fr. | III. |
| 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. |
| | | | | | |

- **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 had his first 300-yard passing day at Indiana and fourth of his career in Week 8 versus Michigan State (10/18) when he went for 332 yards and four touchdowns on 24-of-28 passing.
- With a completion percentage of .857 against the Spartans, he holds the top three spots in single-game completion percentage (min. 20 attempts). His percentage against Michigan State tied *Tayven Jackson* (.857; 18-of-21) against Indiana State in 2023.
- His four touchdown passes moved him to 21 on the season and into a tie for No. 6 on the program's season passing touchdowns charts with *Nate Sudfeld* (2013). His total currently leads the Big Ten and is tied for the FBS lead.

- He became the seventh Hoosier quarterback with 20-plus touchdown passes in a season with his four scores against Michigan State.
- The game marked his fourth in 2025 with at least four touchdown passes, the most by a Hoosier quarterback in a single season in program history.
- 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).
- 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 lowa (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.
- 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 551-of-810 passing attempts for 6,467 yards with 51 touchdowns. Additionally, he has run for 348 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 On 3.
- Indiana also brought in transfer **Grant Wilson** in the offseason after 23 career games with 14 starts over his first five collegiate seasons, between Old Dominion (2023-24) and Fordham (2020-22).
- Wilson made his Hoosier debut in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12). He completed his only pass for a 5-yard pickup.



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. |
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- 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 20 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 went for 64 yards rushing on 10 carries and had a 29-yard touchdown in Week 8 against Michigan State (10/18).
- 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 46 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 2,565 career all-purpose yards and 16 touchdowns (10 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 one of two active FBS players with 2,500 yards rushing and 1,000-yards receiving in his career. Hemby owns 3,983 all-purpose yards (2,779 rushing, 1,041 receiving, 163 kickoff return) and has scored 29 career touchdowns (24 rushing, 5 receiving).
- He logged 86 yards rushing and one reception for 5 yards in Week 5 at lowa (9/27) after 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.
- \bullet 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 57 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 seven 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.
- \bullet 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)

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|-----|-------------------------|------|------|-------|--------|
| 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. | III. |
| 9 | Morris, Tyler | 5-11 | 183 | Sr. | III. |
| 13 | Sarratt, Elijah * | 6-2 | 213 | Sr. | Va. |
| 83 | Hunter Stroud | 6-0 | 178 | Fr. | Ind. |
| 17 | Wasserstrom, Jackson ** | 5-11 | 175 | R-Jr. | Ind. |
| 7 | Williams Jr., E.J. ** | 6-3 | 205 | Sr.+ | Ala. |
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- In his second year as Indiana's offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach, **Mike Shanahan**, is building upon a productive 2024 season.
- The Indiana offense had a PFF grade of 93.2 in 2024, which was best in the Big Ten and second-best in the country.
- Elijah Sarratt and Omar Cooper Jr. both rank among the top-15 in Pro Football Focus grade (Min. 150 Rec. Snaps). Sarratt (No. 4; 87.8) leads the Big Ten lead with nine touchdown receptions while Cooper Jr. (No. 7: 85.5) is in a tie for No. 2 with seven.
- Sarratt (36) and Cooper Jr. (16) are one of two FBS duos with 15-plus career receiving touchdowns, along with SMU (RJ Maryland 19; Jordan Hudson 18).
- Elijah Sarratt has caught a pass in each game of his career to lead the nation with a streak of 45-straight games with a reception. His 24-yard catch in the second quarter against Michigan State (10/18) extended the streak.
- Sarratt had his tenth career multi-touchdown game with two scores in Week 8 against Michigan State (10/18).
- His 17 career Hoosier scores moves him into a tie at No. 6 on the program's career receiving touchdowns list with *Cody Latimer* (17; 2011-13). He passed *Nick Westbrook* (16; 2015-19), *Trent Smock* (15; 1973-75) and *Ted Bolser* (15; 2010-13).
- In Week 7 at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11), 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.
- 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 going for two touchdowns with 92 yards receiving on nine receptions.
- In Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6), Sarratt went for a career-hightying 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 ten games (5 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. charted his fourth 100 yards receiving game with 115 yards on eight catches and a touchdown in Week 8 against Michigan State (10/18).
- His 48-yard receiving touchdown marked his 16th career receiving score and puts him in a tie at No. 7 on the program's career receiving touchdowns list with *Nick Westbrook* (16; 2015-19).
- Cooper Jr.'s 14-yard touchdown reception in Week 5 at lowa (9/27) marked three consecutive weeks (Week 3-5) with a receiving touchdown and four-straight weeks with a score (Week 2-5).
- 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 0hio 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.** had 59 yards receiving and a touchdown in Week 8 against Michigan State (10/18).
- He 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 receiever **Jonathan Brady** in the spring window from California where he teamed with **Fernando Mendoza**.
- His 16 punt return yards in Week 8 against Michigan State (10/18) pushed him into a tie at No. 9 on the single-season punt return yardage list with *Tracy Porter* (254; 2007).
- 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).



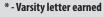
TIGHT ENDS

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. |
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- 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** went for 54 yards receiving on three receptions in Week 8 against Michigan State (10/18).
- 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 47 career games with 17 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, States has appeared in 42 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 36 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. | III. |
| 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. | III |
| 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. | 0hio |
| 63 | Verstegen, Mitch | 6-4 | 308 | R-Fr. | Wis |
| 61 | Wilkin, Baylor | 6-5 | 290 | Fr. | 0hio |
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- 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 32-straight games since Week 1 of 2023.
- Smith ranks as the No. 3-graded offensive lineman in the Power 4 per Pro Football Focus (86.3).
- 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 positon 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 six of seven 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 37 career games with 33 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.



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. | 0hio |
| 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 | Utzinger, Jeff * | 6-3 | 232 | R-Jr. | Ind. |
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- Defensive coordinator **Bryant Haines** is in his second season serving in the role and as linebackers coach after a fantastic first year with the Hoosiers
- A two-time finalist for the Broyles Award, Haines' defense ranked No. 2 in total defense (256.3 YPG) in the FBS last season, with the No. 1 rushing defense (80.2 YPG).
- Senior **Aiden Fisher** logged nine tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss in Week 8 against Michigan State (10/18).
- He 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 lowa (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 43 career games with 31 starts, including starting all 20 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.
- Hardy charted 2.5 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks with eight total tackles in Week 8 against Michigan State (10/18).
- 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 has logged at least 1.0 tackle for loss in every game of 2025.
- 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 lowa (9/27). Jones added his first career blocked kick when he tipped Rhys Dakin's punt in the third quarter
- \bullet 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 24 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 Utzinger** 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.
- Utzinger collected his first career tackle on the final play of the game in Week 1 against FIU (8/31).
- **Kaiden Turner** has made 17 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. | III. |
| 94 | Garcia, Kyler | 6-4 | 291 | Fr. | Tenn. |
| 50 | Hall, Jhrevious | 6-2 | 306 | Fr. | Tenn. |
| 97 | Landino, Mario * | 6-4 | 284 | So. | Pa. |
| 6 | Kamara, Mikail * | 6-1 | 262 | R-Sr. | Va. |
| 90 | Monette, J'Mari * | 6-3 | 286 | R-Jr. | La. |
| 17 | Ndukwe, Daniel * | 6-3 | 244 | So. | Ga. |
| 91 | Ratcliff, Dominique | 6-3 | 296 | R-Sr.+ | Texas |
| 95 | Tucker, Tyrique * | 6-0 | 302 | R-Jr. | Va. |
| 18 | Turvy, Andrew *** | 6-2 | 253 | R-Sr. | Ind. |
| 47 | Walters, Finn | 6-4 | 250 | R-So. | Ind. |
| 0 | Wheeler, Hosea | 6-3 | 298 | R-Sr. | Calif. |
| 13 | Wyatt, Kellan | 6-2 | 257 | Sr. | Md. |
| | * - Varsity letter ear | rned | | | |

- Defensive tackles coach **Pat Kuntz** and defensive ends coach **Buddha Williams** are each in their second seasons leading the defensive line for the
- 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 42 of 44 career games and at least 0.5 tackle for loss in 32 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 seven games.
- Tucker is the No. 7 graded defensive interior in the Power 4 per Pro Football Focus (82.1) which is No. 2 in the Big Ten among interiors with at least 150 snans
- 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 19 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 lowa
- 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
- \bullet He made his first collegiate start as a true freshman against Michigan (9/24) in 2022.
- **Stephen Daley** had a team-best 2.0 sacks to go along with three tackles in Week 8 against Michigan State (10/18).
- Daley logged four tackles and 1.0 tackles for loss in Week 5 at lowa (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 45 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.



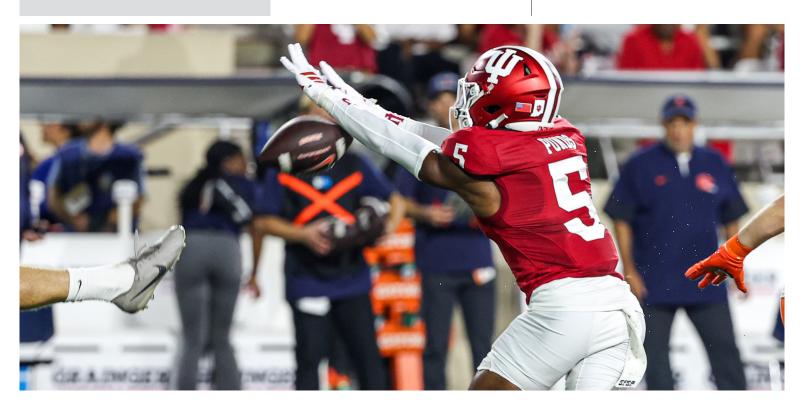
CORNERBACKS

CORNERBACKS (8)

| No. | Name | Ht. | Wt. | Yr. | State |
|-----|----------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| NO. | Name | пι. | W L. | 11. | 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. |
| | | | | | |

- **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 0.5 tackle for loss in four of his six games of the 2025 season and is the No. 4 rated coverage cornerback in the Power 4 per Pro Football Focus (82.7) and top in the Big Ten.
- In Week 8 against Michigan State (10/18), Ponds posted nine stops, 0.5 tackle for loss and a pass breakup.
- 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 29 games of his 32 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 Hooser in the cornerback room with 31 appearances and 19 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. | III. |
| 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. |

- **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 lowa (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 (20 games) and has made 32 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 logged his fifth career double-digit tackle game with 11 stops and 0.5 tackle for loss in Week 8 against Michigan State (10/18).
- He 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 lowa (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 42 career games with 17 starts over his five years with five career double-digit tackle games (1, 2025; 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.
- \bullet 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. Franke, Brendan 35 6-3 233 R-Sr.+ Neb. Radicic, Nico ** 15 5-11 187 R-So. Texas 90 Placzek, Josh 5-11 199 R-Fr Ind. 43 Taylor, Bryce 5-10 184 Fr. Ind. Warren, Quinn 6-6 223 So. Ind. PUNTERS (1) No. Name Ht. Wt. Yr. State 44 McCarthy, Mitch 6-5 233 Australia Sr. LONG SNAPPERS (2) Ht. Wt Yr. State No. Name Ga. Langston, Mark 6-0 222 R-Sr+ 45 Lindsey, Sam 6-0 190 R-So. Ga. * - Varsity letter earned

- **Grant Cain** is in his second season at the helm of Indiana's special teams unit and his seventh under **Curt Cignetti**, previously leading the same unit for James Madison from 2019-23.
- Cain's unit earned an 88.7 grade by PFF in the 2024 season which graded out at No. 4 nationally and No. 2 in the Big Ten.
- In his time leading special teams units, his pupils have notched three All-America honors and 13 all-conference selections.
- Nico Radicic has 21 career appearances at IU and has started as the team's field goal specialist in every game since the start of the 2024 season (20 games).
- Radicic's 31-yard field goal in Week 8 against Michigan State (10/18) pushed his active streak to 10-straight made field goals to put him into a tie for No. 5 on the program's list and is the longest active streak since *Logan Justus* (14; 2019).
- His field goal and five extra points against the Spartans pushed his career total to 168 points and into No. 17 on the IU career scoring charts. He passed **Stephen Houston** (164; 2010-13) and **Bryan Robertson** (164; 2001-04).

- His 5-for-5 effort on extra points pushed his career total to 111, passing *Andy Payne* (109; 1997-2000) and *Pete Stoyanovich* (107; 1985-88) and into No. 4 on the career list. He trails *Scott Bonnell* (117; 1989-92) for the No. 3 spot.
- In Week 5 at lowa (9/27), both of Radicic'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 19-of-20 (.950) on field goal attempts and 111-of-111 (1.000) on extra point attempts in his collegiate career.
- Radicic 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, Radicic was rated the No. 3 kicker nationally by 247Sports and the No. 4 kicking prospect by ESPN in the class of 2023. He was selected to participate in the 2023 Army All-American Bowl, as well.
- **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 46 of his 50 kickoffs (.920) in his time as a Hoosier, and has a career touchback rate of .742 (193-of-260) over the course of his college career.
- He has appeared in 56 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 (lowa) 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 lowa (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 lowa 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 has started in every game (20 games) since joining the Hoosiers in 2024 and has appeared in 42 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.

RECORD BREAKDOWN

| | 2025 | Cignetti at IU |
|-------------------------------|------|-------------------|
| Overall | | 18-2 |
| Big Ten | | 12-1 |
| big leii | 4-0 | 12-1 |
| Day Games | 5-0 | 13-1 |
| Night Games | 2-0 | 5-1 |
| Televised Games | 7-0 | 18-2 |
| 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 | 3-0 | 5-0 |
| vs. AP Ranked Opponents | 2-0 | 2-2 |
| Scoring First | 5-0 | 14-1 |
| Opponent Scores First | 2-0 | 4-1 |
| Leading at the Half | 6-0 | 17-0 |
| Trailing at the Half | | 0-2 |
| Tied at the Half | | 1-0 |
| Leading after Three Quarters | 6-0 | 17-0 |
| Trailing after Three Quarters | | 0-2 |
| Tied after Three Quarters | | 1-0 |

| 2025 | Cignetti at IU |
|---|---------------------------|
| In Overtime | 0-0 |
| Games decided by 7 or fewer points | 2-0 |
| Scoring less than 20 points .0-0 Scoring 20-29 points .2-0 Scoring 30-39 points .2-0 Scoring 40+ points .3-0 | 0-2 3-0 4-0 11-0 |
| Allowing 10 points or less 3-0 Allowing 11-20 points 4-0 Allowing 21-30 points 0-0 Allowing 31+ points 0-0 | 8-0 8-0 2-1 0-1 |
| Rushing for less than 100 yards 0-0 Rushing for 100-199 yards 3-0 Rushing for 200-299 yards 0-0 Rushing for 300+ yards 4-0 | 1-2 8-0 4-0 5-0 |
| Passing for less than 200 yards 1-0 Passing for 200-299 yards 4-0 Passing for 300-399 yards 2-0 Passing for 400+ yards 0-0 | 3-1 8-1 7-0 0-0 |
| Totaling less than 300 yards total offense .0-0 Totaling 300-399 yards total offense .2-0 Totaling 400-499 yards total offense .1-0 Totaling 500+ yards of total offense .4-0 | 1-2 4-0 4-0 9-0 |

| 2025 | Cignetti at IU |
|--|--------------------|
| Allowing less than 100 yards rushing6-0 Allowing 100+ yards rushing1-0 | 14-0 4-2 |
| Allowing less than 300 yards total offense5-0 Allowing 300+ yards total offense2-0 | 12-0 6-2 |
| Having one 100-yard rusher 3-0 Having two 100-yard rushers 0-0 Opponent having a 100-yard rusher 1-0 | 6-0 0-0 2-1 |
| No turnovers 4-0 1-3 turnovers 3-0 4+ turnovers 0-0 | 11-0 6-2 1-0 |
| No takeaways 2-0 1-2 takeaways 4-0 3+ takeaways 1-0 | 5-1 8-1 5-0 |
| Winning in turnover margin 5-0 Losing in turnover margin 0-0 Tied in turnover margin 2-0 | 13-0 2-1 3-1 |
| More than 30:00 of possession 5-0 Less than 30:00 of possession 2-0 | 13-1 5-1 |



PERSONAL

| Hometown . | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | June 2, 1961 Pittsburgh, Pa. Wife - Manette; |
|------------|---|---|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|
| runny | • | • | | • | • | • | | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | • | Daughters - Carly & Natalie Son - Curtis |
| - | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Morgantown (W. Va.) West Virginia University, '82 |

COACHING EXPERIENCE

Pittsburgh

1983-84: Graduate Assistant

Davidson

1985: Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers

1986-88: Quarterbacks

Temple 1989-92: Quarterbacks

Pittsburgh

1993-99: Quarterbacks/Tight Ends NC State

2000-06: Recruitina Coordinator/Ouarterbacks/Tiaht Ends

Alahama 2007-10: Recruiting Coordinator/Wide Receviers

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

2024-: Head Coach

BOWL/PLAYOFF EXPERIENCE

| DO III | TENTION ENTERIOR |
|--------|---|
| 1984 | Fiesta Bowl Pittsburgh |
| 1997 | AXA/Equitable Liberty Bowl Pittsburgh |
| 2000 | Micronpc.com Bowl |
| 2001 | Tangerine Bowl |
| 2003 | Gator Bowl |
| 2003 | Tangerine Bowl NC State |
| 2005 | Meineke Car Care Bowl |
| 2007 | Indepedence Bowl Alabama |
| 2009 | Sugar Bowl |
| 2010 | Citi BCS National Championship Alabama |
| 2011 | Capital One Bowl |
| 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 |
| 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 |
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^{*}Did not coach bowl game

INDIANA RESURGENCE

- · Cignetti has immediately elevated the Indiana program with a programrecord 11 victories in his first season at the helm and a College Football Playoff
- 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 Haves-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
- 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 ninthranked 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 JUP 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.
- 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 guarterbacks 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 guarterbacks 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.

- 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 Hooseir 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

GRANT CAIN (FIELD)

Special Teams Coordinator/Tiaht 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
- 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

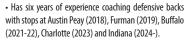
2nd season at Indiana

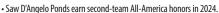
- · In his fifth season coaching running backs after three years at James Madison (2021-23).
- · Helped the duo of Ty Son Lawton (12) and Justice Ellison (10) become the first running backs duo in Indiana history to reach double-digit rushing touchdowns in the same season.
- At only 28 years old, Miller 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)

Cornerhacks

2nd season at Indiana





- 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)

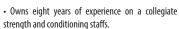
Defensive Fnds 2nd season at Indiana

• 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
- 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





• 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
- 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
- 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
- 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.

IARED 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./Maury |
| 6 | Kamara, Mikail | DL | 6-1 | 262 | R-Sr. | Ashburn, Va./Stone Bridge (James Madison) |
| 7 | Williams Jr., E.J. | WR | 6-3 | 205 | R-Sr.+ | Phenix City, Ala./Central (Clemson) |
| 7 | Moore, Louis | DB | 5-11 | 200 | R-Sr.+ | Mesquite, Texas/Poteet (Ole Miss) |
| 8 | Black, Kaelon | RB | 5-10 | 211 | R-Sr. | Virginia Beach, Va./Salem (James Madison) |
| 8 | Daley, Stephen | DL | 6-1 | 273 | Sr. | Winchester, Va./John Handley (Kent State) |
| 9 | Morris, Tyler | WR | 5-11 | 183 | Sr. | Bolingbrook, III./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, III./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 15 | Turner, Kaiden Mendoza, Fernando | LB QB | 6-0 6-5 | 229 225 | R-Jr. R-Jr. | Fayetteville, Ark./Fayetteville Miami, Fla./Christopher Columbus (Cal) |
| 15 | | K | 5-11 | 187 | R-So. | Coppell, Texas/Coppell |
| 16 | Radicic, Nico 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, III./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) |
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ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

| No. | Name Pos. |
|----------|---------------------------------------|
| 96 | Abram, Triston DL |
| 72 | Ajani, AdedamolaOL |
| 52 | Allen, ClaytonLB |
| 49 | Baker, Olubade K |
| 2 | Baldwin Jr., ByronDB |
| 85 | Barker, Andrew TE |
| 80 | Becker, Charlie WR |
| 29 | Beebe Jr., LeeRB |
| 12 | Bell, JacobQB |
| 3 | Bell, Jaylen |
| 27 | Bellin, ReeceDB |
| 67 | Benson, KahlilOL |
| 8 | Black, Kaelon RB |
| 48 | Bomba, James TE |
| 6 | Bond, Lebron WR |
| 24 | Bonds, BrysonDB |
| 16 | Boyd, Jah Jah |
| 12 | Boykin, DevanDB |
| 0 | Brady, Jonathan WR |
| 99 | Burrus Jr., Tyrone DL |
| 41 | Calhoun, KeishaunDL |
| 58 | Cannon, AdenDL |
| 4 | Chandler, Davion WR |
| 31 | Chung, AnthonyDB |
| 22 | Ciongoli, Ace WR |
| 40 | Clark, QuentinDL |
| 36 | Conner, ClayDB |
| 78 | Coogan, PatOL |
| 3 | Cooper Jr., Omar WR |
| 20 | Cuono, Sean |
| 8 | Daley, Stephen DL |
| 42 | Depaepe, Andrew |
| 98 | Depaepe, WilliamDL |
| 62 | Evans, Drew |
| 1 | Ferrell, Amare |
| 4 | Fisher, AidenLB |
| 35 | Franke, BrendanK |
| 10 | Gandy, RylandDB |
| 94 | Garcia, Kyler |
| 14 | Geske, Maverick |
| 54 | Greer, Jack |
| 50 | Hall, Jhrevious |
| 21 | Hardy, RolijahLB |
| 1 | Hemby, Roman |
| 20 56 | Henderson, Dontrae |
| 50 46 | Johnson, Chance |
| 40 89 | Jones, Isaiah LB Jordan, Camden WR |
| 09 26 | Kaiser, Cade |
| 20 44 | Kamara, AmariLB |
| 6 | Kamara, MikailDL |
| 82 | Kendrick, Myles WR |
| 62 37 | Kizer, Heath |
| 23 | Knighten, AmariyunDB |
| 30 | Kropp, Kyler |
| 97 | Landino, MarioDL |
| 97 47 | Langston, Mark LS |
| 71 | Lawrence, Evan |
| 70 | Leibfried, Austin |
| 45 | Lindsey, Sam |
| 74 | Lynch, Bray |
| 77 | Marek, Matt |
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2025 INDIANA FOOTBALL

| | 2023 INDIANA I GOIDALL | | | | | | | |
|-----|------------------------|----------|------|-----|--------|---|--|--|
| 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 | Р | 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, Jhrevious | 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 | 0L | 6-3 | 313 | R-Jr. | Fishers, Ind./Hamilton Southeastern | | |
| 56 | Johnson, Chance | 0L | 6-5 | 300 | Fr. | Jeffersonville, Ind./Jeffersonville | | |
| 58 | Cannon, Aden | DL | 6-6 | 268 | R-Jr. | Carmel, Ind./Guerin Catholic | | |
| 61 | Wilkin, Baylor | 0L | 6-5 | 290 | Fr. | Van Buren, Ohio/Findlay | | |
| 62 | Evans, Drew | 0L | 6-4 | 309 | R-Jr. | Fort Atkinson, Wis./Fort Atkinson (Wisconsin) | | |
| 63 | Verstegen, Mitch | 0L | 6-4 | 308 | R-Fr. | Kaukauna, Wis./Kaukauna | | |
| 65 | Smith, Carter | 0L | 6-5 | 313 | R-Jr. | Powell, Ohio/Olentangy Liberty | | |
| 66 | Parker, Evan | 0L | 6-4 | 308 | Fr. | Carmel, Ind./Carmel | | |
| 67 | Benson, Kahlil | 0L | 6-6 | 319 | R-Sr.+ | Webb, Miss./Southaven (Colorado) | | |
| 70 | Leibfried, Austin | 0L | 6-6 | 306 | R-Fr. | Mount Horeb, Wis./Mount Horeb | | |
| 71 | Lawrence, Evan | 0L | 6-6 | 306 | R-Fr. | Danville, Ind./Danville Community | | |
| 72 | Ajani, Adedamola | 0L | 6-4 | 308 | R-Fr. | Indianapolis, Ind./Speedway | | |
| 74 | Lynch, Bray | 0L | 6-5 | 312 | R-Jr. | Austin, Texas/Westlake | | |
| 75 | Michalski, Zen | 0L | 6-6 | 310 | R-Sr. | Floyds Knobb, Ind./Floyd Central (Ohio State) | | |
| 77 | Marek, Matt | 0L | 6-3 | 308 | Fr. | Orland Park, III./Sandburg | | |
| 78 | Coogan, Pat | 0L | 6-5 | 311 | R-Sr. | Palos Heights, III./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, III./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 | Depaepe, William | DL | 6-6 | 260 | R-Fr. | Moline, III./Moline | | |
| 99 | Burrus Jr., Tyrone | DL | 6-4 | 236 | Fr. | Indianapolis, Ind./Warren Central | | |
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| No. | Name | Pos. |
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| 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 | 0L |
| 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 | 0L |
| 90 | Placzek, Josh | K |
| 5 | Ponds, D'Angelo | DB |
| 15 | Radicic, Nico | K |
| 91 | Ratcliff, Dominique | DL |
| 33 | Reese, Garrett | DB |
| 13 | Sarratt, Elijah | WR |
| 22 | Sharpe, Jamari | DB |
| 65 | Smith, Carter | 0L |
| 19 | Smith, Zacharey | DB |
| 19 | Staes, Holden | TE |
| 9 | Stewart Jr., Seaonta | DB |
| 83 | Stroud, Hunter | |
| 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 | 0L |
| 47 | Walters, Finn | DL |
| 93 | Warren, Quinn | K |
| 17 | Wasserstrom, Jackson | WR |
| 0 | Wheeler, Hosea | DL |
| 61 | Wilkin, Baylor | 0L |
| 7 | Williams Jr., E.J | |
| 5 | Wilson, Grant | QB |
| 13 | Wyatt, Kellan | DL |
| | | |

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Zach Leeds
Francis Meehan
Aiden Moyers
Reed Relosky

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Matt Wilson

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Recruiting Assistant
Head Athletic Trainer
Athletic Trainer/Research Assistant
Athletic Trainer

Athletic Trainer

Director of Football Rehabilitation

Director of Sports Performance Nutrition

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

BY POSITION

Offensive Line (15)

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

Wide Receivers (15)

- Becker, Charlie
- 6 Bond, Lebron
- 0 Brady, Jonathan
- Chandler, Davion
- 22 Ciongoli, Ace
- Cooper Jr., Omar 3
- 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
- Williams Jr., E.J.

Tight Ends (5)

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

Running Backs (7)

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

Quarterbacks (5)

- Bell, Jacob 12
- Geske, Mayerick 14
- Mendoza, Alberto 16
- 15 Mendoza, Fernando
- Wilson, Grant

Defensive Backs (20)

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

Defensive Line (20)

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

Linebackers (9)

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

Kickers (6)

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

Long Snappers (2)

Langston, Mark 45 Lindsey, Sam

Punters (1)

McCarthy, Mitch

BY ELIGIBILITY

Graduate+(1)

Vanhorse, Solomon

Redshirt-Senior+ (9)

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

Redshirt-Senior (11)

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

Senior (8)

- Brady, Jonathan
- Daley, Stephen Fisher, Aiden
- McCarthy, Mitch
- Morris, Tyler Sarratt, Elijah
- 13 Staes, Holden

Wyatt, Kellan 13

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

Junior (2)

- Ferrell, Amare
- Ponds, D'Angelo

Redshirt Sophomore (9)

- Allen, Clayton
- Bellin, Reece
- 31 Chung, Anthony Conner, Clay
- 42 Depaepe, Andrew
- Lindsey, Sam
- 45 Murff, Lincoln
- Radicic, Nicolas 15 Walters, Finn

- Sophomore (5) Becker, Charlie
- Hardy, Rolijah 21
- Landino, Mario 97
- Ndukwe, Daniel 93 Warren, Quinn

- Redshirt Freshman (14) Ajani, Adedamola
- 16 Boyd, Jah Jah
- Clark, Quentin
- Depaepe, William 20 Henderson, Dontrae
- 37 Kizer, Heath
- 30 Kropp, Kyler 71
- Lawrence, Evan Leibfried, Austin 70
- 28 Martin, Khobie
- 38 McConell, Kaden Mendoza, Alberto
- Placzek, Josh

63 Verstegen, Mitch

- True Freshman (29)
- Abram, Triston Baldwin Jr., Byron
- Barker, Andrew 12 Bell, Jacob
- Rell lavlen 3 Bond, Lebron
- 6 99 Burrus Jr., Tyrone
- 41 Calhoun, Keishaun Chandler, Davion
- Ciongoli, Ace
- Cuono, Sean 20 94 Garcia, Kyler
- 14 Geske, Maverick 50 Hall, Jhrevious
- 56 Johnson, Chance
- 26 Kaiser, Cade
- 41 Kamara, Amari 82 Kendrick, Myles
- Marek, Matt 77
- Massel IV, Bruno 86 30 Nelson, PJ
- Parker, Evan 66
- 33 Reese, Garrett 19 Smith, Zacharey

Stewart Jr., Seaonta

Stroud, Hunter

Wilkin, Baylor

43 Taylor, Bryce Thiry, Blake

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BY STATE/COUNTRY

- Indiana (33)
- Ajani, Adedamola 52
 - Allen, Clayton
- 85 Barker, Andrew 29 Bellin, Reece
- 48 Bomba, James
- Burrus Jr., Tyrone
- 58 Cannon, Aden Chandler, Davion
- 36 Conner, Clay
- Cooper Jr., Omar 3
- Geske, Maverick 14 54 Greer, Jack
- Johnson, Chance
- 89 Jordan, Camden
- Kaiser, Cade 26 37 Kizer, Heath
- Kropp, Kyler 30
- Lawrence, Evan 71
- Martin, Khobie 28
- 86 Massel IV, Bruno 38 McConnell, Kaden
- 75 Michalski, Zen 97 Miller, Jaxon
- Murff, Lincoln 45 Parker, Evan 66
- Placzek, Josh 90 83 Stroud, Hunter
- Taylor, Bryce 43
- 18 Turvy, Andrew 34 Utzinger, Jeff
- Walters, Finn 17 Wasserstrom, Jackson Warren, Quinn
- Florida (11)

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- Ciongoli, Ace 20 Cuono, Sean
- Ferrell, Amare Hardy, Rolijah 21
- Kendrick Myles 82 Knighten, Amariyun 23
- 16 Mendoza, Alberto 15 Mendoza, Fernando

Ponds, D'Angelo

- Sanguinetti, Josh 19 22 Sharpe, Jamari
- Georgia (9)
- Baker, Oludabe 49 40 Clark, Ouentin
- 10 Gandy, Ryland Langston, Mark
- 45 Lindsey, Sam 17 Ndukwe, Daniel

Smith, Zacharey

- 19 Staes, Holden
- Vanhorse, Solomon Virginia (9)
- Black, Kaelon Bond, Lebron Daley, Stephen

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Fisher, Aiden 44 Kamara, Amari

Kamara, Mikail

Sarratt, Elijah

Tucker, Tyrique Wilson, Grant

- Illinois (6)
- Bell, Jacob
- 78 Coogan, Pat Depaepe, William
- Marek, Matt
- 77
- Morris, Tyler 33 Reese, Garrett

- Ohio (6) Calhoun, Keishaun
- Jones, Isaiah
- 30 Nelson, PJ Smith, Carter 65
- Stewart Jr., Seaonta

61 Wilkin, Baylor

- Wisconsin (6)
- Chung, Anthony 31 62 Evans, Drew
- Leibfried, Austin 70
- 37 Nowakowski, Riley 84 Thiry, Blake
- Verstegen, Mitch 63 Texas (5)
- Bonds, Bryson Lynch, Bray
- Moore, Louis Radicic, Nicolas 15 Ratcliff, Dominique 91
- Maryland (3) Baldwin Jr., Byron
- Hemby, Roman Wyatt, Kellan 13
- Pennsylvania (2) Boyd, Jah Jah Landino, Mario
- Tennesee (3) Becker, Charlie Garcia, Kyler

50 Hall, Jhrevious Alabama (2)

- Beebe Jr., Lee Williams Jr., E.J.
- California (2) Brady, Jonathan

Wheeler, Hosea

North Carolina (2) Boykin, Devan

Henderson, Dontrae

Arkansas (1) 14 Turner, Kaiden

lowa (1)

Australia (1) 44 McCarthy, Mitch

42 Depaepe, Andrew

Louisiana (1) 90 Monette, J'mari

Mississippi (1) 67 Benson, Kahlil

96 Abram, Triston

Nebraska (1) 35 Franke, Brendan New Jersey (1)

Missouri (1)

Bell, Jaylen