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2026 FOOTBALL GAME NOTES



GAME CENTER

GAME ONE // SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026 // FOX // NOON ET
MERCHANTS BANK FIELD AT MEMORIAL STADIUM (52,626) // BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA



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SIRIUSXM: CHANNEL 84

2026 SCHEDULE



55 // NORTH TEXAS // NOON // FOX

Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



512 // HOWARD // NOON // BTN

Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



519 // WESTERN KENTUCKY // 4 p.m. // Peacock

Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



525 // NORTHWESTERN // 8 p.m. // FOX

Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



03 // at Rutgers // 8 p.m.

SHI Stadium // Piscataway, N.J.



010 // at Nebraska

Memorial Stadium // Lincoln, Nebraska



017 // OHIO STATE

Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



024 // at Michigan

Michigan Stadium // Ann Arbor, Michigan



031 // MINNESOTA

Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



N14 // USC

Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana



N21 // at Washington

Husky Stadium // Seattle, Washington



N28 // PURDUE

Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium // Bloomington, Indiana

BY THE NUMBERS



Indiana brings back 57 letterwinners from its 2025 National Championship team, including 12 players who started seven or more games. **MORE ON PAGE 4**



Indiana carries an FBS best 15-game winning streak on Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium into the 2026 season that dates back to 2024. **MORE ON PAGE 4**



IU brought in 17 transfers to Bloomington this offseason. The group includes six players on offense, eight on defense and three on special teams. **MORE ON PAGE 5**



For the fourth time in program history and for the first time since 2024, Indiana will play eight home games. All eight are already sold out. **MORE ON PAGE 4**

NORTH TEXAS MEAN GREEN

Ranking (AP/Coaches) NR/NR
Last Game W, 49-47 vs. San Diego State (2025)
Head Coach Neal Brown
Record at North Texas (Year) 0-0 (1st)
Career Record (Year) 72-51 (11th)



vs.



0-0, 0-0 AMERICAN
0-0 ON THE ROAD

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

INDIANA HOOSIERS

Ranking (AP/Coaches) 6/6
Last Game W, 27-21 vs. No. 10 Miami (Fla.) (2025)
Head Coach Curt Cignetti
Record at IU (Year) 27-2 (3rd)
Career Record (Year) 146-37 (16th)

SETTING THE SCENE

- Indiana is set to open the 2026 season under third-year head coach **Curt Cignetti** with a home date against North Texas Saturday (Sep. 5) on Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium in Bloomington, Indiana. The game will air on FOX with the network's Big Noon Kickoff show on site.
- Cignetti and the Hoosiers will look to build upon the success of 2025, when the team had its winningest season in program history (16-0) and winning the College Football Playoff National Championship. The Hoosiers became the first major college football team to go 16-0 since 1894 when Yale did so.
- This will be the third meeting in program history between the two programs and the first meeting since 2014. In that game, Indiana won 49-24 in Bloomington. North Texas won the first matchup in 2011 which took place in Denton.
- North Texas is led by new head coach Neal Brown. Brown took over as the leader of the Mean Green after head coaching stops at West Virginia (2019-24) and Troy (2015-18). In 2025, he was the Special Assistant to the Head Coach at Texas.
- Saturday marks the first of eight home games for the Hoosiers on Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium this season and the first of four in a row to start the 2026 season. The eight home games ties the most in program history and is the only the fourth time it has occurred (2008, 2013, 2024).
- In non-conference home season openers, Indiana owns a 27-3 mark since 1953 - the first year the Big Ten fielded 10 teams in the conference.
- The Hoosiers have won 13 straight non-conference home season openers dating back to 2001.

NEWS & NOTES

- After two years as head coach at Indiana, **Curt Cignetti** owns a 27-2 record leading the Hoosiers and is 17-1 against Big Ten competition. His 27 wins are the most by an FBS head coach in his first two years at a school.
- Indiana's 2026 schedule features four teams ranked in the Preseason Top 25 polls by both the Associated Press and the USA Today/AFCA Coaches No. 1/1 Ohio State, No. 14/14 USC, No. 16/16 Michigan and No. 17/19 Washington. **MORE ON PAGE 6**
- **Tino Sunseri** is back as Indiana's quarterbacks coach/co-offensive coordinator. He replaces Chandler Whitmer who left Bloomington to be the new quarterbacks coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Cignetti retained his other nine on-field, countable assistant coaches. **MORE ON PAGE 4**
- Indiana has eight players who were recognized as preseason All-Americans by multiple outlets, including 2025 All-Americans **Carter Smith** and **Tyrique Tucker** among others. **MORE ON PAGE 6**
- Indiana returns two key starters from its 2025 defensive line in **Tyrique Tucker** and **Mario Landino** while bolstering the room with impact transfers **Josh Burnham** (Notre Dame), **Chiddi Obiazor** (Kansas State) and **Tobi Osumsanmi** (Kansas State). **MORE ON PAGE 12**
- Indiana returns its two sack leaders from a season ago in linebackers **Rolijah Hardy** (8.0) and **Isaiah Jones** (7.0). Hardy also led the team in tackles with 102 stops in 2025. **MORE ON PAGE 11**
- The Hoosiers brought back three starters on the offensive line. **Drew Evans**, **Bray Lynch** and 2025 Rimington-Pace Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year **Carter Smith** are all back up front for Indiana. **MORE ON PAGE 10**
- For the third year in a row, Indiana's starting quarterback will be a first-year Hoosier and transfer as **Josh Hoover** replaces Heisman Trophy winner and No. 1 overall NFL Draft pick **Fernando Mendoza** under center in 2026. Hoover comes to Bloomington after a four-year career at TCU. Hoover was ranked as the No. 23 player in the transfer portal this past offseason and the No. 5 quarterback in the cycle. **MORE ON PAGE 7**

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GAME WEEK MEDIA SCHEDULE

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Noon Weekly Press Conference w/ Curt Cignetti	6 p.m. Selected student-athletes	No media availability	7:05 p.m. Inside Indiana Football w/ Curt Cignetti <i>Yogi's Bar & Grill</i>	No media availability	Noon ET North Texas at Indiana <i>Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium</i> TV: FOX <i>Head coach Curt Cignetti and selected student-athletes will be available following the game.</i>

MEDIA INFORMATION

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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 noon 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 2026 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	83,307
Founded	1820
Joined Big Ten	1899
First Year of Big Ten Football	1900
Enrollment	48,626
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)	146-37 (15th Season)
Record at Indiana (Yrs)	27-2 (3rd)

COACHING STAFF

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

Offensive Formation	Multiple
Defensive Formation	Multiple
Letterwinners Returning/Lost	57/46
Offense	27/22
Defense	25/20
Special Teams	5/4
Starters Returning/Lost	12/13
2025 Overall Record	16-0
2025 Big Ten Record/Finish	9-0/1st

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Ajani, Adedamola	uh-john-knee, add-E-duh-mole-uh
Brunner, Joe	Like Runner
Calhoun, Keishaun	key-shaun
Campbell, Jayreon	jare-E-on
Chandler, Davion	Dave-E-on
Cuono, Sean	Coo-no (like Boo)
Ferrell, Amare	Uh-marr-ee Fair-ul
Geske, Maverick	Guess-kee
Hall, Jhrevious	juh-ray-V-us
Hjelle, Joe	Yell-E
Hardy, Rolijah	row-lie-juh
Hugan, Kevontay	Hugh-gin (hard G), Key-von-tay
Kamara, Amari	Kuh-marr-uh, Uh-marr-ee
Leibfried, Austin	lieb-freed
Marek, Matt	mare-ick
McAteer, Paddy	mac-uh-tear

Ndukwe, Daniel	N-duke-way
Obiazor, Chidi	oh-bee-EYE-zor, Chee-dee
Ohlinger, Henry	O-ling-er
Osunsanmi, Tobi	Oh-sun-SAH-me
Placzek, Joshua	plah-check
Radice, Nico	rad-uh-chich, knee-ko
Scifres, CJ	Sie-furs
Smythe, Blake	Smith
Staes, Holden	stays
Stewart Jr., Seaonta	see-on-tay
Tims, D'Montae	Duh-monn-tay
Tolle, Jackson	Toll
Tucker, Tyrique	tie-reek
Williams, Ja'Dyn	Jay-din

NORTH TEXAS: PAST AND PRESENT



INDIANA **HOOSIERS**

0-0, 0-0 BIG (2025 statistics and rankings)

2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing	Fernando Mendoza	273-of-379, 3,535 yds, 41 TD/6 INT
	Alberto Mendoza	18-of-24, 286 yds, 5 TD/1 INT
Rushing	Roman Hemby	230 for 1,120 yds, 7 TD
	Kaelon Black	186 for 1,040 yds, 10 TD
Receiving	Omar Cooper Jr.	69 for 937 yds, 13 TD
	Elijah Sarraatt	65 for 830 yds, 15 TD
Tackles	Charlie Becker	34 for 679 yds, 4 TD
	Rolijah Hardy, LB	102 tkls, 15 TFL, 8.0 sacks
Sacks	Aiden Fisher, LB	97 tkls, 10.5 TFL, 4.5 sacks, 2 INT
	Louis Moore, DB	88 tkls, 2.5 TFL, 6 INT
Interceptions	Rolijah Hardy, LB	8.0
	Isaiah Jones, LB	7.0
Sacks	Louis Moore, DB	6
	Amare Ferrell, DB	4
Interceptions	Devan Boykin, DB	2
	Aiden Fisher, LB	2
Scoring	D'Angelo Ponds, DB	2
	Nicolas Radicic, K	141 pts
Sacks	Elijah Sarraatt, WR	90 pts
	Omar Cooper Jr., WR	84 pts



NORTH TEXAS **MEAN GREEN**

0-0, 0-0 American (2025 statistics and rankings)

2025 STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing	Drew Mestemaker	319-of-463, 4,739 yds, 34 TD/9 INT
	Chris Jimmerson Jr.	1-of-2, 37 yds, 1 TD
Rushing	Caleb Hawkins	231 for 1,434 yds, 25 TD
	Makenzie McGill II	75 for 389 yds, 5 TD
Receiving	Wyatt Young	70 for 1,264 yds, 10 TD
	Cameron Dornier	56 for 911 yds, 8 TD
Tackles	Miles Coleman	47 for 550 yds, 2 TD
	Ethan Wesloski, LB	113 tkls, 9.0 TFL, 1.5 sacks, 1 INT, 2 FF
Sacks	Trey Fields, LB	100 tkls, 6.5 TFL, 1.0 sacks, 1 INT
	Will Jones II, DB	82 tkls, 3.5 TFL, 3 INT, 4 FF
Interceptions	Kevisyan Huddleston, DL	5.0
	Ethan Day, DL	4.5
Scoring	Joshua Pierce, DL	2.0
	Zhaiylen Scott, DL	2.0
Sacks	Will Jones II, DB	3
	Caleb Hawkins, RB	174 pts
Interceptions	Kali Nguma, K	106 pts
	Wyatt Young, WR	70 pts



NATIONAL **RANKINGS**

2025 Statistics and Rankings

Indiana		Category		North Texas	
Avg.	NCAA Rank			NCAA Rank	Avg.
452.0	17	Total Offense		1	512.4
212.9	12	Rushing Offense		25	194.4
220.9	53	Passing Yards Gained		1	312.8
41.6	3	Scoring Offense		1	45.1
266.0	4	Total Defense		77	381.9
77.2	2	Rushing Defense		130	215.7
188.8	25	Passing Yards Allowed		8	166.2
11.7	2	Scoring Defense		76	26.5
1.38	2	Turnover Margin		15	0.64
0.565	1	3rd Down Conversion Pct		22	0.462
0.556	61	4th Down Conversion Pct		7	0.722
0.922	8	Red Zone Offense		18	0.911
0.815	51	Red Zone Defense		91	0.863
380	2	First Downs Gained		3	362
211	11	First Downs Allowed		113	283
3.75	5	Fewest Penalties Per Game		46	5.57
32:38	10	Time of Possession		110	28:23

LAST MEETING

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	F
	0	7	3	14	24
	21	0	21	7	49

GAME FIVE \\
AT MEMORIAL STADIUM \\
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

1st	11:40	IND	1 yd Coleman run (Oakes kick)	7-0
			7 plays, 31 yards TOP 2:26	
	06:11	IND	Fuchs 12 yd pass from Sudfeld (Oakes kick)	14-0
			9 plays, 51 yards TOP 5:28	
	00:32	IND	Wynn 45 yd pass from Sudfeld (Oakes kick)	21-0
			4 plays, 56 yards TOP 1:37	
2nd	01:34	UNT	Harris 20 yd pass from Williams (Moore kick)	21-7
			11 plays, 80 yards, TOP 3:15	
3rd	11:39	IND	Roberts 47 yd run (Oakes kick)	28-7
			8 plays, 77 yards, TOP 3:21	
	07:25	IND	Roberts 3 yd run (Oakes kick)	35-7
			5 plays, 89 yards, TOP 2:20	
	03:18	UNT	Moore 20 yd field goal	35-10
			9 plays, 72 yards, TOP 4:07	
	01:50	IND	Wynn 76 yd pass from Sudfeld (Oakes kick)	42-10
			4 plays, 90 yards, TOP 1:28	
4th	10:49	UNT	Smith 20 yd pass from Williams (Moore kick)	42-17
			9 plays, 83 yards, TOP 3:42	
	09:21	UNT	Smith 1 yd pass from Williams (Moore kick)	42-24
			4 plays, 26 yards, TOP 1:22	
	00:33	IND	Redding 3 yd run (Oakes kick)	49-24
			7 plays, 67 yards, TOP 3:30	

	UNT	IND
First Downs	22	22
Rushing Yards	143	363
Passing Yards	205	230
Comp-Att-Int	18-34-2	23-29-0
Total Offense	348	593
Fumble Returns: Number-Yds	--	--
Punt Returns-Yards	2-13	2-14
Kickoff Returns-Yards	2-46	5-94
Interceptions: Number-Yds	--	2-0
Punt	6-224	4-170
Fumbles-Lost	--	2-1
Penalties-Yards	2-10	6-55
Possession Time	26:50	33:10
Third-Down Conversions	6 of 15	8 of 15
Fourth-Down Conversions	1 of 1	2 of 3
Red-Zone Scores-Chances	4-4	4-5
Sacks By: Number-Yards	--	2-12

SERIES HISTORY

All-Time	1-1
In Bloomington	1-0
In Denton	0-1
Neutral Site	N/A

Longest Indiana Win Streak	1 (2014-)
Longest North Texas Win Streak	1 (2011)

Largest Margin of Victory	25 (49-24) - 2014
Largest Margin of Defeat	3 (21-24) - 2011

Most Points Scored	49 (2014)
Most Points Allowed	24 (2014)

Date	Winner - Score	Site
10/4/2014	Indiana - 49-24	H
9/24/2011	North Texas - 24-21	A

TEAM NOTES

PACKING & DEFENDING THE ROCK

In just three years 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 are 15-0 in home games on Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium under Cignetti. The 15-straight home wins is also a program record and leads the nation in active home winning streak.

In 2024, Indiana defeated seven of their eight home opponents by double digits and won on average by 35.5 points at home.

In 2025, Indiana improved upon that, winning all seven of its home games by double digits, with an average margin of victory of 40.7 points. Six of those wins came by at least 24 points and three were by 50-plus.

Across both seasons, Indiana has defeated its home opponents by an average of 37.9 points.

CHANGING THE CULTURE

When he arrived in Bloomington, head coach **Curt Cignetti** talked about injecting life into the fan base, and with a 15-0 record on Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium, he has done just that.

For the first time in program history, Indiana has sold out eight home games, all occurring prior to the 2026 campaign's start. It is the second time selling out all of its home games in a season.

In the two previous years, Indiana logged four sellouts each in both 2024 and 2025 which mark the third-most in a single season in program history. The 1969 team sold out all five home games.

Since the stadium capacity expanded to 50,000-plus in 1970, Indiana has sold out 26 home games. Of those 26,16 have come under Cignetti's watch. Since 1970, only seven seasons have featured multiple sellouts, with 2024-26 among those.

Single Season Sellouts

2026 (8) - North Texas, Howard, Western Kentucky, Northwestern, Ohio State, Minnesota, USC, Purdue*

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 home games sold out.

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Indiana is represented by 19 alums in the National Football League to start the 2026 season, which includes 13 offensive players and six defensive players.

The longest tenured Hoosiers in the NFL are **Dan Feeney** (10th) and **Ian Thomas** (9th) who have both spent at least five seasons in the league.

Of the 19, 10 are rookies who played for the Hoosiers in 2025, including a program-record eight draftees this past spring. Fourteen of the Hoosiers in the NFL played for **Curt Cignetti** at IU.

Kahlil Benson%	Kansas City Chiefs
Kaelon Black%	San Francisco 49ers
Pat Coogan%	Tennessee Titans
Omar Cooper Jr.%	New York Jets
Dan Feeney	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Aiden Fisher%	Houston Texans
Luke Haggard	Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Mikail Kamara^%	San Francisco 49ers
Marcelino McCrary-Ball	New York Jets
Micah McFadden	New York Giants
Fernando Mendoza%	Las Vegas Raiders
Riley Nowakowski%	Pittsburgh Steelers
D'Angelo Ponds%	New York Jets
Myles Price	Minnesota Vikings
Kurtis Rourke	San Francisco 49ers
Elijah Sarraatt%	Baltimore Ravens
Ian Thomas	Las Vegas Raiders
CJ West	San Francisco 49ers
Ke'Shawn Williams	Cincinnati Bengals

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

A VETERAN STAFF

Heading into year three at the helm, Indiana head coach **Curt Cignetti** has retained nearly the entire coaching staff since his first season in 2024.

The only change for any countable, on-field assistant was in the quarterbacks room. To replace Chandler Whitmer, who took the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' quarterbacks coach job, Cignetti brought back **Tino Sunseri** who previously served as IU's quarterbacks coach/co-offensive coordinator in 2024.

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

In the weight room, **Tyson Brown** took over as the program's Director of Athletic Performance in 2026. Brown comes to Bloomington after serving as the Head Strength & Conditioning Coach for Mississippi State, UConn and Washington State.

WIN STREAKING

Indiana enters the season 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 27 victories since the start of 2024 are the most nationally. Its two losses are tied for the fewest during that span with two others.

1.	27	Indiana	27-2
	26	Ohio State	26-2
	26	Oregon	26-2
4.	24	Notre Dame	24-4
5.	23	BYU	23-4
	23	Georgia	23-4
	23	Texas	23-6

Program Wins in a Two-Year Stretch

Indiana won 27 games over the past two seasons, which are the most in a two-year span in program history.

1.	27	2024 (11)	2025 (16)
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 17 victories in Big Ten play are the most all-time at IU.

1.	17	2024 (8)	2025 (9)
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 three active home winning streaks of 11-or-more games, Indiana enters the week with the longest active home winning streak in the FBS.

1.	15	Indiana	2024-
2.	13	Ohio	2023-
3.	11	Ole Miss	2024-

Program Home Winning Streaks

The 15-game home winning streak is the longest in program history and just the second double-digit win streak all-time.

1.	15	2024-
2.	10	1987-88
3.	7	1991-92
	7	1967-68

AT THE START

Opponent	Coin Toss	Choice	IU 1st Drive	Opponent 1st Drive	Game Captains
NORTH TEXAS	-	-	-	-	-
HOWARD	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN KENTUCKY	-	-	-	-	-
NORTHWESTERN	-	-	-	-	-
at Rutgers	-	-	-	-	-
at Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-
OHIO STATE	-	-	-	-	-
at Michigan	-	-	-	-	-
MINNESOTA	-	-	-	-	-
USC	-	-	-	-	-
at Washington	-	-	-	-	-
PURDUE	-	-	-	-	-

2026 INDIANA FOOTBALL

ONE-SCORE SQUAD

Indiana head coach Curt Cignetti has compiled an impressive 146-37 record across his 15 years as a head coach, including stops at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (2011-16), Elon (2017-18) and 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 31-18 record in games decided by one score.

After going 6-9 in one-score games at IUP, Cignetti has a combined 25-9 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 5-0 in one-score contests, going 1-0 in 2024 and 4-0 in 2025 in such games. Two of those contests were the Big Ten Championship versus Ohio State (13-10) and the College Football Playoff National Championship versus Miami (Fla.) (27-21).

In Cignetti's 15 seasons as a head coach, he has never had a losing season.

A FULL B1G CYCLE

With Rutgers, Minnesota and USC on the schedule for the 2026 campaign, that marks the final three Big Ten opponents Curt Cignetti has not faced yet in his time as head coach at IU.

The Hoosiers will travel to Piscataway, N.J. to face Rutgers in Week Five for the team's first road test of the season on Oct. 3. The last meeting between the two programs came in 2023 when Rutgers won in Bloomington.

Indiana hosts Minnesota in Week Nine and on Halloween this season. It's the first game between the Hoosiers and Golden Gophers on the gridiron since 2021, when Minnesota won on Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium.

The home matchup with USC on Nov. 14 in Week 11 will be the first time that the Hoosiers and Trojans play against one another as conference foes. It will be the first time the two teams played against one another since 1982 and the first time for USC playing in Bloomington since 1981. Indiana also faced USC in its first Rose Bowl appearance in 1968.

Cignetti owns a 17-1 record in conference play from 2024-25.

FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS

Indiana will play in a Friday night game for the fifth consecutive season in 2026. The Hoosiers will open Big Ten play with a Friday night matchup against Northwestern on Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium in Week 4 at 8 p.m. on FOX. That game will mark the 15th Friday night game in program history.

In 2025, Indiana played a program-record three Friday games in one season.

The first Friday night game at Memorial Stadium came in 1995 in a battle for the Old Oaken Bucket and was the only Friday night game on IU's campus until 2022 versus Illinois.

Date	Opponent	Score
Jan. 9, 2026	vs. Oregon (Peach Bowl)	W, 56-22
Nov. 28, 2025	at Purdue	W, 56-3
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 a 17-6-1 mark in non-Saturday games in program history with a 9-5 mark on Friday nights.

PORTAL POWER

Just like the previous two years at IU, Curt Cignetti's roster features plenty of transfer portal flavor. In 2024, Indiana brought in 30 transfers and last season, there were 24 portal additions.

Going into 2026, Indiana welcomes 17 transfers to Bloomington. The list includes six offensive players, eight defensive players and three specialists.

All 17 players come from Division I institutions with 16 of them from the FBS level and one student-athlete previously hailing from an FCS school.

<i>Name, Pos. (Previous School)</i>
Joe Brunner (Wisconsin)
Josh Burnham (Notre Dame)
Drew Clausen (Iowa State)
Billy Gowers (Hawai'i)
A.J. Harris (Penn State)
Joe Hjelle (Tulsa)
Josh Hoover (TCU)
Nick Marsh (Michigan State)
Paddy McAteer (Troy)
Chiddi Obiazor (Kansas State)
Tobi Osunsunami (Kansas State)
Shazz Preston (Tulane)
Turbo Richard (Boston College)
Quan Sanks (Cincinnati)
Brock Schott (Miami (Fla.))
Carson Williams (Montana State)
Preston Zachman (Wisconsin)

HALLOWEEN HOOSIERS

Indiana's Week 9 matchup against Minnesota will be played on Halloween. It's the first time that Indiana has played on the holiday since 2020 when Indiana defeated Rutgers, 37-21, in Piscataway, N.J.

The game against Minnesota marks only the 18th time in program history that Indiana has played on Halloween and it will be just the third time it has occurred since the turn of the century.

The first IU Halloween game was in a rivalry battle against Purdue in 1891. The first Indiana Halloween victory was a 16-0 win over Cincinnati in 1896 in Bloomington. Indiana is 4-13 all-time in Halloween games.

AN EXPERIENCED GROUP

Curt Cignetti's 2026 squad has no shortage of college football experience. A little under a quarter of Indiana's roster is in their fifth year or older.

The Hoosiers boast 21 fifth-year players, one sixth-year and two seventh-year student-athletes.

Of the 24 student-athletes, 15 are returners from a year ago while nine are transfers.

#	Name	Position	Year	Transfer/Returner
29	Lee Beebe Jr.	Running Back	5th Yr.	Returner
56	Josh Brunner	Offensive Line	5th Yr.	Transfer
8	Josh Burnham	Defensive Line	5th Yr.	Transfer
49	Drew Clausen	Long Snapper	6th Yr.	Transfer
9	Stephen Daley	Defensive Line	5th Yr.	Returner
62	Drew Evans	Offensive Line	5th Yr.	Returner
10	Ryland Gandy	Defensive Back	5th Yr.	Returner
90	Joe Hjelle	Defensive Line	5th Yr.	Transfer
10	Josh Hoover	Quarterback	5th Yr.	Transfer
46	Isaiah Jones	Linebacker	5th Yr.	Returner
74	Bray Lynch	Offensive Line	5th Yr.	Returner
35	Paddy McAteer	Kicker	5th Yr.	Transfer
2	Grant Wilson	Quarterback	7th Yr.	Returner
6	Preston Zachman	Defensive Back	7th Yr.	Transfer
8	Tyler Morris	Wide Receiver	5th Yr.	Returner
12	Tobi Osunsanmi	Defensive Line	5th Yr.	Transfer
7	Shazz Preston	Wide Receiver	5th Yr.	Transfer
22	Jamari Sharpe	Defensive Back	5th Yr.	Returner
65	Carter Smith	Offensive Line	5th Yr.	Returner
95	Tyrique Tucker	Defensive Line	5th Yr.	Returner
14	Kaiden Turner	Linebacker	5th Yr.	Returner
34	Jeff Utzinger	Linebacker	5th Yr.	Returner
17	Jackson Wasserstrom	Wide Receiver	5th Yr.	Returner
18	Kellan Wyatt	Defensive Line	5th Yr.	Returner

HONORS TRACKER

CHARLIE BECKER

- Allstate AFCA Good Works Team
- Allstate Wuertfel Trophy Watch List
- Big Ten Preseason Honors
- ESPN.com Preseason All-America (Second Team)
- The Sporting News Preseason All-America (First Team)
- On3 Preseason All-America (Second Team)
- Walter Camp Award Watch List
- Biletnikoff Award Watch List

DREW CLAUSEN

- Patrick Mannelly Award Watch List

STEPHEN DALEY

- On3 Preseason All-America Team (Third Team)

AMARE FERRELL

- Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- ESPN.com Preseason All-America (Second Team)

ROLIJAH HARDY

- Bednarik Award Watch List
- Big Ten Preseason Honors
- Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Butkus Award Watch List
- ESPN.com Preseason All-America (Second Team)
- Lombardi Award Watch List
- On3 Preseason All-America Team (First Team)
- The Sporting News Preseason All-America (First Team)

JOSH HOOVER

- Davey O'Brien Award Watch List
- Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List
- Manning Award Watch List
- Maxwell Award Watch List

ISAIAH JONES

- Bednarik Award Watch List
- Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Butkus Award Watch List
- Lombardi Award Watch List
- On3 Preseason All-America Team (Second Team)

BRAY LYNCH

- Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award Watch List
- Rimington Award Watch List

NICK MARSH

- ESPN.com Preseason All-America (Second Team)

KHOBIE MARTIN

- Doak Walker Award Watch List

NICO RADICIC

- Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award Preseason Watch List

TOBI OSUNSANMI

- College Football Comeback Player of the Year Watch List

TURBO RICHARD

- Paul Hornung Award Watch List
- Doak Walker Award Watch List

CARTER SMITH

- ESPN.com Preseason All-America (First Team)
- Lombardi Award Watch List
- On3 Preseason All-America Team (First Team)
- Outland Trophy Watch List
- The Sporting News Preseason All-America (First Team)

TYRIQUE TUCKER

- Bednarik Award Watch List
- Big Ten Preseason Honors
- Bronko Nagurski Trophy Watch List
- Lombardi Award Watch List
- On3 Preseason All-America Team (First Team)
- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Walter Camp Award Watch List

ALL-AMERICA STANDOUTS

There were eight different Hoosiers who earned preseason All-America honors by various outlets.

ESPN.com	Team
Charlie Becker	Second Team Offense
Amare Ferrell	Second Team Defense
Rolijah Hardy	Second Team Defense
Nick Marsh	Second Team Offense
Carter Smith	First Team Offense
On3	Team
Charlie Becker	Second Team Offense
Stephen Daley	Third Team Defense
Rolijah Hardy	First Team Defense
Isaiah Jones	Second Team Defense
Carter Smith	First Team Offense
Tyrique Tucker	First Team Defense
The Sporting News	Team
Charlie Becker	First Team Offense
Rolijah Hardy	First Team Defense
Carter Smith	First Team Offense

BIG GRADES

Entering the 2026 season, Indiana's roster will feature 17 student-athletes that have already earned their degrees.
Of the 17 graduates, nine of them own degrees from Indiana (*), while eight of them transferred to Indiana with degrees already in hand.

Josh Burnham
Drew Clausen
Drew Evans*
Ryland Gandy
Joe Hjelle
Josh Hoover
Isaiah Jones*
Bray Lynch*
Tyler Morris*
Shazz Preston
Carter Smith*
Tyrique Tucker*
Kaiden Turner*
Jeff Utzinger*
Jackson Wasserstrom*
Grant Wilson
Preston Zachman

THE BISON IS BACK

Indiana University's official mascot – Hoosier The Bison – returned to the IU-Bloomington campus after a nearly 60-year hiatus in Week One of the 2025 season. The mascot's homecoming was 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 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 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 fan support for the bison mascot began to wane and ultimately led to a hiatus from campus.

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 2026.

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

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

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

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

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

FISCHER AMONG ICONIC VOICES IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL

In his 54th 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 2026
Don Fischer	Indiana	54
Tommy Suggs	South Carolina	54
Bill Hillgrove	Pittsburgh	53
John Cox	Southern Miss	49
George Blaha	Michigan State	49
Johnny Holliday	Maryland	48
Jon Teicher	UTEP	46

A SIGNIFICANT 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 was renamed Merchants Bank Field at Memorial Stadium.

While the new branding is the biggest change that IU fans 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 provides them with comprehensive financial literacy training. This training is at no cost to the student-athletes and helps 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 with interior, exterior and directional signage also evident.

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

ASSOCIATED PRESS TOP 25

Rk	Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts.	Prev.
1.	Ohio State (40)	0-0	1,672	N/A
2.	Oregon (14)	0-0	1,597	N/A
3.	Georgia	0-0	1,513	N/A
4.	Notre Dame (6)	0-0	1,510	N/A
5.	Texas	0-0	1,483	N/A
6.	INDIANA (8)	0-0	1,440	N/A
7.	Miami (Fla.) (1)	0-0	1,379	N/A
8.	Texas A&M	0-0	1,131	N/A
9.	Ole Miss	0-0	1,102	N/A
10.	Oklahoma	0-0	1,047	N/A
11.	LSU	0-0	988	N/A
12.	Texas Tech	0-0	983	N/A
13.	Alabama	0-0	904	N/A
T-14.	BYU	0-0	839	N/A
T-14.	USC	0-0	839	N/A
16.	Michigan	0-0	718	N/A
17.	Washington	0-0	501	N/A
18.	Penn State	0-0	482	N/A
19.	SMU	0-0	434	N/A
20.	Tennessee	0-0	394	N/A
21.	Utah	0-0	304	N/A
22.	Iowa	0-0	260	N/A
23.	Houston	0-0	252	N/A
24.	Louisville	0-0	198	N/A
25.	Missouri	0-0	117	N/A

Receiving Votes: Clemson 112, Florida 51, Boise State 43, Arizona 32, TCU 11, Navy 10, South Carolina 10, Illinois 9, Oklahoma State 8, Vanderbilt 8, Pittsburgh 7, Virginia Tech 6, Minnesota 5, UNLV 4, New Mexico 4, Georgia Tech 4, James Madison 3, Auburn 3, Memphis 2, California 2, Liberty 1, Western Michigan 1, Tulane 1, Virginia 1.

USA TODAY/AFCA COACHES POLL

Rk	Team (1st Place Votes)	Record	Pts.	Prev.
1.	Ohio State (38)	0-0	1,741	N/A
2.	Oregon (6)	0-0	1,637	N/A
3.	Georgia (7)	0-0	1,591	N/A
4.	Texas (2)	0-0	1,544	N/A
5.	Notre Dame (5)	0-0	1,524	N/A
6.	INDIANA (14)	0-0	1,522	N/A
7.	Miami (Fla.)	0-0	1,409	N/A
8.	Texas A&M	0-0	1,174	N/A
9.	Oklahoma	0-0	1,104	N/A
10.	Ole Miss	0-0	1,096	N/A
11.	Alabama	0-0	1,050	N/A
12.	Texas Tech	0-0	1,034	N/A
13.	LSU	0-0	951	N/A
14.	USC	0-0	838	N/A
15.	BYU	0-0	781	N/A
16.	Michigan	0-0	719	N/A
17.	Penn State	0-0	463	N/A
18.	Tennessee	0-0	428	N/A
19.	Washington	0-0	406	N/A
20.	SMU	0-0	378	N/A
21.	Utah	0-0	313	N/A
22.	Iowa	0-0	291	N/A
23.	Clemson	0-0	235	N/A
24.	Houston	0-0	194	N/A
25.	Missouri	0-0	158	N/A

Receiving Votes: Louisville 153, Florida 147, TCU 63, Illinois 62, South Carolina 50, Arizona 50, Virginia 40, Vanderbilt 37, Auburn 29, Georgia Tech 26, Boise State 24, Oklahoma State 22, UNLV 17, North Carolina State 13, Florida State 13, Virginia Tech 12, Nebraska 12, Memphis 9, Arizona State 8, James Madison 6, Duke 6, Pittsburgh 4, New Mexico 4, Western Michigan 3, Navy 3, San Diego State 2, Kansas State 1, Jacksonville State 1, Hawaii 1, California 1.

QUARTERBACKS

QUARTERBACKS (5)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
12	Bell, Jacob	6-2	208	2nd	Ill.
15	Cherry, Tyler *	6-5	220	2nd	Ind.
14	Geske, Maverick	6-0	187	2nd	Ind.
10	Hoover, Josh	6-2	200	5th	Texas
5	Wilson, Grant *	6-3	218	7th	Va.

* - Varsity letter earned

- **Tino Sunseri** is back as Indiana's quarterbacks/co-offensive coordinator in 2026 after serving in the same role in 2024. Sunseri spent time as UCLA's offensive coordinator in 2025.
- Sunseri is the one new on-field coaching staff member in 2025 for IU.
- Sunseri was previously at James Madison (2021-23) with **Curt Cignetti** where he tutored three quarterbacks who earned conference player of the year honors.
- Prior to JMU, Sunseri was a quality control assistant at Florida State (2016-17) and Tennessee (2018) and a graduate assistant for Alabama (2019-20).
- He was a standout at Pitt where he finished second all-time in total offense (8,591) and third in passing yards (8,590).
- After spending the first four years of his career at TCU (2022-25), **Josh Hoover** will spend his final collegiate season in Bloomington.
- In Hoover's 35 appearances and 31 starts over the course of his career, he has completed 771-1,183 passing attempts for 9,629 yards with 85 touchdowns. Additionally, he has run for eight rushing scores.

• He ranks tied for No. 6 in the FBS for most starts by a quarterback (31).

Name	School	Starts
Rocco Becht	Penn State	39
Jaylen Raynor	Iowa State	36
Mikey Keene	Arizona State	35
Noah Fifita	Arizona	34
Byrum Brown	Auburn	32
Anthony Colandrea	Nebraska	31
Josh Hoover	Indiana	31
Jayden Maiva	USC	31
Owen McCown	UTSA	30
Trinidad Chambliss	Ole Miss	29
Cam Fancher	Michigan State	28

- Hoover owns 16 career 300-yard passing games.
- At TCU in 2025, Hoover started 12 games and helped the team to an 8-4 regular season before portaling ahead of the Valero Alamo Bowl.
- In Week Four against SMU (9/20), he had his first collegiate five-touchdown pass game.
- Hoover charted 3,472 yards passing with 29 touchdowns and had four rushing yards for two rushing touchdowns in 2025.
- Hoover became TCU's full-time starter under center, starting all 13 games in 2024 and leading the Horn Frogs to a 9-4 record and a win in the New Mexico Bowl.
- He set TCU's single-season yards passing record (3,949) while throwing 27 touchdowns and rushing for four more.
- Led the Big 12 and was No. 5 in FBS with 61 completions of 20 yards or more. He was one of four quarterbacks nationally to average 300 yards per game passing (303.8) with a passer rating better than 150.0 (151.1).
- In 2023, he made six starts in his 10 appearances. He completed 62.1% (185-298) of his passes for 2,206 yards and 15 touchdowns. Hoover also had five rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns.
- He became the first Power Five quarterback since 2019 with 400 yards passing and four touchdowns in his first career start with 439 yards and four touchdowns against BYU (10/14).
- Hoover made his collegiate debut in 2022 against Tarleton State (9/10) in his lone appearance that season. In the game, he had his first collegiate completion on a 2-yard pass.
- Hoover finished his time in Fort Worth all over the TCU career record books: ranked No. 2 in completion percentage (65.2), No. 3 on the completions list (771), No. 4 in passing yards (9,629), touchdown passes (71), total offense yards (9,619) and points responsible for (474).
- He has two of the top-5 single-season yards passing marks with a program-record 3,949 (2024) and the No. 5 mark at 3,472 (2025). He set program record for completions (313, 2024) and has the No. 3 mark (272, 2025). Also owns two of the top-5 season marks in completion percentage with No. 2 (66.5, 2024) and No. 5 (65.9, 2025). Posted the No. 4 (29) and No. 5 (27) single season touchdown pass marks.
- Was a consensus three-star prospect out of Rockwall-Heath High School and was rated as the No. 26 quarterback in the 2022 class. Was originally committed to Indiana out of high school before flipping to TCU.

- **Grant Wilson** is in his second season with Indiana and his seventh collegiate season after spending the first five years of his career at Old Dominion (2023-24) and Fordham (2020-22).
- Wilson has appeared in 25 career games with 14 starts in his career. At Old Dominion, he appeared in 15 games with 14 starts including 11 starts in 2023 when he accounted for 21 total touchdowns (17 passing, 4 rushing).
- In 2024, Wilson started three games before suffering a season-ending injury. He had five scores on the year (4 passing, 1 rushing).
- Wilson made his collegiate debut against Wagner (10/9) in the 2021 season while at Fordham.
- **Tyler Cherry** is back in Indiana's quarterback room after missing the 2025 season due to injury and serving as a student assistant coach in that time.
- In 2024, Cherry appeared in one game, making his collegiate debut in Week Two against Western Illinois (9/6) where he led the final scoring drive of the game in the fourth quarter.
- Out of Center Grove (Ind.) High School, Cherry was tabbed a four-star prospect by 247Sports, Rivals and On3. He was rated the No. 105 overall prospect nationally by On3 and was a top-25 quarterback prospect nationally across all major recruiting outlets.



RUNNING BACKS

RUNNING BACKS (5)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
29	Beebe Jr., Lee *	5-10	218	5th	Ala.
22	Campbell, Jayreon	5-8	205	1st	Ga.
20	Cuono, Sean *	5-10	193	2nd	Fla.
28	Martin, Khobie **	6-0	204	3rd	Ind.
1	Richard, Turbo	5-9	204	3rd	N.C.

* - Varsity letter earned

- **John Miller** enters his third season coaching the Indiana running backs in 2026. Prior to Indiana, he coached the same position at James Madison for three seasons (2021-23).
- Since Miller took over in the position, Indiana has scored multiple rushing touchdowns in 24 of 29 games dating back to the start of 2024.
- After two years at Boston College (2024-25), **Turbo Richard** joins the Hoosiers in 2026.
- Richard has appeared in 19 games with 11 starts and owns four multi-touchdown games with three multi-rushing touchdown efforts.
- In 2025, he logged three 100-yard rushing efforts and three multi-rushing touchdown games, all occurring in the same contests (California, 9/27; Georgia Tech, 11/15; at Syracuse, 11/29).
- He produced his first collegiate game with both a rushing and receiving touchdown at Michigan State (9/6).
- He made his first collegiate start in the season opener against Fordham (8/30).
- Richard made eight appearances in his first year in 2024. He missed the final five regular season games due to injury before returning for the Pinstripe Bowl when he had a two-catch, 62-yard day.
- The North Carolina native scored his first collegiate touchdown on an 11-yard rush against Michigan State (9/21).
- He made his collegiate debut in the season opener at Florida State (9/2) when he had four carries for 28 yards.

- **Lee Beebe Jr.** has played in 27 career games with 10 starts after beginning his career at UAB (2022-24) and coming to Indiana (2025).
- In 2025, Beebe Jr. suffered a season-ending injury in Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12).
- In the weeks prior, he had 90 yards rushing with a touchdown in Week Two against Kennesaw State (9/6) and 73 yards rushing in his IU debut in Week One against Old Dominion (8/30).
- In 2024 at UAB, 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).
- Third year **Khobie Martin** has appeared in 16 games since arriving in Bloomington in 2024.
- In 2025, Martin appeared in 14 games while logging 506 yards rushing and six touchdowns with two 100-yard rushing games.
- In the Old Oaken Bucket Game at Purdue (11/28), Martin totaled eight carries for 51 yards and a rushing score.
- In back-to-back weeks, Martin had his first career 100-yard rushing games.
- In Week 3 against Indiana State (9/12), Martin eclipsed 109 yards on 11 rushes and his first two collegiate touchdowns in just the final three drives of the game.
- In Week 4 versus No. 9 Illinois (9/20), Martin went for 107 yards on the ground and another two touchdowns, which included a 31-yard breakaway score at the start of the fourth quarter.
- Martin played in two games in 2024 and had 57 yards rushing on eight carries in Week Two against Western Illinois (9/6).



WIDE RECEIVERS

WIDE RECEIVERS (14)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
80	Becker, Charlie **	6-4	207	3rd	Tenn.
6	Bond, Lebron *	5-9	175	2nd	Va.
4	Chandler, Davion *	5-11	181	2nd	Ind.
26	Kaiser, Cade	6-5	214	2nd	Ind.
82	Kendrick, Myles	6-0	190	2nd	Fla.
9	Keys, Lavar	5-9	165	1st	Md.
11	Marsh, Nick	6-3	213	3rd	Mich.
86	Massel IV, Bruno	5-11	196	2nd	Ill.
9	Morris, Tyler	5-11	186	5th	Ill.
7	Preston, Shazz	6-0	205	5th	La.
3	Rupert, Kortez	5-11	163	1st	Ill.
83	Stroud, Hunter	6-0	183	2nd	Ind.
81	Van Pelt, Jaidon	5-11	160	1st	Ind.
17	Wasserstrom, Jackson ***	5-11	177	5th	Ind.

* - Varsity letter earned

- Entering his third year as Indiana's offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach, **Mike Shanahan**, looks to continue raising the standard.
- Shanahan led the Hoosiers to the No. 3 ranked offense in the FBS last season, scoring 41.6 points per game. In 2024, the offense ranked No. 2, putting up 41.3 points per contest.
- **Charlie Becker** has appeared in all 29 games since arriving on campus. After appearing mostly on special teams in 2024, he emerged as a main receiving threat in the second half of 2025.
- Becker was a major factor in Indiana's postseason games a year ago. In the National Championship Game against Miami (Fla.) (1/19), he had a contested 19-yard reception on fourth down with five minutes to go in the game to set up an Indiana touchdown and put IU up 24-14.
- Becker hauled in scores in back-to-back weeks with a 36-yard touchdown reception in the Peach Bowl against Oregon (1/9) and scored the first touchdown in IU's Rose Bowl Game history against Alabama (1/1) on his 21-yard reception.

- He posted 126 yards receiving on six catches in the Big Ten Championship Game against Ohio State (12/6).
- He made his first career start in Week Nine of 2025 against UCLA (10/25) when he had two catches for 35 yards. Earlier in the season, he caught his first career touchdown reception on a 6-yard score in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6).
- In his collegiate debut in Week 2 of 2024 against Western Illinois (9/6), he scored his first career touchdown on a 3-yard rush in the fourth quarter.
- **Nick Marsh** joins the Hoosiers after two years at Michigan State (2024-25) where he appeared in 23 games with 20 starts.
- Marsh has at least one reception in all 23 career games with multiple receptions in all 12 games of 2025.
- He had back-to-back weeks with a touchdown in Weeks 8 (10/11; UCLA) and 9 (10/18; at Indiana).
- Marsh posted his first multiple receiving touchdown game in Week 2 against Boston College when he had two touchdowns (9/6).
- In 2024, Marsh ranked No. 4 in FBS among true freshman in the regular season with 649 receiving yards and No. 6 in catches with 41. Twenty-six of his 41 catches went for a first down or touchdown.
- He became the first Spartan true freshman to record two 100-yard receiving games (9/7 at Maryland; 10/19 at Iowa).
- **Tyler Morris** missed all of 2025 with injury. is ready to compete in 2026. After 34 career games with 14 starts at Michigan (2022-24), he is ready to make his IU debut.
- In 2024, Morris made 10 starts and 11 appearances for the Wolverines. He charted 248 yards receiving and two touchdowns.
- Morris helped Michigan to their 2023 National Championship season. He caught his first career touchdown on a 38-yard completion against Alabama in the Rose Bowl Game (1/1).
- He made his first collegiate start at Nebraska (9/30) earlier that year.
- He made his collegiate debut against Colorado State (9/3) in Week 1 of 2022.
- **Shazz Preston** owns 31 career appearances and 13 starts after stops at Tulane (2024-25) and Alabama (2022-23).
- Preston made 13 starts in 14 appearances in 2025 to help Tulane reach the College Football Playoff. He had receptions in all 14 games with multiple catches in 12 of them.
- He posted his first collegiate 100-yard receiving game in the College Football Playoff versus Ole Miss (12/20) with 125 yards on five catches.

- He made his first collegiate start in the season opener against Northwestern (8/30).
- In 2024, Preston missed the first seven games due to injury before making his season debut at Charlotte (10/31). His first collegiate reception was a 53-yard touchdown grab against Temple (11/9).
- At Alabama, he made his collegiate debut against ULM (9/17) in 2022. He also appeared in the Allstate Sugar Bowl versus Kansas State (12/31).
- **Davion Chandler** has appeared in seven games since arriving in Bloomington in 2025.
- In 2025, Chandler's first collegiate catch went for a 65-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter at Purdue (11/28).
- He made his collegiate debut in Week 9 against UCLA (10/25).
- **Lebron Bond** enters his second season with the Hoosiers after appearing in 13 games in 2025.
- Bond opened his college career with a reception in his first three games. He also caught passes twice in Big Ten play (at Maryland 11/1; vs. Wisconsin 11/15).
- He made his collegiate debut in Week One of 2025 when he caught a 12-yard pass against Old Dominion (8/30).
- Fifth year **Jackson Wasserstrom** has logged nine appearances since arriving at IU in 2022, mostly seeing time on special teams.
- Wasserstrom made seven appearances in 2025 and caught his first career pass in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6) on a 17 yard gain.
- Made his collegiate debut against Indiana State (9/8) in Week 2 of 2023 on special teams.



TIGHT ENDS

TIGHT ENDS (6)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
85	Barker, Andrew *	6-4	250	2nd	Ind.
18	Elmore, Parker	6-4	239	1st	Ind.
39	Gibbs, Trevor	6-2	241	1st	Ind.
87	McFarlane, PJ	6-5	205	1st	Ohio
88	Schott, Brock	6-3	241	2nd	Ind.
84	Thiry, Blake	6-4	236	2nd	Wis.

* - Varsity letter earned

- In addition to serving his third season as Indiana's special teams coordinator, **Grant Cain** continues his role with Indiana's tight ends unit.
- This will be Cain's eighth year coaching the position group as he has done so every year in his time under **Curt Cignetti** (2019-present).
- **Brock Schott** returned to his home state after spending his first collegiate season at Miami (Fla.).
- Schott played two games in 2025 for the Hurricanes with his collegiate debut coming in Week 2 against Bethune-Cookman (9/6) where he had two receptions for 24 yards.
- The Fort Wayne native prepped at Leo High School and was considered a consensus four-star recruit nationally and a top-25 ranked tight end in the class of 2025.
- He was named the Indiana Football Coaches Association Mr. Football at tight end. He also earned all-state honors from IFCA as a junior and senior.
- **Andrew Barker** and **Blake Thiry** are the lone returners of Indiana's tight end room.
- Barker made his collegiate debut against Kennesaw State (9/6) in his lone appearance in 2025. He saw time on offense and was one of 12 true freshmen to make their collegiate debut.
- Barker was considered a consensus three-star prospect out of Kokomo High School (Ind.) and a top-85 nationally ranked tight end from all three major recruiting services of ESPN, 247Sports and On3.
- He played both offense and defense in high school and was tabbed first-team all-conference in his senior season.

- Out of Prairie De Chien High School (Wis.), Thiry earned recognition as a consensus three-star prospect per ESPN, 247Sports, Rivals and On3. He was also tabbed a top-50 tight end prospect nationally and was ranked as a top-10 player out of Wisconsin in the 2025 class.
- He was named the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Small School Offensive Player of the Year as a senior.
- He was also a two-time Southwest Wisconsin Conference first team selection and the conference's offensive player of the year as a senior.

OFFENSIVE LINE

OFFENSIVE LINE (16)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
72	Ajani, Adedamola **	6-4	308	3rd	Ind.
56	Brunner, Joe	6-7	313	5th	Wis.
62	Evans, Drew **	6-4	307	5th	Wis.
73	Graham, Luke	6-4	315	1st	Ind.
78	Horvath, Prescott	6-8	280	1st	Ind.
56	Johnson, Chance	6-5	307	2nd	Ind.
70	Leibfried, Austin *	6-6	300	2nd	Wis.
74	Lynch, Bray ****	6-5	298	5th	Texas
77	Marek, Matt *	6-3	300	2nd	Ill.
76	Mondeau, Kenton	6-7	315	1st	Wis.
71	Novak, Ben	6-6	317	1st	Ind.
66	Parker, Evan *	6-4	299	2nd	Ind.
60	Scifres, CJ	6-5	312	1st	Ind.
75	Simpson, Sam	6-3	304	1st	Wis.
65	Smith, Carter ****	6-5	313	5th	Ohio
61	Wilkin, Baylor *	6-5	289	2nd	Ohio

* - Varsity letter earned

- Back for year four to lead the offensive line in Bloomington, **Bob Bostad** looks to continue his progress with the unit as the lone holdover from Indiana's coaching staff in 2023.
- Bostad tutored 11 All-Americans over two stints at Wisconsin. That included eight on the offensive line, one tight end and two linebackers to earn All-America honors. He had his first Hoosier All-American last year in consensus All-American **Carter Smith**.
- The fifth year standout and 2025 Rimington-Pace Big Ten Offensive Lineman of the Year has made 41-straight starts at left tackle since Week 1 of 2023.
- He helped lead an Indiana offensive line that was a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award in back-to-back years (2024-25) and a finalist in 2025.
- **Drew Evans** also returns from Indiana's stellar 2025 offensive line for his fifth season. Evans has served as the Hoosiers' left guard in 21 of 29 games since Week 1 of 2024.
- He missed weeks 10-12 and 14 in 2025 and started the first nine games of 2024 at left guard before suffering a season-ending injury prior to Week 11 against Michigan (11/9).
- Prior to nine starts in 2024, Evans did not see any game action in 2022 at Wisconsin or 2023 after transferring to at Indiana.
- **Bray Lynch** is the third returning starter from the 2025 Joe Moore finalists.
- Lynch has logged 29-straight starts at right guard dating back to Week 1 of 2024.
- Lynch made nine appearances across the 2022 and 2023 seasons, logging his first career appearance against Idaho (9/10) in Week 2 of 2022.

- **Adedamola Ajani** has logged 15 appearances with four starts since arriving on campus in 2024.
- Ajani made has made starts at left guard (3) and right tackle (1).
- He made his first three career starts at left guard filling in for an injured Drew Evans in Weeks 11-14 of 2025. His one start at right tackle came against Alabama in the Rose Bowl Game.
- **Joe Brunner** joined the Indiana offensive line after spending four years at Wisconsin (2022-25) where he had 24 starts over 39 appearances.
- He charted 24-straight starts dating back to Week 1 of 2024 for the Badgers, slotting in at left guard in each of those games.
- The 6-foot-7 Brunner did not allow a sack across 316 pressures in 2025 according to PFF.

LINEBACKERS

LINEBACKERS (11)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
52	Allen, Clayton	6-2	209	4th	Ind.
21	Hardy, Rolijah **	5-11	227	3rd	Fla.
46	Jones, Isaiah ****	6-2	225	5th	Ohio
44	Kamara, Amari	5-11	202	2nd	Va.
38	McConnell, Kaden *	6-2	228	3rd	Ind.
30	Nelson, PJ *	6-1	219	2nd	Ohio
23	Ohlinger, Henry	6-1	224	1st	Ohio
21	Savage, Jacob	6-0	222	1st	Ky.
14	Turner, Kaiden ****	6-0	228	5th	Ark.
34	Utzingler, Jeff **	6-3	232	5th	Ind.
24	Williams, Ja'Dyn	6-1	211	1st	Ohio

* - Varsity letter earned

- Defensive coordinator **Bryant Haines** is in his third season serving in the role and as linebackers coach. He won the 2025 Broyles Award and also is a two-time semifinalist for the honor.
- Haines' defense ranked No. 4 in total defense in the FBS last season, only allowing opponents to 266.0 yards per game and was the No. 2 rushing defense (77.2 yards per game) and scoring defense (11.6 points per game).
- Entering his third year at IU, **Rolijah Hardy** has appeared in all 29 games of his college career with 20 starts.
- The 2025 All-Big Ten Second Team choice (Coaches & Media) led the Hoosiers in sacks (8.0) and ranked No. 7 in the Big Ten last season.
- Hardy logged back-to-back weeks with 10 tackles in Week 14-15 at Purdue (11/28) and in the Big Ten Championship Game against Ohio State (12/6). He also had 1.0 tackle for loss against Purdue and 1.0 sack and 1.5 tackles for loss against Ohio State
- Hardy's 1.0 sack in Week 12 against Wisconsin (11/15) marked back-to-back weeks with a sack.
- He had 12 tackles and 1.0 sack in Week 11 at Penn State (11/8).
- He had his first career double-digit tackle game (13) to go along with 2.0

- tackles for loss and a sack in Week 7 at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11).
- In Week 2 of 2024 against Western Illinois (9/7), Hardy etched his name into the record book. He returned his first career interception for a touchdown and was the first true freshman with an interception return for the touchdown since **Jameel Cook Jr.** versus FIU in 2015.
 - Hardy also forced a fumble in that game to become the first IU defender to have two forced turnovers in a game since 2022.
 - He made his first collegiate start in Week 8 of 2024 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. His sister, Trinity Hardy, was a basketball standout at Army (2022-25).
 - All-Big Ten third team pick (media), **Isaiah Jones** has earned being the green dot guy for Indiana's defense. He logged at least 0.5 tackle for loss in 11 games of 2025 and had 15.5 tackles for loss.
 - Jones scored his first career touchdown on a blocked punt recovery in the end zone versus Miami (Fla.) (1/20) in the 2026 College Football Playoff National Championship Game.
 - He had his first career fumble recovery in the Rose Bowl Game against Alabama (1/1) after **D'Angelo Ponds** stripped Ty Simpson.
 - He had 2.0 sacks and seven tackles in the Big Ten Championship Game against Ohio State (12/6), where he joined his father, D.J. (Ohio State, 1993 & 1996) as father-son combos to win a Big Ten Championship.
 - In Week 9 against UCLA (10/25), he had his first career forced fumble and notched eight stops with 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 logged his first career solo sack in Week 1 against Old Dominion (8/30).
 - Jones has made 33 appearances with nine starts at Indiana over four seasons and registered snaps in every game since 2024 (29 games).
 - He made his first collegiate start in Week 6 of 2024 at Northwestern (10/5).
 - His father, D.J., lettered in football at Ohio State (1992-94, 96). D.J. was part of the 1993 Big Ten co-championship team and the 1996 Big Ten and Rose Bowl championship team.

- **Kaiden Turner** has made 25 career appearances with two starts across his five years on campus.
- In Week 10 of the 2025 season at Maryland (11/1), Turner had his first career interception on his second quarter pick of Malik Washington.
- His first start came during his redshirt year against Purdue (11/26) in the final week of the 2022 season with a game-high nine tackles.
- After not playing at all his first two seasons at Indiana (2022-23), **Jeff Utzingler** registered snaps in every game of 2024 and 2025.
- In his appearances, he mostly has seen time on special teams and increased his season tackle total from five in 2024 to 16 in 2025.
- Utzingler collected his first career tackle on the final play of the game in Week 1 of 2024 against FIU (8/31).



DEFENSIVE LINE

DEFENSIVE LINE (20)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
8	Burnham, Josh	6-4	255	5th	Mich.
99	Burrus Jr., Tyrone *	6-4	245	2nd	Ind.
41	Calhoun, Keishaun	6-2	265	2nd	Ohio
40	Clark, Quentin **	6-1	221	3rd	Ga.
9	Daley, Stephen	6-1	273	5th	Va.
94	Garcia, Kyler *	6-4	291	2nd	Tenn.
50	Hall, Jhrevious	6-2	305	2nd	Tenn.
92	Hill, Gabe	6-1	289	1st	Ill.
90	Hjelle, Joe	6-3	318	5th	Iowa
42	Hugan, Kevontay	6-1	227	1st	Fla.
93	Johnson, Ronelle	6-3	266	1st	Mo.
97	Landino, Mario **	6-4	288	3rd	Pa.
98	McHaney, Cam	6-1	286	1st	Ind.
17	Ndukwe, Daniel **	6-3	238	3rd	Ga.
7	Obiazor, Chiddi	6-5	289	4th	Minn.
12	Osunsanmi, Tobi	6-2	251	5th	Kan.
91	Smythe, Blake	6-2	283	1st	Ind.
95	Tucker, Tyrique **	6-0	307	5th	Va.
55	White, Rodney	6-1	296	1st	Md.
13	Wyatt, Kellan	6-2	257	5th	Md.

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- Defensive tackles coach **Pat Kuntz** and defensive ends coach **Buddha Williams** are each in their third seasons leading the defensive line for the Hoosiers.
- **Tyrique Tucker** broke out in 2025 as an All-American (On3, The Athletic, Associated Press) and was a first-team All-Big Ten selection.
- Tucker is the last remaining player on Indiana's roster who played for Coach **Curt Cignetti** at James Madison prior to coming to IU. He has appeared in 42 career games with 21 starts, including starts in all 16 games of 2025.
- He had a team-high 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks in Week 9 of 2025 against UCLA (10/25).
- In back-to-back games in Week 3 and 4, Tucker had 1.5 tackles for loss and a solo sack (Indiana State; 9/12) and 2.0 sacks on four tackles (No. 9/8 Illinois; 9/20).
- 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** has 28 career appearances, missing just one game of his career due to an injury in 2024. He has logged 11 starts.
- Landino had his first two career fumble recoveries in the Peach Bowl against Oregon (1/9). In the first meeting, he posted 1.0 sack and four tackles in his first career start in Week 7 at No. 3/2 Oregon (10/11) in 2025.
- He notched 2.0 sacks on four total tackles in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20) after 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.
- **Daniel Ndukwe** has appeared in 27 of 29 games since joining IU in 2024.
- In the Peach Bowl against Oregon (1/9), Ndukwe had his first two career sacks and had his first career forced fumble. He also recorded his third career punt block against the Ducks.
- In Week 5 of 2024 against Maryland (9/28), he blocked his first career kick on a Terrapin punt. He blocked a second punt in Week 10 at Michigan State (11/2) in the fourth quarter.

- With his two blocked punts, Ndukwe became the first Hoosier with multiple blocked kicks in the same season since **James Head Jr.** in 2022 and the first IU player with multiple blocked punts in the same season since **Jeremy Finch** in 2008 (Ball State & Michigan State).
- In 2025, **Stephen Daley** led the Big Ten with 19.0 tackles for loss on the season, a total that ranks tied for No. 7 in IU single season history.
- His play earned him All-America honors (CBS Sports & On3) and he logged at least 0.5 tackle for loss in 11 of 13 games played last year.
- Prior to his injury after the Big Ten Championship Game, he forced a fumble and had 3.5 or more tackles for loss in back-to-back games (3.5 TFL, vs. Wisconsin; 4.5 TFL, at Purdue) to end the regular season.
- He had a team-best 2.0 sacks to go along with three tackles in Week 8 against Michigan State (10/18).
- He appeared in 39 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.
- **Kellan Wyatt** has logged 42 career games with 35 starts over the course of his time at Maryland (2022-24) and Indiana. He started the first seven games of 2025 before getting hurt in Week 8 versus Michigan State (10/18).
- He had 0.5 sack and 2.0 tackles for loss along with four total tackles in Week 4 against No. 9/8 Illinois (9/20).
- Wyatt logged a team-high nine tackles and 2.5 tackles for loss in Week 2 against Kennesaw State (9/6) after three tackles in his Hoosier debut against Old Dominion (8/30) in the season opener.
- Wyatt posted his first career forced fumble while at Maryland in Week 2 at Michigan State (9/7) of 2024 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.
- Indiana added two Kansas State transfers to the defensive line in **Chiddi Obiazor** and **Tobi Osunsanmi**.
- Obiazor appeared in 28 games with eight starts over his three seasons at Kansas State (2023-25).
- He made seven starts in 2025 and had his first collegiate game with multiple tackles for loss at Oklahoma State (1.5; 11/15).
- In 2024, he appeared in all 13 games and had six games with a tackle for loss, as well as solo sacks in each of the final three games of the season. He made his first collegiate start at Houston (11/2).

- Obiazor made his collegiate debut in the 2023 season opener verses Southeast Missouri State (9/2) where he also had his first tackle.
- Osunsanmi had 36 appearances and five starts in his time at Kansas State (2022-25).
- He made his first collegiate start in the 2025 season opener against Iowa State (8/23) in Ireland and had a tackle for loss in five of six games before missing the final six games due to injury.
- He did not miss a game from 2023-24 (26 games) and logged 26 tackles, 6.5 tackle for loss, 4.5 sacks and two forced fumbles in that stretch.
- Osunsanmi made his collegiate debut at TCU (10/22) in 2022.
- **Josh Burnham** comes to Indiana after spending four years at Notre Dame (2022-25) where he logged 40 appearances with 23 starts.
- In Week 10 of 2025 at Boston College (11/1), Burnham posted 3.0 tackles for loss with a solo sack.
- Made 10 starts on Notre Dame's national runner-up team in 2024 and had 2.0 tackles for loss in the title game against Ohio State (1/20).
- Made his first collegiate start at Louisville (10/7) in 2023.
- Burnham had his first career tackle for loss in his collegiate debut against Boston College (11/19) in 2022.
- After two years at Iowa Western Community College (2022-23) and two years at Tulsa (2024-25), **Joe Hjelle** is now a Hoosier. He's made 34 career appearances across his collegiate stops.
- He made his first solo FBS tackle for loss in Week 4 of 2025 at Oklahoma State (9/19) and then contributed with his first collegiate sack the next week against Tulane (9/27).
- Hjelle made his FBS debut with Tulsa in Week 1 of 2025 against Northwestern State (8/29).
- Hjelle was part of back-to-back National Junior College Athletic Association national titles at IWCC.



CORNERBACKS

CORNERBACKS (9)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
3	Bell, Jaylen *	5-10	169	2nd	N.J.
10	Gandy, Ryland *	6-0	189	5th	Ga.
4	Harris, A.J.	6-1	189	4th	Ala.
27	Hicks, Kasmir	5-11	177	1st	Ind.
45	Murff, Lincoln	5-10	186	4th	Ind.
22	Sharpe, Jamari ****	6-1	188	5th	Fla.
19	Smith, Zacharey	5-11	175	2nd	Ga.
26	Stephens, Iosua	6-2	185	2nd	Ind.
0	Williams, Carson	5-11	181	3rd	Texas

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- **Rod Ojong** is in his third 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.
- **Jamari Sharpe** has been with the Hoosiers since 2022 and has logged 40 appearances with 28 starts. He started every game of 2025.
- Sharpe famously intercepted Carson Beck to seal Indiana's victory over Miami (Fla.) to win the national championship (1/19).
- He notched forced fumbles in back-to-back weeks, during Week 10 at Maryland (11/1) and Week 11 at Penn State (11/8).
- 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** appeared in all 16 games for the Hoosiers in 2025 with one start.
- His 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 of 2025 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.
- **A.J. Harris** arrives in Bloomington after spending time at Penn State (2024-25) and Georgia (2023). He has 26 starts and 34 career appearances across his different stops.
- He had his first career fumble recovery in a season-opening win over Nevada (8/30) in 2025.
- Harris recorded his first career interception against Illinois (9/28) in 2024. Earlier that season, he made his first career start in Week 1 against West Virginia (2024).
- Harris made his collegiate debut against UT Martin when at Georgia in 2023.

- **Jaylen Bell** made 14 appearances in his first collegiate season in 2025.
- He made his Hoosier debut in Week 2 of 2025 in a win over Kennesaw State (9/6), seeing time on special teams and defense. The next week he made his first collegiate tackle against Indiana State (9/12).
- Bell had 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.
- **Carson Williams** joins Indiana after two seasons and a 2025 FCS national championship at Montana State. Williams made 20 appearances with seven starts in his time there.
- Williams had at least one tackle in all 16 games of 2025. He also recovered a fumble in the FCS Quarterfinals win over Stephen F. Austin (12/12).
- In Williams' first collegiate start against Idaho State (10/11), he forced his first career fumble.



SAFETIES/ROVERS

SAFETIES (9)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
31	Chung, Anthony *	6-1	199	4th	Wis.
36	Conner, Clay **	6-4	206	4th	Ind.
1	Ferrell, Amare ***	6-2	205	4th	Fla.
37	Kizer, Heath	6-1	203	3rd	Ind.
16	Jamar Owens	6-0	172	1st	Ga.
33	Reese, Garrett *	6-2	205	2nd	Ill.
9	Stewart Jr., Seaonta	6-1	205	2nd	Ohio
25	Tims, D'Montae	6-0	202	1st	Fla.
6	Zachman, Preston	6-2	209	7th	Pa.

ROVER (2)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
2	Baldwin Jr., Byron *	6-2	185	2nd	Md.
13	Sanks, Quan	5-10	190	3rd	Ga.

* - Varsity letter earned

- **Ola Adams** is back for his third year coaching Indiana's safeties 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** has started in 28 of 29 games since 2024 and has made 41 career appearances while charting 107 tackles, eight interceptions, 7.0 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks during his time in Bloomington.
- The All-Big Ten second team (media) selection picked off Ryan Browne for his fourth interception of 2025 in Week 14 at Purdue (11/28) on their second offensive play of the game.
- He had an 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.

- Ferrell posted his first career multi-interception game 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).
- Seventh year **Preston Zachman** joins IU for his final year of eligibility after six seasons at Wisconsin (2020-2025). With the Badgers, he made 35 appearances with 20 starts.
- Throughout Zachman's career, he missed all of 2021 and parts of 2022 and 2025 due to injury.
- In 2025, he started the first three games before missing the rest of the season with injury. He had a pair of interceptions in the season opener against Miami (Ohio) (8/28).
- In 2023-24 he appeared in all 25 games and started in 17, he was a starter for all 12 games of 2024.
- He had the first double-digit tackle game of his career with 10 stops at Rutgers (10/12) in 2024.
- In 2023, he had a game-sealing interception in overtime against Nebraska (11/18). In the same game he had his first solo tackle for loss.
- He had his first career interception in the season opener against Illinois State (9/3) in 2022.
- Made his collegiate debut against Michigan (11/14) in 2020.
- **Quan Sanks** comes to Indiana after two seasons (2024-25) at Cincinnati where he made 24 appearances and 12 starts.
- Had a forced fumble and recovered it in Week 9 against Baylor (10/25). Had his first career fumble recovery two weeks prior against UCF (10/11).
- Had his first career forced fumble and broke up first collegiate pass at Iowa State (11/16) in 2024.
- Became the first true freshman to start a season opener for Cincinnati since 2015 when he did so against Towson in Week 1 (8/31) of 2024.
- After missing the first eight games of his first year, **Byron Baldwin Jr.** made his Hoosier debut in Week 9 of 2025 against UCLA and played the final eight games of the season.
- He had his first career forced fumble after a forced fumble from **Jamari Sharpe** in Week 10 at Maryland (11/1).

- The Maryland native was an Under Armour All-American and 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.
- **Clay Conner** has made 17 career appearances and played in all 16 games of 2025, mostly appearing on special teams.
- 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) in 2025.
- He made his Indiana debut in Week 14 against Purdue (11/30) in 2024.
- **Anthony Chung** played in all 16 games of 2025 after not seeing the field in all of 2023 or 2024. He mostly has seen time on special teams.
- **Garrett Reese** played in 10 games on special teams in his first year with the program in 2025.
- He had his first career fumble recovery when he picked up the ball from Jah Jah Boyd's forced fumble of Jahmari Powell-Wonson in Week 10 at Maryland (11/1).
- Reese made his Hoosier debut in Week 1 of 2025 against Old Dominion (8/30) on special teams.



SPECIALISTS

PLACE KICKERS (5)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
35	McAteer, Paddy	6-2	205	5th	Ireland
90	Placzek, Josh *	5-11	193	3rd	Ind.
15	Radacic, Nicolas ***	5-11	188	4th	Texas
43	Taylor, Bryce	5-10	189	2nd	Ind.
93	Warren, Quinn **	6-6	205	3rd	Ind.

PUNTERS (1)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
19	Gowers, Billy	6-2	207	2nd	Australia

LONG SNAPPERS (3)

No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	State
55	Clausen, Drew	6-6	250	6th	Iowa
57	Lindsey, Sam	6-0	188	4th	Ga.
47	Tolle, Jackson	6-0	220	1st	Ind.

* - Varsity letter earned

- **Grant Cain** is in his third season at the helm of Indiana's special teams unit and his eighth under **Curt Cignetti**, previously leading the same unit for James Madison from 2019-23.
- In his time leading special teams units, his pupils have notched three All-America honors and 16 all-conference selections.
- IU led the FBS with five blocked punts in 2025, which included blocks in both the Peach Bowl and College Football Playoff National Championship Game.
- **Nico Radacic** has 30 career appearances at IU and has been the field goal specialist in every game since the start of the 2024 season (29 games).
- He garnered All-Big Ten first team (coaches & media) honors and was named the Bakken-Andersen Kicker of the Year in 2025.
- Radacic's 29-yard field goal in the 2025 Big Ten Championship Game against Ohio State (12/6) improved his consecutive field goals made streak to a program-record 16 straight. He passed **Austin Starr** (15; 2007).
- His nine total points in the national championship game against Miami (Fla.) (1/19) pushed his season total to 141 and into No. 3 on the single-season charts, and the most by any IU kicker, passing **Griffin Oakes** (125; 2015). Radacic accounts for just the sixth 100-point season in IU history and third for a kicker.

- The eight points against Miami (Fla.) improved his career total to 245 to pass **Andy Payne** (238; 1997-2000) for No. 7 on the career list.
- With 158 consecutive extra points made, Radacic's streak sits at No. 3 in Big Ten history. He trails Wisconsin's **Rafael Gaigianone** at 167 (2014-18) for No. 2.
- His 3-for-3 effort on extra points against Miami (Fla.) pushed his season total to 87 which extended his own school record. He previously set the record in 2024 with 69 extra points.
- The three extra points improved his career total to 158, just three shy of **Mitch Ewald** (2010-13; 161) for No. 1.
- He is just 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).
- Radacic holds nine 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; Oregon, 2025) (8; Purdue, 2025), (8; UCLA, 2025), (8; Kennesaw State, 2025), (8; Nebraska, 2024).
- Radacic led the FBS in 2025 with extra points made (87) and finished No. 2 (69) in 2024 while posting an FBS-best 5.3 extra points made per game. He broke his own program record for extra points in a sesason in 2025 that he had previously set the year before.
- He is 28-of-30 (.933) on field goal attempts and 158-of-158 (1.000) on extra point attempts in his collegiate career.
- 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.
- **Quinn Warren** has appeared in 20 games since joining the Hoosiers in 2024 and has seen time as a kickoff specialist and punter.
- Warren took over on kickoff duties starting in Week 9 of 2025 against UCLA (10/25) in relief of special teams injuries. He had 56 kickoffs with 33 touchbacks in nine games.
- He punted in Weeks 1-4 of 2025 and got three of his seven punts inside the 10-yard line.
- Both 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. He also pinned Old Dominion (8/30) inside the 5 in Week 1.
- Warren appeared in seven games in 2024 as a kickoff specialist due to injuries in the special teams unit.
- **Billy Gowers** is in just his second season of American Football after earning All-America (Pro Football Focus & FWAA) honors at Hawai'i in 2025.

- He appeared in all 13 games at Hawai'i and was the highest-graded punter in FBS (93.2) per Pro Football Focus.
- He set the Hawai'i single-season record for punting average (46.2) and pinned 25 punts inside the 20-yard line, incuding seven punts inside the opposition's 10-yard line.
- Prior to Hawai'i, Gowers played eight seasons of Australian Rules Football and spent five seasons in the Australian Football League and three seasons in the Victorian Football League. He also played professional Kabaddi - a high-energy contact team sport combining elements of tag and wrestling.
- **Paddy McAteer** comes to Indiana after two seasons at Troy (2024-25) where he has appeared in 26 games.
- He set a Troy record for longest field goal made (53 yards) in Week Seven of 2025 at Texas State (10/11).
- He has notched 71 touchbacks on his 123 career kickoffs.
- He didn't start playing American Football until April 2024. He previously played Gaelic Football for Mullaghbawn Cúchulainn's Gaelic Football Club.
- **Drew Clausen** appeared in 37 career games at long snapper over his five seasons at Iowa State (2024-25) and Northern Iowa (2021-23).
- He made his Iowa State debut in Week 1 of 2024 against North Dakota (8/31) before assuming full-time snapping duties against Arkansas State (9/21) and through the rest of his time in Ames.
- He made his collegiate debut in 2023 against his future team of Iowa State (9/2). He did not see any game action from 2021-22 at Northern Iowa.

RECORD BREAKDOWN

	2026	Cignetti at IU
Overall	0-0	27-2
Big Ten	0-0	17-1
Day Games	0-0	18-1
Night Games	0-0	9-1
Televised Games	0-0	27-2
ABC	0-0	0-1
Big Ten Network	0-0	8-0
CBS	0-0	3-0
ESPN	0-0	1-0
ESPN2/ESPNU	0-0	0-0
FOX	0-0	4-1
FST	0-0	3-0
NBC/Peacock	0-0	6-0
vs. Ranked Opponents	0-0	6-2
Scoring First	0-0	22-1
Opponent Scores First	0-0	5-1
Leading at the Half	0-0	25-0
Trailing at the Half	0-0	1-2
Tied at the Half	0-0	1-0
Leading after Three Quarters	0-0	26-0
Trailing after Three Quarters	0-0	0-2
Tied after Three Quarters	0-0	1-0

	2026	Cignetti at IU
In Overtime	0-0	0-0
Games decided by 7 or fewer points	0-0	5-0
Scoring less than 20 points	0-0	1-2
Scoring 20-29 points	0-0	5-0
Scoring 30-39 points	0-0	6-0
Scoring 40+ points	0-0	15-0
Allowing 10 points or less	0-0	14-0
Allowing 11-20 points	0-0	8-0
Allowing 21-30 points	0-0	5-1
Allowing 31+ points	0-0	0-1
Rushing for less than 100 yards	0-0	2-2
Rushing for 100-199 yards	0-0	12-0
Rushing for 200-299 yards	0-0	6-0
Rushing for 300+ yards	0-0	7-0
Passing for less than 200 yards	0-0	7-1
Passing for 200-299 yards	0-0	12-1
Passing for 300-399 yards	0-0	8-0
Passing for 400+ yards	0-0	0-0
Totaling less than 300 yards total offense	0-0	1-2
Totaling 300-399 yards total offense	0-0	9-0
Totaling 400-499 yards total offense	0-0	6-0
Totaling 500+ yards of total offense	0-0	11-0

	2026	Cignetti at IU
Allowing less than 100 yards rushing	0-0	21-0
Allowing 100+ yards rushing	0-0	6-2
Allowing less than 300 yards total offense	0-0	17-0
Allowing 300+ yards total offense	0-0	10-2
Having one 100-yard rusher	0-0	8-0
Having two 100-yard rushers	0-0	0-0
Opponent having a 100-yard rusher	0-0	3-1
No turnovers	0-0	16-0
1-3 turnovers	0-0	10-2
4+ turnovers	0-0	1-0
No takeaways	0-0	5-1
1-2 takeaways	0-0	14-1
3+ takeaways	0-0	8-0
Winning in turnover margin	0-0	21-0
Losing in turnover margin	0-0	2-1
Tied in turnover margin	0-0	4-1
More than 30:00 of possession	0-0	20-1
Less than 30:00 of possession	0-0	7-1



PERSONAL

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

COACHING EXPERIENCE

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

BOWL/PLAYOFF EXPERIENCE

1984	Fiesta Bowl	Pittsburgh
1997	AXA/Equitable Liberty Bowl	Pittsburgh
2000	Micronpc.com Bowl	NC State
2001	Tangerine Bowl	NC State
2003	Gator Bowl	NC State
2003	Tangerine Bowl	NC State
2005	Meineke Car Care Bowl	NC State
2007	Independence Bowl	Alabama
2009	Sugar Bowl	Alabama
2010	Citi BCS National Championship	Alabama
2011	Capital One Bowl	Alabama
2012	NCAA Division II Quarterfinals	Indiana University (Pa.)
2015	NCAA Division II Second Round	Indiana University (Pa.)
2016	NCAA Division II Second Round	Indiana University (Pa.)
2017	FCS Playoffs First Round	Elon
2018	FCS Playoffs First 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
2026	Rose Bowl Game (College Football Playoff Quarterfinal)	Indiana
2026	Peach Bowl (College Football Playoff Semifinal)	Indiana
2026	College Football Playoff National Championship Game	Indiana

*Did not coach bowl game.

Two-time national coach of the year Curt Cignetti enters his third season as head football coach at Indiana University after he engineered the two most successful seasons in program history to open his coaching tenure.

Named the 30th head football coach in IU football history on December 3, 2024, his first two calendar years on campus have seen arguably the most noteworthy turnaround in FBS history.

After leading one of the best first-year turnarounds in FBS history in 2024 with a 7 1/2-win improvement over the previous season, he engineered the 16-0 College Football Playoff national championship team.

The 16 wins in 2026 tie the all-time FBS single season mark (Yale, 1894) and set the Big Ten record for victories. He has led Indiana to a nation's-best 27 victories over his first two seasons in Bloomington, the most by an FBS coach in their first two seasons at a school all-time.

The back-to-back double-digit win seasons marked the first two in Indiana's history, while the 17 Big Ten wins set a program-best mark over a two-year stretch and are tied for No. 2 in Big Ten history.

Nationally, Cignetti was the first-ever Division I head coach to start 8-0 or better in consecutive seasons at different institutions and the third ever to begin consecutive seasons at 10-0 (Larry Coker - Miami (Fla.), 2001-02; Urban Meyer - Ohio State, 2012-13). He is also just the third Big Ten head coach to start each of his first two seasons with at least an 8-0 record along with Urban Meyer (Ohio State; 2012-13) and Fielding Yost (Michigan; 1901-02).

He won 14 of the 17 national coach of the year awards he was eligible in his first two seasons at Indiana, which includes being the first back-to-back winner for five of those honors. Along with the national accolades, Cignetti is the first coach to win both the Hayes-Schembechler (coaches vote) and Dave McClain (media vote) Big Ten Coach of the Year awards in consecutive seasons in conference history (1982-91, 2011-present).

INDIANA RESURGENCE

Coaching Accolades and Antidotes

- Cignetti has immediately elevated the Indiana program with a nation's-best 27 victories over his first two seasons at the helm, a pair of College Football Playoff appearances and IU's first national title (2026).
- He has won 14 of the 17 national coach of the year awards he was eligible to win between the 2024 and 2025 seasons.
- Is the first FBS coach to win consecutive national coach of the year awards from the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), Associated Press, ESPN Home Depot, The Sporting News and Walter Camp Foundation.
- Cignetti is the first-ever Division I head coach to start 10-0 in consecutive seasons at different schools. (James Madison, 2023; Indiana, 2024) and is one of three all-time to begin his Power 4 tenure with consecutive 10-0 starts.
- Set the program record for victories in back-to-back seasons with 11 in 2024 and 16 in 2025. Those two seasons mark the only two double-digit win seasons in program history.
- Cignetti engineered a 7.5-game improvement from Indiana's 2023 to 2024 season, a number that currently sits tied for the second-best improvement by a first-year head coach since at least 1996 (June Jones, Hawai'i; 8.5 games).
- 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).
- 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).

Notes & Records

- Tutored Indiana's first-ever Heisman Trophy winner in quarterback Fernando Mendoza, who also claimed the Walter Camp and Maxwell National Player of the Year awards, along with the Davey O'Brien and Manning Awards as the nation's top quarterback.
- Boasts 12 All-America selections over his two seasons at the helm of the Hoosiers, including two-time selections Aiden Fisher and D'Angelo Ponds. That total is the most in a two-year span in program history.
- Seen 23 players (10 offense, 10 defense, three special teams) earn All-Big Ten honors, with 11 more honorable mention selections.
- Four conference specialty award winners in 2025 marked the most in a single season in program history: Graham-George Offensive Player of the Year and Griese-Brees Quarterback of the Year (Mendoza), Rimington-Pace Offensive Lineman of the Year (Carter Smith) and Bakken-Anderson Kicker of the Year (Nico Radicic).

- Finished No. 2 nationally with a program-record 81 offensive touchdowns scored, which included an FBS-best and IU-record 46 passing touchdowns.
- The 77 points in the Western Illinois in 2024 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).

Staff Retention

- Quickly built his staff with familiar names, as six assistant coaches followed Cignetti from James Madison to Indiana: Bryant Haines, Mike Shanahan, Grant Cain, Pat Kuntz, John Miller and Tino Sunseri.
- Ten of the 11 full-time staff members hired by Cignetti at Indiana have worked multiple years on his staff, with nine of them entering their third season or longer at Indiana.
- Haines and 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.

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 in business administration from West Virginia in 1982, where he lettered at quarterback (1979-82).
- His father, Frank, is a member of the College Football Hall of Fame after he compiled 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 at George P. Miller Stadium.

AWARDS & HONORS

Indiana

- Big Ten Coach of the Year (2024, 2025)
- Associated Press Coach of the Year (2024, 2025)
- American Football Coaches Association Coach of the Year (2024, 2025)
- Home Depot Coach of the Year (2024, 2025)
- Sporting News Coach of the Year (2024, 2025)
- Walter Camp Coach of the Year (2024, 2025)
- Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year (2025)
- Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year (2025)
- Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year (2024)
- George Munger Award (2025)

James Madison

- Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year (2023)

Elon

- Colonial Athletic Association Coach of the Year (2017)

Indiana University of Pennsylvania

- Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Coach of the Year (2012)



COACHING STAFF

BRYANT HAINES (FIELD)

Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
3rd season at Indiana



- Twelve years of collegiate coaching experience and the 2025 Broyles Award winner as nation's top assistant.
- Led the nation in rushing defense (80.2) in 2024 and finished No. 2 in the category in 2025 (77.19).
- Tutored **Aiden Fisher** to first-team All-America honors in both 2024 & 2025, the first two-time first team selection on defense 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
3rd season at Indiana



- Enters 11th season coaching receivers and sixth as an offensive coordinator.
- Directed the only FBS offense to average 40-plus points per game in 2024 (41.3) and 2025 (41.6).
- Fourth school working under **Curt Cignetti**: Indiana University Pennsylvania (2016), Elon (2017-18) and James Madison (2019-23).
- Tutored four NFL wideouts while at Indiana: **Omar Cooper Jr.** (New York Jets), **Myles Price** (Minnesota Vikings), **Elijah Sarratt** (Baltimore Ravens) and **Ke'Shawn Williams** (Cincinnati Bengals).

GRANT CAIN (FIELD)

Special Teams Coordinator/Tight Ends
3rd season at Indiana



- Holds 22 years of coaching experience in the college and professional ranks.
- Special teams group led FBS in blocked punts with five. Two of those blocked punts came in the College Football Playoff, with the second recovered for a touchdown against Miami (Fla.) in the national championship game.
- Special teams units finished with the third-highest special teams grade per Pro Football Focus (88.7) in the Power 4 in 2024.
- Tight end **Riley Nowakowski** was a fifth round pick by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the 2026 NFL Draft.

OLA ADAMS (BOOTH)

Safeties
3rd season at Indiana



- Owns 17 seasons of experience across college and professional football. Of those, 13 seasons have been spent coaching defensive backs.
- Tutored at least one all-conference honoree in all but one season dating back to 2009, with both **Amare Ferrell** (2nd) and **Louis Moore** (1st) tabbed All-Big Ten in 2025.
- 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
4th season at Indiana



- The lone coach retained by Indiana head coach **Curt Cignetti** after the coaching change in 2023.
- Owns 28 years of experience coaching the offensive line at the collegiate and professional levels.
- Tutored Indiana's front to back-to-back semifinalist honors from the Joe Moore Award, with finalist distinction during the 2025 campaign.
- Coached three Big Ten Rimington-Pace Offensive Lineman of the Year winners: **Carter Smith** (IU, 2025), Michael Deiter (WISC, 2018), Gabe Carimi (WISC, 2010).

PAT KUNTZ (FIELD)

Defensive Tackles
3rd season at Indiana



- In ninth season as a college assistant after stints coaching defensive lines at James Madison (2022-23) and VMI (2018-21).
- **Tyrique Tucker** earned first-team All-Big Ten and second-team All-America in 2025.
- 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.

JOHN MILLER (FIELD)

Running Backs
3rd season at Indiana



- In his sixth season coaching running backs after three years at James Madison (2021-23).
- Tutored a pair of 1,000-yard rushers in 2025: **Kaelon Black** (1,040) and **Roman Hemby** (1,120).
- Helped the duo of **Ty Son Lawton** (12) and **Justice Ellison** (10) become the first running back duo in IU history to reach double-digit rushing touchdowns in the same season.
- At only 28 years old, Miller was named to 247Sports' "30 Under 30" list of the top young assistant coaches in the country.

ROD OJONG (FIELD)

Defensive Pass Game Coordinator/Defensive Backs/Cornerbacks
3rd season at Indiana



- Has eight 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 first-team All-America honors in 2025 after second-team honors in 2024.
- Helped Dontae Balfour (Charlotte) to third-team All-AAC honors and Marcus Fuqua (Buffalo) to first-team All-MAC honors.
- In 2020, he was a quality control assistant for a Georgia team that won the Peach Bowl and posted an 8-2 record.

TINO SUNSERI (FIELD)

Quarterbacks/Co-Offensive Coordinator
2nd season at Indiana



- Enters second season at Indiana after serving on **Curt Cignetti's** first IU staff in 2024 in the same role.
- Served three seasons as quarterbacks coach at James Madison (2021-23) where he tutored three quarterbacks who earned conference player of the year honors.
- A quality control assistant at Florida State (2016-17), Tennessee (2018) and graduate assistant for Alabama (2019-20).
- At Alabama, worked closely with Heisman Trophy finalists and NFL first-round draft picks Tua Tagovailoa and Mac Jones.

BUDDHA WILLIAMS (FIELD)

Defensive Ends
3rd season at Indiana



- Owns 10 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).
- Indiana's **Stephen Daley** led the Big Ten in tackles for loss (19.0) in 2025.
- Colorado State's Mohamed Kamara who posted 17.0 tackles for loss with 13.0 sacks in 2023 and was 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

TYSON BROWN

Director of Athletic Performance
1st season at Indiana



- Owns 18 years of experience on a collegiate strength and conditioning staffs.
- Helped UConn reach back-to-back bowl games in 2024-25. It was the first back-to-back postseason appearances for the Huskies since 2009-10.
- Led Mississippi State's strength and conditioning program for four seasons (2020-24) with three-straight bowl appearances from 2020-22 under head coaches Mike Leach (2020-21) and Zach Arnett (2022).
- Spent six seasons at Washington State with two as the head of the strength and conditioning program (2018-19) and four as an assistant (2014-17) for Jason Loscalzo.
- Between 2017 and 2018, Brown was hired by **Curt Cignetti** at Elon, but after Loscalzo left for the NFL he remained in Pullman and lead the Cougars' strength and conditioning efforts.
- Began career as a strength and conditioning intern at Sioux Falls (2008).
- Holds bachelor's degree in exercise science from University of Sioux Falls where helped the Cougars to the 2006 (player) and 2008 (strength coach) NAIA National Championships.

MARKELL CLARK

Associate Athletic Performance Coach
1st season at Indiana

- Has six seasons in the strength and conditioning field, the last four at the Power 4 level: Mississippi State (2022) and Georgia (2023-25).
- Had two one-year stints at Appalachian State (2020) and Arkansas State (2021) as an intern/graduate assistant before his first full time post.
- Earned bachelor's degree in exercise science from Appalachian State (2021) where he was a two-year letterwinner for the Mountaineers (2017-18).

CHAD TRAVER

Associate Athletic Performance Coach
1st season at Indiana

- Owns 19 years of experience as an athletic performance coach with 11 years at the FBS level and nine previous seasons on staff with **Tyson Brown** between Washington State and Mississippi State.
- Spent 2025 as the head strength and conditioning coach at South Dakota, which ended it an FCS quarterfinal appearance.
- Two-sport athlete at the University of Sioux Falls in football and wrestling.
- Graduate of Sioux Falls with a degree in exercise science in 2008. Earned master's degree in applied exercise physiology from Louisiana-Monroe (2010).

DANIEL JOHNSON

Assistant Athletic Performance Coach
3rd season at Indiana

- Enters his seventh 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.

JARED MYATT

Assistant Athletic Performance Coach
3rd season at Indiana

- Owns 11 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 (2015) before getting a master's degree at Mercer (2016).

NUMERICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
0	Williams, Carson	DB	5-11	181	3rd	Houston, Texas/Westfield (Montana State)
1	Richard, Turbo	RB	5-9	204	3rd	Charlotte, N.C./Northwestern (Boston College)
1	Ferrell, Amare	DB	6-2	205	4th	Lake City, Fla./Columbia
2	Wilson, Grant	QB	6-3	218	7th	Arlington, Va./Yorktown (Old Dominion)
2	Baldwin Jr., Byron	DB	6-2	185	2nd	Baltimore, Md./Saint Frances Academy
3	Rupert, Kortez	WR	5-11	163	1st	East Saint Louis, Ill./East Saint Louis
3	Bell, Jaylen	DB	5-10	169	2nd	Union, N.J./Grayson
4	Chandler, Davion	WR	5-11	181	2nd	Indianapolis, Ind./Lawrence North
4	Harris, A.J.	DB	6-1	189	4th	Phenix City, Ala./Central (Penn State)
5	Hardy, Rolijah	LB	5-11	227	3rd	Lakeland, Fla./Lakeland (Naval Academy Preparatory School)
6	Bond, Lebron	WR	5-9	175	2nd	Norfolk, Va./Maury
6	Zachman, Preston	DB	6-2	209	7th	Elysburg, Pa./Southern Columbia (Wisconsin)
7	Preston, Shazz	WR	6-0	205	5th	Saint James, La./Saint James (Tulane)
7	Obiazor, Chiddi	DL	6-5	279	4th	Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie (Kansas State)
8	Morris, Tyler	WR	5-11	186	5th	Bolingbrook, Ill./Nazareth Academy (Michigan)
8	Burnham, Josh	DL	6-4	255	5th	Traverse City, Mich./Traverse City Central (Notre Dame)
9	Keys, Lavar	WR	5-9	165	1st	Hyattsville, Md./DeMatha
9	Daley, Stephen	DL	6-1	273	5th	Winchester, Va./John Handley (Kent State)
9	Stewart Jr., Seaonta	DB	6-1	205	2nd	Cincinnati, Ohio/Winton Woods
10	Hoover, Josh	QB	6-2	200	5th	Heath, Texas/Rockwall-Heath (TCU)
10	Gandy, Ryland	DB	6-0	189	5th	Buford, Ga./Buford (Pitt)
11	Marsh, Nick	WR	6-3	213	3rd	Detroit, Mich./River Rouge (Michigan State)
12	Bell, Jacob	QB	6-2	208	2nd	Naperville, Ill./Naperville North
12	Osunsanmi, Tobi	DL	6-2	251	5th	Wichita, Kan./Wichita East (Kansas State)
13	Sanks, Quan	DB	5-10	190	3rd	Columbus, Ga./Central (Ala.) (Cincinnati)
14	Geske, Maverick	QB	6-0	187	2nd	Indianapolis, Ind./Brebeuf Jesuit
14	Turner, Kaiden	LB	6-0	228	5th	Fayetteville, Ark./Fayetteville
15	Cherry, Tyler	QB	6-5	220	3rd	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove
15	Radacic, Nico	K	5-11	188	4th	Coppell, Texas/Coppell
16	Owens, Jamar	DB	6-0	172	1st	Jonesboro, Ga./Douglas County
17	Wasserstrom, Jackson	WR	5-11	177	5th	Westfield, Ind./Westfield
17	Ndukwe, Daniel	DL	6-3	238	3rd	Lithonia, Ga./Arabia Mountain
18	Elmore, Parker	TE	6-4	239	1st	Columbus, Ind./Columbus North
18	Wyatt, Kellan	DL	6-2	257	5th	Glen Burnie, Md./Archbishop Spalding (Maryland)
19	Gowers, Billy	P	6-2	207	2nd	Melbourne, Australia/Xavier College (Hawaii)
19	Smith, Zacharey	DB	5-11	175	2nd	Union City, Ga./Hapeville Charter Academy
20	Cuono, Sean	RB	5-10	193	2nd	Clearwater, Fla./Clearwater Central Catholic
21	Savage, Jacob	LB	6-0	222	1st	Union, Ky./Ryle
22	Campbell, Jayreon	RB	5-8	205	1st	Powder Springs, Ga./McEachern
22	Sharpe, Jamari	DB	6-1	188	5th	Miami, Fla./Northwestern
23	Ohlinger, Henry	LB	6-1	224	1st	Columbus, Ohio/Grandview Heights
24	Williams, Ja'Dyn	LB	6-1	211	1st	Massillon, Ohio/Massillon-Washington
25	Tims, D'Montae	DB	6-0	202	1st	Tampa, Fla./Armwood
26	Kaiser, Cade	WR	6-5	214	2nd	Batesville, Ind./Batesville
26	Stephens, Iosua	DB	6-2	185	2nd	Brownsburg, Ind./Brownsburg (Valparaiso)
27	Hicks, Kasmir	DB	5-11	177	1st	Indianapolis, Ind./Decatur Central
28	Martin, Khobie	RB	6-0	204	3rd	Fishers, Ind./Fishers
29	Beebe Jr., Lee	RB	5-10	218	5th	Montgomery, Ala./Park Crossing (UAB)
30	Nelson, PJ	LB	6-1	219	2nd	Cincinnati, Ohio/Princeton
31	Chung, Anthony	DB	6-1	199	4th	Mequon, Wis./Homestead
33	Reese, Garrett	DB	6-2	205	2nd	Chicago, Ill./Nazareth Academy
34	Utzinger, Jeff	LB	6-3	232	5th	Carmel, Ind./Cathedral
35	McAteer, Paddy	K	6-2	205	5th	Mullaghbawn, Ireland/St. Mary's University (Troy)
36	Conner, Clay	DB	6-4	206	4th	Boonville, Ind./Boonville
37	Kizer, Heath	DB	6-1	203	3rd	Indianapolis, Ind./North Central
38	McConnell, Kaden	LB	6-2	228	3rd	Greenwood, Ind./Center Grove
39	Gibbs, Trevor	TE	6-2	241	1st	Crown Point, Ind./Crown Point
40	Clark, Quentin	DL	6-1	221	3rd	Dexter, Ga./West Laurens
41	Calhoun, Keishaun	DL	6-2	265	2nd	Groveport, Ohio/Groveport-Madison
42	Hugan, Kevontay	DL	6-1	227	1st	Sarasota, Fla. / Booker
43	Taylor, Bryce	K	5-10	189	2nd	Bloomington, Ind./Bloomington South
44	Kamara, Amari	LB	5-11	202	2nd	Asburn, Va./Stone Bridge
45	Murff, Lincoln	DB	5-10	186	4th	Indianapolis, Ind./Ben Davis

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.
72	Ajani, Adedamola	OL
52	Allen, Clayton	LB
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
6	Bond, Lebron	WR
56	Brunner, Joe	OL
8	Burnham, Josh	DL
99	Burrus Jr., Tyrone	DL
41	Calhoun, Keishaun	DL
22	Campbell, Jayreon	RB
4	Chandler, Davion	WR
15	Cherry, Tyler	QB
31	Chung, Anthony	DB
40	Clark, Quentin	DL
55	Clausen, Drew	LS
36	Conner, Clay	DB
20	Cuono, Sean	RB
9	Daley, Stephen	DL
18	Elmore, Parker	TE
62	Evans, Drew	OL
1	Ferrell, Amare	DB
10	Gandy, Ryland	DB
94	Garcia, Kyler	DL
14	Geske, Maverick	QB
39	Gibbs, Trevor	TE
19	Gowers, Billy	P
73	Graham, Luke	OL
50	Hall, Jhrevious	DL
5	Hardy, Rolijah	LB
4	Harris, A.J.	DB
27	Hicks, Kasmir	DB
92	Hill, Gabe	DL
90	Hjelle, Joe	DL
10	Hoover, Josh	QB
78	Horvath, Prescott	OL
42	Hugan, Kevontay	DL
64	Johnson, Chance	OL
93	Johnson, Ronelle	DL
46	Jones, Isaiah	LB
26	Kaiser, Cade	WR
44	Kamara, Amari	LB
82	Kendrick, Myles	WR
9	Keys, Lavar	WR
37	Kizer, Heath	DB
97	Landino, Mario	DL
70	Leibfried, Austin	OL
57	Lindsey, Sam	LS
74	Lynch, Bray	OL
87	MacFarlane, PJ	TE
77	Marek, Matt	OL
11	Marsh, Nick	WR
28	Martin, Khobie	RB
86	Massel IV, Bruno	WR
35	McAteer, Paddy	K
38	McConnell, Kaden	LB
98	McHaney, Cam	DL
76	Mondeau, Kenton	OL
8	Morris, Tyler	WR
45	Murff, Lincoln	DB

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School (Previous School)
46	Jones, Isaiah	LB	6-2	225	5th	London, Ohio/London
47	Tolle, Jackson	LS	6-0	220	1st	Fishers, Ind./Hamilton Southeastern
50	Hall, Jhrevious	DL	6-2	305	2nd	Columbia, Tenn./Columbia Central
52	Allen, Clayton	LB	6-2	209	3rd	Fishers, Ind./Hamilton Southeastern
55	Clausen, Drew	LS	6-6	250	6th	Grimes, Iowa/Dallas Center-Grimes (Iowa State)
55	White, Rodney	DL	6-1	296	1st	Baltimore, Md./Concordia Prep
56	Brunner, Joe	OL	6-7	313	5th	Whitefish Bay, Wis./Whitefish Bay (Wisconsin)
57	Lindsey, Sam	LS	6-0	188	4th	Lilburn, Ga./Parkview (Georgia State)
60	Scifres, CJ	OL	6-5	312	1st	Bargersville, Ind./Center Grove
61	Wilkin, Baylor	OL	6-5	289	2nd	Van Buren, Ohio/Findlay
62	Evans, Drew	OL	6-4	307	5th	Fort Atkinson, Wis./Fort Atkinson (Wisconsin)
64	Johnson, Chance	OL	6-5	307	2nd	Jeffersonville, Ind./Jeffersonville
65	Smith, Carter	OL	6-5	313	5th	Powell, Ohio/Olentangy Liberty
66	Parker, Evan	OL	6-4	299	2nd	Carmel, Ind./Carmel
70	Leibfried, Austin	OL	6-6	300	3rd	Mount Horeb, Wis./Mount Horeb
71	Novak, Ben	OL	6-6	317	1st	Crown Point, Ind./Andean
72	Ajani, Adedamola	OL	6-4	308	3rd	Indianapolis, Ind./Speedway
73	Graham, Luke	OL	6-4	315	1st	Pendleton Ind./Pendleton Heights
74	Lynch, Bray	OL	6-5	298	5th	Austin, Texas/Westlake
75	Simpson, Sam	OL	6-3	304	1st	River Falls, Wis./River Falls
76	Mondeau, Kenton	OL	6-7	315	1st	Eau Claire, Wis./Eau Claire North
77	Marek, Matt	OL	6-3	300	2nd	Orland Park, Ill./Sandburg
78	Horvath, Prescott	OL	6-8	280	1st	Mishawaka Ind./Marian
80	Becker, Charlie	WR	6-4	207	3rd	Nashville, Tenn./Father Ryan
81	Van Pelt, Jaidon	WR	5-11	160	1st	Fort Wayne, Ind./Carroll
82	Kendrick, Myles	WR	6-0	190	2nd	Jacksonville, Fla./Riverside
83	Stroud, Hunter	WR	6-0	183	2nd	Martinsville, Ind./Martinsville
84	Thiry, Blake	TE	6-4	236	2nd	Prairie du Chien, Wis./Prairie du Chien
85	Barker, Andrew	TE	6-4	250	2nd	Kokomo, Ind./Kokomo
86	Massel IV, Bruno	WR	5-11	196	2nd	Elmhurst, Ill./York
87	MacFarlane, PJ	TE	6-5	205	1st	Liberty Township, Ohio/Lakota East
88	Schott, Brock	TE	6-3	241	2nd	Fort Wayne, Ind./Leo (Miami (Fla.))
90	Placzek, Josh	K	5-11	193	3rd	Carmel, Ind./Carmel
90	Hjelle, Joe	DL	6-3	318	5th	Decorah, Iowa/Decorah (Tulsa)
91	Smythe, Blake	DL	6-2	283	1st	Trafalgar, Ind./Franklin Community
92	Hill, Gabe	DL	6-1	289	1st	Naperville, Ill./Naperville North
93	Warren, Quinn	K	6-6	214	3rd	Indianapolis, Ind./Brebeuf Jesuit
93	Johnson, Ronelle	DL	6-3	266	1st	Kansas City, Mo./Blue Springs
94	Garcia, Kyler	DL	6-4	291	2nd	Nashville, Tenn./Pearl-Cohn
95	Tucker, Tyrique	DL	6-0	307	5th	Norfolk, Va./Life Christian Academy (James Madison)
97	Landino, Mario	DL	6-4	288	3rd	Macungie, Pa./Emmaus
98	McHaney, Cam	DL	6-1	286	1st	Indianapolis, Ind./IMG Academy
99	Burrus Jr., Tyrone	DL	6-4	245	2nd	Indianapolis, Ind./Warren Central

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17	Ndukwe, Daniel	DL
30	Nelson, PJ	LB
71	Novak, Ben	OL
7	Obiazor, Chiddi	DL
23	Ohlinger, Henry	LB
12	Osunsanmi, Tobi	DL
16	Owens, Jamar	DB
66	Parker, Evan	OL
90	Placzek, Josh	K
7	Preston, Shazz	WR
15	Radicic, Nico	K
33	Reese, Garrett	DB
1	Richard, Turbo	RB
3	Rupert, Kortez	WR
13	Sanks, Quan	DB
21	Savage, Jacob	LB
88	Schott, Brock	TE
60	Scifres, CJ	OL
22	Sharpe, Jamari	DB
75	Simpson, Sam	OL
65	Smith, Carter	OL
19	Smith, Zachary	DB
91	Smythe, Blake	DL
26	Stephens, Iosua	DB
9	Stewart Jr., Seaonta	DB
83	Stroud, Hunter	WR
43	Taylor, Bryce	K
84	Thiry, Blake	TE
25	Tims, D'Montae	DB
47	Tolle, Jackson	LS
95	Tucker, Tyrique	DL
14	Turner, Kaiden	LB
34	Utzinger, Jeff	LB
81	Van Pelt, Jaidon	WR
93	Warren, Quinn	K
17	Wasserstrom, Jackson	WR
55	White, Rodney	DL
61	Wilkin, Baylor	OL
0	Williams, Carson	DB
24	Williams, Ja'Dyn	LB
2	Wilson, Grant	QB
18	Wyatt, Kellan	DL
6	Zachman, Preston	DB

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
Bob Bostad	Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator
Pat Kuntz	Defensive Tackles
John Miller	Running Backs
Rod Ojong	Defensive Pass Game Coord./Defensive Backs/Cornerbacks
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Buddha Williams	Defensive Ends
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Markell Clark	Associate Director of Athletic Performance
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Daniel Johnson	Assistant Athletic Performance Coach
Jared Myatt	Assistant Athletic Performance Coach
Caleb Jones	Director of Sports Science

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Jared Coulter	Video Coordinator
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Brooks Halsey	Assistant Director of Player Personnel
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Jamie Stento	Director of Recruiting Operations
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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 (16)

72 Ajani, Adedamola
56 Brunner, Joe
62 Evans, Drew
73 Graham, Luke
78 Horvath, Prescott
64 Johnson, Chance
70 Leibfried, Austin
74 Lynch, Bray
77 Marek, Matt
76 Mondeau, Kenton
71 Novak, Ben
66 Parker, Evan
60 Scifres, CJ
75 Simpson, Sam
65 Smith, Carter
61 Baylor Wilkin

Wide Receivers (14)

80 Becker, Charlie
6 Bond, Lebron
4 Chandler, Davion
26 Kaiser, Cade
82 Kendrick, Myles
9 Keys, Lavar
11 Marsh, Nick
86 Massel IV, Bruno
8 Morris, Tyler
7 Preston, Shazz
3 Rupert, Kortez
83 Stroud, Hunter
81 VanPelt, Jaidon
17 Wasserstrom, Jackson

Tight Ends (6)

85 Barker, Andrew
18 Elmore, Parker
39 Gibbs, Trevor
87 McFarlane, PJ
88 Schott, Brock
84 Thiry, Blake

Running Backs (5)

29 Beebe Jr., Lee
22 Campbell, Jayreon
20 Cuono, Sean
28 Martin, Khobie
1 Richard, Turbo

Quarterbacks (5)

12 Bell, Jacob
15 Cherry, Tyler
14 Geske, Maverick
10 Hoover, Josh
2 Wilson, Grant

Defensive Backs (20)

2 Baldwin Jr., Byron
3 Bell, Jaylen
31 Chung, Anthony
36 Conner, Clay
1 Ferrell, Amare
10 Gandy, Ryland
4 Harris, A.J.
27 Hicks, Kasmir
37 Kizer, Heath
45 Murff, Lincoln
16 Owens, Jamar
33 Reese, Garrett
13 Sanks, Quan
22 Sharpe, Jamari
19 Smith, Zacharey
26 Stephens, Iosua
9 Stewart Jr., Seaonta
25 Tims, D'Montae
0 Williams, Carson
6 Zachman, Preston

Defensive Line (20)

8 Burnham, Josh
99 Burrus Jr., Tyrone
41 Calhoun, Keishaun
40 Clark, Quentin
9 Daley, Stephen
94 Garcia, Kyler
50 Hall, Jhrevious
92 Hill, Gabe
90 Hjelle, Joe
42 Hugan, Kevontay
93 Johnson, Ronelle
97 Landino, Mario
98 McHaney, Cam
17 Ndukwe, Daniel
7 Obiazor, Chiddi
12 Osunsanmi, Tobi
91 Smythe, Blake
95 Tucker, Tyrique
55 White, Rodney
18 Wyatt, Kellan

Linebackers (11)

52 Allen, Clayton
5 Hardy, Rolijah
46 Jones, Isaiah
44 Kamara, Amari
38 McConnell, Kaden
30 Nelson, PJ
23 Ohlinger, Henry
21 Savage, Jacob
14 Turner, Kaiden
34 Utzinger, Jeff
24 Williams, Ja'Dyn

Kickers (5)

35 McAteer, Paddy
90 Placzek, Josh
15 Radicic, Nicolas
43 Taylor, Bryce
93 Warren, Quinn

Long Snappers (3)

55 Clausen, Drew
57 Lindsey, Sam
47 Tolle, Jackson

Punters (1)

19 Gowers, Billy

BY ELIGIBILITY

7th Year (2)

2 Wilson, Grant
6 Zachman, Preston

6th Year (1)

55 Clausen, Drew

5th Year (21)

29 Beebe Jr., Lee
56 Brunner, Josh
8 Burnham, Josh
9 Daley, Stephen
62 Evans, Drew
10 Gandy, Ryland
90 Hjelle, Joe
10 Hoover, Josh
46 Jones, Isaiah
74 Lynch, Bray
35 McAteer, Paddy
8 Morris, Tyler
12 Osunsanmi, Tobi
7 Preston, Shazz
22 Sharpe, Jamari
65 Smith, Carter
95 Tucker, Tyrique
14 Turner, Kaiden
34 Utzinger, Jeff
17 Wasserstrom, Jackson
18 Wyatt, Kellan

4th Year (9)

52 Allen, Clayton
31 Chung, Anthony
36 Conner, Clay
1 Ferrell, Amare
4 Harris, A.J.
57 Lindsey, Sam
45 Murff, Lincoln
7 Obiazor, Chiddi
15 Radicic, Nicolas

3rd Year (16)

72 Ajani, Adedamola
80 Becker, Charlie
40 Clark, Quentin
5 Hardy, Rolijah
37 Kizer, Heath
97 Landino, Mario
70 Leibfried, Austin
11 Marsh, Nick
28 Martin, Khobie
38 McConnell, Kaden
17 Ndukwe, Daniel
90 Placzek, Josh
1 Richard, Turbo
13 Sanks, Quan
93 Warren, Quinn
0 Williams, Carson

2nd Year (31)

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
15 Cherry, Tyler
20 Cuono, Sean
94 Garcia, Kyler
14 Geske, Maverick
19 Gowers, Billy
50 Hall, Jhrevious
64 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
88 Schott, Brock
19 Smith, Zacharey
26 Stephens, Iosua
9 Stewart Jr., Seaonta
83 Stroud, Hunter
43 Taylor, Bryce
84 Thiry, Blake
61 Wilkin, Baylor

1st Year (26)

22 Campbell, Jayreon
18 Elmore, Parker
39 Gibbs, Trevor
73 Graham, Luke
27 Hicks, Kasmir
92 Hill, Gabe
78 Horvath, Prescott
42 Hugan, Kevontay
93 Johnson, Ronelle
9 Keys, Lavar
71 Novak, Ben
87 McFarlane, PJ
98 McHaney, Cam
76 Mondeau, Kenton
23 Ohlinger, Henry
16 Owens, Jamar
3 Rupert, Kortez
21 Savage, Jacob
60 Scifres, CJ
75 Simpson, Sam
91 Smythe, Blake
25 Tims, D'Montae
47 Tolle, Jackson
81 Van Pelt, Jaidon
55 White, Rodney
24 Williams, Ja'Dyn

BY STATE/COUNTRY

Indiana (34)

72 Ajani, Adedamola
52 Allen, Clayton
85 Barker, Andrew
99 Burrus Jr., Tyrone
4 Chandler, Davion
15 Cherry, Tyler
36 Conner, Clay
18 Elmore, Parker
14 Geske, Maverick
39 Gibbs, Trevor
73 Graham, Luke
27 Hicks, Kasmir
78 Horvath, Prescott
64 Johnson, Chance
26 Kaiser, Cade
37 Kizer, Heath
28 Martin, Khobie
38 McConnell, Kaden
98 McHaney, Cam
45 Murff, Lincoln
71 Novak, Ben
66 Parker, Evan
90 Placzek, Josh
88 Schott, Brock
60 Scifres, CJ
91 Smythe, Blake
26 Stephens, Iosua
83 Stroud, Hunter
43 Taylor, Bryce
47 Tolle, Jackson
34 Utzinger, Jeff
81 Van Pelt, Jaidon
17 Wasserstrom, Jackson
93 Warren, Quinn

Ohio (9)

41 Calhoun, Keishaun
46 Jones, Isaiah
87 McFarlane, PJ
30 Nelson, PJ
23 Ohlinger, Henry
65 Smith, Carter
9 Stewart Jr., Seaonta
61 Wilkin, Baylor
24 Williams, Ja'Dyn

Georgia (8)

22 Campbell, Jayreon
40 Clark, Quentin
10 Gandy, Ryland
57 Lindsey, Sam
17 Ndukwe, Daniel
16 Owens, Jamar
13 Sanks, Quan
19 Smith, Zacharey

Florida (7)

20 Cuono, Sean
1 Ferrell, Amare
5 Hardy, Rolijah
42 Hugan, Kevontay
82 Kendrick, Myles
22 Sharpe, Jamari
25 Tims, D'Montae

Illinois (7)

12 Bell, Jacob
92 Hill, Gabe
77 Marek, Matt
86 Massel IV, Bruno
8 Morris, Tyler
33 Reese, Garrett
3 Rupert, Kortez

Wisconsin (7)

31 Chung, Anthony
56 Brunner, Joe
62 Evans, Drew
70 Leibfried, Austin
76 Mondeau, Kenton
75 Simpson, Sam
84 Thiry, Blake

Virginia (5)

6 Bond, Lebron
9 Daley, Stephen
44 Kamara, Amari
95 Tucker, Tyrique
2 Wilson, Grant

Maryland (4)

2 Baldwin Jr., Byron
9 Keys, Lavar
55 White, Rodney
18 Wyatt, Kellan

Texas (4)

10 Hoover, Josh
74 Lynch, Bray
15 Radicic, Nicolas
0 Williams, Carson

Tennessee (3)

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

Alabama (2)

29 Beebe Jr., Lee
4 Harris, A.J.

Iowa (2)

55 Clausen, Drew
90 Hjelle, Joe

Michigan (2)

8 Burnham, Josh
11 Marsh, Nick

Pennsylvania (2)

97 Landino, Mario
6 Zachman, Preston

Arkansas (1)

14 Turner, Kaiden

Australia (1)

19 Gowers, Billy

Ireland (1)

35 McAteer, Paddy

Kansas (1)

12 Osunsanmi, Tobi

Kentucky (1)

21 Savage, Jacob

Louisiana (1)

7 Preston, Shazz

Minnesota (1)

7 Obiazor, Chiddi

Missouri (1)

93 Johnson, Ronelle

New Jersey (1)

3 Bell, Jaylen

North Carolina (1)

1 Richard, Turbo