

INDIANA

2025 FOOTBALL GAME NOTES

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GAME CENTER

GAME NINE // SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025 // CBS // 3:30 P.M. ET
SECU STADIUM (46,185) // COLLEGE PARK, MARYLAND



TELEVISION: CBS

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SIRIUSXM: CHANNEL 83

2025 SCHEDULE



A30 // OLD DOMINION // W, 27-14 // 47,109

Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



S6 // KENNESAW STATE // W, 56-9 // 43,801

Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



S12 // INDIANA STATE // W, 73-0 // 46,219

Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



S20 // ILLINOIS // W, 63-10 // 56,088

Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



S27 // at Iowa // W, 20-15 // 69,251

Kinnick Stadium // Iowa City, Iowa



O11 // at Oregon // W, 30-20 // 59,625

Autzen Stadium // Eugene, Oregon



O18 // MICHIGAN STATE // W, 38-13 // 55,165

Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



O25 // UCLA // W, 56-6 // 54,867

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

2

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

17

The three rushing touchdowns against UCLA give Indiana multiple rushing scores in 17 of 21 games under head coach **Curt Cignetti**. **MORE ON PAGE 7**

19

IU has 19 victories since the start of the 2024 season, which rank tied for No. 3 nationally and the most in any two-year stretch in program history.

22

Indiana has been ranked in the AP poll for 22-straight weeks, the longest streak in program history and No. 9 among active streaks.

INDIANA HOOSIERS

Ranking (AP/Coaches) 2/2
Last Game W, 56-6 vs. UCLA
Head Coach Curt Cignetti
Record at IU (Year) 19-2 (2nd)
Career Record (Year) 138-37 (15th)



8-0, 5-0 B1G
2-0 ON THE ROAD

4-3, 1-3 B1G
3-2 AT HOME

MARYLAND TERRAPINS

Ranking (AP/Coaches) NR/NR
Last Game L, 20-17 at UCLA
Head Coach Mike Locksley
Record at UMD (Year) 37-44 (7th)
Career Record (Year) 39-70 (10th)

SETTING THE SCENE

- No. 2/2 Indiana will head east to face Maryland on Saturday (Nov. 1) at 3:30 p.m. ET on CBS inside SECU Stadium in College Park, Maryland.
- Indiana won last year's contest, 42-28, in Bloomington. Prior to that, the two teams each won three games in a row in the series during the six seasons prior with Maryland taking each game from 2021-23 and Indiana winning each of their matchups from 2018-20.
- Indiana leads the all-time series against Maryland 8-5 and is 6-5 against them as Big Ten opponents. This will be the 12th consecutive meeting between the two programs as they have faced one another every season since Maryland joined the Big Ten in 2014.

NEWS & NOTES

- Indiana's ranking in both the AP and USA Today/US LBM Coaches Poll is No. 2, the highest in program history.
- The 19 victories since the beginning of the 2024 season are the most in any two-year span in program history and rank tied for No. 3 nationally over that span. The 13 Big Ten wins during that span are also the most in a two-year stretch in IU history. **MORE ON PAGE 5**
- Indiana is 8-0 to start a season for the third time in program history after its 56-6 win over UCLA (10/25) in Week 9. It is the second-straight season Indiana has started 8-0 to mark the first time in program history consecutive seasons were started at 8-0 or better. The eight wins are tied for No. 4 in program history.
- Indiana's 5-0 start in Big Ten play marks the third time in program history an Indiana team started with an unblemished mark through at least five conference games (7-0, 2024; 5-0, 1967).
- The Hoosiers are 39-27-1 all-time as a ranked team, which includes a 32-20-1 mark in Big Ten play.
- Indiana's 14-game home winning streak is the longest streak in program history and No. 3 nationally among active streaks. **MORE ON PAGE 5**
- The 50-point margin of victory over the Bruins is the second time in 2025 that IU won a conference game by 50-plus points. That is the first time since 2018 (Clemson) that a Power 4 team won multiple conference games by 50-plus points in the same season.
- Indiana allowed just one third-down conversion versus UCLA (1-for-11) to mark the eighth time since 1992 that an opponent converted one-or-fewer third downs.
- With 88 yards rushing allowed to UCLA, Indiana's defense has held an opponent to fewer than 100-yards rushing for the seventh time in 2025, the second-most in program history (8, 2024) since at least 1958.
- **Fernando Mendoza's** threw for three touchdowns against UCLA to put him at 24 passing touchdowns on the season, the most of any player in the FBS and the Big Ten. **MORE ON PAGE 7**
- **Elijah Sarratt** has a catch in all 46 games of his career and is the nation's active leader for consecutive games with a reception. Sarratt had his tenth touchdown of the season against UCLA, making him the ninth IU receiver with 10-plus receiving scores and first since **Shane Wynn** had 11 in 2013. **MORE ON PAGE 9**
- Sarratt leads the Big Ten with 10 receiving touchdowns and **Omar Cooper Jr.** is tied for No. 2 with seven.
- **Aiden Fisher** posted his first-career pick-6 on his first interception as a Hoosier and second of his career (at Utah State; 2023) on UCLA's first offensive possession. **MORE ON PAGE 12**
- **Isaiah Jones** has logged at least 0.5 tackle for loss in every game of 2025. Jones leads the Big Ten in tackles for loss (11.5) and is tied for third in the conference in sacks (5.0). He forced his first career fumble when he stripped the ball from UCLA's Jalen Berger in the second quarter and **Hosea Wheeler** recovered it. **MORE ON PAGE 12**

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GAME WEEK MEDIA SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Noon Weekly Press Conference w/ Curt Cignetti	6 p.m. Selected student-athletes	No media availability	7:05 p.m. Inside Indiana Football w/ Curt Cignetti Hoosier Hank's	No media availability	3:30 PM ET Indiana at Maryland SECU Stadium TV: CBS Head coach Curt Cignetti and selected student-athletes will be available following the game.

MEDIA INFORMATION

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS CONTACTS

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

WEEKLY PRESS CONFERENCE

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

PRACTICE SCHEDULE

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

INTERVIEW REQUESTS

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

POSTGAME INTERVIEW POLICY

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

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

CREDENTIALS

Working credentials for the 2025 Indiana football season must be requested at iuhoosiers.com/FBCredentials.

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

IUHOOSIERS.COM

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

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

QUICK FACTS

UNIVERSITY FACTS

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

HEAD COACH

Head Coach	Curt Cignetti
Alma Mater	(West Virginia '82; Pittsburgh '84)
Career Record (Yrs)	138-37 (15th Season)
Record at Indiana (Yrs)	19-2 (2nd)

COACHING STAFF

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

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

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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

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

MARYLAND: PAST AND PRESENT



INDIANA **HOOSIERS**
8-0, 5-0 Big Ten

2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing	Fernando Mendoza	148-of-203, 1923, 24 TD, 3 INT
	Alberto Mendoza	13-of-19, 184 yds, 3 TD, 1 INT
Rushing	Roman Hemby	107 for 513 yds, 4 TD
	Kaelon Black	82 for 509 yds, 3 TD
Receiving	Elijah Sarraatt	45 for 609 yds, 10 TD
	Omar Cooper Jr.	39 for 583 yds, 7 TD
Tackles	E.J. Williams Jr.	24 for 321 yds, 5 TD
	Louis Moore, DB	54 tkls, 2.0 TFL, 4 INT
Sacks	Aiden Fisher, LB	49 tkls, 7.0 TFL, 2.5 sacks, 1 INT
	Isaiah Jones, LB	45 tkls, 11.5 TFL, 5.0 sacks, 1 INT, 1 FF
Interceptions	Isaiah Jones, LB	5.0
	Rolijah Hardy, LB	5.0
Scoring	Tyrique Tucker, DL	4.5
	Louis Moore, DB	4
Sacks	Amare Ferrell, DB	3
	Four players tied	1
Interceptions	Nico Radicic, K	72 pts
	Elijah Sarraatt, WR	60 pts
Scoring	Omar Cooper Jr., WR	48 pts



MARYLAND **TERRAPINS**
4-3, 1-3 Big Ten

2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing	Malik Washington	160-of-268, 1,716 yds, 11 TD, 3 INT
	Dejuan Williams	83 for 292 yds, 2 TD
Rushing	Nolan Ray	51 for 196 yds, 2 TD
	Octavian Smith Jr.	27 for 378 yds
Receiving	Jalil Farooq	31 for 277 yds, 1 TD
	Dorian Fleming	28 for 214 yds, 2 TD
Tackles	Daniel Wingate, LB	65 tkls, 4.5 TFL, 1.5 sacks, 1 INT
	Trey Reddick, LB	38 tkls, 3.5 TFL, 2.0 sacks
Sacks	Jalen Huskey, DB	36 tkls, 1.0 TFL, 3 INT
	Sidney Stewart, DL	5.5
Interceptions	Zahir Mathis, DL	4.5
	Two players tied	2.0
Scoring	Jalen Huskey, DB	3
	Three players tied	2
Sacks	Sean O'Haire, K	62 pts
	Shaleak Knotts, WR	30 pts
Interceptions	Malik Washington, QB	18 pts



NATIONAL **RANKINGS**

Indiana		Category		Maryland	
Avg.	NCAA Rank			NCAA Rank	Avg.
494.5	6	Total Offense	100	350.0	
230.5	11	Rushing Offense	128	101.3	
240.4	38	Passing Yards Gained	35	245.1	
45.4	3	Scoring Offense	73	28.3	
242.8	7	Total Defense	52	351.3	
85.4	7	Rushing Defense	41	124.3	
157.4	12	Passing Yards Allowed	75	227.0	
10.9	3	Scoring Defense	18	17.3	
1.00	11	Turnover Margin	1	1.57	
.582	1	3rd Down Conversion Pct	90	.337	
.385	119	4th Down Conversion Pct	109	.417	
.886	47	Red Zone Offense	71	.846	
.818	55	Red Zone Defense	19	.762	
214	1	First Downs Gained	119	131	
96	3	First Downs Allowed	46	143	
4.00	8	Fewest Penalties Per Game	88	6.71	
34:01	4	Time of Possession	93	28:55	
93.2	1	PFF Offensive Grade	101	68.3	
94.3	2	PFF Defensive Grade	23	91.8	
90.2	7	PFF Special Teams Grade	54	76.5	

LAST MEETING

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	F
	0	7	14	7	28

	0	14	14	14	42
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GAME FIVE \\\ SEPTEMBER 28, 2024 \\\ MERCHANTS BANK FIELD AT MEMORIAL STADIUM \\\ BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

2nd	14:55	IND	Price 1 yd run (Radicic kick)	7-0
	09:16	UMD	12 plays, 83 yards, TOP 5:26	
			Prather 33 yd pass from Edwards Jr. (Howes kick) 7-7	
	00:38	IND	11 plays, 81 yards, TOP 5:34	
			Cooper Jr. 27 yd pass from Rourke (Radicic kick) 14-7	
			3 plays, 63 yards, TOP 00:32	

3rd	09:52	UMD	Wade 6 yd pass from Edwards Jr. (Howes kick) 14-14	
			10 plays, 75 yards, TOP 5:08	
	07:31	IND	Ellison 19 yd run Rourke (Radicic kick)	21-14
			7 plays, 75 yards, TOP 2:21	
	07:21	UMD	Hemby 75 yd run (Howes kick)	21-21
			1 play, 75 yards, TOP 00:10	
	00:40	IND	Sarraatt 13 yd pass from Rourke (Radicic kick)	28-21
			9 plays, 63 yards, TOP 4:23	

4th	12:24	IND	McCulley 12 yd pass from Rourke (Radicic kick) 35-21	
			5 plays, 65 yards, TOP 2:26	
4th	04:09	IND	Lawton 14 yd run (Radicic kick)	42-21
			2 plays, 27 yards, TOP 00:53	
4th	02:55	UMD	Hemby 12 yd pass from Edwards Jr. (Howes kick)	42-28
			4 plays, 75 yards, TOP 1:14	

	UMD	IND
First Downs	19	28
Rushing Yards	112	151
Passing Yards	289	359
Comp-Att-Int	26-41-0	22-33-2
Total Offense	401	510
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds	--	--
Punt Returns-Yards	1-8	4-41
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-39	--
Interceptions: Number-Yds	2-37	--
Punt	8-327	4-188
Fumbles-Lost	--	2-2
Penalties-Yards	10-93	4-38
Possession Time	29:21	30:39
Third-Down Conversions	5 of 15	7 of 13
Fourth-Down Conversions	0 of 3	0 of 0
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	2-2	5-6
Sacks By: Number-Yards	3-23	5-43

SERIES HISTORY

All-Time	Indiana leads, 8-5
In Bloomington	Indiana leads, 5-2
In College Park	Tied, 3-3
Neutral Site	N/A

Longest Indiana Win Streak	3 (2018-2020)
Longest Maryland Win Streak	3 (2021-2023)

Largest Margin of Victory	19 (47-28) - 2015
Largest Margin of Defeat	27 (44-17) - 2023

Most Points Scored	47 - (2015)
Most Points Allowed	44 - (2023)

Date	Winner - Score	Site
9/28/2024	Indiana - 42-28	H
9/30/2023	Maryland - 44-17	A
10/15/2022	Maryland - 38-33	H
10/30/2021	Maryland - 38-35	A
11/28/2020	Indiana - 27-11	H
10/19/2019	Indiana - 34-28	A
11/10/2018	Indiana - 34-32	H
10/28/2017	Maryland - 42-39	A
10/29/2016	Indiana - 42-36	H
11/21/2015	Indiana - 47-28	A
9/27/2014	Maryland - 37-15	H
11/9/1935	Indiana - 13-6	A
11/17/1934	Indiana - 17-14	H

RUSHING (Att-Yards): Maryland- Hemby, Roman 10-117, Ray, Nolan 5-15, McDonald, Colby 5-14, Wyatt, Kellan 1-8, Edwards Jr., Billy 9-minus 33. Indiana- Lawton, Ty Son 19-93, Ellison, Justice 12-51, Black, Kaelon 3-17, Price, Myles 1-1, TEAM 2-minus 2, Rourke, Kurtis 5-minus 9.

PASSING (Comp-Att-TD-Yards): Maryland- Edwards Jr., Billy 26-41-3-289. Indiana- Rourke, Kurtis 22-33-4-359.

RECEIVING (Rec-Yards): Maryland- Prather, Kaden 5-66, Hemby, Roman 5-48, Felton, Tai 5-38, Wisloski, Braeden 3-59, Knotts, Shaleak 3-41, Wade, Dylan 3-15, Avit, Ezekiel 1-13, Houghton Jr., Leon 1-9. Indiana- Sarraatt, Elijah 7-128, Cooper, Jr., Omar 4-83, Price, Myles 2-63, Lawton, Ty Son 2-18, Black, Kaelon 2-7, Cross, Miles 1-18, Horton, Zach 1-18, McCulley, Donaven 1-12, Williams, Ke'Shawn 1-7, Ellison, Justice 1-5.

INTERCEPTIONS (INT-Yards): Maryland- Huskey, Jalen 1-37, Miller, Glendon 1-0. Indiana- None.

FUMBLES (FR-Yards): Maryland- None. Indiana- Black, Kaelon 1-1, Rourke, Kurtis 1-1.

SACKS (UA-A): Maryland- Reddick, Trey 1-0, Wheatland, Caleb 1-0, Wyatt, Kellan 1-0. Indiana- Carpenter, James 2-0, Fisher, Aiden 0-1, Walker, Jailin 0-1, West, CJ 1-0, Kamara, Mikail 1-0.

TACKLES (UA-A): Maryland- Harris, Michael 4-6, Wheatland, Caleb 5-1, Miller, Glendon 4-2, Wingate, Daniel 2-4, Scruggs, Lavain 1-5, Hyppolite II, Ruben 0-6, Wyatt, Kellan 4-1, Huskey, Jalen 0-5, Fuller, Quashon 1-3, Brown, Donnell 2-1, Thomas, Kevis 1-2, Fisher, Perry 2-0, Akingbesote, Tom 2-0, Trader Jr., Dante 2-0, Johnson, Lavon 1-1, Reddick, Trey 1-1, Phillips, Jordan 0-2, Humes, Kevyn 1-0, Lee, Braydon 1-0, Harley, Chantz 1-0, Johnson, Taizse 1-0, McIntosh, Shamar 0-1, Gough, Ethan 0-1, Knotts, Shaleak 0-1, Smith Jr., Octavian 0-1. Indiana- Fisher, Aiden 5-7, Ponds, D'Angelo 7-3, Asbury II, Shawn 2-6, Walker, Jailin 2-6, Kamara, Mikail 1-6, West, CJ 2-3, Sanguinetti, Josh 1-4, Carr Jr., Lanell 0-4, Carpenter, James 3-0, Tucker, Tyrique 1-2, Burris Jr., Marcus 1-1, Ferrell, Amare 1-1, Bonds, Bryson 1-1, Williams, Ke'Shawn 1-0, Utzinger, Jeff 1-0, Katic, Mike 0-1, Jones, Isaiah 0-1, Rourke, Kurtis 0-1, Black, Kaelon 0-1.

TEAM NOTES

NUMBERS DON'T LIE

Head coach **Curt Cignetti** brought a winning pedigree to Bloomington and has only continued that since, sporting a 138-37 career record over 15 years as a head coach. His stout record stands for an .844 winning percentage, tied for the third-best of all active FBS head coaches. *Research by College Football Network.*

Active FBS Head Coaches by Winning Percentages		
<i>Coach</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Pct.</i>
1. Ryan Day	Ohio State	.892
2. Dan Lanning	Oregon	.857
3. Curt Cignetti	Indiana	.844
3. Kirby Smart	Georgia	.844
5. Spencer Danielson	Boise State	.808
6. Jon Sumrall	Tulane	.787
7. Kalen DeBoer	Alabama	.788
8. Dabo Swinney	Clemson	.785
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 14-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 38.9 points.

RECEPTION COLLECTION

Elijah Sarratt is the FBS leader in consecutive games with a reception. He leads the country with 46-consecutive games with a pass caught which spans the course of every game in his career. *Research by University of Tulsa Athletics Communications.*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Pos.</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Streak</i>
Elijah Sarratt	WR	Indiana	46
Jyrin Johnson	TE	Bowling Green	41
Kevin Coleman Jr.	WR	Missouri	37
Raylen Sharpe	WR	Arkansas	37
Junior Vandross III	WR	Toledo	35
Malachi Fields	WR	Notre Dame	34
Chase Roberts	WR	BYU	34
Pofele Ashlock	WR	Hawaii	32
Eric Singleton	WR	Auburn	32
Eric Weatherly	WR	Ball State	31
Eric Rivers	WR	Georgia Tech	29
DeAree Rogers	WR	Northern Illinois	28
Devin McCuin	WR	UTSA	26
Dalen Cobb	WR	Ga. Southern	26
Easton Messer	WR	Florida Atlantic	26

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 19 victories since the start of 2024 are tied for No. 3 nationally. Its two losses are tied for the fewest during that span with three others.			
1.	21	Ohio State	21-2
2.	20	Oregon	20-2
3.	19	Indiana	19-2
	19	Texas	19-5
	19	Notre Dame	19-4
	19	BYU	19-2
7.	18	Memphis	18-3

Program Wins in a Two-Year Stretch			
Indiana has won 19 games over the past two seasons, which are the most in a two-year span in program history.			
1.	19	2024 (11)	2025 (8)
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 13 victories in Big Ten play are the most all-time at IU.			
1.	13	2024 (8)	2025 (5)
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.	14	Indiana	2024-
4.	11	Ohio	2023-
	11	Memphis	2024-

Program Home Winning Streaks			
The 14-game winning streak is the longest in program history and just the second double-digit win streak all-time.			
1.	14	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 Iowa	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	Indiana	Deferred - UCLA Received	Interception	Interception	Pat Coogan, Aiden Fisher, Riley Nowakowski & Elijah Sarratt
at Maryland	-	-	-	-	-
at Penn State	-	-	-	-	-
WISCONSIN	-	-	-	-	-
at Purdue	-	-	-	-	-

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ONE-SCORE SQUAD

Indiana head coach **Curt Cignetti** has compiled an impressive 138-37 record across his 15 years as a head coach, including stops at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (2011-16), Elon (2017-18) or James Madison (2019-23). No matter if he was coaching in the Division II ranks, the FCS level or in the FBS, winning close games is a difference-making part of Cignetti's success with a 28-18 record in games decided by one score. After going 6-9 in one-score games at IUP, Cignetti has a combined 22-9 record in one-score contests from 2017-25. He went 10-2 in such games at Elon and 10-7 while at James Madison. At Indiana, he's only coached in two games that came down to one score, winning in Week 5 at Iowa, 20-15, and when the Hoosiers defeated Michigan, 20-15, on Nov. 9 last season. Cignetti has never had a losing season as a head coach.

FAMILY REUNION

When redshirt junior quarterback **Fernando Mendoza** elected to transfer to Indiana after spending three years at California, he reunited with his brother and fellow quarterback, **Alberto Mendoza**, to become teammates for the first time since 2022 when they attended Christopher Columbus High School in Miami together. They are the only active set of brothers to share the same quarterback room in FBS Football. In the Week 2 win over Kennesaw State, they become the first set of brothers to throw a touchdown pass in the same game of the same team since 2015 when Arkansas' Brandon Allen and Austin Allen did so against UT Martin (10/31/2015). The brothers followed up with more touchdowns in Week 3 against Indiana State. Fernando accounted for six total scores, including five passing touchdowns, while Alberto threw two touchdowns. In Week 9 against UCLA, Fernando totaled four touchdowns (3 passing; 1 rushing) and Alberto had one rushing score.

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.*

<i>Number of Players in Final Year of Eligibility</i>
38 - Colorado
30 - Mississippi State
30 - Oklahoma State
29 - Illinois
29 - UAB
28 - INDIANA
28 - Hawaii
28 - Navy
27 - Texas Tech
27 - Troy
26 - San Diego State
26 - UTSA
26 - East Carolina
25 - Georgia Tech
25 - Ball State
25 - North Texas
24 - Louisville
24 - Notre Dame
23 - Clemson
23 - Arizona State

#PROIU

Indiana is represented by 13 alums in the National Football League to start the 2025 season, which includes eight offensive players and five defensive players. The longest tenured Hoosiers in the NFL are **Dan Feeney** (9th), **Nate Sudfeld** (9th), **Ian Thomas** (8th) and **Nick Westbrook-Ikhine** (7th), who have all spent at least five seasons in the league. Of the 13, five of the Hoosiers in the league are rookies who played for **Curt Cignetti** in 2024.

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

* - Practice Squad | ^ - Injured Reserve

BIG GRADS

Indiana's roster features 23 student-athletes that have already earned their degrees. Of the 23 graduates, nine of them own degrees from Indiana (*), while 14 of them transferred to Indiana with degrees already in hand.

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

WISE BEYOND HIS YEARS

Indiana punter and newcomer **Mitch McCarthy** ranks as the fourth oldest player in FBS football this season. McCarthy is one of seven 27-year-olds in college football, the oldest Big Ten player and the second oldest player in the Power 4. *Research by University of Hawaii Athletics Communications.* McCarthy, 27, spent three seasons at UCF (2022-24) before coming to IU. He did not begin playing American football until 2022. He spent one year at Village Christian High School in California and participated in basketball before he was selected as the No. 7 overall pick in the 2016 Australian Rules Football Rookie Draft by Collingwood and then trained with ProKick Australia in the fall of 2021.

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

HONORS TRACKER

BYRON BALDWIN JR.

- Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award Watch List

PAT COOGAN

- Rimington Trophy Preseason Watch List

OMAR COOPER JR.

- Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (Week 3)
- Biletnikoff Award Watch List

DREW EVANS

- College Football Comeback Player of the Year Watch List

AIDEN FISHER

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

BRAY LYNCH

- Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Preseason Watch List

FERNANDO MENDOZA

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

D'ANGELO PONDS

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

CARTER SMITH

- Outland Trophy National Player of the Week (Week 7)
- The Athletic Midseason All-America First Team

E.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

BEEN AROUND THE BLOCK

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

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

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

B1G PRESEASON RECOGNITION

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

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

THE BISON IS BACK

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

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

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

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

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

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

STAFF UPDATE

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

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

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

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

A NEW & HISTORIC PARTNERSHIP

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

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

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

"Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium" is 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** (HB; Coach; 1934-47), **Pete Pihos** (End/FB' 1942-43, 45-47), **George Taliaferro** (HB; 1945, 47-48), **Anthony Thompson** (RB; 1986-89) and **John Tavener** (1941-44).

FISCHER AMONG ICONIC VOICES IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL

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

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

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

ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 25

Rk	Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts.	Prev.
1.	Ohio State (54)	7-0	1,633	1
2.	INDIANA (11)	8-0	1,589	2
3.	Texas A&M (1)	8-0	1,523	3
4.	Alabama	7-1	1,445	4
5.	Georgia	6-1	1,359	5
6.	Oregon	7-1	1,249	6
7.	Ole Miss	7-1	1,212	8
8.	Georgia Tech	8-0	1,172	7
9.	Vanderbilt	7-1	1,098	10
10.	Miami (Fla.)	6-1	1,069	9
10.	BYU	8-0	1,069	11
12.	Notre Dame	5-2	944	12
13.	Texas Tech	7-1	876	14
14.	Tennessee	6-2	684	17
15.	Virginia	7-1	660	16
16.	Louisville	6-1	647	19
17.	Cincinnati	7-1	609	21
18.	Oklahoma	6-2	485	13
19.	Missouri	6-2	447	15
20.	Texas	6-2	371	22
21.	Michigan	6-2	264	25
22.	Houston	7-1	256	NR
23.	USC	5-2	215	NR
24.	Utah	6-2	162	NR
25.	Memphis	7-1	130	NR

Receiving Votes: Navy 86, Tulane 59, Washington 46, **Iowa 27**, USF 22, San Diego State 14, LSU 11, James Madison 9, North Texas 4, **Illinois 3**, Pittsburgh 1.

USA TODAY/US LBM COACHES POLL

Rk	Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts.	Prev.
1.	Ohio State (62)	7-0	1,598	1
2.	INDIANA	8-0	1,524	2
3.	Texas A&M (2)	8-0	1,478	3
4.	Alabama	7-1	1,381	4
5.	Georgia	6-1	1,331	5
6.	Oregon	7-1	1,254	6
7.	Georgia Tech	8-0	1,183	7
8.	Ole Miss	7-1	1,173	8
9.	Miami (Fla.)	6-1	1,029	9
10.	BYU	8-0	1,023	10
11.	Vanderbilt	7-1	1,004	12
12.	Notre Dame	5-2	849	13
13.	Texas Tech	7-1	845	15
14.	Tennessee	6-2	683	17
15.	Virginia	7-1	658	16
16.	Cincinnati	7-1	565	21
17.	Louisville	6-1	544	22
18.	Oklahoma	6-2	495	11
19.	Texas	6-2	456	18
20.	Missouri	6-2	423	14
21.	Michigan	6-2	302	24
22.	Houston	7-1	215	NR
23.	Navy	7-0	144	NR
24.	Utah	6-2	129	NR
25.	Memphis	7-1	105	NR

Receiving Votes: **Iowa 85**, USC 77, Tulane 65, Washington 60, USF 24, LSU 19, James Madison 18, Pittsburgh 15, San Diego State 14, North Texas 11, TCU 7, UNLV 6, Nebraska 4, Arizona State 2, Wake Forest 1, Boise State 1.

QUARTERBACKS

QUARTERBACKS (5)

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

* - Varsity letter earned

- **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**.
- 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's three passing touchdowns in Week 9 against UCLA (10/25) pushed his season total to 24 and into a tie at No. 4 on the program's season passing touchdowns chart with **Ben Chappell** (2010). His total currently leads the FBS and the Big Ten.
- 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.
- He 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.
- 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 Iowa (9/27).
- Mendoza is the third Big Ten quarterback since 2000 with three-straight games of at least four passing touchdowns and zero interceptions - **C.J. Stroud** (Ohio State; 2021) and **Kyle Orton** (Purdue; 2004, four straight since he did so in Weeks 2-4 against Kennesaw State, Indiana State and Illinois).
- In Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20), Mendoza had a 21-for-23 passing day with 267 yards and five passing touchdowns. His .910 (21-for-23) completion percentage put him at No. 3 on the game completion percentage charts just a week after setting the program record.
- Mendoza went 19-of-20 passing for 270 yards and five touchdowns to go along with a rushing score in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
- His .950 (19-for-20) completion percentage set the program's single-game record, topping **Peyton Ramsey's** mark against Eastern Illinois (13-14; .929) in 2019.
- Mendoza's six touchdowns accounted for are tied for the most in a single-game in program history with **Kurtis Rourke** (2024, Purdue), **Tre Roberson** (2013, Purdue) **Levron Williams** (2001, at Wisconsin), and **Bob Hoernschemeyer** (1943; Nebraska).
- Mendoza recorded an 18-for-25 passing day with 245 yards and four touchdowns in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- In Fernando's Indiana debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30), he threw for 193 yards on 18-of-31 passing and had 34 yards rushing with a rushing touchdown.
- 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 566-of-832 passing attempts for 6,635 yards with 54 touchdowns. Additionally, he has run for 393 career yards and seven rushing scores while also catching one pass for a 15-yard touchdown.
- **Alberto Mendoza** had his first career rushing touchdown on a 4-yard score in Week 9 against UCLA (10/25).
- Mendoza charted 104 yards passing and two touchdowns in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
- He threw his first career touchdown pass on a 6-yard connection to **Charlie Becker** in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- He served as the No. 3 quarterback for Indiana in 2024 and made his collegiate debut against Western Illinois in Week 2 (9/6).
- Mendoza enjoyed a standout career at the prep level, going 26-2 and twice being named the Class 4 Metro Florida Player of the Year.
- He threw for 4,596 yards passing and 57 touchdowns in his career and was considered a consensus three-star prospect by ESPN, 247Sports, Rivals and On3.
- Indiana also brought in transfer **Grant Wilson** in the offseason 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.

* - Varsity letter earned

• **John Miller** is in his second season coaching the Indiana running backs in 2025. Prior to Indiana, he coached the same position at James Madison for three seasons (2021-23).

• Miller's work with the running backs in 2024 made for an instant success. The Indiana running backs combined for 37 rushing scores which tied for the most in a season in program history.

• Indiana's 312 yards rushing in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20) marked four-straight 300-yard rushing efforts for the first time in program history.

• With three rushing scores in Week 9 against UCLA (10/25), Indiana has recorded multiple rushing scores in 17 of 21 games since the start of 2024.

• 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.

• In Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30), Black had 92 yards rushing and a touchdown.

• Black joined IU in 2024 after four years at James Madison (2020-23). He has registered 47 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 2,645 career all-purpose yards and 16 touchdowns (10 rushing, 6 receiving).

• **Roman Hemby** logged his sixth multi-rushing touchdown game and seventh multi-touchdown game of his career when he rushed for two scores in Week 9 against UCLA (10/25).

• Hemby ran for two touchdowns 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 4,099 all-purpose yards (2,860 rushing, 1,052 receiving, 187 kickoff return) and has scored 31 career touchdowns (26 rushing, 5 receiving).

• He logged 86 yards rushing and one reception for 5 yards in Week 5 at Iowa (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.

• 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 58 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 eight games in 2025.

• Martin logged back-to-back weeks with over 100 yards rushing and multiple scores when he logged 107 yards rushing and two touchdowns in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20).

• In Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12), Martin had his first 100-yard rushing game and multi-touchdown game when he charted 109 yards rushing on 11 carries and two scores.

• Martin appeared in two games of the 2024 season and logged 14 carries for 73 yards on the ground.

• He made his Hoosier debut in Week 2 against Western Illinois (9/6) and had a 31-yard rush.

• True freshman **Sean Cuono** made his Hoosier debut in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12) with two carries for 17 yards.



WIDE RECEIVERS

WIDE RECEIVERS (15)

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

* - Varsity letter earned

- In his second year as Indiana's offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach, **Mike Shanahan**, is building upon a productive 2024 season.
- The Indiana offense had a PFF grade of 93.2 in 2024, which was best in the Big Ten and second-best in the country.
- **Elijah Sarratt** leads the Big Ten lead with 10 touchdown receptions while **Omar Cooper Jr.** is in a tie for No. 2 with seven.
- Sarratt (37) and Cooper Jr. (16) are the only active FBS duo with 16-plus career receiving touchdowns.
- **Elijah Sarratt** has caught a pass in each game of his career to lead the nation with a streak of 46-straight games with a reception. His 5-yard catch in the first quarter against UCLA (10/25) extended the streak.
- Sarratt's 1-yard touchdown reception against the Bruins put him at 18 career Hoosier scores and in a tie at No. 5 on the career receiving touchdowns list with **Thomas Lewis** (1991-93). He passed **Cody Latimer** (17; 2011-13).
- The touchdown put him at 10 receiving touchdowns in 2025, making him the ninth IU receiver with 10-plus receiving scores and first since **Shane Wynn** (11; 2013). He is in a tie at No. 4 on the season list with **Jade Butcher** (1967-69) and **James Hardy** (2005-06).
- Sarratt had his tenth career multi-touchdown game with two scores in Week 8 against Michigan State (10/18).
- 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-high-tying three receiving touchdowns for the first time since 2023 (at Coastal Carolina). He had nine catches for 97 yards in the win.
- In 2024, Sarratt started all 13 games with 957 yards receiving on 53 receptions and eight touchdowns. His performance earned him third-team All-Big Ten from the conference coaches and media and second-team All-Big Ten by the Associated Press.
- Sarratt owns 13 career 100-yard receiving games (6 at Indiana; 6 at JMU; 1 at SFU) and has posted multiple receiving touchdowns in 10 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. 8 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 Iowa (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 Ohio State in 2020. His 10-catch effort is the first double-digit catch game since Jaylin Lucas (10) in 2023 versus Louisville.
- He had a 75-yard rush for a touchdown in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6). It tied for the longest touchdown run by an IU wide receiver since at least 1996 (**Shane Wynn**; Michigan State, 2014) and was the longest rushing touchdown by a non-running back since 2014 (**Zander Diamont**; Ohio State).
- In 2024, he made 13 appearances with four starts, 24 of his 28 receptions went for either a first down or touchdown.
- In the opening round of the College Football Playoff against Notre Dame (12/20), Cooper Jr. caught a 23-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter.

- He also caught deep touchdown passes in Week 2 (69 yards) against Western Illinois (9/6) and in Week 9 (42 yards) against Washington (10/26).
- Senior **E.J. Williams Jr.** had his first multi career multi-touchdown game with two scores on five catches and 109 yards receiving in Week 9 against UCLA (10/25). His second touchdown was a 62-yard reception.
- 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. He played in eight games with three starts and missed four games due to injury in 2023.
- This is Williams Jr.'s third year in Bloomington (2023-25) after spending the first three at Clemson (2020-22).
- **Charlie Becker** had two catches for 35 yards in his first career start in Week 9 against UCLA (10/25).
- Becker hauled in a 6-yard touchdown reception from **Alberto Mendoza** for his first career receiving touchdown in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- He caught his first career pass on a 4-yard connection with **Fernando Mendoza** in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- Becker appeared in 12 games as a true freshman in 2024, seeing time mostly on special teams. He logged 123 special teams snaps (46 kickoff return, 21 kickoff coverage, 53 punt return).
- In his collegiate debut in Week 2 against Western Illinois (9/6), he scored his first career touchdown on a 3-yard rush in the fourth quarter.
- Indiana added transfer receiver **Jonathan Brady** in the spring window from California where he teamed with **Fernando Mendoza**.
- His 26 punt return yards in Week 9 against UCLA (10/25) pushed him to No. 7 on the single-season punt return yardage list with 281 yards. He passed **J-Shun Harris II** (266; 2017), **Tim Wilbur** (256; 1980) and **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).



TIGHT ENDS

TIGHT ENDS (5)

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

* - Varsity letter earned

- In addition to serving his second season as Indiana's special teams coordinator, **Grant Cain** continues his role with Indiana's tight ends unit.
- This is Cain's seventh year coaching the position group as he has done so every year in his time under **Curt Cignetti** (2019-present).
- Sixth-year senior **Riley Nowakowski** 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 48 career games with 18 starts.
- He started in nine of 12 games at Wisconsin in 2024 and caught 11 passes for 73 yards.
- In 2023, he made his first collegiate start against Ohio State (10/28) and caught his first career touchdown pass at Minnesota (11/25).
- He joined Wisconsin as a linebacker and went on to play that position and fullback before moving to tight end in 2023.
- **Holden Staes** joined IU for his senior season after spending last year at Tennessee and the first two of his college career at Notre Dame (2022-23).
- He caught his first touchdown as a Hoosier on an 18-yard reception in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
- Staes made one catch for 4 yards in his Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30)
- Over the course of his career, Staes has appeared in 43 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 37 games with 10 starts.
- He caught his first career touchdown pass in Week 12 of the 2023 season versus Michigan State. He hauled in a 3-yard pass in the third quarter.
- Bomba is an Indiana legacy, as his father, **Matt Bomba** (1990-92), and grandfathers, **Brad Bomba** (1954-56) and **Bob Van Pelt** (1964-66), all lettered in football at IU. His mother, Kelly, is an executive associate athletic director for the Hoosiers.
- Bomba was put on scholarship in 2022 after joining the team as a walk-on in 2021.



OFFENSIVE LINE

OFFENSIVE LINE (16)

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

* - Varsity letter earned

- 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 33-straight games since Week 1 of 2023.
- Smith ranks as the No. 3-graded offensive lineman in the Power 4 per Pro Football Focus (89.5).
- His 2024 season earned him honorable mention All-Big Ten from the conference media and was part of an offensive line that was named a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award.
- **Drew Evans** returns from Indiana's stellar 2024 offensive line for his redshirt junior season.
- Evans made his first start in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30) since suffering a season-ending injury prior to Week 11 against Michigan (11/9) in 2024.
- Prior to nine starts in 2024, Evans did not see any game action in 2022-23. He spent 2022 at Wisconsin before transferring to Indiana before the 2023 season.
- **Bray Lynch** is the third returning starter from the 2024 Indiana offensive line that earned semifinalist honors for the Joe Moore Award.
- Since becoming the team's starter at right guard at the start of 2024, Lynch has started every game at the position since.
- Lynch made nine appearances across the 2022 and 2023 seasons, logging his first career appearance against Idaho (9/10) in Week 2 of 2022.

- **Kahlil Benson** returns to Indiana after one season at Colorado in 2024. Benson spent the previous four seasons at IU (2020-23) where he played in 25 games with 17 starts.
- Benson has started at right tackle in seven of eight 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 38 career games with 34 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.	Ohio
44	Kamara, Amari	5-11	202	Fr.	Va.
38	McConnell, Kaden	6-2	229	R-Fr.	Ind.
30	Nelson, PJ	6-1	219	Fr.	Ohio
14	Turner, Kaiden ***	6-0	229	R-Jr.	Ark.
34	Utzing, Jeff *	6-3	232	R-Jr.	Ind.

* - Varsity letter earned

- Defensive coordinator **Bryant Haines** is in his second season serving in the role and as linebackers coach after a fantastic first year with the Hoosiers.
- A two-time finalist for the Broyles Award, Haines' defense ranked No. 2 in total defense (256.3 YPG) in the FBS last season, with the No. 1 rushing defense (80.2 YPG).
- Senior **Aiden Fisher** posted his first career pick-6 on his first interception as a Hoosier and second of his career in Week 9 against UCLA (10/25).
- 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 Iowa (9/27).
- He notched seven stops with 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.0 sacks in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- He led the Big Ten in tackles a year ago with 118 stops, the most by a Hoosier in a single season since **TeGray Scales** (126) in 2016.

- Fisher became Indiana's first-ever first-team All-America linebacker in 2024 (FWAA, Phil Steele). He also was an All-conference performer in back-to-back seasons (2023, third-team All-Sun Belt; 2024, first-team All-Big Ten).
- The senior owns 10 career double-digit tackle games (6 at IU; 4 at JMU), which includes a 12-tackle effort in his Indiana debut against FIU (8/31) to open the 2024 season.
- He has played in 44 career games with 32 starts, including starting all 21 games of his time at Indiana.
- **Rolijah Hardy** has emerged as the Hoosiers' second starting linebacker in 2025 after a breakout 2024 season where he played in all 13 games with four starts as a true freshman.
- In Week 9 against UCLA (10/25), Hardy had 1.0 sack and six tackles.
- 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 0.5 tackle for loss in every game of 2025.
- In Week 9 against UCLA (10/25), he had his first career forced fumble when he stripped the ball from Jalen Berger. He also notched eight stops and had 0.5 sack.
- Jones had his first career interception to go along with eight tackles, 1.0 sacks and 2.0 tackles for loss in Week 7 at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11).
- He posted eight stops and 0.5 sack in Week 5 at Iowa (9/27). Jones added

- his first career blocked kick when he tipped Rhys Dakin's punt in the third quarter.
- He had 1.0 sacks and 2.0 tackles for loss in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20), as part of a four-tackle game.
- Jones led the Hoosiers in tackles (4) and tackles for loss (2.5) while adding a solo sack in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
- He logged his first career solo sack in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- Jones has made 25 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 18 career appearances with one start across his four years on campus.
- In Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12), Turner notched three stops.
- His lone start came during his redshirt year against Purdue in the final week of the 2022 season with a game-high nine tackles.



DEFENSIVE LINE

DEFENSIVE LINE (20)

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

* - Varsity letter earned

- Defensive tackles coach **Pat Kuntz** and defensive ends coach **Buddha Williams** are each in their second seasons leading the defensive line for the Hoosiers.
- 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 43 of 45 career games and at least 0.5 tackle for loss in 33 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 five of eight games.
- Tucker is the No. 8 graded defensive interior in the Power 4 per Pro Football Focus (79.6) which is No. 1 in the Big Ten among interiors with at least 250 snaps.
- He posted a team-high 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks in Week 9 against UCLA (10/25).
- 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 20 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** had three-straight games with at least 0.5 sack when he notched 1.5 sacks in Week 7 at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11).
- Wyatt posted six tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss and 0.5 sack in Week 5 at Iowa (9/27).
- He had 0.5 sack and 2.0 tackles for loss along with four total tackles in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20).

- Wyatt posted a team-high nine tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6) after three tackles in his Hoosier debut against Old Dominion (8/30) in the season opener.
- In three seasons at Maryland (2022-24), Wyatt logged 35 career games played and 28 starts. In 2024, he had 7.5 tackles for loss and 3.0 sacks.
- Wyatt posted his first career forced fumble in Week 2 at Michigan State (9/7) with two in the game to go along with six tackles with 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.0 sacks.
- He made his first collegiate start as a true freshman against Michigan (9/24) in 2022.
- **Stephen Daley** 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 Iowa (9/27) after his first sack as a Hoosier as part of a 2.0 tackles for loss day in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
- He had three tackles and 1.0 tackles for loss in his Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- He appeared in 39 career games including 24 starts at Kent State (2022-24). In 2024, Daley logged 9.5 tackles for loss, 4.0 sacks, one forced fumble and a fumble recovery.
- **Dominique Ratcliff** has appeared in 46 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** had his second career fumble recovery and his first as a Hoosier in Week 9 against UCLA (10/25) when he recovered the ball from **Isaiah Jones'** strip of Jalen Berger.
- His Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30) saw him log five stops.
- Wheeler came to Indiana after three seasons at Western Kentucky (2022-24) and one year at Sacramento City College (2021).
- The California native has four career forced turnovers (1 INT, 2 FF, 1 FR) and blocked two career kicks.
- Wheeler earned first-team All-Conference USA honors after posting a tackle in all 14 games and leading Conference USA interior defenders with 619 snaps played in 2024.



CORNERBACKS

CORNERBACKS (8)

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

* - Varsity letter earned

- **Rod Ojong** is in his second year coaching the cornerbacks in Bloomington after five years coaching defensive backs at multiple schools: Austin Peay (2018), Furman (2019), Buffalo (2021-22) and Charlotte (2023).
• In 2020, he was a quality control assistant for a Georgia team that won the Peach Bowl and posted an 8-2 record.
- **D'Angelo Ponds** has logged 0.5 tackle for loss in four of his seven games of the 2025 season and is the No. 4 rated coverage cornerback in the Power 4 per Pro Football Focus (83.1) and No. 2 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 30 games of his 33 career appearances spanning his time at James Madison (2023) and Indiana (2024-present).
• Ponds was tabbed as a Freshman All-American by the FWAA, a semifinalist for the Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year award and notched second-team All-Sun Belt honors as a freshman.
- **Jamari Sharpe** is the longest tenured Hoosier in the cornerback room with 32 appearances and 20 starts, and has started opposite Ponds in every week of the 2025 season.
• Sharpe had the first forced fumble of his career and second fumble recovery in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
• Sharpe played in nine games with three starts in 2024 after enjoying a breakout 2023 season. After playing just three games in his redshirt season of 2022, Sharpe appeared in all 12 games and made nine starts in 2023.

- His first career interception came in Week 12 of the 2023 season against Michigan State on a third-quarter pick of Katin Houser.
- **Ryland Gandy's** first start as a Hoosier came in Week 5 at Iowa (9/27), when he had five tackles and 1.0 tackles for loss.
• Gandy made his Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30), after three years at Pitt (2022-24) with 29 appearances.
• All 13 of his starts as a Panther were made in 2024 with his first career start against Kent State (8/31) in the season opener.
• In Week 10 at SMU (11/2), he had six tackles and combined for his first career tackle for loss in the first quarter for the Panthers.
- **Amariyun Knighten** had his first tackle as a Hoosier in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
• Knighten made his Hoosier debut in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6), after 25 career games with 14 starts over three seasons at Northern Illinois (2022-24).
• He was named the Lott Trophy National Defensive Player of the Week after a Week 2 interception to set up the game-winning field goal an upset win over No. 5 Notre Dame (9/7). The interception was the first of his career.
• In 2024, he started eight games before missing the final five due to injury.
• He made 10 tackles, including six solo, and added one pass breakup in his first collegiate start against Ball State (10/1) in the 2022 season.
- True freshman **Jaylen Bell** made his first two career tackles in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
• He made his Hoosier debut in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
• He came to Indiana after a standout career at Grayson High School (Georgia) where he became a consensus three-star recruit and considered a top-60 defensive back nationally. His career totals include 128 tackles, 5.0 tackles for loss, six interceptions and 25 pass breakups.



SAFETIES/ROVERS

SAFETIES (10)

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

ROVER (2)

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

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- **Ola Adams** is back for his second year coaching Indiana's safeties and defensive backs in 2024.
- In 2023, Adams was a defensive analyst and analytics coordinator at Penn State. Prior to 2023, Adams coached defensive backs across the collegiate and professional ranks.
- Adams coached at Villanova from 2015-21, tutoring the defensive backs and serving as the team's defensive coordinator from 2019-21. He also was defensive backs assistant for the Denver Broncos in 2022.
- **Amare Ferrell** logged seven tackles in the Week 7 at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11).
- He made his seventh career interception in the first quarter of Week 5 at Iowa (9/27). His pick of Mark Gronowski set up Indiana for a touchdown on its 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 three IU interceptions in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- He has started every game since 2024 (21 games) and has made 33 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 Iowa (9/27), after he led the team with six tackles, including five solo stops in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20).
- He posted back-to-back weeks with seven tackles and an interception in Weeks 1-2 against Old Dominion (8/30) and Kennesaw State (9/6). He also notched 1.5 tackles for loss in Week 2.
- Moore transferred back to Indiana after spending the 2024 season at Ole Miss. He previous played for IU in the 2022-23 seasons and before that was a standout at Navarro Community College (2020-21).
- He has appeared in 43 career games with 18 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).
- **Devan Boykin** had his first interception as a Hoosier and seven tackles in Week 9 against UCLA (10/25).
- In Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6), Boykin logged four stops and 1.0 tackles for loss.

- Boykin started and made one tackle in his Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30). He missed the entire 2024 season due to injury and redshirted while at NC State.
- In his five seasons with NC State (2020-24), Boykin appeared in 45 career games with 20 starts.
- Against Notre Dame (9/9) in 2023, he logged his first career double-digit tackle game when he had 11 stops.
- He also forced his first career fumble against North Carolina to end the regular season (11/25).
- He made his first career start as a true freshman in 2020 at North Carolina.
- **Anthony Chung** made his first career tackle in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6). After not seeing the field in all of 2023 or 2024, he made his Hoosier debut on special teams in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
- **Clay Conner** logged his first career tackle in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12) and blocked his first career punt in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- He made his Indiana debut in Week 14 against Purdue (11/30) in 2024.
- **Jah Jah Boyd** made his first career tackle in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
- Following a lost 2024 season due to injury, Boyd made his Hoosier debut in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- True freshman **Garrett Reese** made his Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30) on special teams.
- **Byron Baldwin Jr.** made his collegiate debut in Week 9 against UCLA (10/25) on special teams and logged his first three career tackles.
- Baldwin Jr. was a consensus four-star prospect per ESPN, 247Sports, Rivals and On3 and a top-100 national recruit by 247Sports and On3, after a prep career at St. Frances Academy.
- The Maryland native was named an Under Armour All-American and is considered the No. 8 highest rated recruit in Indiana football history per 247Sports.
- **Bryson Bonds** is the longest-tenured Hoosier on the roster, spending all six of his collegiate seasons with IU. Bonds has appeared in 48 career games with one start, but suffered a season-ending injury against Old Dominion.



SPECIALISTS

PLACE KICKERS (6)

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

PUNTERS (1)

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

LONG SNAPPERS (2)

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

* - 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 Radacic** has 22 career appearances at IU and has been the field goal specialist in every game since the start of the 2024 season (21 games).
- His 8-for-8 effort on extra points in Week 9 against UCLA (10/25) pushed his career total to 119, passing **Scott Bonnell** (117; 1989-1992) and into No. 3 on the career list. He trails **Griffin Oakes** (147; 2014-17) for No. 2.
- His eight points pushed his career total to 176 and No. 15 on the all-time career scoring list, passing **Tevin Coleman** (174; 2012-14) and **Logan Justus** (173; 2016-19). He trails **Jade Butcher** (180; 1967-69) for No. 14.
- Radacic'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).

- In Week 5 at Iowa (9/27), both of Radacic's field goals tied the game, making a 46-yarder to tie the game at 10-10 going into half, and his 44-yarder put the score at 13-13 in the fourth quarter.
- He became the third Hoosier to make 100 consecutive extra points as he joined **Mitch Ewald** (100-for-100 before first miss; 2010-13) and **Pete Stoyanovich** (107-for-107; 1985-88).
- He finished No. 2 in FBS in extra points made (69) and posted an FBS-best 5.3 extra points made per game in 2024. He broke Indiana's single-season record for extra points made last year and it only took him nine games to claim the record.
- He is 19-of-20 (.950) on field goal attempts and 119-of-119 (1.000) on extra point attempts in his collegiate career.
- Radacic holds seven of the top-10 single-game extra points made marks with No. 1 (11; Western Illinois, 2024), T-No. 2 (10; Indiana State, 2023), T-No. 4 (9; Illinois, 2025), (9; Purdue, 2024), T-No. 6 (8; UCLA, 2025), (8; Kennesaw State, 2025), (8; Nebraska, 2024).
- A five-star prospect per Kohl's Kicking, Radacic was rated the No. 3 kicker nationally by 247Sports and the No. 4 kicking prospect by ESPN in the class of 2023. He was selected to participate in the 2023 Army All-American Bowl, as well.
- **Brendan Franke** arrived to Bloomington in 2025 and assumed the kickoff specialist duties for the Hoosiers.
- In Week 7 at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11), Franke made his first career field goal when he tied the IU program record for longest field goal with a 58-yarder in the closing seconds of the first half to put Indiana ahead, 13-10.
- The kick was the longest made field goal by a Hoosier in a road or neutral-site game and also set an Autzen Stadium record.
- Franke has logged a touchback on 46 of his 51 kickoffs (.902) in his time as a Hoosier, and has a career touchback rate of .739 (193-of-261) over the course of his college career.
- He has appeared in 57 career games. He played in 12 games at Texas State (2024), four at Georgia Southern (2023) and redshirted, and 24 over two seasons at Nebraska (2021-22). He saw time in nine games in one season at Morningside (Iowa) College (2020).
- **Mitch McCarthy** is the only punter on the roster and is in his first season as a Hoosier. McCarthy spent three seasons at UCF (2022-24) prior to IU where he played his first snaps of American Football.
- McCarthy, 27, is the fourth oldest player in FBS Football with the only players older being 29 or 30 years-old.

- In Week 5 at Iowa (9/27), McCarthy punted for the first time since his Week 1 injury. McCarthy logged four punts for 155 yards and had two punts land inside the Iowa 20-yard line.
- McCarthy returned in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20) after being injured in Week 1. He did not punt in the game, but was the placeholder.
- He had one punt for 47 yards in his Hoosier debut in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30) before exiting the game with injury which caused him to miss Weeks 2-3.
- He has notched 43 punts inside the 20-yard line and has averaged 42.8 yards per punt on 126 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** took over on kickoff in Week 9 against UCLA (10/25) in relief of Franke. He had seven kickoffs with four touchbacks.
- When he punted in Weeks 1-4, he 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 (21 games) since joining the Hoosiers in 2024 and has appeared in 43 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		2025	Cignetti at IU		2025	Cignetti at IU
Overall	8-0	19-2	In Overtime	0-0	0-0	Allowing less than 100 yards rushing	7-0	15-0
Big Ten	5-0	13-1	Games decided by 7 or fewer points	1-0	2-0	Allowing 100+ yards rushing	1-0	4-2
Day Games	6-0	14-1	Scoring less than 20 points	0-0	0-2	Allowing less than 300 yards total offense	6-0	13-0
Night Games	2-0	5-1	Scoring 20-29 points	2-0	3-0	Allowing 300+ yards total offense	2-0	6-2
Televised Games	8-0	19-2	Scoring 30-39 points	2-0	4-0	Having one 100-yard rusher	3-0	6-0
ABC	0-0	0-1	Scoring 40+ points	4-0	12-0	Having two 100-yard rushers	0-0	0-0
Big Ten Network	1-0	7-0	Allowing 10 points or less	4-0	9-0	Opponent having a 100-yard rusher	1-0	2-1
CBS	1-0	2-0	Allowing 11-20 points	4-0	8-0	No turnovers	4-0	11-0
ESPN	0-0	0-0	Allowing 21-30 points	0-0	2-1	1-3 turnovers	4-0	7-2
ESPN2/ESPNU	0-0	0-0	Allowing 31+ points	0-0	0-1	4+ turnovers	0-0	1-0
FOX	1-0	2-1	Rushing for less than 100 yards	0-0	1-2	No takeaways	2-0	5-1
FS1	2-0	3-0	Rushing for 100-199 yards	3-0	8-0	1-2 takeaways	4-0	8-1
NBC/Peacock	3-0	5-0	Rushing for 200-299 yards	1-0	5-0	3+ takeaways	2-0	6-0
vs. AP Ranked Opponents	2-0	2-2	Rushing for 300+ yards	4-0	5-0	Winning in turnover margin	6-0	14-0
Scoring First	6-0	15-1	Passing for less than 200 yards	1-0	3-1	Losing in turnover margin	0-0	2-1
Opponent Scores First	2-0	4-1	Passing for 200-299 yards	5-0	9-1	Tied in turnover margin	2-0	3-1
Leading at the Half	7-0	18-0	Passing for 300-399 yards	2-0	7-0	More than 30:00 of possession	6-0	14-1
Trailing at the Half	0-0	0-2	Passing for 400+ yards	0-0	0-0	Less than 30:00 of possession	2-0	5-1
Tied at the Half	1-0	1-0	Totaling less than 300 yards total offense	0-0	1-2			
Leading after Three Quarters	7-0	18-0	Totaling 300-399 yards total offense	2-0	4-0			
Trailing after Three Quarters	0-0	0-2	Totaling 400-499 yards total offense	2-0	5-0			
Tied after Three Quarters	1-0	1-0	Totaling 500+ yards of total offense	4-0	9-0			



PERSONAL

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

COACHING EXPERIENCE

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

BOWL/PLAYOFF EXPERIENCE

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

*Did not coach bowl game.

INDIANA RESURGENCE

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

SUCCESS AT JAMES MADISON

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

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

RAPID TURNAROUND AT ELON

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

THE IUP DAYS

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

BEFORE HE WAS A HEAD COACH

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

PERSONAL

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

COACHING STAFF

BRYANT HAINES (FIELD)

Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
2nd season at Indiana



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

MIKE SHANAHAN (BOOTH)

Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers
2nd season at Indiana



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

GRANT CAIN (FIELD)

Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends
2nd season at Indiana



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

OLA ADAMS (BOOTH)

Safeties/Defensive Backs
2nd season at Indiana



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

BOB BOSTAD (FIELD)

Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator
3rd season at Indiana



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

PAT KUNTZ (FIELD)

Defensive Tackles
2nd season at Indiana



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

JOHN MILLER (FIELD)

Running Backs
2nd season at Indiana



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

ROD OJONG (FIELD)

Cornerbacks
2nd season at Indiana



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

CHANDLER WHITMER (FIELD)

Quarterbacks/Co-Offensive Coordinator
1st season at Indiana



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

BUDDHA WILLIAMS (FIELD)

Defensive Ends
2nd season at Indiana



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

ATHLETIC PERFORMANCE

DEREK OWINGS

Director of Athletic Performance
2nd season at Indiana



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

NATE ADAMS

Athletic Performance Coach
2nd season at Indiana

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

DANIEL JOHNSON

Athletic Performance Coach
2nd season at Indiana

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

CARL MILLER

Athletic Performance Coach
2nd season at Indiana

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

JARED MYATT

Athletic Performance Coach
2nd season at Indiana

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

NUMERICAL ROSTER

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

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

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

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

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

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

COACHES & STAFF

Curt Cignetti	Head Coach
Bryant Haines	Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
Mike Shanahan	Offensive Coordinator/Wide Receivers
Grant Cain	Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends
Ola Adams	Safeties/Defensive Backs
Bob Bostad	Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator
Pat Kuntz	Defensive Tackles
John Miller	Running Backs
Rod Ojong	Cornerbacks
Chandler Whitmer	Quarterbacks/Co-Offensive Coordinator
Buddha Williams	Defensive Ends
Derek Owings	Director of Athletic Performance
Nate Adams	Athletic Performance Coach
Daniel Johnson	Athletic Performance Coach
Carl Miller	Athletic Performance Coach
Jared Myatt	Athletic Performance Coach
Josh Huff	Sports Science Coordinator

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Jake McDonald	Assistant Director of Football Operations
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Jared Coulter	Team Analyst/Video Coordinator
Mitch Gudmundson	Director of Football Equipment
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Alex Higgins	Senior Offensive Analyst
Ryan McInerney	Senior Special Teams Analyst
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Justice Ellison	Offensive Quality Control
Cam Haney	Defensive Quality Control
Zach Leeds	Offensive Quality Control
Francis Meehan	Defensive Quality Control
Aiden Moyers	Defensive Quality Control
Reed Relosky	Offensive Quality Control

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Mike Ferrara	Director of Player Personnel
Brooks Halsey	Assistant Director of Player Personnel
Gage Proctor	Assistant Director of Player Personnel
John Srofe	Director of Scouting
Kendel Bennett	Director of On-Campus Recruiting
Jamie Stento	Recruiting Assistant
Kyle Blackman	Head Athletic Trainer
Autumn Bennett	Athletic Trainer/Research Assistant
Kristina McCain-Perez	Athletic Trainer
Michael Turner	Athletic Trainer
Jon Wicks	Athletic Trainer
Jacob Laverman	Director of Football Rehabilitation
Isaac Hicks III	Director of Sports Performance Nutrition

ROSTER BREAKDOWN

BY POSITION

Offensive Line (15)

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

Wide Receivers (15)

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

Tight Ends (5)

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

Running Backs (7)

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

Quarterbacks (5)

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

Defensive Backs (20)

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

Defensive Line (20)

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

Linebackers (9)

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

Kickers (6)

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

Long Snappers (2)

47 Langston, Mark
45 Lindsey, Sam

Punters (1)

44 McCarthy, Mitch

BY ELIGIBILITY

Graduate+ (1)

18 Vanhorse, Solomon

Redshirt-Senior+ (9)

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

Redshirt-Senior (11)

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

Senior (8)

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

Redshirt Junior (17)

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

Junior (2)

1 Ferrell, Amare
5 Ponds, D'Angelo

Redshirt Sophomore (9)

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

Sophomore (5)

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

Redshirt Freshman (14)

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

True Freshman (29)

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

BY STATE/COUNTRY

Indiana (33)

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

Florida (11)

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

Georgia (9)

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

Virginia (9)

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

Illinois (6)

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

Ohio (6)

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

Wisconsin (6)

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

Texas (5)

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

Maryland (3)

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

Pennsylvania (2)

16 Boyd, Jah Jah
97 Landino, Mario

Tennessee (3)

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

Alabama (2)

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

California (2)

0 Brady, Jonathan
0 Wheeler, Hosea

North Carolina (2)

12 Boykin, Devan
20 Henderson, Dontrae

Arkansas (1)

14 Turner, Kaiden

Australia (1)

44 McCarthy, Mitch

Iowa (1)

42 Depaape, Andrew

Louisiana (1)

90 Monette, J'mari

Mississippi (1)

67 Benson, Kahlil

Missouri (1)

96 Abram, Triston

Nebraska (1)

35 Franke, Brendan

New Jersey (1)

3 Bell, Jaylen