

## NORTHWESTERN QUICK FACTS

**Location:** Evanston, Ill.

**Enrollment:** 8,000

**Nickname:** Wildcats

**Founded:** 1851

**Colors:** Purple and White

**Conference:** Big Ten

**Mascot:** Willie the Wildcat

**President:** Morton Schapiro

**Director of Athletics and Recreation:** Jim Phillips

**Head Coach:** Pat Fitzgerald

**Alma Mater:** Northwestern University, 1997

**Career Record (years):** 34-28 (fifth)

**NU Record (years):** Same

**2010 Record:** 7-5, 3-5 (T-seventh)

**Offensive Formation:** Multiple Spread

**Defensive Formation:** 4-3

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- Mike Hankwitz, Defensive Coordinator
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**NORTHWESTERN VS. TEXASTECH**  
**COTTON BOWL STADIUM (92,158)**  
**DALLAS, TEXAS · JANUARY 1, 2011**  
**11 A.M. (CST)**

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# TICKETCITY BOWL NOTES

## GAME DATA • NOTES

Jan. 1, 2011

Northwestern (7-5, 3-5 Big Ten) vs.  
Texas Tech (7-5, 3-5 Big 12)

### Game Facts

Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011  
11 a.m. CT  
Cotton Bowl Stadium  
(92,158, Natural Grass)  
Dallas, Texas



**Radio**—WGN Radio (720 AM, wgnradio.com) will carry the game live with the broadcast starting at 10:30 a.m. Dave Eanet (play-by-play) and Ted Albrecht (analyst) call the action.



WNUR (89.3), NU's student station, also will carry the game. The game can be heard on satellite radio: Sirius (Ch. TBA), XM Satellite (Ch. TBA).

**Television**—ESPNU is televising the game to a national cable audience.

Dave Pasch (play-by-play), Bob Griese (analyst), Chris Spielman (analyst) and Quint Kessenich (sideline) call the action. ESPN3.com is also streaming the game live.



### Northwestern Wildcats Staff

**Head Coach** ..... Pat Fitzgerald (Northwestern '97)

**NU & Career Record** ..... 34-28, Fifth Year

**Big Ten Record** ..... 18-22

**Assistant Coaches** ..... Jerry Brown (Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Backs), Mike Hankwitz (Defensive Coordinator), Mick McCall (Offensive Coordinator), Randy Bates (Linebackers), Adam Cushing (Offensive Line), Bob Heffner (Superbacks), Kevin Johns (Wide Receivers), Marty Long (Defensive Line), Matt MacPherson (Running Backs)

### 2010 Schedule and Results

Date	Opponent (TV)	Time/Result
Sept. 4	at Vanderbilt (CSN)	W, 23-21
Sept. 11	Illinois State (BTN)	W, 37-3
Sept. 18	at Rice	W, 30-13
Sept. 25	Central Michigan (BTN)	W, 30-25
Oct. 2	at Minnesota * (ESPN)	W, 29-28
Oct. 9	Purdue * (BTN)	L, 20-17
Oct. 23	8/8/8 Michigan State * (ESPN)	L, 35-27
Oct. 30	at Indiana * (BTN)	W, 20-17
Nov. 6	at Penn State * (ABC)	L, 35-21
Nov. 13	13/13/12 Iowa * (ESPN)	W, 21-17
Nov. 20	Illinois * ^ (ESPNU)	L, 48-27
Nov. 27	at 5/5/5 Wisconsin * (ABC)	L, 70-23
Jan. 1	vs. Texas Tech * (ESPNU)	11 a.m.

\* Big Ten game • ^ Wrigley Field • \* TicketCity Bowl  
Home events in bold • Times CT • Rankings reflect polls (AP/USA Today/Harris) the week of the game

## NU, TEXAS TECH MEET IN FIRST TICKETCITY BOWL

### For Openers

• Northwestern University, the Big Ten Conference representative, is facing Texas Tech University, the Big 12 Conference representative, in the inaugural TicketCity Bowl at the fabled Cotton Bowl Stadium. The Cotton Bowl, which played host to its first bowl game in 1937, is second to only the Rose Bowl Stadium in hosting more collegiate bowl games than any other football arena in history.

• Northwestern is making its ninth postseason football appearance, and its eighth since the 1995 season. The Wildcats are playing on New Year's Day for a second straight time and the fourth time since 1996. NU coach Pat Fitzgerald has been a part of all four New Year's Day games—two as a player and two now as a coach. NU has won three Big Ten titles since 1995.

• The Wildcats are bowl-eligible for a fourth straight season and the fifth time in the past six years.

• This is the third time that the Wildcats have faced a Big 12 team in a bowl game. Northwestern battled Nebraska in the 2000 Alamo Bowl and Missouri in the 2008 Alamo Bowl. Northwestern and Texas Tech are meeting for the first time in school history. NU has previously battled the Pac-10 (three times), SEC (twice) and MAC (once) in postseason contests.

• Since 1995, NU has posted 10 seasons with six or more victories. In the past decade (2000-09), the Wildcats won six or more games seven times (2000, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008 and 2009). Northwestern notched its third straight winning season this fall, the first time NU has accomplished that since 1958-60.

• Fifth-year mentor Pat Fitzgerald is now tied with former coach Randy Walker for taking the Wildcats to three different bowl games. Walker guided the 'Cats to the 2000 Alamo Bowl, 2003 Motor City Bowl and the 2005 Sun Bowl. Fitzgerald has led NU to the 2008 Alamo Bowl, 2010 Outback Bowl and now the 2011 TicketCity Bowl.

• Northwestern became bowl-eligible on Oct. 30 with a road victory over Indiana. Then, two weeks later against 13th-ranked Iowa, Northwestern cemented a bowl berth by coming from behind to defeat the ranked Hawkeyes, 21-17.



*Junior wide receiver Jeremy Ebert earned first-team All-Big Ten honors from the media, and joined quarterback Dan Persa as one of two first-team All-Big Ten honorees this fall. Ebert finished the regular season with 59 catches for 919 yards and 8 TDs.*

• For the third straight year, Northwestern posted a winning record away from Ryan Field. The Wildcats were 4-2 on the road, after posting a 4-1 road mark in 2008 and a 3-2 away record in 2009. Eight of the Wildcats' 11 road wins during that span have come against Big Ten opponents.

### Senior Class Accolades

• NU has just 13 seniors on its squad this year: **DT Corbin Bryant, WR Lee Coleman, LB Quentin Davie, RB Scott Concannon, PK Stefan Demos, OG Keegan Grant, LS John Henry Pace, SB Josh Rooks, RB Stephen Simmons, WR Sidney Stewart, DT Andrew Struckmeyer, CB Justan Vaughn and LB Nate Williams.** Some of their class highlights (last five years) include:

- Totaled 34 wins in their career (last five years). That figure equals last year's class, which won more games than any senior class since the early 1900s.
- Been a part of four bowl-eligible teams (2007, 2008, 2009, 2010), equaling last year's senior class
- Posted a .500 or better record in four of five seasons.
- Defeated four nationally ranked teams.

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## Northwestern-Texas Tech Series Information

**Series Record:** First Meeting

**Series Notes:** Although this is the first meeting with Texas Tech, the Wildcats have met a number of Big 12 schools over the years and enjoyed some success. NU is a combined 21-11 versus Big 12 foes, having played eight of the league schools. The Wildcats own at least one victory over those eight schools. Besides Texas Tech, NU has never played Baylor, Texas A&M or Oklahoma State.

## Home for the Holidays—the Texas Wildcats

Northwestern has seven players on its roster from Texas, the third-most represented state behind Illinois (27) and Ohio (14). Two of the seven Texans hail from the greater Dallas-Ft. Worth area. NU's seven Lone Star state natives are: wide receiver **Demetrius Fields** (Dallas/South Oak Cliff H.S.), linebacker **Roderick Goodlow** (Dallas/W.H. Adamson H.S.), who sat out the season with a knee injury, cornerback **Demetrius Dugar** (Houston/Aldine H.S.), defensive tackle **Will Hampton** (Houston/Cy-Creek H.S.), linebacker **David Nwabuisi** (Houston/Episcopal H.S.), cornerback **Justan Vaughn** (Pearland/Pearland H.S.) and wide receiver/kick returner **Venric Mark** (Tomball/St. Pius X H.S.).

## Northwestern Coach Pat Fitzgerald

No matter what the setting, 2008 College Football Hall of Fame inductee **Pat Fitzgerald** invariably feels comfortable using his passion, unwavering set of core values and outward enthusiasm to inspire and improve those around him.

That passion was also a primary factor in Fitzgerald's Hall-of-Fame playing career at Northwestern, when he was a two-time Bronko Nagurski and Chuck Bednarik Award winner and team leader of NU's back-to-back Big Ten title-winning teams in the mid-'90's. The 'Cats posted a two-year Big Ten record of 15-1 and made appearances in the 1995 Rose Bowl and 1996 Citrus Bowl with Fitzgerald serving as the centerpiece of a defense that ranked among the nation's best.

Although Fitzgerald's passion and commitment to excellence may be difficult to quantify, his positive impact in Northwestern's on-field performance since he took the reins as head coach in 2006 is not.

The past two-plus years (2008-present), Fitzgerald has guided the Wildcats to 24 wins. NU has earned bowl eligibility a fourth straight season and five times in the last six years. For his 2008 efforts when he guided the 'Cats to nine victories, Fitzgerald was named the Big Ten Coach of the Year by the Touchdown Club of Columbus, and a semifinalist for the George Munger Coach of the Year Award and a finalist for the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award.

On Sept. 6, 2010, the Big Ten Network announced that Fitzgerald is the No. 41 Big Ten Icon in its countdown of the top 50 student-athletes. Big Ten Icons, presented by Discover, <[www.BigTenIcons.com](http://www.BigTenIcons.com)> are selected solely on their collegiate playing careers.

An assistant football coach for the Wildcats from 2001 through the summer of 2006, Fitzgerald was named Northwestern's 29th head coach on July 7, 2006, succeeding Randy Walker, who died suddenly on June 29, 2006. With one postseason game remaining in 2010, Fitzgerald now owns a 34-28 coaching record. He is the first NU coach to stand six games over the .500 mark since Bob Voigts was 25-19 in 1951.

Fitzgerald and his wife, Stacy, have three boys: Jack (6), Ryan (4) and Brendan (22 months). (For Fitzgerald's complete bio, refer to pages 76-79 in the NU yearbook.)

## Fitzgerald's Coaching Record by Month

Year	August	September	October	November	Dec./Jan.
2006	1-0	1-3	0-4	2-1	0-0
2007	0-0	2-3	3-1	1-2	0-0
2008	1-0	4-0	1-2	3-1	0-1
2009	0-0	2-2	3-2	3-0	0-1
2010	0-0	4-0	2-2	1-3	0-0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>2-0</b>	<b>13-8</b>	<b>9-11</b>	<b>10-7</b>	<b>0-2</b>

## Fitz Named a Finalist for Inaugural Paterno Award

Northwestern Head Coach Pat Fitzgerald is one of four finalists for the inaugural Joseph V. Paterno Coach of the Year Award. The award, which

## 2010 SEASON HONORS

### DOUG BARTELS • OG

- ESPN *The Magazine* first-team Academic All-District selection

### VINCE BROWNE • DE

- All-Big Ten team (second team media selection)

### CORBIN BRYANT • DT

- 2010 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team Honoree (one of 11 FBS players)
- All-Big Ten team (honorable mention media selection) • NU's 2010 Big Ten Sportsmanship honoree

### QUENTIN DAVIE • LB

- BigTen Defensive Player of the Week (Sept. 20 vs. Rice)

### STEFAN DEMOS • PK

- 2010 National Football Foundation William Campbell semifinalist

### DRAKE DUNSMORE • SB (TE)

- All-Big Ten team (honorable mention coaches and media selection)

### JEREMY EBERT • WR

- All-Big Ten team (first team media selection and honorable mention coaches selection)

### JORDAN MABIN • CB

- All-Big Ten team (honorable mention media selection)

### VENRIC MARK • KR

- Big Ten Special Teams Player & Big Ten Freshman of the Week (Nov. 29 vs. Wisconsin)

### AL NETTER • OT

- All-Big Ten team (honorable mention media selection)

### DAN PERSA • QB

- 2010 Manning Award midseason Watch List • Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (Nov. 15 vs. Iowa) • Walter Camp National Offensive Player of the Week (Nov. 15 vs. Iowa)
- All-Big Ten team (first team coaches selection, second team media selection)

### BRIAN PETERS • S

- All-Big Ten team (second team media selection and honorable mention coaches selection)

### PATRICK WARD • OT

- ESPN *The Magazine* first-team Academic All-District selection

### KEVIN WATT • DE

- ESPN *The Magazine* first-team Academic All-District selection

is being presented by the Maxwell Football Club, honors the spirit of Coach Paterno and is based on the coach's success on the football field, in the classroom and in the community. This year's winner will be chosen on Saturday, Dec. 18. Joining Fitzgerald as finalists are Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech), Troy Calhoun (Air Force) and Chris Peterson (Boise State).

## 2010 Team Captains

Northwestern Head Coach Pat Fitzgerald announced on Aug. 27 that seniors **Corbin Bryant** (Chicago, Ill./Morgan Park) and **Quentin Davie** (St. Louis, Mo./Cardinal Ritter) would join juniors **Dan Persa** (Bethlehem, Pa./Liberty) and **Al Netter** (Rohnert Park, Calif./Cardinal Newman) as the team's 2010 captains. The captains were selected by a vote from their teammates.



# TICKETCITY BOWL NOTES

## NU Claims 2010 AFCA Academic Achievement Award

For the fifth time in the last nine years, Northwestern University will receive the American Football Coaches Association's Academic Achievement Award, which is presented annually by the Touchdown Club of Memphis. Northwestern is sharing the honor this year with Rice University. Both schools recorded a perfect 100-percent graduation rate for members of its freshman football student-athlete class of 2003-04. The award will be presented at the AFCA President's Kickoff Luncheon on Monday, Jan. 10, at the 2011 AFCA Convention in Dallas.

Northwestern's win is the sixth for the school. NU also was honored in 1998, 2002, 2004, 2005 and 2007. Since Big Ten schools first became eligible for the award in 1998, Northwestern has won twice as many times as the next closest programs (Duke and Notre Dame with three).

Northwestern, which touted a school-record 32 Academic All-Big Ten honorees this year, also posted a perfect 1,000 APR for the 2008-09 campaign and now has a multi-year rate of 986, placing it in the top 10 percent of all FBS and FCS programs. In the latest GSR data, NU is tied for second nationally among FBS schools with a 95-percent rate.

## NU Boasts Highest Graduation Rates Among All 2010-11 Bowl Teams

For the second-straight year, Northwestern's football program has earned specific recognition from among its bowl-bound peers from a Lapchick APR/GSR study, conducted by Dr. Richard Lapchick at the Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport at UCF.

In a study that looked at overall Academic Progress Rate (APR) and GSR scores with regards to race, Lapchick stated "If there were a national championship for graduation success rates among bowl teams, Notre Dame and Northwestern would have played for the National Championship. Both teams graduated at least 95 percent of all football student-athletes and at least 95 percent of African-American football student-athletes. If there were a national championship for APR scores, Air Force and Northwestern would contend for the National Championship, with APR scores of 988 and 986, respectively."

## Three Wildcats Pick Up ESPN The Magazine Academic All-District Honors

Northwestern nominated six student-athletes for 2010 *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America honors, and three of those players—offensive guard **Doug Bartels**, offensive tackle **Patrick Ward** and defensive end **Kevin Watt**—earned first-team academic all-district recognition. To be nominated, a student-athlete must carry a 3.30 or better GPA, be a starter or key reserve, and be in their second full academic year.

## Bet You Didn't Know ...

In the last seven years, the Wildcats own the sixth-best Big Ten record at 32-32 (.500). The 'Cats are bunched with Penn State and Michigan State in the middle of the standings. Here's a look at the composite Big Ten records since 2003:

Team Composite Big Ten Records (2003-present)			
1. Ohio State.....	53-11	8. Purdue .....	29-35
2. Wisconsin.....	42-22	9. Minnesota.....	22-42
3. Iowa.....	38-26	10. Illinois .....	17-47
Michigan .....	38-26	11. Indiana .....	12-52
5. Penn State.....	36-28		
6. Northwestern .....	32-32		
Michigan State .....	32-32		

## 2010 Northwestern Season Review

Northwestern earned its second-straight New Year's Day bowl bid with a 7-5 regular season in 2010. The Wildcats began the year with a perfect 4-0 romp through its nonconference slate, going on the road to defeat Vanderbilt and Rice while dispatching FCS opponent Illinois State and Central Michigan at Ryan Field in Evanston.

Northwestern opened Big Ten play with a 29-28 road win at Minnesota, getting a late field goal from Stefan Demos to cap the victory. Back-to-back home losses against Purdue and Michigan State followed before

## NORTHWESTERN PLAYERS OF THE GAME (selected by NU coaching staff)

Game	Offensive	Off. Big Playmaker	Off. Practice Player
Vanderbilt	Dan Persa	Jeremy Ebert	Kain Colter
Illinois State	Ben Burkett	Drake Dunsmore	Tyris Jones
Rice	Jeremy Ebert	Brian Mulroe	Brian Smith
Central Michigan	Jacob Schmidt	Jeremy Ebert	Paul Jorgensen
Minnesota	Jeremy Ebert	Dan Persa	Tyris Jones
Purdue	Patrick Ward	Jeremy Ebert	Venric Mark
Michigan State	Trumpy/A. Smith	Dan Persa	Tyris Jones
Indiana	Mike Trumpy	Jeremy Ebert	Kain Colter
Penn State	Ben Burkett	Dan Persa	Taylor Paxton
Iowa	Dan Persa	Demetrius Fields	Trevor Sieman
Illinois	Mike Trumpy	Tony Jones	Lee Coleman
Wisconsin	—	—	—
Game	Defensive	Def. Big Playmaker	Def. Practice Player
Vanderbilt	Jack DiNardo	Nate Williams	Ibraheim Campbell
Illinois State	Vince Browne	Quentin Davie	Colin Ellis
Rice	C. Bryant/Q. Davie	Vince Browne	James Kurzawski
Central Michigan	Corbin Bryant J. DiNardo/N. Mafuli	—	Bo Cisek
Minnesota	Vince Browne	Ben Johnson	Tim Riley
Purdue	Kevin Watt	Nate Williams	Colin Ellis
Michigan State	Bryce McNaul	Vince Browne	Jeravin Matthews
Indiana	Bryce McNaul	Jordan Mabin	Ibraheim Campbell
Penn State	Vince Browne	Hunter Bates	Anthony Battle
Iowa	Nate Williams	Brian Peters	Damien Proby
Illinois	Brian Peters	—	Jeravin Matthews
Wisconsin	—	—	—
Game	Special Teams	ST Practice Player of the Week	
Vanderbilt	Brandon Williams	Colin Ellis	
Illinois State	Jeravin Matthews	Tim Hanrahan	
Rice	Ben Johnson	Will Studlien	
Central Michigan	Venric Mark	—	
Minnesota	Ben Johnson	Jimmy Hall	
Purdue	—	Chi Chi Ariguzo	
Michigan State	Stefan Demos	Colin Ellis	
Indiana	Venric Mark	Tim Hanrahan	
Penn State	Ben Johnson	Tim Weak	
Iowa	B. Williams & J. Matthews	Jaleel Reed	
Illinois	Venric Mark	Ibraheim Campbell	
Wisconsin	Venric Mark	—	

NU got back on track with another road win, this time at Indiana on Oct. 30. In that game, Dan Persa found Jeremy Ebert for a pair of touchdown tosses and redshirt freshman Mike Trumpy turned in the Wildcats' first 100-yard rushing performance (110 yards on 21 carries) since the 2008 Alamo Bowl.

Northwestern fell at Penn State the next week before returning home for Senior Day at Ryan Field, picking up its signature win in a 21-17 triumph over then-No. 13 Iowa. Trailing 17-7 entering the fourth quarter, NU got two touchdown passes from Persa—including the game-winner to Demetrius Fields with 1:22 left—to earn the Wildcats' fourth victory over the Hawkeyes in the last five years. On that final throw, however, Persa ruptured his Achilles tendon and was lost for the remainder of the year.

NU's next game was the Allstate Wrigleyville Classic against Illinois, the first college football game at Wrigley Field since 1938 and the first collegiate start for Northwestern redshirt freshman quarterback Evan Watkins. ESPN College Gameday was in attendance and the contest garnered attention nationwide, but the Wildcats fell to the Illini before also dropping their regular-season finale at No. 5 Wisconsin. Against the Badgers, true freshman Venric Mark tied the Big Ten record for kick returns with nine while breaking the NU school record for kick return yards with 273—a total which was 10 yards shy of the conference mark. He took one kick 94 yards to the house for NU's first kickoff return TD since 2007.

Persa completed an NU-record 73.5 percent of his passes, throwing for 2,581 yards and 15 touchdowns while running for 519 yards and





nine more scores in 10 games played to be named the All-Big Ten first team quarterback by the coaches and second team by the media. Ebert, who finished the regular season with 919 receiving yards and three games with more than 100 receiving yards, was a first-team selection of the media and an honorable mention choice for the coaches. All told, eight Wildcats earned all-conference accolades in 2010.

## 2010 Offensive Notes

• **Persa's Season in Review**—Although his junior season was cut short a few games after suffering an Achilles tendon tear on his game-winning TD throw versus Iowa, quarterback **Dan Persa** was rewarded for his spectacular season as he earned first-team All-Big Ten honors from the league's coaches and second-team honors from the media. He was in the mix for Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year honors as well as the *Chicago Tribune's* Silver Football (Big Ten MVP) Award. Persa completed 70 percent or more of his passes in seven of 10 games and threw for at least one TD in eight of those games. He also threw just four interceptions this season, with no more than one in a game. His four interceptions in 302 total attempts ranks second nationally among all quarterbacks. Persa also ranks second nationally in pass completion percentage (.735). Persa and Wisconsin's Scott Tolzein (.743) are battling for the Big Ten single-season pass completion percentage mark. Persa also is NU's second-leading rusher with 519 yards and 9 TD's.

• **Freshman QB's Step in for Persa**—Redshirt freshman **Evan Watkins**, a 6-foot-6, 240-pound quarterback from Glenbard North H.S. in the Chicago suburbs, started the final two games for the injured Persa. In addition, true freshman **Kain Colter** is contributing at the position, having played several snaps in both games vs. Illinois and Wisconsin. Both players will benefit greatly from the 15 bowl practices as they create some chemistry with the Wildcats' starting offensive unit.

• **Ebert Has Breakout Season**—Wideout **Jeremy Ebert** became the Wildcats' big-play receiver this year. For his efforts, he earned first-team All-Big Ten honors from a number of organizations, which included the Big Ten media. Ebert turned in one of the Wildcats' biggest plays of the year at Minnesota when he outmaneuvered a Gopher defender for a jump-ball pass in the end zone that resulted in a TD. He made a brilliant catch and that play ignited NU's comeback. Ebert followed up that effort (seven catches for 105 yards, 1TD) with a career-best 11 receptions for 124 yards against Purdue. He added two more TD grabs (11 and 30 yards) at Indiana, and then notched his third 100-yard game of the season at Penn State. Ebert led NU in receptions (59), receiving yards (919), yards per reception average (15.6) and TD receptions (8). Ebert led all Big Ten players in receiving yards per game.

• **Dunsmore Complements Ebert from the Superback Position**—Joining Ebert in the "spectacular" catch club was superback (NU's version of the tight end position) **Drake Dunsmore**, who made a dazzling one-handed grab in the back of the end zone at Penn State on Nov. 6. That was Dunsmore's fourth TD catch of the season and the seventh of his career. Dunsmore finished second on the team in both receptions (39) and TD catches (5).

• **Stewart and Fields Add Depth and Experience to NU's Receiving Corps**—While Jeremy Ebert and Drake Dunsmore led the club in receptions and touchdowns, **Sidney Stewart** (38 catches) and **Demetrius Fields** (22) played key roles in NU's offensive season as well. Stewart was second on the team with 437 receiving yards while Fields caught one of the season's biggest passes—the game-winning TD vs. Iowa. Fields also turned in a highlight-reel catch, another one-hander, at Indiana on Oct. 30.

• **Dunsmore, Ebert and Stewart All on the Cusp of Their 100th Career Catch**—It's conceivable that **Drake Dunsmore**, **Jeremy Ebert** and **Sidney Stewart** all could achieve their 100th career reception in the TicketCity Bowl game vs. Texas Tech. Ebert has 95 career receptions, while Dunsmore and Stewart both have 97.

• **Sharing the Load**—Northwestern had five different players lead the team in rushing during the regular season: **Dan Persa** was the Wildcats' leading rusher at Vandy (82 yds.), at Minnesota (99 yds.) and at Penn State (109 yds.), while **Arby Fields**, who elected to leave the team after the regular season and transfer, was the team leader vs. Illinois State (96 yds.) and Rice (55 yds.). **Mike Trumpy** ran for a team-best 53 yards vs. Central Michigan, 50 yards vs. Michigan State, 110 yards at Indiana, 51 vs. Iowa and a career-best 129 yards and TD's vs. Illinois. Senior **Stephen Simmons** led the Wildcats at Wisconsin with 55 yards and junior **Jacob Schmidt**, who missed the final six games with an ankle injury, had a team-best 32 vs. Purdue.

• The Wildcats have scored in double figures 46 straight games.

• The past three years, Northwestern has ranked among the nation's leaders in third-down conversion percentage. NU ranked 19th in 2007, 21st in 2008 and 17th in 2009. The Wildcats are 84-of-176 (47.7 percent) on third-down conversions—that ranks 18th nationally.

• Northwestern's hurry-up, no-huddle offense produced an average of 79.5 plays per game in 2009, the third-most of any FBS team. The Wildcats set an NCAA record with 115 offensive plays vs. Auburn in the 2010 Outback Bowl. Despite being held to a season-low 48 plays vs. Illinois and 60 vs. Wisconsin, NU finished second in the Big Ten with 71.8 plays per game.

## NATIONAL RANKINGS

### USA Today Coaches Poll (Dec. 5)

1. Oregon (34 first-place votes) (12-0).....	1,450
2. Auburn (24) (13-0).....	1,437
3. TCU (1) (12-0).....	1,348
4. Wisconsin (11-1).....	1,276
5. Stanford (11-1).....	1,239
6. Ohio State (11-1).....	1,200
7. Michigan State (11-1).....	1,104
8. Arkansas (10-2).....	1,008
(tie) Oklahoma (11-2).....	1,008
10. Boise State (11-1).....	914
11. Virginia Tech (11-2).....	900
12. LSU (10-2).....	826
13. Oklahoma State (10-2).....	718
14. Missouri (10-2).....	712
15. Nevada (12-1).....	640
16. Nebraska (10-3).....	607
17. Texas A&M (9-3).....	542
18. Alabama (9-3).....	521
19. Utah (10-2).....	37
20. South Carolina (9-4).....	345
21. West Virginia (9-3).....	261
22. Mississippi State (8-4).....	255
23. Florida State (9-4).....	156
24. UCF (10-3).....	143
25. Hawaii (10-3).....	98

**Others Receiving Votes:** Connecticut 40, Maryland 19, Northern Illinois 13, Miami (Ohio) 8, North Carolina State 4, San Diego State 3, Navy 2, Arizona 1, Tulsa 1.

### Associated Press Poll (Dec. 5)

1. Auburn (36 first-place votes) (13-0).....	1,473
2. Oregon (23) (12-0).....	1,462
3. TCU (1) (12-0).....	1,379
4. Wisconsin (11-1).....	1,289
5. Stanford (11-1).....	1,283
6. Ohio State (11-1).....	1,179
7. Michigan State (11-1).....	1,101
8. Arkansas (10-2).....	1,085
9. Oklahoma (11-2).....	976
10. Boise State (11-1).....	932
11. LSU (10-2).....	863
12. Virginia Tech (11-2).....	817
13. Nevada (12-1).....	759
14. Missouri (10-2).....	705
15. Alabama (9-3).....	628
16. Oklahoma State (10-2).....	622
17. Nebraska (10-3).....	608
18. Texas A&M (9-3).....	601
19. South Carolina (9-4).....	332
20. Utah (10-2).....	312
21. Mississippi State (8-4).....	288
22. West Virginia (9-3).....	283
23. Florida State (9-4).....	188
24. Hawaii (10-3).....	111
25. Connecticut (8-4).....	74

**Others Receiving Votes:** UCF 63, Maryland 30, Tulsa 18, Navy 11, Miami (Ohio) 8, Northern Illinois 7, San Diego State 6, Pittsburgh 2, Fresno State 2, North Carolina State 1, Iowa 1, Air Force 1.

**BCS Standings (Dec. 5)**—1. Auburn (.9866), 2. Oregon (.9720), 3. TCU (.9102), 4. Stanford (.8365), 5. Wisconsin (.8041), 6. Ohio State (.7660), 7. Oklahoma (.7297), 8. Arkansas (.7274), 9. Michigan State (.6922), 10. Boise State (.6137), 11. LSU (.6134), 12. Missouri (.5276), 13. Virginia Tech (.5032), 14. Oklahoma State (.4897), 15. Nevada (.4336), 16. Alabama (.4328), 17. Texas A&M (.4151), 18. Nebraska (.3967), 19. Utah (.2549), 20. South Carolina (.2418), 21. Mississippi State (.1828), 22. West Virginia (.1330), 23. Florida State (.1140), 24. Hawaii (.0778), 25. UCF (.0545).

*NU opponents in bold face*



# TICKETCITY BOWL NOTES

## 2010 Defensive Notes

• **Stopping the Run**—NU's defense had a Jekyll-and-Hyde season when it came to stopping the run. Four times this season, and nearly a fifth, the Wildcats held their opposition to less than 100 yards rushing per game. (Iowa finished with 101 rushing yards against NU.) In four other games, however, NU surrendered more than 230 yards rushing per game: 232 vs. Purdue, 260 vs. Penn State, a head-scratching 519 yards vs. Illinois and 329 yards vs. Wisconsin.

• **Browne, Bryant Lead D-Line**—Defensive end **Vince Browne**, along with tackle **Corbin Bryant**, led NU's defense up front. Browne, who earned second-team All-Big Ten honors from the media, ranked second among all Big Ten players with 0.58 sacks per game and he was third in Big Ten tackles for loss with 1.25 per game. Against Penn State, Browne had a career-best 10 tackles, which included 2.5 TFLs. Bryant notched 21 tackles as well as one sack, one "pick," one breakup, one fumble recovery and one forced fumble.

• **'Backer Play**—Senior **Nate Williams** is second on NU's tackle list with 82 hits this year and savoring his best season to date. He leads all active NU players with 240 career tackles. Williams is second on the team with 9.5 TFLs. Junior **Bryce McNaul**, who missed a pair of games with an injury, was third in tackles (61) and savored his best season of his NU career. Northwestern's second-leading active career tackler is senior **Quentin Davie**, who has registered 225 tackles thus far in his career. Davie has 26 career TFLs and 10 career sacks. He also has a team-best five career forced fumbles.

• **Secondary Nature**—Bolstered by a career-best 18 tackles vs. Illinois, junior safety **Brian Peters** is NU's season leader in tackles with 97. Peters, who played his best football during the Big Ten season, picked off two passes against the Illini, including one for a 59-yard "pick-six." Peters totaled three interceptions in the season's final three weeks. Junior cornerback **Jordan Mabin** leads all NU players with 13 pass deflections. He totaled eight of those 13 pass breakups in the final five weeks. Mabin leads all Big Ten players and ranks 18th nationally in passes defended.

## 2010 Special Teams Notes

• Northwestern redshirt freshman punter **Brandon Williams**, who is averaging 40.4 yards per punt, has dropped 20 of his 56 punts (35.7 percent) inside the opposition's 20-yard line. His 35.7 percentage for punts inside the 20 ranks among the leaders in the Big Ten.

• NU has improved in numerous special teams categories from 2009 to 2010: punt returns (93rd to 43rd), kickoff returns (89th to 41st), net punting (115th to 28th), punt return yardage defense (72nd to 4th) and kickoff return yardage defense (57th to 23rd).

## Bryant Named to Allstate's AFCA 2010 Good Works Team@

**Corbin Bryant** became the fifth straight Northwestern student-athlete to earn a spot on the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team@ following the Sept. 21 announcement. NU has had a student-athlete named to the prestigious 11-player team the past four years: Adam Kadela (2006), Joel Howells (2007), Eric Peterman (2008) and Andrew Brewer (2009). Bryant will be honored publicly at the Jan. 4, 2011 Sugar Bowl in New Orleans. Last week, Bryant also was named one of 10 finalists for the ARA Sportsmanship Award.

A member of NU's football's Leadership Council since 2008 and president of the Omega Psi Phi fraternity since 2007, Bryant has used his leadership abilities as a mentor at his alma mater, Morgan Park H.S., since 2006.

## Northwestern-Texas Tech Connections

• Freshman defensive tackle **Will Hampton** attended Cypress Creek High School in Houston with Texas Tech freshman wide receiver **Brent Mitcham**.

## 2010 Big Ten Conference Standings

School	Conference Games		All Games		
Michigan State	7	1	.889	11	1 .917
Ohio State	7	1	.889	11	1 .917
Wisconsin	7	1	.889	11	1 .917
Iowa	4	4	.500	7	5 .583
Penn State	4	4	.500	7	5 .583
Illinois	4	4	.500	6	6 .500
Northwestern	3	5	.375	7	5 .583
Michigan	3	5	.375	7	5 .583
Purdue	2	6	.250	4	8 .333
Minnesota	2	6	.250	3	9 .250
Indiana	1	7	.125	5	7 .41

## Cardiac 'Cats

In recent years, when Northwestern is involved in a close game, the "Cardiac 'Cats" have had great success winning the tight battles. After several close wins in 2009, and another five this season, NU is now 28-8 in its last 36 games decided by seven points or less. Northwestern won four road games in 2008, and all of them by seven points or less. In 2009, Northwestern went 6-2 in games decided by seven points or less. Under current head coach Pat Fitzgerald, the Wildcats are 18-7 in games decided by seven points or less.

## Allstate Wrigleyville Classic A Success; NU Attendance Sees Biggest Season Spike in School History

There were a couple primary reasons why Northwestern elected to play its Nov. 20 game vs. Illinois at Wrigley Field. One, NU wanted to expose its program in the city of Chicago and take advantage of some significant branding opportunities.

Second, Northwestern wanted to significantly increase its number of season ticket holders by leveraging the Wrigley Field game. The impact of a major marketing campaign, coupled with the 2010 Allstate Wrigleyville Classic, helped Northwestern hit a home run with regards to attendance in 2010:

- NU's season ticket sales increased approximately 40 percent this year.
- Northwestern's season attendance was up 51 percent over last year, the largest attendance spike from one season to the next.
- NU's 2010 season attendance, 36,449, was the highest season average since 1998.

## "The Pat Fitzgerald Show Presented by Allstate" and "Wildcat Insider"

One recent addition to the Chicagoland sports airwaves this past season was "The Pat Fitzgerald Show Presented by Allstate," a weekly half-hour show on Northwestern football that is being produced by Northwestern Athletics, in conjunction with Northwestern Sports Properties. Head coach Pat Fitzgerald and WGN sports director Dave Eanet recapped each week's football game and previewed the upcoming opponent each week.

Northwestern's weekly radio show on WGN, "Wildcat Insider," is in its second season and airs on Friday evenings this fall (usually between 10 and 11 p.m. CT). That half-hour radio show is hosted by Eanet and NU Athletics Director Jim Phillips.

## 2010 Graduates

Seven Northwestern players earned their degree prior to the start of the season with the other five seniors on pace to graduate in the current academic year. NU's seven players with a degree, include: **Sidney Stewart**, **Stefan Demos**, **Corbin Bryant**, **Justan Vaughn**, **John Henry Pace**, **Lee Coleman** and **Keegan Grant**.







## National Football League Bloodlines

NU has three players who have fathers who played in the NFL: **David Arnold** (father, David, played for Pittsburgh), **Hunter Bates** (father, Bill, played for Dallas) and **Drake Dunsmore** (father, Pat, played for Chicago). Another player, redshirt freshman **Mike Trumpy**, is the nephew of former Cincinnati Bengal All-Pro tight end, Bob Trumpy.

## Coaching from the Press Box

**Four of Northwestern's nine full-time assistant coaches will be positioned in the press box during each game. Those four are: offensive coordinator Mick McCall, superbacks coach Bob Heffner, linebackers coach Randy Bates and defensive backs coach Jerry Brown.**

**Northwestern is one of just 27 FBS programs that returned its entire full-time coaching staff from a year ago.**

## Northwestern's 21st-Century Offense

Since 2000, when the Wildcats went to their spread attack on offense, Northwestern has posted some solid numbers—by far the most impressive 10-plus-year stretch of offense in school history. In their last 134 games, the Wildcats are averaging 403.8 yards of total offense, 25.5 points per game, 166.4 rushing yards per game and 237.1 passing yards per game. The following are the single-game and single-season highs for those categories with this attack. NU school records are indicated with an asterisk.

Category	Single-Game Best	Season Best
Total Offense.....	674 vs. Wisconsin, 2005 *	6,004, 2005 *
Points.....	61 vs. Illinois, 2000 *	36.8 ppg, 2000 *
Rushing.....	444 vs. Illinois, 2003	3,062, 2000 *
Passing.....	532 vs. Auburn, 2010 *	3,725, 2009 *

## NU Sets School Mark Again With 32 Academic All-Big Ten Selections

For the fifth straight year, Northwestern has set a school record for Academic All-Big Ten selections. NU's 32 honorees are: **Colin Armstrong, Brian Arnfelt, Brendan Barber, Doug Bartels, Corbin Bryant, Jeff Budzien, Scott Concannon, Stefan Demos, Drake Dunsmore, Jake Gregus,**

**Pat Hickey, James Kurzawski, Bryce McNaull, Aaron Nagel, Al Netter, John Henry Pace, Dan Persa, Brian Peters, Stone Pinckney, John Plasencia, Jaleel Reed, Tim Riley, Josh Rooks, Jacob Schmidt, Andrew Struckmeyer, Timmy Vernon, Patrick Ward, Kevin Watt, Ricky Weina, Brandon Williams, Nate Williams and Quentin Williams.**

## Number Crunching

- Northwestern has won 24 games since the start of the 2008 season: that ranks as the 29th-most among FBS programs during this span. Other programs with 24 wins since 2008: Boston College, East Carolina, Stanford, Troy and Tulsa.
- After **Venric Mark's** 58-yard punt return against Illinois on Nov. 20, Northwestern's team punt return average went from 70th to 32nd nationally. After his 94-yard kickoff return for TD against Wisconsin, NU's team kickoff return average went from 88th to 41st.
- The Wildcats rank 34th nationally with their 14 interceptions on defense.
- Since 1995, the Wildcats tout a 98-88 composite regular-season record. Including the postseason (bowl games), Northwestern is 98-95 all-time in that same span.
- The latest updates on NU's recent road successes and how it compares to other FBS programs since 2008:

### Best FBS Road Records Since 2008

Boise State.....	16-1.....	.941
TCU.....	15-2.....	.882
Alabama.....	11-2.....	.846
Florida.....	10-2.....	.833
Texas.....	10-2.....	.833
Utah.....	14-4.....	.778
Oklahoma State.....	10-3.....	.769
Ohio State.....	10-3.....	.769
Oregon.....	12-4.....	.750
USC.....	13-5.....	.722
Virginia Tech.....	10-4.....	.714
Nebraska.....	10-4.....	.714
Penn State.....	9-4.....	.692
<b>Northwestern.....</b>	<b>11-5.....</b>	<b>.688</b>

### Most Road Wins by FBS Schools Since 2008

Boise State.....	16-1.....	.941
TCU.....	15-2.....	.882
Utah.....	14-4.....	.778
USC.....	13-5.....	.722
Oregon.....	12-4.....	.750
Cincinnati.....	12-6.....	.667
Fresno State.....	12-7.....	.632
Alabama.....	11-2.....	.846
<b>Northwestern.....</b>	<b>11-5.....</b>	<b>.688</b>
Nevada.....	11-6.....	.647
Miami (Fla.).....	11-7.....	.611

## CAREER STATISTICS UPDATE

### CAREER PASS SACKS

1. Casey Dailey (1994-97).....	28
2. Steve Shine (1990-93).....	21
3. Corey Wootton (2005-09).....	19.5
4. Dwayne Missouri (1997-2000).....	17
5. <b>Vince Browne (2008-present).....</b>	<b>16</b>
6. Matt Rice (1993-96).....	12
7. Loren Howard (2002-04).....	11
Jason Cunningham (1989-92).....	11
9. <b>Quentin Davie (2007-present).....</b>	<b>10</b>
John Gill (2005-08).....	10
Keith Lozowski (1994-97).....	10

### CAREER TACKLES-FOR-LOSS

1. Casey Dailey (1994-97).....	53
2. Dwayne Missouri (1997-2000).....	45
3. Matt Rice (1993-96).....	42
4. Corey Wootton (2005-09).....	38
5. Keith Cruise (1981-84).....	37
6. Steve Shine (1990-93).....	34
Kevin Bentley (1998-2001).....	34
Loren Howard (2002-04).....	34
9. <b>Vince Browne (2008-present).....</b>	<b>30.5</b>
10. Mike Guendling (1980-83).....	29
Napoleon Harris (1998-2001).....	29

### CAREER KICKOFF RETURN AVERAGE

1. Venric Mark (2010).....	27.6
2. Jeff Backes (2002-04).....	26.5
3. Curtis Duncan (1983-86).....	26.2
4. Willie Stinson (1961-63).....	25.6
5. Steve Tasker (1982-84).....	24.3
6. <b>Stephen Simmons (2007-present).....</b>	<b>23.8</b>
7. Lee Gissendaner (1990-93).....	22.1
Sherrick McManis (2006-09).....	22.1

(minimum average of 1.0 returns per game)

### CAREER INTERCEPTIONS

1. Brett Whitley (1984-87).....	15
2. Tom Worthington (1946-49).....	14
3. Malcolm Hunter (1974-77).....	11
4. Harold Blackmon (1997-2000).....	10
Eric Hutchinson (1969-71).....	10
6. Sherrick McManis (2006-09).....	9
Willie Lindsey (1989-92).....	9
8. Bobby Anderson (1979-82).....	8
Dick McCauley (1962-64).....	8
9. <b>Brian Peters (2008-present).....</b>	<b>7</b>
Brendan Smith (2005-09).....	7
Marquice Cole (2002-06).....	7
Bryan Heinz (2003-05).....	7
Marvin Ward (2001-04).....	7
Raheem Covington (1999-2002).....	7

### CAREER PASS BREAKUPS

1. Harold Blackmon (1997-2000).....	48
2. Marvin Ward (2001-04).....	40
3. Sherrick McManis (2006-09).....	30
4. Raheem Covington (1998-2002).....	24
5. Rodney Ray (1991-95).....	23
6. Brett Whitley (1984-87).....	22
7. Pete Shaw (1972-76).....	21
8. <b>Jordan Mabin (2008-present).....</b>	<b>18</b>
Napoleon Harris (1998-2001).....	18

### FIELD GOALS MADE

1. Brian Gowins (1995-98).....	58-85 (.682)
2. John Duvic (1983-86).....	46-70 (.657)
3. Ira Adler (1987-90).....	39-54 (.722)
Sam Valenzisi (1992-95).....	39-53 (.736)
5. Amado Villarreal (2005-08).....	33-44 (.750)
<b>Stefan Demos (2007-present).....</b>	<b>33-47 (.702)</b>
7. Tim Long (1998-2000).....	25-35 (.714)



# TICKETCITY BOWL NOTES

## NCAA & BIG TEN STATISTICS (Dec. 5, 2010)

2010 Team Stats	Figure (pg)	Big Ten	NCAA
Rushing Offense.....	149.8.....	7th.....	68th
Passing Offense.....	242.6.....	3rd.....	40th
Total Offense.....	392.4.....	5th.....	49th
Scoring Offense.....	25.4.....	8th.....	74th
Passing Efficiency.....	148.8 rating.....	5th.....	21st
Rushing Defense.....	185.2.....	9th.....	92nd
Pass Defense.....	230.5.....	8th.....	85th
Pass Effic. Defense.....	125.7 rating.....	5th.....	55th
Total Defense.....	415.7.....	10th.....	92nd
Scoring Defense.....	27.7.....	7th.....	67th
Net Punting.....	38.2.....	3rd.....	28th
Punt Returns.....	9.3.....	4th.....	43rd
Kickoff Returns.....	22.8.....	5th.....	41st
Turnover Margin.....	-0.17.....	8th.....	66th
Sacks.....	1.3.....	8th.....	101st
Tackles for Loss.....	6.1.....	2nd.....	53rd
Sacks Allowed.....	3.3.....	11th.....	115th

2010 Individual Stats	Figure	Big Ten/NCAA
Dan Persa (pass efficiency).....	159.04 rating.....	3rd/12th
Dan Persa (passing yards).....	258.1.....	2nd/22nd
Dan Persa (total offense).....	310.0.....	2nd/8th
Dan Persa (comp. pg).....	22.2.....	2nd/16th
Dan Persa (comp. percentage).....	73.5.....	2nd/2nd
Dan Persa (int. percentage).....	1.32.....	2nd/2nd
Dan Persa (pts. responsible for).....	14.4.....	3rd/24th
Dan Persa (rushing).....	51.9.....	13th/—
Jeremy Ebert (rec. pg).....	4.9.....	5th/56th
Drake Dunsmore (rec. pg).....	3.3.....	T-17th/—
Jeremy Ebert (rec. yds. pg).....	76.6.....	1st/33rd
Stefan Demos (field goals).....	1.25.....	T-6th/39th
Stefan Demos (scoring).....	6.3.....	15th/—
Brandon Williams (punting).....	40.4.....	6th/67th
Venric Mark (KO returns).....	27.6.....	2nd/20th
Stephen Simmons (KO returns).....	22.1.....	10th/94th
Jeremy Ebert (all-purpose).....	78.5.....	16th/—
Quentin Davie (intercept.).....	0.25.....	T-6th/T-82nd
Brian Peters (intercept.).....	0.25.....	T-6th/T-82nd
Brian Peters (tackles).....	8.1.....	7th/T-73rd
Nate Williams (tackles).....	6.8.....	T-15th/—
Jordan Mabin (passes defended).....	1.1.....	1st/18th
Vince Browne (sacks).....	0.58.....	T-2nd/T-49th
Vince Browne (TFLs).....	1.25.....	3rd/T-31st
Nate Williams (TFLs).....	0.79.....	T-13th/—

For complete Big Ten and NCAA statistics, visit [www.bigten.org](http://www.bigten.org) and [www.ncaa.org/stats/](http://www.ncaa.org/stats/)

**NOTE:** Players must have played in 75 percent of their team's games to be eligible for national statistics.

## The "Start Chart"

At the start of the 2010 season, NU returned 30 offensive and defensive players who had a combined 269 career starts. Here is a look at NU's 2010 current "start chart."

### Career Starts (Notes)

Davie—38  
Burkett—38  
Netter—38  
Mabin—36  
Bryant—34  
N. Williams—30  
Bartels—25  
Browne—24  
Ebert—21  
Stewart—21  
Peters—20  
D. Fields—17  
Dunsmore—15  
Vaughn—15  
Grant—15  
Mulroe—13  
Ward—12  
Watt—12  
DiNardo—11  
Johnson—10

### Career Starts (Notes)

Persa—10  
McNaul—10  
Rooks—9  
Carpenter—9  
Simmons—8  
Deiters—7  
Arnold—7  
Schmidt—6  
Concannon—5  
Trumpy—4  
Q. Williams—3  
Bates—2  
Watkins—2  
Weina—1  
Matthews—1  
Dugar—1  
Arnfelt—1  
Nwabuisi—1  
A. Smith—1  
Proby—1

## 'Cat Tails

- Northwestern owns one of the best NCAA overtime records, having gone 8-3 in OT contests. The Wildcats are 7-0 all-time in overtime games versus Big Ten teams and 4-0 all-time in extra sessions at Ryan Field. Interestingly, NU was 8-1 all-time in overtime before suffering back-to-back overtime losses in the Valero Alamo and Outback bowls the past two years.
- Northwestern was tabbed the Tostitos Fiesta Bowl National Team of the Week for the week of Nov. 15 following the Wildcats' win over No. 13 Iowa.
- The Wildcats will face a formidable slate of foes in 2011. Eight of Northwestern's 11 FBS opponents are playing in bowl games this year: Army, Boston College, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Michigan State, Nebraska and Penn State. Indiana, Minnesota and Rice are the only three FBS programs on next year's schedule who are not playing in postseason. NU's FCS foe next year is Eastern Illinois.
- At the start of the fall quarter on Sept. 21, Wildcat coach Pat Fitzgerald awarded full athletic scholarships to three former walk-ons. The three players were: long-snapper **John Henry Pace**, defensive lineman **Andrew Struckmeyer** and cornerback **Ricky Weina**. In the last 12 years, Northwestern has awarded 31 full athletic scholarships to walk-ons. With the addition of these scholarship players, NU currently has six players on its roster who were former walk-ons.

## TALE OF THE TAPE (2010 Regular-Season Statistics)

Northwestern	Texas Tech
25.4.....	Scoring Per Game..... 32.1
27.7.....	Scoring Defense Per Game..... 30.3
21.8.....	First Downs Per Game..... 24.1
149.8.....	Rushing Yards Per Game..... 137.8
3.5.....	Average Per Rush..... 4.1
19.....	Rushing Touchdowns..... 15
242.6.....	Passing Yards Per Game..... 314.8
16.....	Passing Touchdowns..... 35
392.4.....	Total Offense Per Game..... 452.6
22.8.....	Kick Return Average..... 22.6
9.3.....	Punt Return Average..... 6.3
13.....	Fumbles Lost..... 14
9.....	Interceptions Thrown..... 10
-2.....	Turnover Margin..... -2
6.3.....	Penalties Per Game..... 6.3
57.0.....	Penalty Yards Per Game..... 62.2
29:35.....	Time of Possession Per Game..... 28:05
48.0.....	Third-Down Conversions..... 44.0
29.0.....	Fourth-Down Conversions..... 43.0
15-22.....	Field Goal Attempts..... 9-14
38.2.....	Net Punting Average..... 38.8
39-47 (83%).....	Red-Zone Scores..... 47-58 (81%)





## SPECIALISTS

### Place-kicker

1—Stefan Demos (5-10, 195, Sr.)  
37—Jeff Budzien (5-11, 170, R-Fr.)

### Punter

49—Brandon Williams (6-2, 195, R-Fr.)  
1—Stefan Demos (5-10, 195, Sr.)

### Kickoff

1—Stefan Demos (5-10, 195, Sr.)  
34—Steve Flaherty (6-1, 165, So.)

### Holder

49—Brandon Williams (6-2, 190, R-Fr.)

### Long Snapper

58—John Henry Pace (5-11, 215, Sr.)  
59—Pat Hickey (6-0, 205, R-Fr.)

### Kickoff Return

85—Venric Mark (5-8, 170, Fr.)  
25—Stephen Simmons (5-8, 190, Sr.)

### Punt Return

85—Venric Mark (5-8, 170, Fr.)  
7—Hunter Bates (5-10, 180, So.)

## OFFENSE

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### Tailback

4—Adonis Smith  
(5-11, 185, Fr.) **OR**  
25—Stephen Simmons  
(5-8, 190, Sr.) **OR**  
29—Mike Trumpy  
(6-0, 210, R-Fr.)

O

### Quarterback

18—Evan Watkins  
(6-6, 245, R-Fr.)  
14—Kain Colter  
(6-0, 190, Fr.)

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### Y—Wide Receiver

11—Jeremy Ebert  
(6-0, 195, Jr.)  
6—Charles Brown  
(5-11, 180, Jr.)

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### Z—Wide Receiver

5—Sidney Stewart  
(6-1, 190, Sr.)  
17—Rashad Lawrence  
(6-2, 190, Fr.)

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### X—Wide Receiver

8—Demetrius Fields  
(6-0, 205, So.)  
12—Tony Jones  
(6-0, 175, Fr.)

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### Right Tackle

70—Patrick Ward  
(6-7, 305, So.)  
79—Neal Deiters  
(6-8, 315, So.)

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### Right Guard

63—Keegan Grant  
(6-2, 305, Sr.)  
76—Brian Smith  
(6-7, 305, R-Fr.)

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### Center

65—Ben Burkett  
(6-4, 300, Jr.)  
73—Colin Armstrong  
(6-5, 295, So.)

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### Left Guard

72—Brian Mulroe  
(6-4, 295, So.)  
64—Doug Bartels  
(6-4, 300, Jr.)

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### Left Tackle

75—Al Netter  
(6-6, 310, Jr.)  
74—Chuck Porcelli  
(6-7, 320, So.)

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### Superback (TE/HB)

9—Drake Dunsmore  
(6-3, 235, Jr.)  
89—Josh Rooks  
(6-6, 265, Sr.)

X

### Defensive End

42—Kevin Watt  
(6-4, 265, Jr.)  
88—Quentin Williams  
(6-4, 250, So.)

X

### Defensive Tackle

98—Corbin Bryant  
(6-4, 300, Sr.)  
93—Niko Mafuli  
(6-3, 310, Jr.)

X

### Defensive Tackle

90—Jack DiNardo  
(6-4, 290, Jr.)  
91—Brian Arnfelt  
(6-5, 290, So.)

X

### Defensive End

94—Vince Browne  
(6-5, 265, Jr.)  
97—Tyler Scott  
(6-4, 255, R-Fr.)

X

### Cornerback

26—Jordan Mabin  
(5-11, 185, Jr.)  
22—Demetrius Dugar  
(5-11, 175, So.)

X

### Outside Linebacker

41—Quentin Davie  
(6-4, 230, Sr.)  
43—Tim Riley  
(6-3, 220, R-Fr.)

X

### Middle Linebacker

44—Nate Williams  
(6-1, 235, Sr.)  
33—David Nwabuisi  
(6-1, 240, So.)

X

### Outside Linebacker

51—Bryce McNaul  
(6-3, 230, Jr.)  
46—Damien Proby  
(6-0, 235, R-Fr.)

X

### Cornerback

28—Justan Vaughn  
(6-0, 190, Sr.)  
21—Mike Bolden  
(6-1, 195, Jr.)

X

### Safety

10—Brian Peters  
(6-4, 215, Jr.)  
7—Hunter Bates  
(5-10, 180, So.)

X

### Safety

27—Jared Carpenter  
(6-0, 210, So.) **OR**  
32—David Arnold  
(6-1, 220, Jr.)

## DEFENSE



# 2010 ROSTERS

## NUMERICAL ROSTER

1	Stefan Demos	P/PK
2	Lee Coleman	WR
3	Jeravin Matthews	CB
4	Adonis Smith	RB
5	Sidney Stewart	WR
6	Charles Brown	WR
7	Hunter Bates	S
7	Dan Persa	QB
8	Demetrius Fields	WR
9	Drake Dunsmore	SB
10	Brian Peters	S
11	Jeremy Ebert	WR
12	Tony Jones	WR
13	Trevor Siemian	QB
13	C.J. Bryant	CB
14	Kain Colter	QB
15	Daniel Jones	DB
16	Davion Fleming	S
17	Rashad Lawrence	WR
18	Evan Watkins	QB
20	Tim Weak	CB
20	Scott Concannon	RB
21	Mike Bolden	CB
22	Demetrius Dugar	CB
23	Alex Daniel	RB
24	Ibraheem Campbell	DB
25	Stephen Simmons	RB
26	Jordan Mabin	CB
27	Jared Carpenter	S
28	Tim Hanrahan	RB
28	Justan Vaughn	CB
29	Mike Trumpy	RB
31	Stone Pinckney	LB
32	David Arnold	S
33	David Nwabuisi	LB
34	Steve Flaherty	PK
35	Ben Johnson	LB
36	Mike Eshun	DB
37	Jeff Budzien	PK
38	James Kurzawski	CB
39	Joe Cannon	DB
39	Jacob Schmidt	RB
40	Brett Nagel	SB
41	Quentin Davie	LB
42	Kevin Watt	DL
43	Tim Riley	LB
44	Nate Williams	LB
45	Aaron Nagel	SB
46	Damien Proby	LB
47	Ricky Weina	CB
47	Christian Flores	SB
48	Roderick Goodlow	LB
49	Brandon Williams	P

## ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl./Elig.	Hometown/High School
53	Chi Chi Ariguzo	LB	6-3	215	Fr./Fr.	Gahanna, Ohio/St. Francis DeSales
73	Colin Armstrong	OL	6-5	295	Sr./Jr.	Wheaton, Ill./Lisle Benet Academy
91	Brian Arnfelt	DL	6-5	290	Jr./So.	Lake Elmo, Minn./Stillwater
32	David Arnold	S	6-1	220	Sr./Jr.	Copley, Ohio/Copley
68	Hayden Baker	OL	6-2	260	Fr./Fr.	Trout Valley, Ill./Cary-Grove
86	Brendan Barber	WR	6-2	200	Jr./So.	Erie, Pa./Cathedral Prep
64	Doug Bartels	OL	6-4	300	Sr./Jr.	Caledonia, Ill./Rockford Boylan Catholic
7	Hunter Bates	S	5-10	180	Jr./So.	Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla./Nease
96	Anthony Battle	DL	6-2	230	So./R-Fr.	Dolton, Ill./Mount Carmel
21	Mike Bolden	CB	6-1	195	Sr./Jr.	Evanston, Ill./Evanston Township
6	Charles Brown	WR	5-11	180	Sr./Jr.	Chicago, Ill./Robeson
94	Vince Browne	DL	6-5	265	Sr./Jr.	Lisbon, Ohio/David Anderson
13	C.J. Bryant	CB	5-11	170	Fr./Fr.	Gahanna, Ohio/Gahanna Lincoln
98	Corbin Bryant	DL	6-4	300	Gr./Sr.	Chicago, Ill./Morgan Park
37	Jeff Budzien	PK	5-11	170	So./R-Fr.	Hartland, Wis./Arrowhead
65	Ben Burkett	OL	6-4	300	Sr./Jr.	Toledo, Ohio/St. John's Jesuit
24	Ibraheem Campbell	DB	5-11	195	Fr./Fr.	Philadelphia, Pa./Chestnut Hill Academy
39	Joe Cannon	DB	6-0	175	Fr./Fr.	Oconomowoc, Wis./Marquette University H.S.
27	Jared Carpenter	S	6-0	210	Jr./So.	Bowling Green, Ky./Bowling Green
99	Chance Carter	DL	6-3	260	Fr./Fr.	Evanston, Ill./Loyola Academy
87	Jovi Chokor	WR	6-2	205	Fr./Fr.	Austell, Ga./South Cobb
55	Bo Cisek	DL	6-2	275	Jr./So.	Chicago, Ill./Notre Dame
2	Lee Coleman	WR	5-10	180	Sr.(5)/Sr.	Gainesville, Ga./East Hall
14	Kain Colter	QB	6-0	190	Fr./Fr.	Denver, Colo./Cherry Creek
20	Scott Concannon	RB	5-10	195	Sr./Sr.	Columbia, Mo./Rock Bridge
95	Davon Custis	DL	6-3	245	So./R-Fr.	Gahanna, Ohio/St. Francis De Sales
23	Alex Daniel	RB	6-0	195	Jr./So.	Roswell, Ga./Roswell
41	Quentin Davie	LB	6-4	230	Sr.(5)/Sr.	St. Louis, Mo./Cardinal Ritter
79	Neal Deiters	OL	6-8	315	Jr./So.	Elmhurst, Ill./York
1	Stefan Demos	P/PK	5-10	195	Gr./Sr.	Scottsdale, Ariz./Horizon
90	Jack DiNardo	DL	6-4	290	Sr./Jr.	Hinsdale, Ill./Hinsdale Central
22	Demetrius Dugar	CB	5-11	175	Jr./So.	Houston, Texas/Aldine
9	Drake Dunsmore	SB	6-3	235	Sr./Jr.	Lenexa, Kan./Saint Thomas Aquinas
88	Torin Dupper	WR	6-1	190	Fr./Fr.	Decatur, Ala./Decatur
11	Jeremy Ebert	WR	6-0	195	Jr./Jr.	Hilliard, Ohio/Hilliard Darby
54	Collin Ellis	LB	6-2	205	Fr./Fr.	St. Gabriel, La./The Dunham School
36	Mike Eshun	DB	5-8	170	Fr./Fr.	Madison, Wis./Edgewood
8	Demetrius Fields	WR	6-0	205	Jr./So.	Dallas, Texas/South Oak Cliff
34	Steve Flaherty	PK	6-1	165	Jr./So.	Chicago, Ill./St. Rita
16	Davion Fleming	S	5-10	205	So./R-Fr.	Upland, Calif./Upland
47	Christian Flores	SB	6-2	230	Fr./Fr.	Brambleton, Va./Briar Woods
48	Roderick Goodlow	LB	6-2	215	So./So.	Dallas, Texas/W.H. Adamson
63	Keegan Grant	OL	6-2	305	Sr.(5)/Sr.	Coal City, Ill./Coal City
60	Jake Gregus	DL	6-3	240	So./R-Fr.	Riverside, Ill./St. Laurence
81	Jimmy Hall	WR	6-2	195	Fr./Fr.	Toledo, Ohio/Sylvania Southview
92	Will Hampton	DL	6-3	280	Fr./Fr.	Houston, Texas/Cy-Creek
28	Tim Hanrahan	RB	6-0	190	Fr./Fr.	Frankfort, Ill./Providence Catholic
59	Pat Hickey	LS	6-0	205	So./R-Fr.	Chicago, Ill./Loyola Academy
80	Mike Jensen	WR	6-0	175	So./R-Fr.	Rancho Santa Fe, Calif./The Bishop's School
35	Ben Johnson	LB	6-3	225	Sr./Jr.	Trevor, Wis./Shoreland Lutheran
15	Daniel Jones	DB	5-11	175	Fr./Fr.	Monticello, Fla./Florida
12	Tony Jones	WR	6-0	175	Fr./Fr.	Flint, Mich./Grand Blanc
78	Paul Jorgensen	OL	6-6	280	Fr./Fr.	DeWitt, Mich./DeWitt
38	James Kurzawski	CB	5-10	185	Jr./So.	Evanston, Ill./Loyola Academy
17	Rashad Lawrence	WR	6-2	190	Fr./Fr.	Orlando, Fla./Olympia
52	Evan Luxenburg	OL	6-3	290	Jr./So.	Beachwood, Ohio/Beachwood
26	Jordan Mabin	CB	5-11	185	Sr./Jr.	Northfield Center, Ohio/Nordonia
93	Niko Mafuli	DL	6-3	310	Sr./Jr.	Florissant, Mo./Saint Louis University High
85	Venric Mark	WR	5-8	170	Fr./Fr.	Tomball, Texas/St. Pius X
3	Jeravin Matthews	CB	5-11	175	Jr./Jr.	Canonsburg, Pa./Canon-McMillan
67	Sean McEvilly	DL	6-5	275	Fr./Fr.	Yorba Linda, Calif./Orange Lutheran



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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Cl./Elig.	Hometown/High School
51	Bryce McNaull	LB	6-3	230	Sr./Jr.	Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie
84	Drew Moulton	WR	5-11	185	So./R-Fr.	Freeland, Mich./Midland
72	Brian Mulroe	OL	6-4	295	Jr./So.	Glenview, Ill./Loyola Academy
45	Aaron Nagel	SB	6-1	230	Sr./Jr.	Lemont, Ill./Lemont
40	Brett Nagel	SB	6-4	225	Jr./So.	Lemont, Ill./Lemont
75	Al Netter	OL	6-6	310	Sr./Jr.	Rohnert Park, Calif./Cardinal Newman
33	David Nwabuisi	LB	6-1	240	Jr./So.	Houston, Texas/Episcopal
58	John Henry Pace	LS	5-11	215	Gr./Sr.	Hinsdale, Ill./Hinsdale Central
62	Taylor Paxton	OL	6-4	280	So./R-Fr.	Centennial, Colo./Cherry Creek
7	Dan Persa	QB	6-1	210	Sr./Jr.	Bethlehem, Pa./Liberty
10	Brian Peters	S	6-4	215	Sr./Jr.	Pickerington, Ohio/Pickerington Central
31	Stone Pinckney	LB	6-0	215	Jr./So.	Columbia, S.C./Hammond School
82	John Plasencia	SB	6-5	255	So./R-Fr.	Tampa, Fla./Jesuit
74	Chuck Porcelli	OL	6-7	320	Jr./So.	Oak Brook, Ill./Montini Catholic
46	Damien Proby	LB	6-0	235	So./R-Fr.	North Las Vegas, Nev./Cheyenne
83	Jaleel Reed	WR	6-0	180	So./R-Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif./Loyola
43	Tim Riley	LB	6-3	220	So./R-Fr.	Oswego, Ill./Oswego
89	Josh Rooks	SB	6-6	265	Sr./Sr.	Zeeland, Mich./Holland Christian
39	Jacob Schmidt	RB	5-10	205	Sr./Jr.	Rhineland, Wis./Rhineland
97	Tyler Scott	DL	6-4	255	So./R-Fr.	Warren, Ohio/Howland
13	Trevor Siemian	QB	6-3	200	Fr./Fr.	Windermere, Fla./Olympia
25	Stephen Simmons	RB	5-8	190	Sr./{5}/Sr.	St. Louis, Mo./St. Louis University High (SLUH)
4	Adonis Smith	RB	5-11	185	Fr./Fr.	Oakland, Calif./Junipero Serra
76	Brian Smith	OL	6-7	305	So./R-Fr.	Medina, Ohio/Walsh Jesuit
5	Sidney Stewart	WR	6-1	190	Sr./{5}/Sr.	Farmington Hills, Mich./Farmington Harrison
61	Andrew Struckmeyer	DL	6-2	260	Sr./Sr.	Vienna, Va./Thomas Jefferson
56	Will Studien	LB	6-2	225	So./R-Fr.	Sunbury, Ohio/Big Walnut
29	Mike Trumpy	RB	6-0	210	So./R-Fr.	Wheaton, Ill./Wheaton North
28	Justan Vaughn	CB	6-0	190	Sr./{5}/Sr.	Pearland, Texas/Pearland
50	Timmy Vernon	LB	6-3	220	So./R-Fr.	Fort Washington, Pa./Germantown Academy
66	Brandon Vitabile	OL	6-3	295	Fr./Fr.	Edison, N.J./Bishop Ahr
70	Patrick Ward	OL	6-7	305	So./So.	Homer Glen, Ill./Providence Catholic
18	Evan Watkins	QB	6-6	245	So./R-Fr.	Carol Stream, Ill./Glenbard North
42	Kevin Watt	DL	6-4	265	Sr./Jr.	Glen Ellyn, Ill./Glenbard West
20	Tim Weak	CB	6-1	180	Jr./So.	Omaha, Neb./Millard North
47	Ricky Weina	CB	5-11	180	Sr./Jr.	Union Grove, Wis./Union Grove Union
49	Brandon Williams	P	6-2	190	So./R-Fr.	Nappanee, Ind./NorthWood
44	Nate Williams	LB	6-1	230	Sr./{5}/Sr.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Pittsburgh Central Catholic
88	Quentin Williams	DL	6-4	250	Jr./So.	Pittsburgh, Pa./Pittsburgh Central Catholic

\* Denotes letters won

{5} Indicates fifth-year senior

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Chi Chi Ariguzo.....(AIR-uh-gooz-oh)  
 Jeff Budzien.....(BUD-zeen)  
 Ben Burkett.....(burk-it)  
 Ibraheim Campbell.....(E-bruh-heem)  
 Davon Custis.....(DAY-vonn)  
 Neal Deiters.....(DIE-turs)  
 Stefan Demos.....(STEFF-un DEE-mos)  
 Demetrius Dugar.....(doo-GAR)  
 Mike Eshun.....(E-shun)  
 Davion Fleming.....(DAVEY-on)  
 Jake Gregus.....(GREE-gus)

Niko Mafuli.....(NEE-koh ma-FOOL-ee)  
 Sean McEvilly.....(mick-EV-uh-lee)  
 David Nwabuisi.....(wah-BOO-see)  
 John Plasencia.....(plah-SENS-ee-uh)  
 Chuck Porcelli.....(por-SELL-ee)  
 Trevor Siemian.....(SIM-ee-un)  
 Stephen Simmons.....(STEFF-un)  
 Will Studien.....(STUDE-lee-un)  
 Justan Vaughn.....(JUST-ann)  
 Brandon Vitabile.....(vuh-TOB-uh-lay)  
 Ricky Weina.....(WINE-uh)

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51	Bryce McNaull	LB
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56	Will Studien	LB
58	John Henry Pace	LS
59	Pat Hickey	LS
60	Jake Gregus	DL
61	Andrew Struckmeyer	DL
62	Taylor Paxton	OL
63	Keegan Grant	OL
64	Doug Bartels	OL
65	Ben Burkett	OL
66	Brandon Vitabile	OL
67	Sean McEvilly	DL
68	Hayden Baker	OL
70	Patrick Ward	OL
72	Brian Mulroe	OL
73	Colin Armstrong	OL
74	Chuck Porcelli	OL
75	Al Netter	OL
76	Brian Smith	OL
78	Paul Jorgensen	OL
79	Neal Deiters	OL
80	Mike Jensen	WR
81	Jimmy Hall	WR
82	John Plasencia	SB
83	Jaleel Reed	WR
84	Drew Moulton	WR
85	Venric Mark	WR
86	Brendan Barber	WR
87	Jovi Chokor	WR
88	Torin Dupper	WR
88	Quentin Williams	DL
89	Josh Rooks	SB
90	Jack DiNardo	DL
91	Brian Arnfelt	DL
92	Will Hampton	DL
93	Niko Mafuli	DL
94	Vince Browne	DL
95	Davon Custis	DL
96	Anthony Battle	DL
97	Tyler Scott	DL
98	Corbin Bryant	DL
99	Chance Carter	DL

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# HEAD COACH PAT FITZGERALD



## PAT FITZGERALD

Fifth Season  
Coaching Record  
Overall: 34-28  
At NU: 34-28



No matter what the setting, Pat Fitzgerald invariably feels comfortable using his passion, unwavering set of core values and outward enthusiasm to inspire and improve those around him.

It's apparent to anyone who has watched Fitzgerald join in his squad's linebacker drills during practice to demonstrate proper tackling form. Or to the hundreds of Northwestern freshmen to whom Fitzgerald teaches the right way to sing the school fight song at the start of each academic year. It's even clear to members of the state government of Illinois, who in 2009 invited Fitzgerald to serve on the Illinois Reform Commission aimed at rooting out political corruption.

That passion also was a primary factor in Fitzgerald's Hall-of-Fame playing career at Northwestern, when he was a two-time Bronko Nagurski and Chuck Bednarik Award winner and team leader of NU's back-to-back Big Ten title-winning teams in the mid-'90's. The 'Cats posted a two-year Big Ten record of 15-1 and made appearances in the 1996 Rose Bowl and 1997 Citrus Bowl with Fitzgerald serving as the centerpiece of a defense that ranked among the nation's best.

Although Fitzgerald's passion and commitment to excellence is hard to quantify, his positive impact in NU's on-field performance is not.

In 2008, Fitzgerald guided NU to a nine-win season and a berth in the Valero Alamo Bowl. Fitzgerald was named the Big Ten Coach of the Year by the Touchdown Club of Columbus, a semifinalist for the George Munger Coach of the Year Award and a finalist for the Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award.

In 2009, Fitzgerald put the Wildcats back in a New Year's Day game for the first time since the 1997 Citrus Bowl when he guided NU to an 8-4 mark (including an undefeated November) to prompt the Outback Bowl to select the 'Cats. NU is back in a New Year's Day game following the 2010 season, which saw the Wildcats earn a 7-5 overall record and a

berth in the TicketCity Bowl at historic Cotton Bowl Stadium. Fitzgerald was selected as one of four finalists for the Joseph V. Paterno Coach of the Year Award in 2010, an honor which takes into account a school's performance on the field, in the classroom and within the community.

An assistant for NU from 2001 through the summer of 2006, Fitzgerald was named Northwestern's 29th head coach on July 7, 2006, succeeding Randy Walker, who died suddenly on June 29, 2006. He was the youngest head football coach among Football Bowl Subdivision schools until Lane Kiffin (six months younger) was hired by Tennessee prior to 2009.



## FITZGERALD AT-A-GLANCE

<b>Born</b>	December 2, 1974
<b>Alma Mater</b>	Northwestern University, 1997
<b>Degrees</b>	Bachelor's Degree <i>Organizational Studies</i>
<b>Playing Experience</b>	Linebacker, Northwestern, 1993-96
<b>Coaching Experience</b>	Maryland, 1998 <i>Defensive Graduate Assistant</i> Colorado, 1999 <i>Defensive Graduate Assistant</i> Idaho, 2000 <i>Linebackers/Special Teams</i> Northwestern, 2001 <i>Defensive Backs</i> Northwestern, 2002-03 <i>Linebackers</i> Northwestern, 2004-05 <i>Linebackers/Recruiting Coordinator</i> Northwestern, 2006-present <i>Head Coach</i>
<b>Family</b>	Wife—Stacy Sons—Jack, Ryan, Brendan

In June of 2009, NU Director of Athletics and Recreation Jim Phillips and Fitzgerald signed a seven-year deal that will keep him on the NU sidelines through 2015.

It is not surprising that Fitzgerald's arrival on campus in 1993 coincided with the renaissance of Northwestern's football program. Since 1995, the Wildcats have won three Big Ten titles (only Michigan and Ohio State have won more in the last 15 years) and won six or more games in nine of those 15 seasons.

The program has steadily gained momentum in the four years since Fitzgerald

took over as head coach, starting with a challenging 4-8 campaign in 2006, when just weeks before the season began, Walker's death rocked the NU football program and Fitzgerald assumed the lead role. In 2007, the Wildcats achieved bowl-eligibility with a 6-6 mark. Northwestern, however, did not play in a postseason game due to a lack of bowl slots for Big Ten teams. (A league-record 10 Big Ten squads were bowl-eligible in 2007.) Northwestern returned to the top of the league in offense in 2007, leading the Big Ten in total offense for the regular season.

Northwestern now is in three-straight bowl games for the first time in program history.



# HEAD COACH PAT FITZGERALD

Off the field, the Wildcats continue to excel academically. The past five years Northwestern has set program-bests with 16 Academic All-Big Ten honors in 2006, 18 in 2007, 26 in 2008, 29 in 2009 and 32 in 2010. For the first time in school history, the football team registered a combined team grade point average above a 3.0 for the 2009 spring quarter.

In addition, Northwestern continues to lead or rank near the top of the country in annual graduation rate. Five times since 2002—including in 2010—Northwestern has captured the AFCA's Academic Achievement Award, which is given to the top FBS football program for graduation rate. Also in 2010, Northwestern recorded a perfect 1,000 Academic Progress Rate (APR) index—the newest NCAA academic measuring stick.

The Northwestern student-athlete experience is not complete without a significant contribution to the campus and Evanston communities, which is why so many of Fitzgerald's players have been recognized for giving back. Fitzgerald, his family and his players partake in countless charitable events in the area, including NU's annual campus-wide Dance Marathon. 2009 graduate Eric Peterman received the 2008 National ARA Sportsmanship Award for his off-the-field efforts while NU has had a finalist for that honor in each of the last three years. A Wildcat also has been named to the 11-member AFCA Good Works Team@ in each of the last five seasons.

In 1995, Fitzgerald was the leader of a suffocating Wildcat defense that led the nation in scoring defense and anchored NU's storybook run to the Big Ten championship and Rose Bowl. He ended the year by being named winner of both the Nagurski and Bednarik Awards as the nation's top defensive player. He also was the Big Ten, Chevrolet and *Sports Illustrated* Defensive Player of the Year. Fitzgerald accomplished all of this, despite the fact that he broke his leg in the second-to-last regular-season game.

Fitzgerald recovered from that injury, and in 1996 he again led the Wildcats to a share of the Big Ten title. As a result, he once again won the Nagurski and Bednarik Awards, becoming the first two-time winner of both honors. Fitzgerald also was named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year again, Linebacker of the Year by the Touchdown Club of Columbus and was NU's George Ballantine Jr. Memorial Leadership Award winner.

A two-time first-team All-American, Fitzgerald started 23 career games and totaled 299 tackles, including 20 for loss. He also forced five fumbles and intercepted three passes.

Fitzgerald signed a free-agent contract with the Dallas Cowboys following his Northwestern career, and played in three preseason games before taking a one-year hiatus from football.

Prior to his return to Northwestern, Fitzgerald was a defensive graduate assistant at Maryland (1998) and Colorado (1999) before taking his first full-time position at the University of Idaho in 2000. In 2001, Walker brought Fitzgerald back to Evanston, hiring him to coach the Wildcats' defensive secondary. In 2002, he moved to linebackers coach, and then in 2004, added the recruiting coordinator to his title.

Named one of college football's top recruiters by *SI.com* in 2005, Fitzgerald played an integral role in both coaching and recruiting during his five years as a Northwestern assistant. He mentored two-time All-Big Ten linebacker and former St. Louis Ram Tim McGarigle, the all-time leading tackler in NCAA history. In February 2003, Fitzgerald was inducted into Northwestern's Athletic Hall of Fame.

In addition to his January 2009 appointment to the Illinois Reform Commission, Fitzgerald was named to the AFCA's Ethics Committee. He begins his term in the fall of 2009.

A native of Orland Park, Ill., and a graduate of Carl Sandburg High School, Fitzgerald resides in Evanston with his wife, Stacy, and three sons, Jack, born in November 2004, Ryan, born in September 2006, and Brendan, born in February 2009.



**PAT FITZGERALD** receives his Hall of Fame plaque from two-time Heisman Trophy winner and Hall-of-Famer Archie Griffin. (Photo by Gene Boyars)

## FITZGERALD'S HONORS

### COACHING

- 2010 Joseph V. Paterno Coach of the Year Award Finalist
- 2008 Top-10 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Finalist
- Semifinalist for 2008 Munger Coach of the Year Award
- Touchdown Club of Columbus 2008 Big Ten Coach of the Year

### PLAYING

- 1995 and 1996 Chuck Bednarik Award Winner
- 1995 and 1996 Bronko Nagurski Award Winner
- 1995 and 1996 First-Team A.P. All-American
- 1996 American Football Coaches Association First-Team All-American
- 1996 Touchdown Club of Columbus Linebacker of the Year
- 1996 Walter Camp All-American
- 1995 Chevrolet Defensive Player of the Year
- 1995 *Sports Illustrated* Defensive Player of the Year
- Four-Time Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week Honoree
- 2003 Northwestern University Hall of Fame Inductee
- 2008 College Football Hall of Fame Inductee

## FITZGERALD'S BOWL EXPERIENCE

### Player

- 1995 Rose Bowl (DNP due to injury)
- 1996 Citrus Bowl

### Coach

- 1999 Insight.com Bowl (Colorado)
- 2003 Motor City Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2005 Sun Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2008 Alamo Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2010 Outback (Northwestern)



# ASSISTANT COACHES



## JERRY BROWN

18th Season  
Assistant Head Coach  
Defensive Backs Coach



**J**erry Brown, the dean of the Wildcat coaching staff, is in his 18th season with Northwestern. In January 2002, Brown was named assistant head coach. He also coaches the Wildcats' defensive backs after serving as the defensive coordinator from 1999 to 2001.

Brown coached **Jordan Mabin** to an All-Big Ten honorable mention award in 2010 (media) after the junior cornerback led the conference with 13 pass breakups. That total is tied for fifth in school single-season history and ranks Mabin eighth all-time in PBUs at Northwestern with one season left to play.

Safety **Brian Peters** also earned All-Big Ten honors, picking up second-team accolades from the media and an honorable mention nod from the coaches. Peters led NU with 97 tackles and three interceptions on the year. He ranks seventh in the Big Ten with 8.1 stops per game.

After suffering a bevy of injuries in 2009, Northwestern and Brown benefitted from a largely healthy unit in 2010 to help the 'Cats finish fifth in the league in pass efficiency defense. Mabin, Peters and cornerback **Justan Vaughn** each started all 12 games during the regular season for the Wildcats, combining for four interceptions and 21 pass breakups.

### BROWN'S BOWL EXPERIENCE

- 1996 Rose Bowl (Northwestern)
- 1997 Citrus Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2000 Alamo Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2003 Motor City Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2005 Sun Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2008 Alamo Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2010 Outback (Northwestern)

Continuing a storied career in which he has served as a defensive coordinator at seven different schools, Hankwitz earned his 200th win as a coordinator last season with Northwestern.



## MIKE HANKWITZ

Third Season  
Defensive Coordinator



**M**ike Hankwitz is in his third season as NU's defensive coordinator. He began his Wildcat tenure Jan. 18, 2008.

Hankwitz's defense held half of its opponents to 105 total rushing yards or less this season while limiting two foes to under 50 yards passing. Northwestern's defense also did a great job getting off the field, ranking third in the Big Ten with a 36.1 percent opponent's third-down conversion rate. Four members of his defense earned All-Big Ten awards, led by second-team honorees (media) **Brian Peters** and **Vince Browne**.

### HANKWITZ'S BOWL EXPERIENCE

- |                                    |  |
|------------------------------------|--|
| • 1971 Rose Bowl (Michigan)        | • 1995 Aloha Bowl (Kansas)                   |
| • 1978 Peach Bowl (Purdue)         | • 1997 Cotton Bowl (Texas A&M)               |
| • 1979 Bluebonnet Bowl (Purdue)    | • 1998 Sugar Bowl (Texas A&M)                |
| • 1980 Liberty Bowl (Purdue)       | • 1999 Alamo Bowl (Texas A&M)                |
| • 1985 Freedom Bowl (Colorado)     | • 2000 Independence Bowl (Texas A&M)         |
| • 1986 Bluebonnet Bowl (Colorado)  | • 2001 Galleryfurniture.com Bowl (Texas A&M) |
| • 1988 Freedom Bowl (Colorado)     | • 2004 Houston Bowl (Colorado)               |
| • 1989 Orange Bowl (Colorado)      | • 2005 Champs Sports Bowl (Colorado)         |
| • 1990 Orange Bowl (Colorado)      | • 2006 Capital One Bowl (Wisconsin)          |
| • 1991 Blockbuster Bowl (Colorado) | • 2007 Outback Bowl (Wisconsin)              |
| • 1992 Fiesta Bowl (Colorado)      | • 2008 Alamo Bowl (Northwestern)             |
| • 1993 Aloha Bowl (Colorado)       | • 2010 Outback (Northwestern)                |
| • 1994 Fiesta Bowl (Colorado)      |  |

The Wildcats ranked third in the Big Ten in passing offense with 242.6 yards per game, compiling a 7-3 record after a win over then-No. 13 Iowa on Nov. 13. Persa's season came to an end on the winning touchdown pass of that game after he ruptured his achilles tendon.

McCall also resurrected a running game which had struggled for more than a year after the graduation of current Carolina Panther Tyrell Sutton in 2008. Redshirt-freshman **Mike Trumphy** twice ran for more than 100 yards in a game after first accomplishing the feat Oct. 30 at Indiana while Persa scampered for triple-digits at Penn State on Nov. 6. Those performances marked the first 100-yard rushing days for the Wildcats since Sutton in the 2008 Alamo Bowl.



## MICK McCALL

Third Season  
Offensive Coordinator  
Quarterbacks Coach



**M**ick McCall is in his third season as Northwestern's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. He began his Wildcat tenure on Jan. 17, 2008.

For the second-straight year, McCall coached Northwestern's starting quarterback to All-Big Ten honors. **Dan Persa** was the coaches choice as the conference's top QB while the media tabbed him as a second-team honoree after the junior completed a school-record 73.5 percent of his passes for 2,581 yards and 15 touchdowns against just four interceptions. Persa also ran for 519 yards and nine more scores.

### McCALL'S BOWL EXPERIENCE

- 2003 Motor City Bowl (Bowling Green)
- 2004 GMAC Bowl (Bowling Green)
- 2007 GMAC Bowl (Bowling Green)
- 2008 Alamo Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2010 Outback (Northwestern)



# ASSISTANT COACHES



## RANDY BATES

Fifth Season  
Linebackers Coach



**R**andy Bates is in his fifth season as Northwestern's linebackers coach. Prior to his arrival in Evanston, Bates was the defensive coordinator/secondary coach at Louisiana Tech.

Bates had a deep and veteran group to coach in 2010, led by senior middle linebacker **Nate Williams** and senior outside linebacker **Quentin Davie**. Williams recorded 82 tackles and 9.5 tackles for loss to rank second on the team in both categories while Davie led the team with three interceptions, returning one for a touchdown, while harrasing opposing QBs with a team-best six quarterback hurries.

At the other outside position, oft-injured junior **Bryce McNaul** was finally able to showcase his abilities, appearing in 10 games this year and finishing third on the team with 61 tackles, including 5.0 for loss.

Bates developed his position group to the point that all of the two-deep contributed well in 2010. **Ben Johnson** sealed NU's victory at Minnesota with a final drive interception while **David Nwabuisi** recorded 24 tackles and **Damien Proby** stepped in to start for McNaul when the junior was dinged up during the year.

All told, the unit made 23.0 tackles for loss in 2010 including 7.5 sacks. The linebackers also recorded five interceptions and, on blitzes or otherwise, combined for 14 quarterback hurries.

### BATES' BOWL EXPERIENCE

- 2001 Humanitarian Bowl (Louisiana Tech)
- 2008 Alamo Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2010 Outback Bowl (Northwestern)



## ADAM CUSHING

Seventh Season  
Offensive Line Coach  
Recruiting Coordinator



**A**dam Cushing is in his seventh season on the Wildcat staff and his fifth as a full-time assistant. In February of 2009, he was promoted to offensive line coach after serving as the Wildcats' superbacks coach. In January of 2008, he assumed the role of recruiting coordinator.

After struggling to gel as a group through the early part of 2010, Cushing's offensive line came together to pave the way for three 100-yard rushing performances in Northwestern's final five games of the regular season—NU's first such efforts since the 2008 Alamo Bowl. Overall, NU's regular-season rushing total increased 25 percent over 2009.

Junior left tackle **Al Netter** earned All-Big Ten honorable mentions from the media for the second-straight season while junior center **Ben Burkett** began the year as a member of the Rimington Trophy watch list for the second-straight time. The group helped **Dan Persa** earn an All-Big Ten first team honor from the coaches and a second-team nod from the media, allowing him to complete a school-record 73.5 percent of his passes on the year.

### CUSHING'S BOWL EXPERIENCE

- 2005 Sun Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2008 Alamo Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2010 Outback Bowl (Northwestern)



## BOB HEFFNER

Second Season  
Superbacks Coach



**N**orthwestern's most recent addition to its staff, Bob Heffner, joined NU in February of 2009 as its superbacks coach.

The Wildcats' superbacks were led by junior **Drake Dunsmore** for the second-straight season. Dunsmore was NU's second-leading receiver on the year with 39 catches for 378 yards and five touchdowns. Dunsmore earned consensus All-Big Ten honorable mention honors at the tight end position.

In addition to Dunsmore, **Josh Rooks** and **Aaron Nagel** also snared passes for NU this year. Rooks made four catches, including one for a touchdown, while Nagel caught one ball. Those two superbacks also played an important role in run blocking, especially in goal-line situations. The Wildcats found the end zone 19 times on the ground during the year with quarterback **Dan Persa** leading the way with nine—most of them on blocking surges inside the red zone.

### HEFFNER'S BOWL EXPERIENCE

- 1979 Garden State Bowl (Temple)
- 2010 Outback Bowl (Northwestern)



# ASSISTANT COACHES



## KEVIN JOHNS

Seventh Season  
Wide Receivers Coach  
Passing Game Coordinator



**K**evin Johns is in his seventh season as a full-time Northwestern assistant, and his fourth as the Wildcats' wide receivers coach. He coached Northwestern's running backs in 2004 and 2005. Johns also was appointed the program's recruiting coordinator in July of 2006, a position he held until January of 2008 when he assumed the role of passing game coordinator.

One year after being named a finalist for *FootballScoop.com's* Wide Receiver Coach of the Year award, Johns' again coached his unit to a stellar season in 2010. Junior **Jeremy Ebert** led the Big Ten with 76.6

receiving yards per game, hauling in 59 catches for 919 yards and eight touchdowns in 12 games. He was named an All-Big Ten first team selection by the media and an honorable mention pick by the coaches.

Eight different wide receivers caught passes in 2010 with 17 separate Wildcats ending up with grabs for Johns, who also serves as NU's passing game coordinator. Most impressively, Johns mentored a trio of true freshman wide receivers to contributing roles this year. **Tony Jones** scored a touchdown with a 45-yard reception on the first play of his collegiate career at Minnesota while **Rashad Lawrence** and **Venric Mark** also caught passes on the year.

### JOHNS' BOWL EXPERIENCE

- 2000 Alamo Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2003 Motor City Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2005 Sun Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2008 Alamo Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2010 Outback Bowl (Northwestern)



## MARTY LONG

Third Season  
Defensive Line Coach



**M**arty Long, most recently an assistant coach at Washington State University, is in his third season as the Wildcats' defensive line coach.

Long's unit held exactly half of Northwestern's opponents this year to under 105 yards rushing as a team while combining for a whopping 41.5 tackles-for-loss—up from 29.5 during the regular season a year ago.

Much of that production came from junior defensive end **Vince Browne**, whose 15.0 tackles for loss ranked him third in the conference and ninth in NU single-season history. Included in that total are 7.0

sacks, good for the second-best per game average in the conference. Browne's performance this year earned an All-Big Ten second-team accolade from the media.

Also picking up an All-Big Ten nod was senior interior lineman **Corbin Bryant**, whose 8.0 tackles for loss ranked third on the team. He was an honorable mention selection by the media.

Long developed quality depth in his unit this year, with seven different players recording tackles-for-loss and six of those players making at least three such stops.

### LONG'S BOWL EXPERIENCE

- 1997 Insight.com Bowl (Arizona)
- 1998 Holiday Bowl (Arizona)
- 2005 Hawaii Bowl (Nevada)
- 2006 MPC Computers Bowl (Nevada)
- 2008 Alamo Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2010 Outback Bowl (Northwestern)



## MATT MacPHERSON

Sixth Season  
Running Backs Coach



**M**att MacPherson is in his sixth season as the Wildcats' running backs coach. MacPherson returned to Evanston after spending the 2004-05 seasons at Eastern Michigan. He was NU's defensive graduate assistant from 2000-02.

MacPherson again came into the 2010 season without a true starter named from among his unit, approaching the year with a running back by committee approach. All told, six different running backs recorded carries and five started at least one game. NU's regular-season rushing total increased 25 percent over its 2009 total when all was said and done.

**Jacob Schmidt** emerged as a reliable starter midway through the year, scoring four touchdowns while starting four games. After an injury to Schmidt, redshirt freshman **Mike Trumpy** stepped up in a big way to start the next four games until an injury of his own kept him out of the regular season finale. In his four starts, Trumpy put together two 100-yard rushing efforts (110 at Indiana and 129 versus Illinois), averaging 4.6 yards per carry on the year while leading NU in rushing for the season.

MacPherson also coached a true freshman into a contributing role when **Adonis Smith** stepped onto the field in the fifth game of the season at Minnesota. In 30 touches during the regular season, Smith averaged 4.5 yards per carry.

### MacPHERSON'S BOWL EXPERIENCE

- 2000 Alamo Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2008 Alamo Bowl (Northwestern)
- 2010 Outback Bowl (Northwestern)



# COACHING/SUPPORT STAFF



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Graduate Assistant  
Offense



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Associate Athletic Trainer



# SUPPORT STAFF



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## Football Support Staff

### First row from left:

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Michael Connor, Matt Clark, Steve Clinton, Reggie McPherson, Jafar Williams



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## Equipment Room

### From bottom left:

James Bobbitt, Jennifer Bae, Ava Vilhaur, Matthew Olesczuk

### Second row from left:

Stefanie Venghaus, Greg Valenzisi, Curtis Shaner

### Third row from left:

Rachel Leffel, Jill Lindman, Mario Arias

### Back row from left:

Blair Kessler, Victoria King







# NORTHWESTERN PLAYER BIOS



**COLIN  
ARMSTRONG**

6-5 • 295 • Junior  
Offensive Line  
Wheaton, Ill.  
Lisle Benet Academy

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## 2010

Redshirt sophomore ... Reserve center ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Played in 10 games in 2009 and every game this season.



**BRIAN  
ARNFELT**

6-5 • 290 • Sophomore  
Defensive Line  
Lake Elmo, Minn.  
Stillwater

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## 2010

Redshirt sophomore ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Two stops at Wisconsin ... Recorded a career-high five tackles vs. Illinois ... Started for the first time in his career against Iowa ... Assisted on one tackle at Penn State ... One tackle vs. Indiana and Purdue ... Notched his first career TFL against Central Michigan.

## ARNFELT'S CAREER STATS

Year	G	Tackles				TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
		UA	A	Total									
2009	6	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010	12	4	7	11	1.0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



**DAVID  
ARNOLD**

6-1 • 220 • Junior  
Safety  
Copley, Ohio  
Copley

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## 2010

Redshirt junior ... Missed first four games of 2010 due to a foot injury ... Moved to safety after beginning his college career as a linebacker ... Started the final three games of the year vs. Iowa, Illinois and Wisconsin ... Set a single-game career high with nine stops at Wisconsin ... Three tackles vs. Illinois ... Collected seven tackles and a career-best two pass breakups vs. Iowa ... Four tackles at Penn State ... Recorded two tackles at Indiana ... Forced to sit out Michigan State game due to injury ... Two tackles and an interception in the end zone against Purdue, the first pick of his career ... In his first game back from injury, recorded six tackles at Minnesota.

## ARNOLD'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2008

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
SYRACUSE	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Duke			DNP					
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS			DNP					
OHIO			DNP					
at Iowa	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Indiana	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Minnesota	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
OHIO STATE	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Michigan	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
vs. Missouri	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	1

### 2009

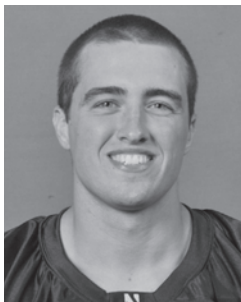
Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
TOWSON			DNP					
EASTERN MICHIGAN			DNP					
at Syracuse			DNP					
MINNESOTA	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Purdue	3	1	4	1.0/4	1.0/4	0	0/0	0
MIAMI (OHIO)	4	1	5	2.0/9	1.0/8	0	0/0	0
at Michigan State	2	3	5	1.0/1	0/0	0	0/0	0
INDIANA			DNP					
PENN STATE	6	0	6	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Iowa	4	1	5	0.5/1	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Illinois	2	2	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
WISCONSIN	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
vs. Auburn	3	0	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

### 2010

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
at Vanderbilt			DNP					
ILLINOIS STATE			DNP					
at Rice			DNP					
CENTRAL MICHIGAN			DNP					
at Minnesota	5	1	6	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	1/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE			DNP					
at Indiana	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Penn State	2	2	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
IOWA	4	3	7	0.5/1	0/0	2	0/0	0
ILLINOIS	1	2	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Wisconsin	4	5	9	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

## ARNOLD'S CAREER STATS

Year	Tackles				TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
	G	UA	A	Total								
2008	10	5	4	9	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	9	26	8	34	4.5	15	0	1	0	0	0	0
2010	7	18	15	33	0.5	1	3	0	0	0	1	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>



## BRENDAN BARBER

6-2 • 200 • Sophomore  
Wide Receiver  
Erie, Pa.  
Cathedral Prep

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### 2010

Redshirt sophomore ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Caught first two passes of his career at Vanderbilt for a total of 17 yards.



## DOUG BARTELS

6-4 • 300 • Junior  
Offensive Line  
Caledonia, Ill.  
Rockford Boylan Catholic

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### 2010

Redshirt senior ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Right guard with three starts in 2010.



## HUNTER BATES

5-10 • 180 • Sophomore  
Safety  
Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.  
Nease

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### 2010 SCOUTING REPORT

Redshirt sophomore ... Reserve safety and punt returner ... Averaging 5.7 yards per punt return ... Closed regular season with three tackles each against Wisconsin and Illinois ... Three tackles and one pass breakup vs. Iowa ... At Penn State, forced a fumble on an 18-yard pass sack and finished with two tackles on his way to being named NU's Defensive Big Playmaker for the game ... Intercepted his second pass of the season at Indiana and returned it 13 yards ... Also had three tackles vs. the Hoosiers ... Two tackles, one pass breakup and one punt return for 14 yards vs. Michigan State ... Three punt returns for 4 yards vs. Purdue ... One stop at Minnesota ... Led team with a career-best 11 tackles (10 solo) and had one TFL against Central Michigan ... Recorded his first career interception and returned two punts at Rice, including one for 33 yards that was a career best and the longest by a Wildcat since 2008 ... Two punt returns for seven yards and two tackles vs. Illinois State ... Returned one punt and had one tackle at Vanderbilt.

### BATES' GAME-BY-GAME STATS

#### 2009

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
TOWSON	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
EASTERN MICHIGAN	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Syracuse	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MINNESOTA	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Purdue	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MIAMI (OHIO)	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Michigan State	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
INDIANA	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PENN STATE	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Iowa	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Illinois	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
WISCONSIN	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
vs. Auburn	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

#### 2010

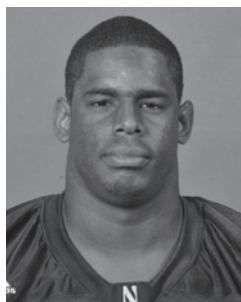
Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
at Vanderbilt	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Rice	1	2	3	0/0	0/0	0	1/2	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	10	1	11	1.0/3	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Minnesota	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
at Indiana	1	2	3	0/0	0/0	0	1/13	0
at Penn State	2	0	2	1.0/18	1.0/18	0	0/0	0
IOWA	2	1	3	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
ILLINOIS	1	2	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Wisconsin	1	2	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

### BATES' CAREER STATS

		Tackles										
Year	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
2009	13	1	3	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010	12	23	11	34	2.0	21	4	1	0	0	2	15
TOTALS	25	24	14	38	2.0	21	4	1	0	0	2	15



# NORTHWESTERN PLAYER BIOS



**MIKE  
BOLDEN**

6-1 • 195 • Junior  
Cornerback  
Evanston, Ill.  
Evanston Township

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## 2010

Reserve cornerback ... Two stops at Wisconsin ... One tackle vs. Illinois and Iowa ... Credited with one tackle at Penn State ... Notched a career-best four tackles vs. Michigan State, including his first career TFL ... Three tackles at Rice ... Recorded one stop at Vanderbilt.

## BOLDEN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2010

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
at Vanderbilt	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Rice	1	2	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Minnesota	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	DNP							
MICHIGAN STATE	3	1	4	1.0/1	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Indiana	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Penn State	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
IOWA	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Wisconsin	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

## BOLDEN'S CAREER STATS

### Tackles

Year	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
2008	13	8	2	10	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2009	7	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010	11	7	6	13	1.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	31	15	9	24	1.0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

## BROWN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2009

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	TD	PR	Yds
TOWSON	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EASTERN MICHIGAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Syracuse	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MINNESOTA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Purdue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MIAMI (OHIO)	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Michigan State	3	31	0	0	0	0	0	0
INDIANA	2	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENN STATE	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Illinois	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
WISCONSIN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Auburn	DNP							

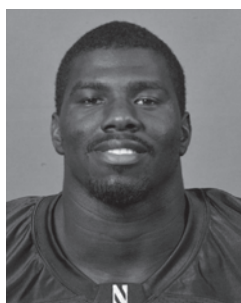
### 2010

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	TD	PR	Yds
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	4	36	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Rice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	1	9	0	1	3	0	0	0
at Minnesota	2	60	0	0	0	0	0	0
PURDUE	3	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	1	28	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Indiana	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
IOWA	2	33	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS	DNP							
at Wisconsin	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

## BROWN'S CAREER STATS

### RECEIVING

Year	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2008	12	2	14	0	10	0.2	7.0	1.2
2009	12	8	65	0	16	0.7	8.1	5.4
2010	11	16	198	0	28	1.5	12.4	18.0
TOTALS	36	26	277	0	28	0.7	10.7	7.7



**CHARLES  
BROWN**

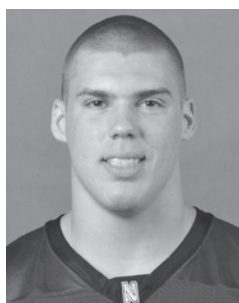
5-11 • 180 • Junior  
Wide Receiver  
Chicago, Ill.  
Robeson

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## 2010

Redshirt junior ... One reception for one yard at Wisconsin ... Caught two passes for 33 yards vs. Iowa ... One catch for seven yards and one special teams tackle at Penn State ... At Indiana, caught one pass for 10 yards ... One reception for a career-long 28 yards vs. Michigan State ... Three catches for 14 yards vs. Purdue ... Totaled a career-best 60 receiving yards on two catches at Minnesota ... One catch for nine yards and one rush for three yards vs. Central Michigan ... Career-high four catches vs. Illinois State for 36 yards ... Two special teams tackles at Vanderbilt.



**VINCE  
BROWNE**

6-5 • 265 • Junior  
Defensive Line  
Lisbon, Ohio  
David Anderson

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## 2010

Redshirt junior ... Starting defensive end ... Named second-team All-Big Ten by conference media ... Ranks fifth all-time at NU in career sacks (16.0) and ninth in TFLs (30.5) ... 15.0 TFLs in 2010 ranks as the ninth-best single-season total in NU history ... Third in the Big Ten and tied for 31st nationally with 1.25 TFLs per game ... Tied for second in conference and 49th nationally with eight sacks ... Team-best two forced fumbles ... Named to *Phil Steele's* second-team Midseason and Postseason All-Big Ten squad ... Six tackles with one TFL at Wisconsin ... Against Illinois, finished with nine tackles, one TFL and a QB hurry ... Four



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tackles with 1.5 TFLs and one sack vs. Iowa ... Career-high 10 tackles at Penn State, including 2.5 TFLs ... Posted two tackles at Indiana ... Finished with five tackles, one sack and one forced fumble against Michigan State ... Collected four tackles with 2.0 TFLs and one sack at Minnesota ... Credited with four stops, including one sack, vs. Central Michigan ... Notched seven tackles, including 3.0 TFLs and one sack, as well as a forced fumble at Rice ... Five tackles, including two sacks, with two QB hurries vs. Illinois State ... One tackle and two QB hurries at Vanderbilt ... Named team's Defensive Player of the Week vs. Illinois State, Minnesota and Penn State and the Defensive Big Playmaker vs. Rice and Michigan State.

## BROWNE'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2008

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
SYRACUSE	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Duke	2	2	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	2	1	3	1.0/4	0/0	0	0/0	0
OHIO	5	2	7	4.0/25	3.0/21	0	0/0	1
at Iowa	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	1/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	3	1	4	2.0/11	1.0/10	0	0/0	0
at Indiana	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Minnesota	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
OHIO STATE			DNP					
at Michigan			DNP					
ILLINOIS			DNP					
vs. Missouri	1	3	4	0.5/1	0/0	0	0/0	0

### 2009

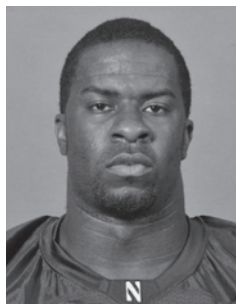
Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
TOWSON	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
EASTERN MICHIGAN	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Syracuse	4	1	5	2.0/7	1.0/4	0	0/0	0
MINNESOTA	0	5	5	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	1
at Purdue	3	1	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MIAMI (OHIO)	6	2	8	2.0/9	1.0/8	0	0/0	0
at Michigan State	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
INDIANA	0	2	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PENN STATE	1	0	1	1.0/8	1.0/8	0	0/0	1
at Iowa	0	2	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Illinois	3	0	3	1.0/5	0/0	0	0/0	0
WISCONSIN	2	0	2	1.0/5	1.0/5	0	0/0	0
vs. Auburn	2	1	3	1.0/6	1.0/6	0	0/0	0

### 2010

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
at Vanderbilt	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	2
ILLINOIS STATE	3	2	5	2.0/16	2.0/16	0	0/0	2
at Rice	6	1	7	3.0/10	1.0/4	0	0/0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	4	0	4	1.0/5	1.0/5	0	0/0	0
at Minnesota	3	1	4	2.0/5	1.0/3	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	3	2	5	1.0/8	1.0/8	0	0/0	0
at Indiana	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Penn State	4	6	10	2.5/6	0/0	0	0/0	0
IOWA	1	3	4	1.5/6	1.0/6	0	0/0	1
ILLINOIS	4	5	9	1.0/4	0/0	0	0/0	1
at Wisconsin	4	2	6	1.0/6	0/0	0	0/0	0

## BROWNE'S CAREER STATS

Year	Tackles				Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
	G	UA	A	Total							
2008	10	15	11	26	7.5	41	1	2	0	1	1
2009	13	24	15	39	8.0	40	0	0	0	0	0
2010	12	33	24	57	15.0	66	0	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	36	72	50	122	30.5	147	1	4	0	1	1



## CORBIN BRYANT

6-4 • 300 • Senior  
Defensive Line  
Chicago, Ill.  
Morgan Park

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### 2010

Redshirt senior ... Team co-captain ... Named honorable mention All-Big Ten by conference media ... 2010 Allstate AFCA Good Works Team recipient ... Named one of 10 finalists for the ARA Sportsmanship Award ... Academic All-Big Ten ... NU's Big Ten Sportsmanship Award honoree ... 2010 Wuerffel Trophy candidate ... Starting defensive tackle ... 34 career starts ... Closed regular season with 2.0 TFLs at Wisconsin ... Against Illinois, recorded two tackles and assisted on one TFL ... Two tackles, one TFL and one QB hurry vs. Iowa ... Recorded one tackle at Penn State ... Two stops and a QB hurry at Indiana ... Credited with a career-best three QB hurries to go along with two tackles vs. Michigan State ... Three tackles vs. Purdue ... One stop at Minnesota ... Recorded the second fumble recovery of his career against Central Michigan to go along with one sack and a QB hurry ... Stuffed the stat sheet at Rice with 2.5 TFLs, a forced fumble and a pass breakup ... Against Illinois State, recorded his first career interception and returned it 17 yards ... Added one TFL against the Redbirds ... Named NU's Defensive Player of the Week for games against Rice (shared honor) and Central Michigan.

## BRYANT'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2007

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
NORTHEASTERN	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
NEVADA			DNP					
DUKE			DNP					
at Ohio State	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Michigan State	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MINNESOTA			DNP					
at Eastern Michigan	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Purdue	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
IOWA	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
INDIANA	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Illinois	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

### 2008

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
SYRACUSE	1	3	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Duke	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	1	1	2	1.0/3	0/0	0	0/0	0
OHIO	2	2	4	0.5/1	0/0	0	0/0	1
at Iowa	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	4	1	5	1.0/11	1.0/11	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	0	2	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0



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at Indiana	2	0	2	1.0/2	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Minnesota	3	0	3	1.0/1	0/0	0	0/0	0
OHIO STATE	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Michigan	2	2	4	1.0/1	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS			DNP					
vs. Missouri			DNP					

## 2009

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
TOWSON	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
EASTERN MICHIGAN	2	1	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Syracuse	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MINNESOTA	2	2	4	1.0/8	1.0/8	0	0/0	0
at Purdue	2	0	2	1.0/1	0/0	0	0/0	0
MIAMI (OHIO)	3	1	4	1.0/5	1.0/5	0	0/0	0
at Michigan State	1	2	3	1.0/5	0/0	0	0/0	0
INDIANA	3	0	3	1.0/1	0/0	1	0/0	0
PENN STATE	1	2	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Iowa	1	1	2	0.5/4	0.5/4	0	0/0	0
at Illinois	0	2	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
WISCONSIN	0	2	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
vs. Auburn	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

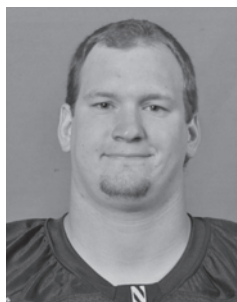
## 2010

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	1	0	1	1.0/3	0/0	0	1/17	0
at Rice	2	1	3	2.5/9	0/0	1	0/0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	2	0	2	1.0/9	1.0/9	0	0/0	1
at Minnesota	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	2	1	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	3
at Indiana	0	2	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	1
at Penn State	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
IOWA	1	1	2	1.0/1	0/0	0	0/0	1
ILLINOIS	1	1	2	0.5/2	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Wisconsin	2	0	2	2.0/4	0/0	0	0/0	0

## BRYANT'S CAREER STATS

### Tackles

Year	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
2006	2	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	9	3	2	5	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2008	11	15	13	28	5.5	19	0	1	1	0	0	0
2009	13	17	13	30	5.5	24	1	0	0	0	0	0
2010	12	14	7	21	8.0	28	2	1	1	0	1	17
TOTALS	46	49	36	85	19.0	71	3	2	2	0	1	17



**BEN  
BURKETT**

6-4 • 300 • Junior  
Offensive Line  
Toledo, Ohio  
St. John's Jesuit

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## 2010

Redshirt junior ... In his third year as NU's starting center (38 career starts) ... Named to Rimington Trophy watch list each of the last two seasons ... Named the team's Offensive Player of the Game vs. Illinois State and at Penn State.



**JARED  
CARPENTER**

6-0 • 210 • Sophomore  
Safety  
Bowling Green, Ky.  
Bowling Green

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## 2010

Redshirt sophomore ... Starting safety ... Four tackles against Illinois ... Assisted on one tackle at Penn State ... Tied a career high with five stops at Indiana ... Three tackles vs. Michigan State ... Posted two stops with an assisted TFL vs. Purdue ... Two tackles in his first game back from injury at Minnesota ... Forced to miss games against Rice and Central Michigan with a back injury ... Four stops, including his first career TFL, against Illinois State ... Career-high five tackles at Vanderbilt.

## CARPENTER'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2009

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
TOWSON	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
EASTERN MICHIGAN	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Syracuse	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MINNESOTA			DNP					
at Purdue	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MIAMI (OHIO)	0	2	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Michigan State	2	2	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
INDIANA	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PENN STATE	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Iowa	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Illinois	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
WISCONSIN	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	1
vs. Auburn	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

### 2010

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
at Vanderbilt	3	2	5	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	3	1	4	1.0/5	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Rice			DNP					
CENTRAL MICHIGAN			DNP					
at Minnesota	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	0	2	2	0.5/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	2	1	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

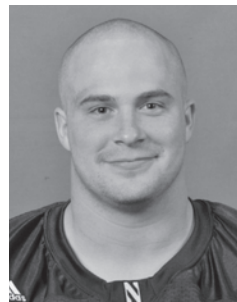
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at Indiana	2	3	5	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Penn State	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
IOWA	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS	2	2	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

## CARPENTER'S CAREER STATS

Year	Tackles				TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
	G	UA	A	Total								
2009	12	12	5	17	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010	10	13	13	26	1.5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	22	25	18	43	1.5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0



**SCOTT  
CONCANNON**

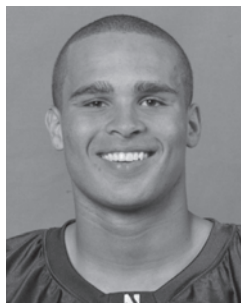
5-10 • 195 • Senior  
Running Back  
Columbia, Mo.  
Rock Bridge

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## 2010

Redshirt junior ... Reserve running back ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Two rushes for 11 yards at Rice ... Three carries for 10 yards vs. Illinois State ... Sat out several games with a groin injury.



**KAIN  
COLTER**

6-0 • 205 • Freshman  
Quarterback  
Denver, Colo.  
Cherry Creek

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## 2010

True freshman ... Backup quarterback ... At Wisconsin, rushed eight times for 28 yards, with a long rush of 15 yards ... Finished 0-of-3 passing against the Badgers ... Made his collegiate debut at Wrigley Field vs. Illinois, coming in at quarterback and rushing three times for 10 yards.

## COLTER'S CAREER STATS

### RUSHING

Year	G	Att	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/C	Avg/G
2010	2	11	38	0	15	3.5	19.0
TOTALS	2	11	38	0	15	3.5	19.0

### PASSING

Year	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg	Pct	Avg/G	Eff. Rat.
2010	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0.0	0/0	0.0
TOTALS	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	0.0	0/0	0.0



**QUENTIN  
DAVIE**

6-4 • 230 • Senior  
Linebacker  
St. Louis, Mo.  
Cardinal Ritter

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## 2010

Redshirt senior ... Team co-captain ... Starting outside linebacker ... Started 38 career games ... Named to 2010 Butkus Award watch list ... Tied for eighth all-time at NU with 10.0 career sacks ... Tied for sixth in the Big Ten with three interceptions ... Named to *Phil Steele's* first-team Midseason All-Big Ten squad ... Three tackles at Wisconsin ... Set a career high with 11 stops vs. Illinois and credited with one QB hurry ... Four tackles against Iowa ... At Penn State, notched four tackles, one fumble recovery and a pass breakup ... Recorded his 200th career tackle with three stops at Michigan State ... Also credited with three QB hurries against the Spartans ... Posted five stops at Purdue ... One TFL at Minnesota ... Collected a forced fumble, one sack and two total tackles vs. Central Michigan ... Named the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week and the National Linebacker of the Week by the College Football Performance Awards for his efforts at Rice, which included a team-best 10 tackles, 1.5 TFLs and his third career interception, which he returned 11 yards for a touchdown ... Career-best two interceptions vs. Illinois State to go along with three tackles ... Named the honorable mention Linebacker of the Week by the College Football Performance Awards for his efforts against ISU ... Recorded seven tackles and one pass breakup at Vanderbilt ... Tabbed the team's Defensive Big Playmaker vs. ISU and the Co-Defensive Player of the Week at Rice.

## DAVIE'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2007

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
NORTHEASTERN	2	1	3	1.0/1	0/0	0	0/0	0
NEVADA	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
DUKE	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Ohio State	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN	4	2	6	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
at Michigan State	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MINNESOTA	2	1	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Eastern Michigan	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Purdue	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
IOWA	DNP							
INDIANA	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Illinois	1	2	3	0.5/2	0/0	0	0/0	0





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## 2008

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
SYRACUSE	5	2	7	1.0/5	1.0/5	0	0/0	0
at Duke	1	7	8	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	2
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS	4	2	6	3.5/21	1.5/12	0	0/0	0
OHIO	2	2	4	1.0/3	0/0	1	0/0	0
at Iowa	1	2	3	1.0/4	0/0	0	0/0	1
MICHIGAN STATE	3	3	6	1.0/2	0/0	0	0/0	1
PURDUE	3	3	6	1.0/6	1.0/6	1	0/0	1
at Indiana	1	3	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Minnesota	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
OHIO STATE	3	4	7	1.0/4	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Michigan	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS	2	2	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
vs. Missouri	0	2	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

## 2009

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
TOWSON	4	5	9	1.5/1	0/0	0	0/0	1
EASTERN MICHIGAN	4	4	8	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Syracuse	3	1	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MINNESOTA	4	5	9	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	3
at Purdue	7	2	9	1.5/7	1.0/6	1	0/0	0
MIAMI (OHIO)	5	2	7	3.0/10	3.0/10	0	0/0	0
at Michigan State	2	5	7	1.0/3	0/0	0	0/0	0
INDIANA	2	4	6	1.0/3	0/0	0	0/0	2
PENN STATE	6	1	7	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Iowa	3	2	5	0/0	0/0	1	1/7	0
at Illinois	2	6	8	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
WISCONSIN	2	0	2	1.0/1	0/0	0	0/0	0
vs. Auburn	6	3	9	2.5/10	1.0/6	1	0/0	0

## 2010

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
at Vanderbilt	4	3	7	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	0	3	3	0/0	0/0	0	2/45	0
at Rice	4	6	10	1.5/5	0.5/3	1	1/11	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	2	0	2	1.0/8	1.0/8	0	0/0	0
at Minnesota	1	0	1	1.0/4	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	4	1	5	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	2	1	3	0.5/1	0/0	0	0/0	3
at Indiana	0	3	3	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	3
at Penn State	1	3	4	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
IOWA	3	1	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS	6	5	11	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Wisconsin	3	0	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

## DAVIE'S CAREER STATS

Tackles											
Year	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int Yds
2007	11	18	7	25	1.5	3	1	0	0	0	0
2008	13	25	32	57	9.5	45	2	0	1	0	0
2009	13	50	40	90	11.5	35	4	4	1	0	1
2010	12	30	26	56	4.0	18	7	1	1	0	3
TOTALS	48	122	103	225	26.0	99	14	5	3	0	4



## STEFAN DEMOS

5-10 • 195 • Senior  
Place-Kicker  
Scottsdale, Ariz.  
Horizon

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## 2010

Redshirt senior ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Starting place-kicker ... Tied for fifth on NU's all-time list for career FG made (33) ... Named to 2010 Lou Groza Award watch list ... Also handles all of NU's kickoff duties (12 touchbacks) ... Has made seven of his last nine field goal attempts ... Seventh among Big Ten kickers in scoring (6.3 ppg) and is ninth in field goal percentage (68.2 percent) ... True on his only field goal attempt at Wisconsin, a season-long 47-yarder ... Kicked field goals of 31 and 25 yards against Illinois at Wrigley Field ... Converted field goal tries of 23 and 45 yards at Indiana and was named the honorable mention Kickoff Specialist of the Week by the College Football Performance Awards ... Connected on both his field goal attempts vs. Michigan State (37, 41 yards) ... Hit a 46-yard field goal vs. Purdue ... Made the game-winning field goal at Minnesota, a 27-yarder with 2:07 remaining to give NU a 29-28 victory ... Hit on 1-of-2 field goals vs. Central Michigan ... Converted all three of his field goal attempts at Rice (42, 28 and 21 yards) ... Made 1-of-2 field goals vs. Illinois State ... Converted 1-of-2 field goal attempts (one was blocked) at Vanderbilt ... Named NU's Special Teams Player of the Week following Michigan State game.

## DEMOS' CAREER STATS

### PUNTING

Year	G	No.	Yards	Lg	Avg
2007	12	54	2,168	56	40.1
2008	13	64	2,499	63	39.0
2009	13	63	2,203	47	35.0
2010	12	0	0	0	0.0
TOTALS	50	181	6,870	63	38.0

### FIELD GOALS

Year	G	Made	Att.	Lg	Pct
2007	12	0	0	0	0.0
2008	13	0	0	0	0.0
2009	13	18	25	49	72.0
2010	12	15	22	47	68.2
TOTALS	50	33	47	49	70.2

### SCORING

Year	G	PAT	FG	Total	Avg/G
2007	12	0-0	0-0	0	0.0
2008	13	0-0	0-0	0	0.0
2009	13	34-36	18-25	88	6.8
2010	12	31-35	15-22	76	6.3
TOTALS	50	65-71	33-47	164	3.3



**JACK  
DINARDO**

6-4 • 290 • Junior  
Defensive Line  
Hinsdale, Ill.  
Hinsdale

90



## 2010

Redshirt junior ... Starting defensive tackle ... Four stops at Wisconsin ... Set career highs with eight tackles and 2.5 TFLs against Illinois ... One TFL vs. Iowa ... Assisted on three tackles at Penn State ... One stop at Indiana ... Two tackles and one QB hurry vs. Michigan State ... One tackle at Minnesota ... Recorded two blocked kicks vs. Central Michigan, becoming the first Wildcat since 2007 to block a PAT and later getting his hand on a CMU field goal attempt ... Named team's Co-Defensive Big Playmaker against the Chippewas ... Totaled three stops, including a career-best 2.0 TFLs, and recorded his first career fumble recovery at Rice ... Two tackles vs. Illinois State ... Five tackles at Vanderbilt, including one TFL, and a QB hurry ... Named team's Defensive Player of the Game against the Commodores.

## DINARDO'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2010

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
at Vanderbilt	5	0	5	1.0/4	0/0	0	0/0	1
ILLINOIS STATE	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Rice	1	2	3	2.0/6	0.5/4	0	0/0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Minnesota	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	1
at Indiana	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Penn State	0	3	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
IOWA	1	0	1	1.0/3	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS	5	3	8	2.5/5	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Wisconsin	1	3	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

## DINARDO'S CAREER STATS

Year	Tackles										
	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int Yds
2008	8	0	3	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	8	1	2	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010	12	19	11	30	6.5	18	0	0	1	2	0
TOTALS	28	20	16	36	6.5	18	0	0	1	2	0



**DEMETRIUS  
DUGAR**

5-11 • 175 • Sophomore  
Cornerback  
Houston, Texas  
Aldine

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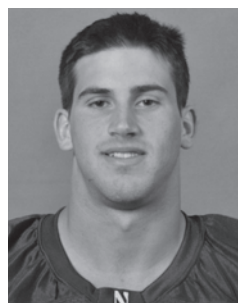


## 2010

Redshirt sophomore ... Reserve cornerback ... Three tackles at Wisconsin ... Posted one tackle at Penn State ... One stop at Rice before leaving the game with an injury ... One tackle vs. Illinois State ... Two stops at Vanderbilt.

## DUGAR'S CAREER STATS

Year	Tackles										
	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int Yds
2009	12	6	5	11	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2010	11	6	3	9	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	23	12	8	20	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0



**DRAKE  
DUNSMORE**

6-3 • 235 • Junior  
Superback  
Lenexa, Kan.  
Saint Thomas Aquinas

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## 2010

Redshirt junior ... Starting superback ... Tabbed honorable mention All-Big Ten by coaches and media ... Named to John Mackey Award watch list ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Averaging 3.25 catches per game ... Eight career touchdown catches (five this season) ... Two catches for 25 yards at Wisconsin, including a 20-yard TD reception ... Caught one pass for 14 yards against Illinois ... NU's leading receiver vs. Iowa with eight catches for 65 yards, surpassing 1,000 career receiving yards in the process ... At Penn State, made a spectacular one-handed catch in the back of the end zone for a 9-yard touchdown and finished with 14 yards receiving ... Four receptions for 29 yards at Indiana ... Compiled 50 yards on four receptions against Purdue ... Caught two passes for 17 yards at Minnesota ... Three catches for 34 yards vs. Central Michigan ... Led NU with 87 receiving yards on six catches at Rice, including a 47-yard catch-and-run ... Two touchdown receptions (four and five yards, respectively) vs. Illinois State, finishing with five catches for 30 yards ... Named the team's Offensive Big Playmaker vs. ISU ... Caught two passes for 13 yards at Vanderbilt, including a 9-yard third-quarter TD reception.



# NORTHWESTERN PLAYER BIOS

## DUNSMORE'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2007

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	TD	PR	Yds
NORTHEASTERN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
NEVADA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
DUKE	2	70	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Ohio State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MICHIGAN	2	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Michigan State	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
MINNESOTA	2	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Eastern Michigan	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Purdue	2	21	0	0	0	0	0	0
IOWA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
INDIANA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Illinois	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### 2009

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	TD	PR	Yds
TOWSON	2	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
EASTERN MICHIGAN	2	48	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Syracuse	9	81	1	0	0	0	0	0
MINNESOTA	4	37	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Purdue	4	42	0	0	0	0	0	0
MIAMI (OHIO)	4	38	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Michigan State	2	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
INDIANA	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENN STATE	3	28	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Iowa	3	19	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Illinois	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
WISCONSIN	3	45	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Auburn	9	120	1	0	0	0	0	0

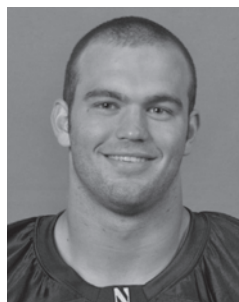
### 2010

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	TD	PR	Yds
at Vanderbilt	2	13	1	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	5	30	2	0	0	0	0	0
at Rice	6	87	0	0	0	0	0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	3	34	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Minnesota	2	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
PURDUE	4	50	0	0	0	0	0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Indiana	4	29	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	2	14	1	0	0	0	0	0
IOWA	8	65	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	2	25	1	0	0	0	0	0

## DUNSMORE'S CAREER STATS

### RECEIVING

Year	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2007	12	11	141	0	35	0.9	12.8	11.8
2009	13	47	523	3	66	3.6	11.1	40.2
2010	12	39	378	5	47	3.2	9.7	31.5
TOTALS	36	97	1,042	8	66	2.7	10.7	28.9



## JEREMY EBERT

6-0 • 195 • Junior  
Wide Receiver  
Hilliard, Ohio  
Hilliard Darby

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### 2010

True junior ... NU's leading receiver (59 receptions for 919 yards) ... First-team All-Big Ten selection by conference media, honorable mention selection by coaches ... Leads Big Ten and ranks 33rd nationally with 76.6 receiving yards per game ... Stands fifth in the conference and tied for 56th nationally in receptions per game (4.9) ... Named to *Phil Steele's* first-team Midseason and Postseason All-Big Ten squads ... Six of his eight TD catches in 2010 have covered 20 or more yards ... Three receptions for 43 yards at Wisconsin ... Recorded two catches for 27 yards vs. Illinois ... Against Iowa, caught six passes for 60 yards and one touchdown ... Led NU with 111 yards receiving on six catches at Penn State, his fifth game this season with 98 or more yards through the air ... Caught two touchdowns (11 and 30 yards) in NU's 20-17 win at Indiana, finishing with 98 yards on five receptions ... Two catches for 20 yards vs. Michigan State ... Also completed a 28-yard pass to Sidney Stewart vs. MSU ... Set career highs against Purdue with 11 receptions for 124 yards ... At Minnesota, caught seven passes for 105 yards, including a 25-yard fourth-quarter TD grab ... His jump-ball TD at Minnesota was tabbed ESPN's fourth-best play on its daily "Plays of the Day" ... First career two-touchdown game vs. Central Michigan, scoring on strikes of 24 and 25 yards and finishing with five catches for 83 yards ... Caught four passes for 82 yards at Rice, including a 32-yard touchdown ... Three catches for 67 yards vs. Illinois State ... NU's leading receiver at Vanderbilt, catching five passes for 99 yards with one touchdown, a 33-yard reception for NU's first touchdown of the season ... Also had one carry for 11 yards, finishing with 111 all-purpose yards ... Named NU's Offensive Player of the Game for Rice, Central Michigan and Minnesota games and the Offensive Big Playmaker against Vandy, Purdue and Indiana.

## EBERT'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2008

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	TD	KR	Yds
SYRACUSE	2	21	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Duke	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SIU	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
OHIO	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	18
at Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
PURDUE	4	55	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Indiana	2	24	0	0	0	0	1	27
at Minnesota	3	48	1	0	0	0	0	0
OHIO STATE	2	4	0	0	0	0	2	34
at Michigan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### 2009

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	TD	KR	Yds
TOWSON	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
EASTERN MICHIGAN	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Syracuse	2	26	0	0	0	0	0	0
MINNESOTA	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Purdue	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MIAMI (OHIO)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Michigan State	1	12	0	0	0	0	0	0
INDIANA	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0



# NORTHWESTERN PLAYER BIOS



PENN STATE	1	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Iowa	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Illinois	2	26	0	0	0	0	0	0
WISCONSIN	4	44	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Auburn	6	64	0	0	0	0	0	0

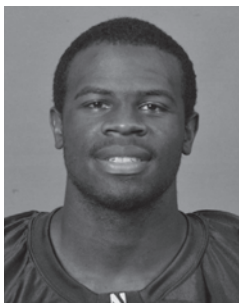
## 2010

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	TD	KR	Yds
at Vanderbilt	5	99	1	1	12	0	0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	3	67	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Rice	4	82	1	1	7	0	0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	5	83	2	0	0	0	0	0
at Minnesota	7	105	1	0	0	0	0	0
PURDUE	11	124	0	0	0	0	0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Indiana	5	98	2	0	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	6	111	0	0	0	0	0	0
IOWA	6	60	1	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS	2	27	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	3	43	0	2	4	0	0	0

## EBERT'S CAREER STATS

### RECEIVING

Year	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2008	13	15	161	2	36	1.2	10.7	12.4
2009	12	21	226	0	28	1.6	10.8	17.4
2010	12	59	919	8	45	4.9	15.6	76.6
TOTALS	38	95	1,306	10	45	2.5	13.7	34.4



## DEMETRIUS FIELDS

6-0 • 205 • Sophomore  
Wide Receiver  
Dallas, Texas  
South Oak Cliff

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## 2010

Redshirt sophomore ... Starting wide receiver ... 22 catches for 260 yards this season ... Saw his streak of 13 games with at least one reception come to an end vs. Illinois ... Caught the game-winning touchdown with 1:22 remaining against Iowa and finished with 28 receiving yards on two catches ... Named NU's Offensive Big Playmaker against the Hawkeyes ... One catch for 14 yards at Penn State ... Made a spectacular one-handed catch for 23 yards at Indiana ... Two receptions for 17 yards vs. Michigan State ... Totaled 15 yards on two catches against Purdue ... One catch for 11 yards at Minnesota ... Four receptions for 65 yards vs. Central Michigan ... Set career highs with five catches and 55 receiving yards at Rice ... One catch for nine yards vs. Illinois State ... Caught two passes for 23 yards at Vanderbilt.

## D. FIELDS' GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2009

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	TD	PR	Yds
TOWSON	3	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
EASTERN MICHIGAN	4	25	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Syracuse	5	39	1	0	0	0	0	0
MINNESOTA	4	43	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Purdue	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
MIAMI (OHIO)	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Michigan State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
INDIANA	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENN STATE	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Iowa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Illinois	2	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
WISCONSIN	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Auburn	1	26	0	0	0	0	0	0

### 2010

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	TD	KR	Yds
at Vanderbilt	2	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	1	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Rice	6	55	0	0	0	0	0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	4	65	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Minnesota	1	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
PURDUE	2	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	2	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Indiana	1	23	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
IOWA	2	28	1	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## D. FIELDS' CAREER STATS

### RECEIVING

Year	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2009	13	24	225	1	26	1.8	9.4	17.3
2010	12	22	260	1	23	1.8	11.8	21.7
TOTALS	25	46	485	2	26	1.8	10.5	19.4



## DAVION FLEMING

5-10 • 205 • R-Freshman  
Safety  
Upland, Calif.  
Upland

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## 2010

Redshirt freshman ... Reserve safety ... One stop at Minnesota ... Two tackles against both Rice and Central Michigan.



# NORTHWESTERN PLAYER BIOS



**KEEGAN  
GRANT**

6-2 • 305 • Senior  
Offensive Line  
Coal City, Ill.  
Coal City

63



## 2010

Redshirt senior ... Starting right guard ... Former walk-on who earned a scholarship in 2007 ... Started seven games in 2009 and made his first start of 2010 at right guard vs. Central Michigan ... Missed the Vanderbilt and Illinois State games with illness.



**PAT  
HICKEY**

6-0 • 205 • R-Freshman  
Long Snapper  
Chicago, Ill.  
Loyola Academy

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## 2010

Redshirt freshman ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Handled the short snaps (field goals/PAT's) from the long-snapper position early in the season.



**BEN  
JOHNSON**

6-3 • 225 • Junior  
Linebacker  
Trevor, Wis.  
Shoreland Lutheran

35



## 2010

Redshirt junior ... Reserve outside linebacker ... Sat out the Wisconsin game with an injury ... Plays extensively on opponent passing situations ... One stop vs. Illinois ... One QB hurry vs. Iowa ... Two tackles at Penn State ... Posted two tackles at Indiana ... One stop vs. Michigan State ... Sealed NU's win at Minnesota with his interception with 17 seconds remaining, the second pick of his career ... Two tackles vs. Central Michigan ... Totaled five stops at Rice ... Against Illinois State, notched the second fumble recovery of his career and returned it 29 yards to set up a touchdown ... Finished with two tackles and a QB hurry against the Redbirds ... Recorded five tackles—including his first career sack—and a pass breakup at Vanderbilt ... Named NU's Special Teams Player of the Week against Rice and at Penn State ... Earned dual honors against Minnesota as NU's Special Teams Player of the Week and Defensive Big Playmaker.

## JOHNSON'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2009

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
TOWSON	0	2	2	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
EASTERN MICHIGAN	3	1	4	1.0/2	0/0	0	1/70	0
at Syracuse	2	1	3	1.0/4	1.0/4	0	0/0	0
MINNESOTA	2	3	5	0.5/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Purdue	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MIAMI (OHIO)			DNP					
at Michigan State			DNP					
INDIANA	5	1	6	1.0/1	0/0	0	0/0	1
PENN STATE	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Iowa			DNP					
at Illinois			DNP					
WISCONSIN	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
vs. Auburn	5	1	6	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

### 2010

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
at Vanderbilt	3	2	5	1.5/9	1.0/7	1	0/0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	1
at Rice	5	0	5	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Minnesota	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	1	1/9	0
PURDUE	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Indiana	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Penn State	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
IOWA	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	1
ILLINOIS	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Wisconsin			DNP					

## BEN JOHNSON'S CAREER STATS

Tackles												
Year	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
2008	12	3	3	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2009	9	18	10	28	3.5	7	2	1	1	0	1	70
2010	11	17	4	21	1.5	9	3	0	1	0	1	9
TOTALS	33	38	17	55	5.0	16	5	1	2	1	2	79



**TONY  
JONES**

6-0 • 175 • Freshman  
Wide Receiver  
Flint, Mich.  
Loyola Academy

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## 2010

True freshman ... 11 catches for 157 yards this season ... Against Illinois, recorded two catches for 51 yards and was named NU's Offensive Big Playmaker ... Two catches for 16 yards against Iowa ... Caught one pass at Penn State for 14 yards ... At Indiana, caught one pass for seven yards ... One reception for one yard vs. Michigan State ... Scored a touchdown on his first collegiate play, a 45-yard reception in the first quarter at Minnesota ... Finished with four catches for 68 yards in his debut vs. the Gophers ... Missed the first four games while recovering from a shoulder injury suffered in preseason camp.

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## T. JONES' GAME-BY-GAME STATS

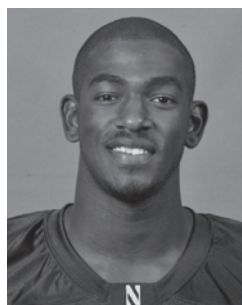
2010

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	TD	KR	Yds
at Vanderbilt			DNP					
ILLINOIS STATE			DNP					
at Rice			DNP					
CENTRAL MICHIGAN			DNP					
at Minnesota	4	68	1	0	0	0	0	0
PURDUE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Indiana	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	1	14	0	0	0	0	0	0
IOWA	2	16	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS	2	51	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## T. JONES' CAREER STATS

### RECEIVING

Year	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2010	8	11	157	1	45	1.4	14.3	19.6
TOTALS	8	11	157	1	45	1.4	14.3	19.6



**RASHAD  
LAWRENCE**

6-2 • 190 • Freshman  
Wide Receiver  
Orlando, Fla.  
Olympia

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2010

True freshman ... Two receptions for 19 yards at Wisconsin ... Caught one pass vs. Iowa for 15 yards ... At Penn State, caught one pass for six yards ... Set career highs against Michigan State with four receptions for 67 yards, including a long of 44 yards ... Two catches for 21 yards vs. Purdue ... His first career catch came in spectacular fashion, a 50-yard over-the-shoulder reception down to the 2-yard line vs. Illinois State.

## LAWRENCE'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

2010

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	TD	KR	Yds
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	1	50	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Rice	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Minnesota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PURDUE	2	21	0	0	0	0	0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	4	67	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Indiana	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
IOWA	2	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Wisconsin	2	19	0	0	0	0	0	0

## LAWRENCE'S CAREER STATS

### RECEIVING

Year	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2010	12	12	178	0	50	1.0	14.8	14.8
TOTALS	12	12	178	0	50	1.0	14.8	14.8



**JORDAN  
MABIN**

5-11 • 185 • Junior  
Cornerback  
Northfield Center, Ohio  
Nordonia

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2010

Redshirt junior ... Starting cornerback with 36 career starts ... Honorable mention All-Big Ten selection by conference media ... Ranks first in the Big Ten and tied for 18th nationally with 13 passes defended (1.08 per game) ... Named to *Phil Steele's* second-team Midseason All-Big Ten squad and third-team Postseason All-Big Ten team ... Five tackles and one pass breakup at Wisconsin ... Against Illinois, credited with five tackles and one pass breakup ... Recorded three tackles and a pass breakup vs. Iowa ... Eight tackles (seven solo) and two pass breakups at Penn State ... Racked up a career-best 12 tackles at Indiana and added two passes defended ... Seven tackles vs. Michigan State to go with a career-best three pass breakups ... Collected three stops vs. Purdue and at Minnesota ... Three tackles and two pass deflections vs. Central Michigan ... Recorded five tackles and a pass breakup at Rice ... Two tackles against Illinois State and at Vanderbilt ... Named team's Defensive Big Playmaker vs. Indiana.

## MABIN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

2008

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
SYRACUSE	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Duke	4	1	5	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
SIU	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
OHIO	6	2	8	1.0/3	0/0	0	1/0	0
at Iowa	2	1	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	4	4	8	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	4	2	6	0/0	0/0	0	1/38	0
at Indiana	3	2	5	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
at Minnesota	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
OHIO STATE	0	4	4	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
at Michigan	4	0	4	0/0	0/0	0	1/0	0
ILLINOIS	3	1	4	1.0/1	0/0	1	0/0	0
vs. Missouri	1	2	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

2009

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
TOWSON	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
EASTERN MICHIGAN	4	0	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Syracuse	5	2	7	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MINNESOTA	3	2	5	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Purdue	5	2	7	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MIAMI (OHIO)	5	2	7	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Michigan State	4	2	6	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
INDIANA	5	0	5	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PENN STATE	6	0	6	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Iowa	2	4	6	0/0	0/0	0	1/15	0





# NORTHWESTERN PLAYER BIOS

at Illinois	4	1	5	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
WISCONSIN	6	1	7	0/0	0/0	0	1/0	0
vs. Auburn	7	2	9	0.5/3	0/0	0	0/0	0

## 2010

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
at Vanderbilt	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Rice	5	0	5	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	2	1	3	0/0	0/0	2	0/0	0
at Minnesota	2	1	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	3	0	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	7	0	7	0/0	0/0	3	0/0	0
at Indiana	7	5	12	0/0	0/0	2	0/0	0
at Penn State	7	1	8	0/0	0/0	2	0/0	0
IOWA	2	1	3	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
ILLINOIS	3	2	5	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
at Wisconsin	4	1	5	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0

## MABIN'S CAREER STATS

Tackles												
Year	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
2008	13	32	20	52	2.0	4	8	2	1	0	3	38
2009	13	57	18	75	0.5	3	2	0	2	0	2	15
2010	12	46	12	58	0.0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	39	135	50	185	2.5	7	23	2	3	0	5	53



## VENRIC MARK

5-8 • 170 • Freshman  
Wide Receiver  
Tomball, Texas  
St. Pius X

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## 2010

True freshman ... Primary kickoff and punt returner ... Ranks second in the Big Ten and 20th nationally with 27.6 yards per kick return (16 attempts) with one return TD ... Also third in conference with 12.9 yards per punt return (nine attempts) ... At Wisconsin, shattered NU's previous record for kick return yards in a game with 273 yards on nine attempts, including a 94-yard return for a touchdown ... It was the first kickoff return for TD by a Wildcat since Sept. 22, 2007 ... His 273 return yards were 10 shy of the Big Ten Conference record ... Also returned two punts for eight yards vs. the Badgers ... Against Illinois, broke off a 58-yard punt return—the longest by a Wildcat since 2005—returned one kickoff for 26 yards and posted two special teams stops ... One rush for two yards vs. Iowa ... One kickoff return at Penn State for 26 yards ... At Indiana, compiled 77 all-purpose yards, including 56 kickoff return yards on two attempts and two punt returns for 17 yards ... Racked up 97 all-purpose yards vs. Michigan State, rushing once for 29 yards, returning two punts for 26 yards and returning two kickoffs for 42 yards ... One carry for two yards and one tackle at Minnesota ... Credited with two solo tackles vs. Central Michigan ... Two catches for 12 yards at Rice ... Recorded his first career reception vs. Illinois State, a 21-yard catch ... Also returned one punt for seven yards vs. the Redbirds ... Made his collegiate debut at Vanderbilt, returning one kickoff for 19 yards ... Named NU's Special Teams Player of the Game vs. Central Michigan, Indiana and Illinois.

## MARK'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2010

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	KR	Yds	PR	Yds
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	1	21	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
at Rice	2	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Minnesota	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
PURDUE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	0	0	0	1	29	2	42	2	26
at Indiana	1	(-1)	0	1	5	2	56	2	17
at Penn State	0	0	0	0	0	1	26	0	0
IOWA	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS	0	0	0	1	3	1	26	1	58
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0	0	9	273	3	8



## NIKO MAFULI

6-3 • 310 • Junior  
Defensive Line  
Florissant, Mo.  
Saint Louis University High

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## 2010

Redshirt junior ... One tackle at Vanderbilt before leaving the game with a leg injury ... Missed two games before returning in the game against Central Michigan, where he blocked a PAT and was named the team's Co-Defensive Big Playmaker ... Two tackles at Minnesota and one vs. Illinois.

## MAFULI'S CAREER STATS

Tackles												
Year	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
2009	11	2	4	6	1.5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010	10	1	3	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
TOTALS	21	3	7	10	1.5	3	0	0	0	1	0	0

## MARK'S CAREER STATS

### RECEIVING

Year	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2010	12	4	32	0	21	0.3	8.0	2.7
TOTALS	12	4	32	0	21	0.3	8.0	2.7

### KICK RETURNS

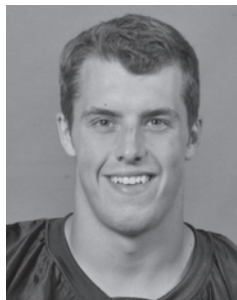
Year	G	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/R	Avg/G
2010	12	16	442	1	94	27.6	36.8
TOTALS	12	16	442	1	94	27.6	36.8

### PUNT RETURNS

Year	G	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/R	Avg/G
2010	12	9	116	0	58	12.9	9.7
TOTALS	12	9	116	0	58	12.9	9.7

### RUSHING

Year	G	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/R	Avg/G
2010	12	5	41	0	29	8.2	3.4
TOTALS	12	5	41	0	29	8.2	3.4



**BRYCE  
McNAUL**

6-3 • 230 • Junior  
Linebacker  
Eden Prairie, Minn.  
Eden Prairie

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## 2010

Redshirt junior ... Starting linebacker ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Tied for 22nd in the Big Ten in tackles (6.1 pg) ... Two tackles and a QB hurry at Wisconsin before being forced out of the game with an injury ... Five tackles against Illinois ... Six stops against Iowa ... Recorded six tackles at Penn State ... Set a career high and led NU with 13 tackles at Indiana, including a personal-best 2.0 TFLs ... Led NU's defense against Michigan State with 10 tackles, one sack and his first career forced fumble ... Four stops vs. Purdue ... Recorded eight tackles, including one TFL, against his hometown team, Minnesota ... Missed NU's games at Vanderbilt and vs. Illinois State due to injury ... Returned at Rice to make his first career start and record four tackles and one TFL ... Three stops against Central Michigan ... Named NU's Defensive Player of the Week vs. Michigan State and Indiana.

## MCNAUL'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2010

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
at Vanderbilt			DNP					
ILLINOIS STATE			DNP					
at Rice	3	1	4	1.0/5	0/0	1	0/0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	1	2	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Minnesota	6	2	8	1.0/2	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	3	1	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	6	4	10	1.0/10	1.0/10	0	0/0	0
at Indiana	6	7	13	2.0/3	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Penn State	2	4	6	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
IOWA	4	2	6	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS	0	5	5	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Wisconsin	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	1

## MCNAUL'S CAREER STATS

### Tackles

Year	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
2008	5	0	2	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	7	2	4	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010	10	32	29	61	5.0	20	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	22	34	35	69	5.0	20	1	1	0	0	0	0



**JERAVIN  
MATTHEWS**

5-11 • 175 • Junior  
Cornerback  
Canonsburg, Pa.  
Canon-McMillan

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## 2010

True junior ... Made his second position change (from running back to cornerback) during bowl practice in December, 2009 ... One stop at Wisconsin ... Against Iowa, posted two special teams tackles ... Two tackles at Penn State ... Two tackles against Central Michigan ... Career-best four tackles at Rice ... One tackle vs. Illinois State ... Recorded two solo special teams tackles at Vanderbilt ... Named team's Special Teams Player of the Game vs. Illinois State and shared the honor for the Iowa game.

## MATTHEWS' CAREER STATS

### Tackles

Year	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
2008	10	5	4	9	0.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
2009	10	5	4	9	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2010	11	9	5	14	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	31	19	13	32	0.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0



# NORTHWESTERN PLAYER BIOS



**BRIAN  
MULROE**

6-4 • 295 • Sophomore  
Offensive Line  
Glenview, Ill.  
Loyola Academy

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## 2010

Redshirt sophomore ... 12 starts in 2010, shifting to left guard against Central Michigan ... Made his first career start in the 2010 Outback Bowl after missing the first half of 2009 due to injury ... Named NU's Offensive Big Playmaker against Rice.



**AARON  
NAGEL**

6-1 • 230 • Junior  
Superback  
Lemont, Ill.  
Lemont

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## 2010

Junior ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Returned a kickoff for 14 yards vs. Illinois ... One tackle vs. Central Michigan ... Recorded first career reception at Rice for a 6-yard gain.



**AL  
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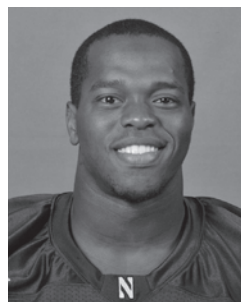
6-6 • 310 • Junior  
Offensive Line  
Rohnert Park, Calif.  
Cardinal Newman

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## 2010

Redshirt junior ... Team co-captain ... Starting left tackle ... 38 consecutive career starts, which is tied for most on the team with center Ben Burkett (Linebacker Quentin Davie also has 38 career starts, but not all in succession) ... Named to *Phil Steele's* second-team Midseason and third-team Postseason All-Big Ten squads ... *ESPN The Magazine* first-team Academic All-District selection ... Academic All-Big Ten.



**DAVID  
NWABUISI**

6-1 • 240 • Sophomore  
Linebacker  
Houston, Texas  
Episcopal

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## 2010

Redshirt sophomore ... Reserve linebacker ... Plays quite a bit on opponent passing situations ... Career-best five tackles at Wisconsin (four solo) ... Three tackles against Illinois with one TFL and one pass breakup ... Posted two tackles at Penn State ... One tackle at Indiana ... Made two stops vs. Michigan State ... One tackle and one pass breakup vs. Purdue ... Two stops with one TFL at Minnesota ... Picked up two tackles and his first career interception against Central Michigan ... Collected four tackles at Rice ... One stop vs. Illinois State ... One tackle and one QB hurry at Vanderbilt.

## NWABUISI'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2010

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
at Vanderbilt	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	1
ILLINOIS STATE	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Rice	2	2	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	1/2	0
at Minnesota	2	0	2	1.0/1	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Indiana	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Penn State	0	2	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
IOWA	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS	1	2	3	1.0/2	0/0	1	0/0	0
at Wisconsin	4	1	5	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

## NWABUISI'S CAREER STATS

		Tackles										
Year	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
2009	12	8	1	9	1.0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0
2010	12	13	11	24	2.0	3	3	0	0	0	1	2
TOTALS	24	21	12	33	3.0	6	3	1	0	0	1	2



**JOHN HENRY  
PACE**

5-11 • 215 • Senior  
Long Snapper  
Hinsdale, Ill.  
Hinsdale Central

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## 2010

Redshirt senior ... Handles all long snapping duties ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Former walk-on who earned a scholarship in 2010.





## DAN PERSA

6-1 • 210 • Junior  
Quarterback  
Bethlehem, Pa.  
Liberty



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### 2010

Redshirt junior ... First-team All-Big Ten quarterback as named by coaches and the second-team choice by media ... Fifth QB in Northwestern history to earn first-team all-conference honors ... Team co-captain ... Starting quarterback ... Named to *Phil Steele's* second-team Midseason and first-team Postseason All-Big Ten squad ... Named to the Manning Award Watch List on Oct. 25 ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Suffered a season-ending ruptured Achilles tendon on the same play he threw the game-winning touchdown pass with 1:22 remaining against Iowa ... Set career highs for passing yards (318), completions (32) and attempts (43) while throwing for two TD's, rushing for another and finishing with 50 ground yards (368 total offense yards) in the 21-17 win over the Hawkeyes ... Earned numerous accolades for his performance against Iowa, including Walter Camp National Offensive Player of the Week, Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week, Rivals.com Big Ten Player of the Week and CFPA Quarterback Performer of the Week ... At the time of his injury, ranked No. 1 nationally in completion percentage (73.5 percent) and No. 12 nationally in passing efficiency (159.04) ... Ranks third nationally for the fewest interceptions thrown (4 in 302 attempts, 1.32 percent) among FBS players ... Completion percentage surpassed NU's previous record (64.8 by Mike Kafka in 2009) and Big Ten's single-season pass completion mark (67.8 by Wisconsin's Darrell Bevell in 1993) (Note: Wisconsin's Scott Tolzien is presently completing 74.3 percent of his passes which would set the single-season mark.) ... Also at the time of his injury: ranked second in conference and ninth nationally in total offense (310.0 ypg), second in Big Ten in passing yards per game (258.1), tied for third in conference in points responsible for (14.4) and tied for third nationally in fewest interceptions thrown (4) ... Finished his season completing 222-of-302 passes with 15 passing touchdowns, nine rushing scores and four interceptions ... Set a Northwestern single-season record for passing efficiency (159.04), besting the previous mark of 136.3 (set by Len Williams in 1991) by nearly 23 points ... His career pass efficiency rating of 155.27 is also an NU best ... Through the first 10 games, was responsible for over 75 percent of NU's offense (the second-highest figure among any FBS player) ... Team's second-leading rusher for the season with 519 yards (51.9 ypg), only 62 rushing yards shy of Zak Kustok's school record for rushing yards in a season by a quarterback (580 in 2001) ... Threw for 200 or more yards in nine of 10 games and topped 300 yards of total offense seven times ... At Penn State, rushed for a career-best 109 yards while throwing for 201 yards on 16-of-25 passing in his return to his native Pennsylvania ... His 109 yards on the ground represented the fourth-best single-game rushing performance by an NU quarterback (sixth 100-yard rushing game ever by a QB at Northwestern) ... Threw for 212 yards on 18-of-28 passing with two touchdowns in win at Indiana ... Against Michigan State, ran for 46 yards and three touchdowns while throwing for 187 yards on 18-of-29 passing ... Threw for 305 yards on 30-of-41 passing and rushed for one TD vs. Purdue ... At Minnesota, completed 23-of-30 passes for 309 yards with two touchdowns ... Also set career highs with 99 rushing yards and 408 yards of total offense (12th-best figure in NU history) vs. the Gophers ... His 99 rushing yards is the sixth-best single-game rushing figure by an NU quarterback ... Totaled 280 yards on 23-of-30 passing with two TD's along with 43 rushing yards vs. Central Michigan ... Threw for 307 yards on 24-of-32 passing with one touchdown at Rice while adding 34 rushing yards and an 18-yard TD run ... Against Illinois State, finished 19-of-23 for 240 yards and two touchdown passes while running for a third ... In his first career start at Vanderbilt, completed 19-of-21 passes for 222 yards with touchdown tosses of 33, nine and two yards and no interceptions ... Also NU's leading rusher against Vandy with 17 carries for 82 net yards ... Named honorable mention Quarterback of the Week by the College Football Performance Awards after Vanderbilt and Penn State games ... Wildcats' Offensive Player of the Game against Vanderbilt and Iowa and Offensive Big Playmaker vs. Minnesota, Michigan State and Penn State.

### PERSA'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

#### 2009

Game	Comp	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	TD
TOWSON	1	2	1	72	1	2	7	0
EASTERN MICHIGAN	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	0
at Syracuse	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	0
MINNESOTA			DNP					
at Purdue	0	0	0	0	0	3	9	0
MIAMI (OHIO)	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
at Michigan State	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	0
INDIANA			DNP					
PENN STATE	14	23	0	115	0	14	42	0
at Iowa	5	9	1	37	1	17	67	0
at Illinois	0	0	0	0	0	7	23	0
WISCONSIN			DNP					
vs. Auburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#### 2010

Game	Comp	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	TD
at Vanderbilt	19	21	0	222	3	17	82	0
ILLINOIS STATE	19	23	0	240	2	7	13	1
at Rice	24	32	0	307	1	9	34	1
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	23	30	1	280	2	17	43	0
at Minnesota	23	30	1	309	2	18	99	0
PURDUE	30	41	0	305	0	20	24	1
MICHIGAN STATE	18	29	1	187	0	22	46	3
at Indiana	18	28	0	212	2	11	19	0
at Penn State	16	25	0	201	1	25	109	2
IOWA	32	43	1	318	2	18	50	1
ILLINOIS			DNP					
at Wisconsin			DNP					

### PERSA'S CAREER STATS

#### RUSHING

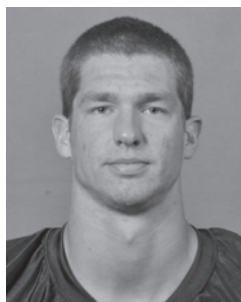
Year	G	Att	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/C	Avg/G
2008	11	2	(-2)	0	0	(-1.0)	(-0.2)
2009	10	49	167	0	25	3.4	16.7
2010	10	164	519	9	31	3.2	51.9
TOTALS	31	215	684	9	31	3.2	22.1

#### PASSING

Year	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg	Pct	Avg/G	Eff. Rat.
2008	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	00.0	0.0	0.0
2009	10	34	20	2	224	2	72	58.8	22.4	121.8
2010	10	302	222	4	2,581	15	50	73.5	258.1	159.0
TOTALS	31	336	242	6	2,805	17	72	72.0	90.5	155.3



# NORTHWESTERN PLAYER BIOS



## BRIAN PETERS

6-4 • 215 • Junior  
Safety  
Pickerington, Ohio  
Pickerington Central

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### 2010

Redshirt junior ... Starting safety ... Team's leading tackler ... Second-team All-Big Ten selection by conference media and honorable mention selection by coaches ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Ranks seventh in the Big Ten and tied for 73rd nationally with 8.1 tackles per game ... Tied for sixth in the conference with three interceptions ... Named to *Phil Steele's* second-team Midseason and third-team Postseason All-Big Ten squads ... Six tackles at Wisconsin ... Posted a career day vs. Illinois with 18 tackles (one TFL) and two interceptions, one of which he returned 59 yards for a touchdown ... His 18 tackles are tied for the 14th-highest single-game total by an FBS player this season ... Named Defensive Back Performer of the Week by the College Football Performance Awards and NU's Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts vs. the Illini ... Against Iowa, led NU with 10 tackles, forced one fumble and intercepted a pass—one of his two pass breakups in the game ... Named team's Defensive Big Playmaker against the Hawkeyes ... Tied for a game high with 11 tackles at Penn State ... At Indiana, recorded three tackles ... Posted five stops against Michigan State ... Seven tackles and an assisted TFL vs. Purdue ... Led the defense with 12 tackles at Minnesota to go along with one pass breakup ... Collected seven tackles against Central Michigan ... Three tackles, one TFL and one pass breakup at Rice ... Four tackles vs. Illinois State ... 11 tackles at Vanderbilt, including one TFL.

### PETERS' GAME-BY-GAME STATS

#### 2008

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
SYRACUSE	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Duke	1	2	3	1.0/1	0/0	0	0/0	0
SIU	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
OHIO	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Iowa	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	0	2	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Indiana	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Minnesota	5	0	5	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
OHIO STATE	4	1	5	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Michigan	6	1	7	1.0/3	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS	2	1	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
vs. Missouri	3	2	5	0/0	0/0	0	1/0	0

#### 2009

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
TOWSON	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
EASTERN MICHIGAN	2	1	3	1.0/3	0/0	0	1/0	0
at Syracuse	3	2	5	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
MINNESOTA	4	1	5	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Purdue	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MIAMI (OHIO)	2	6	8	0/0	0/0	0	1/8	0
at Michigan State	3	8	11	0.5/2	0/0	0	0/0	0
INDIANA	5	2	7	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
PENN STATE	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Iowa	1	2	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Illinois	6	1	7	1.0/1	0/0	0	0/0	0
WISCONSIN	5	4	9	0.5/1	0/0	0	0/0	0
vs. Auburn	2	2	4	0/0	0/0	0	1/0	0

### 2010

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
at Vanderbilt	8	3	11	1.0/4	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	4	0	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Rice	2	1	3	1.0/2	0/0	1	0/0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	5	2	7	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Minnesota	10	2	12	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
PURDUE	5	2	7	0.5/1	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	4	1	5	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Indiana	0	3	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Penn State	7	4	11	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
IOWA	8	2	10	0/0	0/0	2	1/25	0
ILLINOIS	6	12	18	1.0/2	0/0	0	2/59	0
at Wisconsin	2	4	6	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

### PETERS' CAREER STATS

Tackles												
Year	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
2008	13	24	11	35	2.0	4	2	1	1	0	1	0
2009	13	36	31	67	3.0	7	5	2	3	0	3	8
2010	12	61	36	97	3.5	9	7	1	0	0	3	84
TOTALS	38	121	78	199	8.5	20	14	4	4	0	7	92



## DAMIEN PROBY

6-0 • 235 • R-Freshman  
Linebacker  
North Las Vegas, Nev.  
Cheyenne

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### 2010

Redshirt freshman ... Reserve linebacker ... Posted four tackles at Wisconsin ... Career-best six tackles against Illinois ... One tackle at Penn State ... One stop vs. Michigan State and Minnesota ... Two stops at Rice ... Four tackles, including his first career sack, vs. Illinois State.

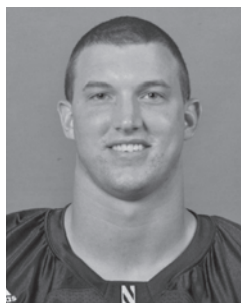
### PROBY'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

#### 2010

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	4	0	4	1.0/8	1.0/8	0	0/0	0
at Rice	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Minnesota	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Indiana	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Penn State	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
IOWA	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS	3	3	6	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	1
at Wisconsin	3	1	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

## PROBY'S CAREER STATS

Year	Tackles				TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
	G	UA	A	Total								
2010	12	14	5	19	1.0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	12	14	5	19	1.0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0



**TIM  
RILEY**

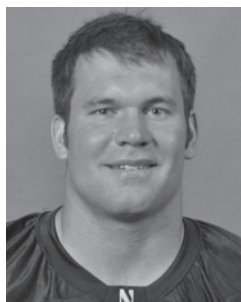
6-3 • 220 • R-Freshman  
Linebacker  
Oswego, Ill.  
Oswego

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### 2010

Redshirt freshman ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Recorded two tackles and his first career forced fumble at Minnesota.



**JOSH  
ROOKS**

6-6 • 265 • Senior  
Superback  
Zeeland, Mich.  
Holland Christian

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### 2010

True senior ... *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America candidate ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Returned one kickoff for 11 yards at Wisconsin ... One catch for two yards at Indiana ... Caught a career-best three passes at Vanderbilt for 19 yards, including the third touchdown catch of his career ... His 2-yard scoring grab proved to be the game-winning touchdown.

## ROOKS' CAREER STATS

### RECEIVING

Year	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2007	12	1	7	0	7	0.1	7.0	0.6
2008	13	7	46	2	12	0.5	6.6	3.5
2009	13	3	34	0	23	0.2	11.3	2.6
2010	12	4	21	1	12	0.3	5.2	1.8
TOTALS	49	15	108	3	23	0.3	7.2	2.2



**JACOB  
SCHMIDT**

5-10 • 205 • Junior  
Running Back  
Rhineland, Wis.  
Rhineland

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### 2010

Redshirt junior ... Former walk-on who earned a scholarship in September, 2009 ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Five career starts at running back ... Dressed for Indiana game but did not play (ankle) ... Three carries for three yards vs. Michigan State before leaving the game in the first quarter with an ankle injury ... Gained 32 yards on 12 carries, including one touchdown, vs. Purdue ... Scored his second touchdown at Minnesota and finished with eight rushing attempts for 25 yards ... First career two-touchdown game vs. Central Michigan, scoring on runs of one and 13 yards and finishing with 32 yards on six attempts ... Named team's Offensive Player of the Game against CMU ... Carried three times for 11 yards and caught one pass for four yards at Rice ... Four carries for 14 yards vs. Illinois State ... Rushed 13 times for 44 yards at Vanderbilt and made three catches for 21 yards.

## SCHMIDT'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2009

Game	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
TOWSON	4	17	1	0	0	0
EASTERN MICHIGAN	13	61	0	0	0	0
at Syracuse	10	30	0	4	46	0
MINNESOTA	6	20	0	3	10	0
at Purdue	2	2	0	3	37	0
MIAMI (OHIO)	10	29	0	1	25	0
at Michigan State			DNP			
INDIANA	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENN STATE	2	7	0	1	10	0
at Iowa	3	5	0	1	7	0
at Illinois	5	10	0	1	12	0
WISCONSIN	1	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Auburn	8	36	0	0	0	0

### 2010

Game	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
at Vanderbilt	13	44	0	3	21	0
ILLINOIS STATE	4	14	0	0	0	0
at Rice	3	11	0	1	4	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	6	32	2	4	33	0
at Minnesota	8	25	1	1	6	0
PURDUE	12	32	1	4	43	0
MICHIGAN STATE	3	3	0	0	0	0
at Indiana			DNP			
at Penn State			DNP			
IOWA			DNP			
ILLINOIS			DNP			
at Wisconsin			DNP			





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## SCHMIDT'S CAREER STATS

### RUSHING

Year	G	Att	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/C	Avg/G
2008	13	2	4	0	3	2.0	0.3
2009	12	64	217	1	13	3.4	18.1
2010	7	49	161	4	13	3.3	23.0
TOTALS	32	115	382	5	13	3.3	11.9

### RECEIVING

Year	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2008	13	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2009	12	14	147	0	29	1.2	10.5	12.2
2010	7	13	107	0	17	1.9	8.2	15.3
TOTALS	32	27	254	0	29	0.8	9.4	7.9

for 39 yards vs. Illinois State ... Returned three kickoffs for 53 yards and recorded three carries for 14 yards at Vanderbilt.

## SIMMONS' GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2007

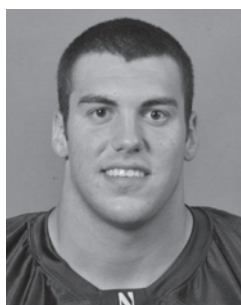
Game	Rush	Yds	TD	KR	Yds	TD
NORTHEASTERN				DNP		
NEVADA				DNP		
DUKE				DNP		
at Ohio State	3	0	0	3	131	1
MICHIGAN	0	0	0	3	99	0
at Michigan State	0	0	0	4	75	0
MINNESOTA	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Eastern Michigan	1	(-3)	0	0	0	0
at Purdue	0	0	0	0	0	0
IOWA	0	0	0	1	5	0
INDIANA	0	0	0	1	11	0
at Illinois	0	0	0	0	0	0

### 2008

Game	Rush	Yds	TD	KR	Yds	TD
SYRACUSE	3	17	0	2	63	0
at Duke	0	0	0	2	32	0
SIU	0	0	0	0	0	0
OHIO			DNP			
at Iowa			DNP			
MICHIGAN STATE			DNP			
PURDUE	1	2	0	3	76	0
at Indiana	0	0	0	1	35	0
at Minnesota	0	0	0	3	68	0
OHIO STATE	14	34	0	3	57	0
at Michigan	22	56	1	1	16	0
ILLINOIS	22	69	1	3	54	0
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	5	108	0

### 2009

Game	Rush	Yds	TD	KR	Yds	TD
TOWSON	18	77	0	3	82	0
EASTERN MICHIGAN	13	73	2	5	108	0
at Syracuse			DNP			
MINNESOTA			DNP			
at Purdue			DNP			
MIAMI (OHIO)	2	3	0	0	0	0
at Michigan State	5	23	0	0	0	0
INDIANA			DNP			
PENN STATE	3	8	0	5	121	0
at Iowa	6	11	0	3	46	0
at Illinois	4	8	0	1	29	0
WISCONSIN	5	23	0	4	155	0
vs. Auburn	3	7	0	5	116	0



**TYLER  
SCOTT**

6-4 • 255 • R-Freshman  
Defensive Line  
Warren, Ohio  
Howland

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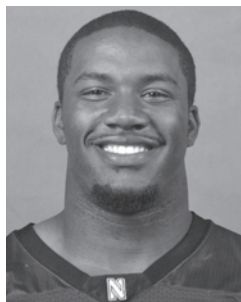
### 2010

Reserve defensive end ... Two tackles at Wisconsin ... Against Iowa, registered two tackles with one TFL and a QB hurry ... Three tackles with one TFL vs. Purdue ... One stop at Rice ... One tackle vs. Illinois State ... Assisted on his first career TFL in his collegiate debut at Vanderbilt.

## SCOTT'S CAREER STATS

### Tackles

Year	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
2010	12	7	3	10	3.0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	12	7	3	10	3.0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0



**STEPHEN  
SIMMONS**

5-8 • 190 • Senior  
Running Back  
St. Louis, Mo.  
St. Louis University High

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### 2010

Redshirt senior ... All-time leader at Northwestern with 84 career kickoff returns ... Sixth on NU's all-time list for yards per kickoff return (23.75) ... Rushed 12 times for a team-high 55 yards and returned one kickoff for 41 yards at Wisconsin ... 86 kickoff return yards on four attempts and one rush for six yards against Illinois ... Totaled 34 kickoff return yards on two attempts at Penn State ... Returned four kickoffs for a season-best 94 yards vs. Purdue ... Two kickoff returns for 47 yards at Minnesota ... Brought back three kickoffs for 71 yards vs. Central Michigan ... Rushed for 28 yards on nine carries and returned two kickoffs for 43 yards at Rice ... Five carries for 16 yards and two kickoff returns

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## 2010

Game	Rush	Rds	TD	KR	Yds	TD
at Vanderbilt	3	14	0	3	53	0
ILLINOIS STATE	5	16	0	2	39	0
at Rice	9	28	0	2	43	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	2	4	0	3	71	0
at Minnesota	0	0	0	2	47	0
PURDUE	0	0	0	4	94	0
MICHIGAN STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Indiana	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	0	0	0	2	34	0
IOWA	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS	1	6	0	4	86	0
at Wisconsin	12	55	0	1	41	0

## SIMMONS' CAREER STATS

### KICK RETURNS

Year	G	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/R	Avg/G
2007	10	12	321	1	99	26.8	32.1
2008	10	23	509	0	40	22.1	50.9
2009	9	26	657	0	64	25.3	73.0
2010	12	23	508	0	42	22.1	42.3
TOTALS	39	84	1,995	1	99	23.8	51.2

### RUSHING

Year	G	No.	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/R	Avg/G
2007	10	4	-3	0	3	-0.8	-0.3
2008	10	62	178	2	21	2.9	17.8
2009	9	59	233	2	18	3.9	25.9
2010	12	32	123	0	12	3.8	10.2
TOTALS	39	157	531	4	21	3.4	13.6



**ADONIS  
SMITH**

5-11 • 185 • Freshman  
Running Back  
Oakland, Calif.  
Junipero Serra

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## 2010

True freshman ... At Wisconsin, rushed four times for 29 yards ... Rushed three times for 20 yards vs. Illinois ... Two carries for five yards vs. Iowa ... Three carries for 17 yards at Penn State ... Carried five times for 14 yards at Indiana ... Set career bests with 44 yards on 10 carries against Michigan State ... One carry for five yards against Purdue ... Made his collegiate debut at Minnesota, posting two carries for one yard ... Named team's co-Offensive Player of the Week vs. Michigan State.

## A. SMITH'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2010

Game	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
at Vanderbilt			DNP			
ILLINOIS STATE			DNP			
at Rice			DNP			
CENTRAL MICHIGAN			DNP			
at Minnesota	2	1	0	0	0	0
PURDUE	1	5	0	0	0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	10	44	0	0	0	0
at Indiana	5	14	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	3	17	0	1	(-1)	0
IOWA	2	5	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS	3	20	0	1	(-1)	0
at Wisconsin	4	29	0	0	0	0

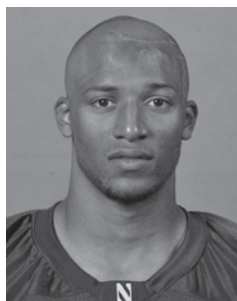
## A. SMITH'S CAREER STATS

### RUSHING

Year	G	Att	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/C	Avg/G
2010	8	30	135	0	18	4.5	16.9
TOTALS	8	30	135	0	18	4.5	16.9

### RECEIVING

Year	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2010	8	2	(-2)	0	0	0.2	(-1.0)	(-0.2)
TOTALS	8	2	(-2)	0	0	0.2	(-1.0)	(-0.2)



**SIDNEY  
STEWART**

6-1 • 190 • Senior  
Wide Receiver  
Farmington Hills, Mich.  
Farmington Harrison

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## 2010

Redshirt senior ... Starting wide receiver ... Four catches for 29 yards at Wisconsin ... Two receptions for 32 yards against Illinois ... Caught five passes for 46 yards against Iowa ... Saw his streak of 14 straight games with at least one catch end at Penn State ... One reception for 10 yards at Indiana ... Led NU with six catches for a season-high 82 yards against Michigan State ... Caught two passes for 20 yards against Purdue ... Four catches for 35 yards at Minnesota ... Five receptions for 57 yards vs. Central Michigan ... Caught three passes for 45 yards at Rice ... Four catches for 51 yards vs. Illinois State ... Two catches for 30 yards at Vanderbilt.



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## STEWART'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2008

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	TD	PR	Yds
SYRACUSE	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Duke	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
SIU	3	22	0	0	0	0	0	0
OHIO	2	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	7	49	0	0	0	0	0	0
PURDUE	1	30	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Indiana	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Minnesota	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OHIO STATE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Michigan	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS			DNP					
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### 2009

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	TD	PR	Yds
TOWSON	1	19	0	0	0	0	0	0
EASTERN MICHIGAN			DNP					
at Syracuse			DNP					
MINNESOTA	5	43	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Purdue	4	51	0	0	0	0	0	0
MIAMI (OHIO)	2	32	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Michigan State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
INDIANA	4	41	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENN STATE	3	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Iowa	4	24	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Illinois	5	49	0	0	0	0	0	0
WISCONSIN	4	94	1	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Auburn	10	97	1	0	0	0	0	0

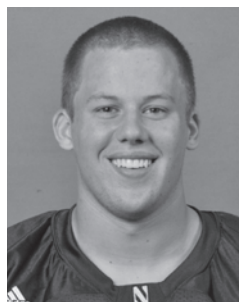
### 2010

Game	Rec	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	TD	KR	Yds
at Vanderbilt	2	30	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	4	51	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Rice	3	45	0	0	0	0	0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	5	57	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Minnesota	4	35	0	0	0	0	0	0
PURDUE	2	20	0	0	0	0	0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	6	82	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Indiana	1	10	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IOWA	5	46	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS	4	29	0	0	0	0	0	0

## STEWART'S CAREER STATS

### RECEIVING

Year	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2007	6	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2008	12	17	134	1	30	0.9	7.9	11.2
2009	11	42	470	2	49	3.8	11.2	42.7
2010	12	38	437	0	28	3.2	11.5	36.4
TOTALS	40	97	1,041	3	49	2.4	10.7	26.0



## MIKE TRUMPY

6-0 • 210 • R-Freshman  
Running Back  
Wheaton, Ill.  
Wheaton North

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### 2010

Redshirt freshman ... Suffered an arm injury vs. Illinois that will likely keep him out of the TicketCity Bowl ... Team's leading rusher this season with 530 yards on 116 attempts (4.6 ypc) ... Set a career high with 129 rushing yards on 13 carries vs. Illinois, including an 80-yard touchdown run that was NU's longest run from scrimmage since 1986 and the eighth-longest scamper in school history ... Added a second rushing touchdown (2 yards) and 12 receiving yards against the Illini ... Against Iowa, rushed 15 times for 51 yards and set career highs with five receptions for 55 yards ... Gained 43 rushing yards on 14 carries and 36 receiving yards on three catches at Penn State ... At Indiana, rushed for 110 yards on 21 carries while adding 54 yards receiving ... It marked NU's first 100-yard rushing game by an individual since Tyrell Sutton in the 2008 Alamo Bowl (21 games) ... His 164 all-purpose yards at Indiana is a single-game individual high this year ... Team's leading rusher with 50 yards on 10 carries vs. Michigan State ... Carried nine times for 23 yards against Purdue ... At Minnesota, recorded 53 rushing yards on 13 carries ... Gained 53 yards on 12 rushing attempts against Central Michigan, coming into the game on NU's first offensive series of the second half ... Two carries for three yards at Rice ... Scored his first career touchdown vs. Illinois State, rushing seven times for 15 yards against the Redbirds ... Named team's Offensive Player of the Week vs. Michigan State, Indiana and Illinois.

## TRUMPY'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2010

Game	Rush	Yds	TD	Rec	Yds	TD
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	7	15	1	0	0	0
at Rice	2	3	0	0	0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	12	53	0	0	0	0
at Minnesota	13	53	1	2	7	0
PURDUE	9	23	0	2	18	0
MICHIGAN STATE	10	50	0	3	0	0
at Indiana	21	110	0	3	54	0
at Penn State	14	43	0	3	36	0
IOWA	15	51	0	5	55	0
ILLINOIS	13	129	2	2	12	0
at Wisconsin			DNP			

## TRUMPY'S CAREER STATS

### RUSHING

Year	G	Att	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/C	Avg/G
2010	11	116	530	4	80	4.6	48.2
TOTALS	11	116	530	4	80	4.6	48.2

### RECEIVING

Year	G	Rec	Yds	TD	Lg	Rec/G	Avg/C	Avg/G
2010	11	20	182	0	38	1.8	9.1	16.5
TOTALS	11	20	182	0	38	1.8	9.1	16.5



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**JUSTAN  
VAUGHN**

6-0 • 190 • Senior  
Cornerback  
Pearland, Texas  
Pearland

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## 2010

Redshirt senior ... Reserve cornerback ... Has overcome injuries in 2008 and 2009 to regain a prominent role in NU's defensive plans ... Three tackles at Wisconsin ... Four stops and one pass breakup vs. Illinois ... Recorded four tackles vs. Iowa ... Two tackles at Penn State ... Tied his career best with nine stops at Indiana ... Recovered a fumble and posted three tackles vs. Michigan State ... Two tackles against Purdue ... Three tackles and a pass breakup at Minnesota ... Picked up three stops with one pass breakup vs. Central Michigan ... Three tackles at Rice ... Led NU's defense with a career-best nine tackles (eight solo) vs. Illinois State ... Recorded six tackles and his second career interception at Vanderbilt.

## VAUGHN'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2010

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
at Vanderbilt	4	2	6	0/0	0/0	0	1/18	0
ILLINOIS STATE	8	1	9	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Rice	2	1	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	2	1	3	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
at Minnesota	2	1	3	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
PURDUE	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	1	2	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Indiana	4	5	9	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
at Penn State	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
IOWA	4	0	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS	3	1	4	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
at Wisconsin	1	2	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

## VAUGHN'S CAREER STATS

### Tackles

Year	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
2007	9	5	4	9	0.5	0	1	0	0	0	1	6
2008	2	8	1	9	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	8	4	3	7	0.0	0	3	0	0	0	1	0
2010	12	35	16	51	0.0	0	5	0	1	0	1	18
TOTALS	31	52	23	75	0.5	0	8	0	1	0	3	24



**PATRICK  
WARD**

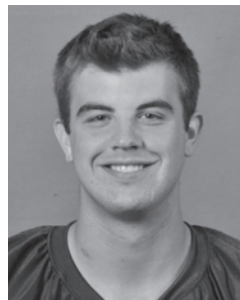
6-7 • 305 • Sophomore  
Offensive Line  
Homer Glen, Ill.  
Providence Catholic

70



## 2010

True sophomore ... ESPN The Magazine first-team Academic All-District selection ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Starting right tackle ... Named NU's Offensive Player of the Week for the Purdue game.



**EVAN  
WATKINS**

6-6 • 245 • R-Freshman  
Quarterback  
Carol Stream, Ill.  
Glenbard North

18



## 2010

Redshirt freshman ... At Wisconsin, threw for 123 yards on 13-of-22 passing, with one touchdown through the air and another on the ground ... Finished with 34 rushing yards against the Badgers ... Made his first career start (in place of an injured Dan Persa) at Wrigley Field vs. Illinois, completing 10-of-20 passes for 135 yards and rushing for 15 yards ... At Indiana, converted a fourth-quarter third-and-11 pass play on his first play of the game and finished 1-of-2 for 13 yards ... Misfired in his only pass attempt at Rice ... Made his collegiate debut vs. Illinois State, completing 2-of-4 passes for 31 yards and recording one carry for two yards.

## WATKINS' GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2010

Game	Comp	Att	Int	Yds	TD	Rush	Yds	TD
at Vanderbilt			DNP					
ILLINOIS STATE	2	4	0	31	0	1	2	0
at Rice	0	1	0	0	0	1	(-3)	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN			DNP					
at Minnesota			DNP					
PURDUE			DNP					
MICHIGAN STATE			DNP					
at Indiana	1	2	13	0	0	0	0	0
at Penn State			DNP					
IOWA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
ILLINOIS	10	20	1	135	0	7	15	0
at Wisconsin	13	22	3	123	1	7	34	1

## WATKINS' CAREER STATS

### RUSHING

Year	G	Att	Yds	TD	Lg	Avg/C	Avg/G
2010	6	16	48	1	24	3.0	8.0
TOTALS	6	16	48	1	24	3.0	8.0

### PASSING

Year	G	Att	Cmp	Int	Yds	TD	Lg	Pct	Avg/G	Eff. Rat.
2010	6	49	26	4	302	1	32	53.1	50.3	95.2
TOTALS	6	49	26	4	302	1	32	53.1	50.3	95.2



# NORTHWESTERN PLAYER BIOS



**KEVIN  
WATT**

6-4 • 265 • Junior  
Defensive Line  
Glen Ellyn, Ill.  
Glenbard West

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## 2010

Redshirt junior ... *ESPN The Magazine* first-team Academic All-District selection ... Academic All-Big Ten ... Starting defensive end ... Against Illinois, posted four tackles, including one TFL ... One stop vs. Iowa ... Four tackles at Penn State ... First career blocked punt and one tackle at Indiana ... Two tackles with a career-best 1.5 TFLs vs. Michigan State ... Recorded four tackles with one TFL against Purdue, earning NU's Defensive Player of the Week award ... One TFL at Minnesota ... Two tackles and one QB hurry vs. Central Michigan ... Recorded two stops at Rice ... One tackle and one QB hurry vs. Illinois State ... Two tackles and one QB hurry at Vanderbilt.

## WATT'S GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2010

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
at Vanderbilt	1	1	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	1
ILLINOIS STATE	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	1
at Rice	0	2	2	0.5/2	0/0	0	0/0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	1
at Minnesota	1	0	1	1.0/1	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	3	1	4	1.0/3	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	1	1	2	1.5/4	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Indiana	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Penn State	3	1	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
IOWA	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS	3	1	4	1.0/3	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Wisconsin	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

## WATT'S CAREER STATS

Tackles											
Year	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int Yds
2008	13	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2009	13	5	5	10	2.0	19	0	0	0	0	0
2010	12	15	9	24	5.0	13	0	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	38	20	15	35	7.0	32	0	0	0	1	0



**RICKY  
WEINA**

5-11 • 180 • Junior  
Cornerback  
Union Grove, Wis.  
Union Grove Union

47



## 2010

Redshirt junior ... Reserve corner back and special teams contributor ... Academic All-Big Ten ... NU's nominee for the College Football Rudy Awards ... Former walk-on who earned a scholarship in 2010 ... One tackle vs. Illinois State and at Rice.

## WEINA'S CAREER STATS

Tackles											
Year	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int Yds
2009	8	6	1	7	0.0	0	3	0	0	1	0
2010	11	3	2	5	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	19	9	3	12	0.0	3	0	0	0	1	0



**BRANDON  
WILLIAMS**

6-2 • 190 • R-Freshman  
Punter  
Nappanee, Ind.  
Northwood

49



## 2010

Redshirt freshman ... Named NU's starting punter entering preseason camp ... Averaging 40.4 yards per punt ... NU ranks 28th nationally in net punting (38.2 ypp) ... 35.7 percent (20 of 56) of his punts have been downed inside the opponents' 20-yard line ... Punted four times for a 42.5-yard average at Wisconsin ... Against Illinois, punted four times with a 45.2-yard average, including a career-best 61-yard boot ... Punted six times (43.7 yards per kick) vs. Iowa, including a long of 53 yards ... Five punts (36.6 yards per kick) at Penn State ... Kicked six times with a long of 50 yards at Indiana ... Against Michigan State, punted five times with a long of 50 yards ... Punted six times against Purdue with a 41.3-yard average ... One punt for 42 yards at Minnesota ... Against Central Michigan, punted four times with a 36.5-yard average ... Six punts with a 38.8-yard average and a long of 52 at Rice ... Punted four times vs. Illinois State with an average of 41.8 yards per punt ... Made his collegiate debut at Vanderbilt, punting five times with a 42.4-yard average, including a 59-yard boot ... Landed three kicks inside the Commodores' 20 ... Named NU's Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Vanderbilt and Iowa ... Also handles holding duties on place-kicks.

## B. WILLIAMS' GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2010

Game	Punts	Yds	Avg	Long	Blkd	TB	FC	50+	i20
at Vanderbilt	5	212	42.4	59	0	0	0	1	3
ILLINOIS STATE	4	167	41.8	48	0	0	2	0	1
at Rice	6	233	38.8	52	0	0	0	1	3
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	4	146	36.5	42	0	0	0	0	2

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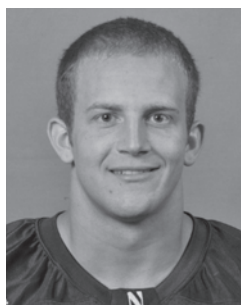


at Minnesota	1	42	42.0	42	0	0	1	0	0
PURDUE	6	248	41.3	52	0	2	1	1	2
MICHIGAN STATE	5	191	38.2	50	0	0	3	1	2
at Indiana	6	226	37.7	50	0	0	2	1	3
at Penn State	5	183	36.6	53	0	0	2	1	0
IOWA	6	262	43.7	53	0	1	2	1	2
ILLINOIS	4	181	45.2	61	0	1	1	1	1
at Wisconsin	4	170	42.5	48	0	0	4	0	1

## B. WILLIAMS' CAREER STATS

### PUNTING

Year	G	No.	Yards	Lg	Avg
2010	12	56	2,261	61	40.4
TOTALS	12	56	2,261	61	40.4



**NATE WILLIAMS**

6-1 • 230 • Senior  
Linebacker  
Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Pittsburgh Central Catholic

44

## 2010

Redshirt senior ... 30 career starts ... Named to *Phil Steele's* third-team Midseason All-Big Ten squad ... Tied for 15th in the Big Ten with 6.8 stops per game ... Made seven tackles with one TFL at Wisconsin ... Credited with eight stops and one QB hurry vs. Illinois ... Five tackles—including one 7-yard pass sack—one pass breakup and a QB hurry vs. Iowa ... Tied for a game high with 11 tackles, including 2.0 TFLs, at Penn State ... Posted seven tackles at Indiana ... Five stops against Michigan State ... Led 'Cats with 11 tackles with 1.5 TFLs against Purdue ... Eight tackles, with one TFL, at Minnesota ... Against Central Michigan, collected six tackles with a career-high-tying two TFLs ... Two stops vs. Illinois State ... Team-leader with 12 tackles at Vanderbilt, including one TFL ... Also forced one fumble against Vandy ... Named NU's Defensive Big Playmaker against Vanderbilt and Purdue and Defensive Player of the Week vs. Iowa.

## N. WILLIAMS' GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2007

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
NORTHEASTERN	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
NEVADA	2	2	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
DUKE	0	2	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Ohio State	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Michigan State	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MINNESOTA	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Eastern Michigan	DNP							
at Purdue	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
IOWA	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
INDIANA	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Illinois	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

## 2008

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
SYRACUSE	DNP							
at Duke	0	2	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
SIU	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
OHIO	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Iowa	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MICHIGAN STATE	0	2	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	3	1	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Indiana	4	3	7	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Minnesota	6	2	8	1.0/11	1.0/11	0	0/0	0
OHIO STATE	5	7	12	1.5/4	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Michigan	5	2	7	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
ILLINOIS	4	6	10	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
vs. Missouri	2	10	12	1.0/2	0/0	0	0/0	0

## 2009

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
TOWSON	3	4	7	1.5/4	0/0	0	0/0	0
EASTERN MICHIGAN	7	2	9	1.0/3	0/0	1	0/0	0
at Syracuse	DNP							
MINNESOTA	3	1	4	0/0	0/0	1	0/0	0
at Purdue	4	2	6	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MIAMI (OHIO)	2	10	12	0/0	0/0	0	1/0	0
at Michigan State	5	6	11	1.0/3	0/0	0	0/0	0
INDIANA	1	4	5	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PENN STATE	7	0	7	1.0/1	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Iowa	0	4	4	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Illinois	3	4	7	0/0	0/0	0	1/0	0
WISCONSIN	5	2	7	0.5/1	0/0	1	0/0	0
vs. Auburn	4	3	7	2.0/8	1.0/7	1	0/0	0

## 2010

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
at Vanderbilt	7	5	12	1.0/5	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Rice	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	6	0	6	2.0/4	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Minnesota	5	3	8	1.0/2	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	7	4	11	1.5/5	0/0	0	0/0	1
MICHIGAN STATE	3	2	5	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Indiana	4	3	7	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Penn State	5	6	11	2.0/12	1.0/10	0	0/0	0
IOWA	4	1	5	1.0/7	1.0/7	1	0/0	1
ILLINOIS	4	4	8	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	1
at Wisconsin	3	4	7	1.0/1	0/0	0	0/0	0

## N. WILLIAMS' CAREER STATS

### Tackles

Year	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
2007	10	2	4	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2008	12	31	35	66	3.5	17	2	0	0	0	0	0
2009	12	44	42	86	7.0	20	6	1	0	0	2	0
2010	12	50	32	82	9.5	36	1	1	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	46	127	113	240	20.0	73	9	2	0	0	2	0





# NORTHWESTERN PLAYER BIOS



**QUENTIN  
WILLIAMS**

**88**

6-4 • 250 • Sophomore  
Defensive Line  
Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Pittsburgh Central Catholic



## 2010

Redshirt sophomore ... Younger brother of starting middle linebacker Nate Williams ... One TFL and two total tackles at Wisconsin ... Recorded two tackles against Illinois ... Five tackles, including an assisted TFL, and a pass breakup at Penn State ... At Indiana, had two tackles, one solo TFL and a QB hurry ... Assisted on a TFL and recorded a QB hurry vs. Purdue ... First career start came at Minnesota ... Started last three games ... Recorded his second career interception and had one tackle vs. Central Michigan ... One stop and one fumble recovery at Rice ... One tackle vs. Illinois State with a career-best three QB hurries ... Also an outfielder on NU's baseball team.

## Q. WILLIAMS' GAME-BY-GAME STATS

### 2009

Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
TOWSON	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	1/0	0
EASTERN MICHIGAN	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Syracuse	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MINNESOTA	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Purdue	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
MIAMI (OHIO)	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Michigan State	2	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
INDIANA	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	1
PENN STATE	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Iowa	0	2	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Illinois	1	2	3	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
WISCONSIN	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
vs. Auburn	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0

### 2010

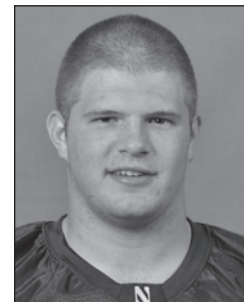
Game	Solo	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sacks	PBU	Int	QBH
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS STATE	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	3
at Rice	0	1	1	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
CENTRAL MICHIGAN	1	0	1	0/0	0/0	1	1/4	0
at Minnesota	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
PURDUE	0	1	1	0.5/2	0/0	0	0/0	1
MICHIGAN STATE	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Indiana	1	1	2	1.0/3	0/0	0	0/0	1
at Penn State	2	3	5	0.5/2	0/0	1	0/0	0
IOWA	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
ILLINOIS	0	2	2	0/0	0/0	0	0/0	0
at Wisconsin	1	1	2	1.0/2	0/0	0	0/0	0

## Q. WILLIAMS' CAREER STATS

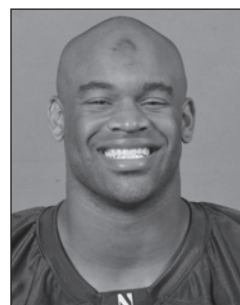
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Year	G	UA	A	Total	TFL	Yds	PD	FF	FR	Blkd	Int	Yds
2009	13	8	6	14	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
2010	12	6	9	15	3.0	9	3	0	1	0	1	4
TOTALS	25	14	15	29	3.0	9	4	0	1	0	2	4



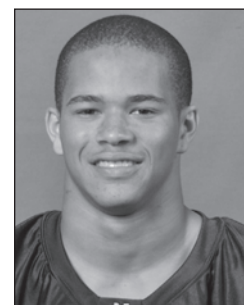
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Fr. • LB



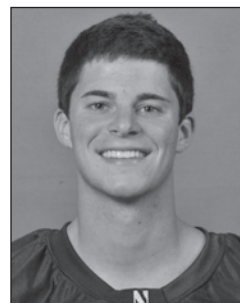
**68 • Hayden Baker**  
Fr. • OL



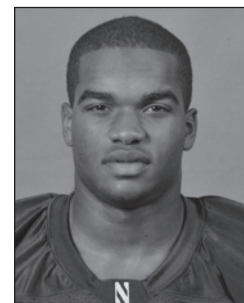
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R-Fr. • DL



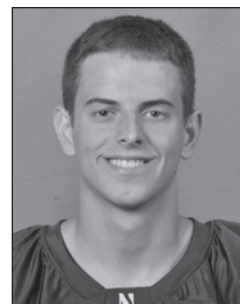
**13 • C.J. Bryant**  
Fr. • CB



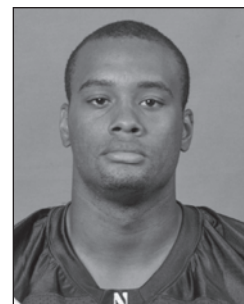
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R-Fr. • PK



**24 • Ibraheim Campbell**  
Fr. • DB

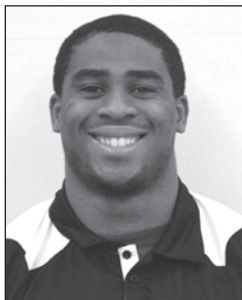


**39 • Joe Cannon**  
Fr. • DB

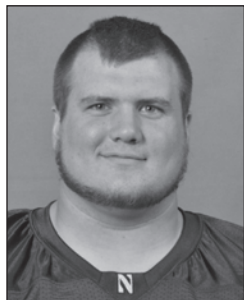


**99 • Chance Carter**  
Fr. • DL

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87 • Jovi Chokor  
Fr. • WR



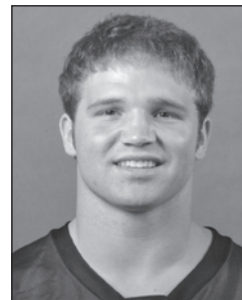
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So. • DL



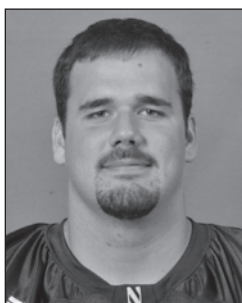
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Sr. • WR



95 • Davon Custis  
R-Fr. • DL



23 • Alex Daniel  
So. • RB



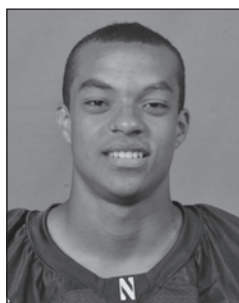
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So. • OL



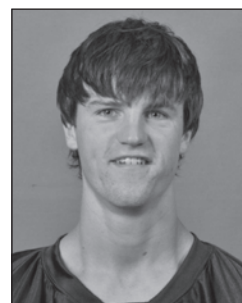
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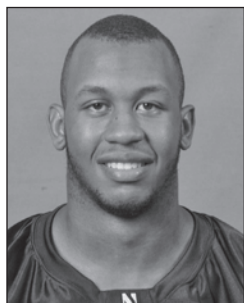
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Fr. • DB



34 • Steve Flaherty  
So. • PK



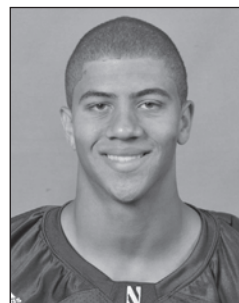
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Fr. • SB



48 • Roderick Goodlow  
So. • LB



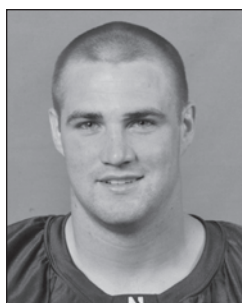
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R-Fr. • DL



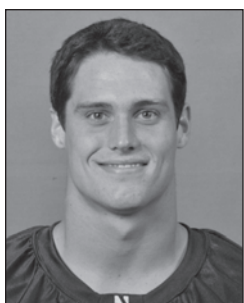
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Fr. • WR



92 • Will Hampton  
Fr. • DL



28 • Tim Hanrahan  
Fr. • RB



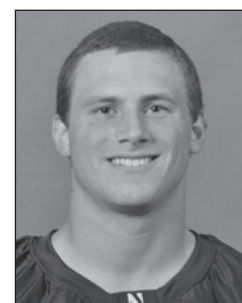
80 • Mike Jensen  
R-Fr. • WR



15 • Daniel Jones  
Fr. • DB



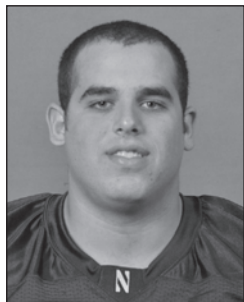
78 • Paul Jorgensen  
Fr. • OL



38 • James Kurzawski  
So. • CB



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So. • OL



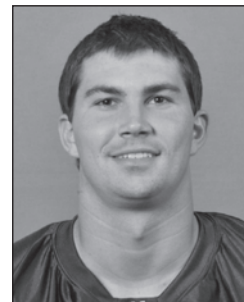
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Fr. • WR



67 • Sean McEvilly  
Fr. • DL



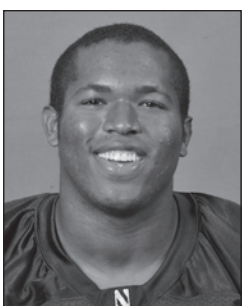
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R-Fr. • WR



40 • Brett Nagel  
So. • SB



62 • Taylor Paxton  
R-Fr. • OL



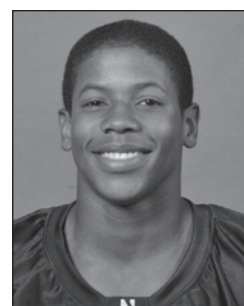
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So. • LB



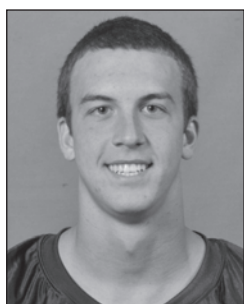
82 • John Plasencia  
RS-Fr. • SB



74 • Chuck Porcelli  
So. • OL



83 • Jaleel Reed  
R-Fr. • WR



13 • Trevor Siemian  
Fr. • QB



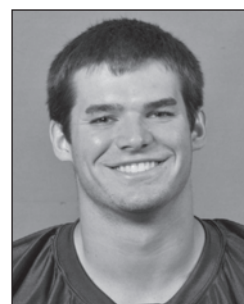
76 • Brian Smith  
R-Fr. • OL



61 • Andrew Struckmeyer  
Sr. • DL



56 • Will Studlien  
Sr. • DL



50 • Timmy Vernon  
RS-Fr. • LB



66 • Brandon Vitablie  
Fr. • OL



20 • Tim Weak  
So. • CB



# HONORS AND AWARDS

**Colin Armstrong**

- Academic All-Big Ten

**Brian Arnfelt**

- Academic All-Big Ten

**Brendan Barber**

- Academic All-Big Ten

**Doug Bartels**

- *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District V first team
- Academic All-Big Ten

**Vince Browne**

- All-Big Ten second team (media)
- *Phil Steele* All-Big Ten second team
- NU Defensive Player of the Week (Illinois State)
- NU Defensive Player of the Week (Minnesota)
- NU Defensive Player of the Week (Penn State)

**Corbin Bryant**

- Allstate AFCA Good Works Team® member
- ARA Sportsmanship Award top-10 finalist
- All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- Academic All-Big Ten
- Big Ten Sportsmanship honoree
- NU Defensive Player of the Week (Rice)
- NU Defensive Player of the Week (Central Michigan)

**Jeff Budzien**

- Academic All-Big Ten

**Ben Burkett**

- Rimington Trophy watch list
- NU Offensive Player of the Week (Illinois State)
- NU Offensive Player of the Week (Penn State)

**Scott Concannon**

- Academic All-Big Ten

**Quentin Davie**

- Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week (9/20)
- Butkus Award watch list
- NU Defensive Player of the Week (Rice)

**Stefan Demos**

- NFF William V. Campbell Trophy semifinalist
- Lou Groza Award watch list
- Academic All-Big Ten
- NU Special Teams Player of the Week (Michigan State)

**Drake Dunsmore**

- All-Big Ten honorable mention (coaches/media)
- John Mackey Award Midseason watch list
- John Mackey Award Preseason watch list
- Academic All-Big Ten

**Jack DiNardo**

- NU Defensive Player of the Week (Vanderbilt)

**Jeremy Ebert**

- *ESPN.com* All-Big Ten first team
- All-Big Ten first team (media)
- All-Big Ten second team (coaches)
- *Phil Steele* All-Big Ten first team
- NU Offensive Player of the Week (Rice)
- NU Offensive Player of the Week (Minnesota)

**Pat Fitzgerald**

- Joseph V. Paterno Coach of the Year Award finalist

**Jake Gregus**

- Academic All-Big Ten

**Pat Hickey**

- Academic All-Big Ten

**Ben Johnson**

- NU Special Teams Player of the Week (Rice)
- NU Special Teams Player of the Week (Minnesota)
- NU Special Teams Player of the Week (Penn State)

**James Kurzawski**

- Academic All-Big Ten

**Jordan Mabin**

- All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- *Phil Steele* All-Big Ten third team

**Venric Mark**

- *Rivals.com* Freshman All-America second team
- *ESPN.com* All-Big Ten freshman team
- Big Ten Special Teams Player of the Week (11/29)
- Big Ten Freshman of the Week (11/29)
- NU Special Teams Player of the Week (Central Michigan)
- NU Special Teams Player of the Week (Indiana)
- NU Special Teams Player of the Week (Illinois)

**Jeravin Matthews**

- NU Special Teams Player of the Week (Illinois State)
- NU Special Teams Player of the Week (Iowa)

**Bryce McNaul**

- Academic All-Big Ten
- NU Defensive Player of the Week (Michigan State)
- NU Defensive Player of the Week (Indiana)

**Aaron Nagel**

- Academic All-Big Ten

**Al Netter**

- All-Big Ten honorable mention (media)
- *Phil Steele* All-Big Ten third team
- Academic All-Big Ten

**John Henry Pace**

- Academic All-Big Ten

**Dan Persa**

- All-Big Ten first team (coaches)
- All-Big Ten second team (media)
- *Phil Steele* All-Big Ten first team
- Walter Camp Football Foundation National POW (11/14)
- Big Ten Offensive Player of the Week (11/15)
- Manning Award watch list
- Academic All-Big Ten
- NU Offensive Player of the Week (Vanderbilt)
- NU Offensive Player of the Week (Iowa)

**Brian Peters**

- *Rivals.com* All-Big Ten second team
- All-Big Ten second team (media)
- All-Big Ten honorable mention (coaches)
- *Phil Steele* All-Big Ten third team
- Academic All-Big Ten
- NU Defensive Player of the Week (Illinois)

**Stone Pinckney**

- Academic All-Big Ten

**John Plasencia**

- Academic All-Big Ten

**Jaleel Reed**

- Academic All-Big Ten

**Tim Riley**

- Academic All-Big Ten

**Josh Rooks**

- Academic All-Big Ten

**Jacob Schmidt**

- Academic All-Big Ten
- NU Offensive Player of the Week (Central Michigan)

**Adonis Smith**

- NU Offensive Player of the Week (Michigan State)

**Andrew Struckmeyer**

- Academic All-Big Ten

**Mike Trumpy**

- NU Offensive Player of the Week (Michigan State)
- NU Offensive Player of the Week (Indiana)
- NU Offensive Player of the Week (Illinois)

**Timmy Vernon**

- Academic All-Big Ten

**Patrick Ward**

- *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District V first team
- Academic All-Big Ten
- NU Offensive Player of the Week (Purdue)

**Kevin Watt**

- *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District V first team
- Academic All-Big Ten
- NU Defensive Player of the Week (Purdue)

**Ricky Weina**

- Academic All-Big Ten

**Brandon Williams**

- Academic All-Big Ten
- NU Special Teams Player of the Week (Vanderbilt)
- NU Special Teams Player of the Week (Iowa)

**Nate Williams**

- Academic All-Big Ten
- NU Defensive Player of the Week (Iowa)

**Quentin Williams**

- Academic All-Big Ten



# 2010 CURRENT STATISTICS

## 2010 Northwestern Football Northwestern Game Results (as of Dec 02, 2010) All games

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall Record	Conference Record	Time	Attend
Sep 04, 2010	at Vanderbilt	W 23-21	1- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	3:17	37210
Sep 11, 2010	ILLINOIS STATE	W 37-3	2- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	2:55	25471
Sep 18, 2010	at Rice	W 30-13	3- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	3:10	15562
Sep 25, 2010	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	W 30-25	4- 0- 0	0- 0- 0	3:24	30075
* Oct 02, 2010	at Minnesota	W 29-28	5- 0- 0	1- 0- 0	3:09	49228
* Oct 09, 2010	PURDUE	17-20 L	5- 1- 0	1- 1- 0	3:12	33847
* Oct 23, 2010	#8 MICHIGAN STATE	27-35 L	5- 2- 0	1- 2- 0	3:20	41115
* Oct 30, 2010	at Indiana	W 20-17	6- 2- 0	2- 2- 0	3:24	37818
* Nov 06, 2010	at Penn State	21-35 L	6- 3- 0	2- 3- 0	3:28	104147
* Nov 13, 2010	#13 IOWA	W 21-17	7- 3- 0	3- 3- 0	3:09	47130
* Nov 20, 2010	ILLINOIS	27-48 L	7- 4- 0	3- 4- 0	3:12	41058
* Nov 27, 2010	at #5 Wisconsin	23-70 L	7- 5- 0	3- 5- 0	3:09	80011

\* Indicates conference game

Opponent	Score	-----FIRST DOWNS-----				----RUSHING----		-----PASSING-----				--TOTAL OFFENSE--		Return Yards	Turn-Overs	
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Number	Yards	Comp	Att	Int	Yards	Plays	Yards			
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Vanderbilt.....	23-21	22/22	10/11	7/9	5/2	46-143	/ 38-192	19-21	0	/ 19-33	1	222/240	67-365	/ 71-432	87/127	1/1
ILLINOIS STATE.....	37-3	21/12	11/6	9/6	1/0	50-163	/ 30-92	21-27	0	/ 18-32	3	271/171	77-434	/ 62-263	144/169	1/4
Rice.....	30-13	22/20	10/5	12/14	0/1	45-144	/ 23-86	24-33	0	/ 30-52	2	307/291	78-451	/ 75-377	89/128	1/4
CENTRAL MICHIGAN.....	30-25	28/24	8/5	16/16	4/3	47-149	/ 23-76	23-30	1	/ 29-43	2	280/347	77-429	/ 66-423	77/114	2/3
Minnesota.....	29-28	28/19	11/10	13/5	4/4	43-177	/ 37-165	23-30	1	/ 15-24	1	309/202	73-486	/ 61-367	56/85	3/1
PURDUE.....	17-20	23/13	8/10	14/2	1/1	42-84	/ 42-232	30-41	0	/ 6-18	1	305/47	83-389	/ 60-279	94/42	1/1
MICHIGAN STATE.....	27-35	22/24	13/4	9/19	0/1	47-170	/ 26-105	19-30	1	/ 30-44	0	215/352	77-385	/ 70-457	103/89	2/1
Indiana.....	20-17	20/23	9/2	10/18	1/3	42-155	/ 21-65	19-30	0	/ 30-54	1	225/308	72-380	/ 75-373	98/54	0/1
Penn State.....	21-35	20/28	7/14	12/12	1/2	43-168	/ 46-260	16-25	0	/ 21-34	0	201/268	68-369	/ 80-528	65/77	0/1
IOWA.....	21-17	26/17	12/7	12/9	2/1	39-101	/ 28-101	32-43	1	/ 23-43	1	318/270	82-419	/ 71-371	25/3	1/1
ILLINOIS.....	27-48	12/26	5/24	7/2	0/0	28-183	/ 70-519	10-20	1	/ 6-14	2	135/40	48-318	/ 84-559	255/115	3/2
Wisconsin.....	23-70	17/29	11/18	6/10	0/1	35-161	/ 54-329	13-25	4	/ 15-19	0	123/230	60-284	/ 73-559	333/260	7/0
Totals.....	305-332	261/257	115/116	127/122	19/19	507-1798	/ 438-2222	249-355	9	/ 242-410	14	2911/2766	862-4709	/ 848-4988	1426/1263	22/20

Note: Game totals are displayed in the format TEAM/OPPONENT for each category

# 2010 TEAM STATISTICS



Team Statistics	NU	OPP
SCORING	305	332
Points Per Game	25.4	27.7
FIRST DOWNS	261	257
Rushing	115	116
Passing	127	122
Penalty	19	19
RUSHING YARDAGE	1798	2222
Yards gained rushing	2119	2509
Yards lost rushing	321	287
Rushing Attempts	507	438
Average Per Rush	3.5	5.1
Average Per Game	149.8	185.2
TDs Rushing	19	22
PASSING YARDAGE	2911	2766
Comp-Att-Int	249-355-9	242-410-14
Average Per Pass	8.2	6.7
Average Per Catch	11.7	11.4
Average Per Game	242.6	230.5
TDs Passing	16	21
TOTAL OFFENSE	4709	4988
Total Plays	862	848
Average Per Play	5.5	5.9
Average Per Game	392.4	415.7
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	45-1025	51-1020
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	18-167	13-43
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	14-205	9-146
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	22.8	20.0
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	9.3	3.3
INT RETURN AVERAGE	14.6	16.2
FUMBLES-LOST	25-13	13-6
PENALTIES-Yards	75-684	64-563
Average Per Game	57.0	46.9
PUNTS-Yards	56-2261	64-2620
Average Per Punt	40.4	40.9
Net punt average	38.2	36.5
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	29:35	30:25
3RD-DOWN Conversions	84/176	60/166
3rd-Down Pct	48%	36%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	2/7	12/16
4th-Down Pct	29%	75%
SACKS BY-Yards	17-134	39-215
MISC YARDS	0	28
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	38	44
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	15-22	10-16
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	0-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	(39-47) 83%	(37-43) 86%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(29-47) 62%	(29-43) 67%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(32-37) 86%	(38-41) 93%
ATTENDANCE	218696	323976
Games/Avg Per Game	6/36449	6/53996
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Northwestern	92	94	64	55	0	305
Opponents	54	108	82	88	0	332





# 2010 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

<b>Rushing</b>	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Trumpy, Mike	11	116	550	20	530	4.6	4	80	48.2
Persa, Dan	10	164	717	198	519	3.2	9	31	51.9
Fields, Arby	10	62	207	29	178	2.9	1	16	17.8
Schmidt, Jacob	7	49	171	10	161	3.3	4	13	23.0
Smith, Adonis	8	30	136	1	135	4.5	0	18	16.9
Simmons, Stephen	12	32	128	5	123	3.8	0	12	10.2
Watkins, Evan	6	16	79	31	48	3.0	1	24	8.0
Mark, Venric	12	5	41	0	41	8.2	0	29	3.4
Colter, Kain	2	11	42	4	38	3.5	0	15	19.0
Ebert, Jeremy	12	4	24	1	23	5.8	0	12	1.9
Concannon, Scott	3	5	21	0	21	4.2	0	11	7.0
Brown, Charles	11	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3	0.3
TEAM	9	12	0	22	-22	-1.8	0	0	-2.4
Total	12	507	2119	321	1798	3.5	19	80	149.8
Opponents	12	438	2509	287	2222	5.1	22	70	185.2

<b>Passing</b>	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Persa, Dan	10	159.04	222-302-4	73.5	2581	15	50	258.1
Watkins, Evan	6	95.24	26-49-4	53.1	302	1	32	50.3
Colter, Kain	2	-66.67	0-3-1	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
Ebert, Jeremy	12	335.20	1-1-0	100.0	28	0	28	2.3
Total	12	148.82	249-355-9	70.1	2911	16	50	242.6
Opponents	12	125.77	242-410-14	59.0	2766	21	70	230.5

<b>Receiving</b>	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Ebert, Jeremy	12	59	919	15.6	8	45	76.6
Dunsmore, Drake	12	39	378	9.7	5	47	31.5
Stewart, Sidney	12	38	437	11.5	0	28	36.4
Fields, Demetrius	12	22	260	11.8	1	23	21.7
Trumpy, Mike	11	20	182	9.1	0	38	16.5
Brown, Charles	11	16	198	12.4	0	28	18.0
Schmidt, Jacob	7	13	107	8.2	0	17	15.3
Lawrence, Rashad	12	12	178	14.8	0	50	14.8
Jones, Tony	8	11	157	14.3	1	45	19.6
Mark, Venric	12	4	32	8.0	0	21	2.7
Fields, Arby	10	4	27	6.8	0	16	2.7
Rooks, Josh	12	4	21	5.2	1	12	1.8
Barber, Brendan	4	2	17	8.5	0	10	4.2
Smith, Adonis	8	2	-2	-1.0	0	0	-0.2
Nagel, Aaron	12	1	6	6.0	0	6	0.5
Simmons, Stephen	12	1	1	1.0	0	1	0.1
Persa, Dan	10	1	-7	-7.0	0	0	-0.7
Total	12	249	2911	11.7	16	50	242.6
Opponents	12	242	2766	11.4	21	70	230.5

<b>Punt Returns</b>	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Bates, Hunter	9	51	5.7	0	33
Mark, Venric	9	116	12.9	0	58
Total	18	167	9.3	0	58
Opponents	13	43	3.3	0	9

<b>Interceptions</b>	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Peters, Brian	3	84	28.0	1	59
Davie, Quentin	3	56	18.7	1	46
Bates, Hunter	2	15	7.5	0	11
Williams, Quentin	1	4	4.0	0	4
Bryant, Corbin	1	17	17.0	0	17
Vaughn, Justan	1	18	18.0	0	18
Arnold, David	1	0	0.0	0	0
Johnson, Ben	1	9	9.0	0	9
Nwabuisi, David	1	2	2.0	0	2
Total	14	205	14.6	2	59
Opponents	9	146	16.2	1	50

<b>Kick Returns</b>	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Simmons, Stephen	23	508	22.1	0	42
Mark, Venric	16	442	27.6	1	94
Scott, Tyler	3	29	9.7	0	12
Rooks, Josh	1	11	11.0	0	11
Nagel, Aaron	1	14	14.0	0	14
Fields, Arby	1	21	21.0	0	21
Total	45	1025	22.8	1	94
Opponents	51	1020	20.0	0	52

<b>Fumble Returns</b>	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Johnson, Ben	1	29	29.0	0	29
Total	1	29	29.0	0	29
Opponents	3	54	18.0	0	36

# 2010 INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS



Scoring	td	fg	PAT				dxp	saf	pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pass			
Demos, Stefan	-	15-22	31-35	-	-	-	-	-	76
Persa, Dan	9	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-	54
Ebert, Jeremy	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Dunsmore, Drake	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Schmidt, Jacob	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Trumpy, Mike	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Fields, Demetrius	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Rooks, Josh	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Watkins, Evan	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jones, Tony	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Fields, Arby	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Davie, Quentin	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Peters, Brian	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Mark, Venric	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Budzien, Jeff	-	-	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	1
TEAM	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	0
Total	38	15-22	32-37	-	-	0-1	-	-	305
Opponents	44	10-16	38-41	0-2	-	0-1	-	-	332

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Persa, Dan	10	466	519	2581	3100	310.0
Trumpy, Mike	11	116	530	0	530	48.2
Watkins, Evan	6	65	48	302	350	58.3
Fields, Arby	10	62	178	0	178	17.8
Schmidt, Jacob	7	49	161	0	161	23.0
Smith, Adonis	8	30	135	0	135	16.9
Simmons, Stephen	12	32	123	0	123	10.2
Ebert, Jeremy	12	5	23	28	51	4.2
Mark, Venric	12	5	41	0	41	3.4
Colter, Kain	2	14	38	0	38	19.0
Concannon, Scott	3	5	21	0	21	7.0
Brown, Charles	11	1	3	0	3	0.3
TEAM	9	12	-22	0	-22	-2.4
Total	12	862	1798	2911	4709	392.4
Opponents	12	848	2222	2766	4988	415.7

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Demos, Stefan	15-22	68.2	0-0	7-9	3-3	5-10	0-0	47	2

FG Sequence	Northwestern	Opponents
Vanderbilt	(26),27	(30),46
Illinois State	(39),45	(23)
Rice	(42),(28),(21)	(31),(24)
Central Michigan	45,(27)	40
Minnesota	(27)	-
Purdue	(46),41,45	(36),(40)
Michigan State	(37),(41)	38
Indiana	(23),(45)	(23),40
Penn State	27	51
Iowa	40	(32)
Illinois	(31),(25)	28,(45),(39)
Wisconsin	(47)	-

Numbers in (parentheses) indicate field goal was made.

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Williams, Brandon	56	2261	40.4	61	4	18	20	8	0
Total	56	2261	40.4	61	4	18	20	8	0
Opponents	64	2620	40.9	79	6	9	19	12	0

Kickoffs	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	retn	net	ydln
Demos, Stefan	63	4046	64.2	12	0			
Flaherty, Steve	1	67	67.0	0	0			
Total	64	4113	64.3	12	0	20.0	44.6	25
Opponents	62	3823	61.7	13	2	22.8	40.9	29

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Ebert, Jeremy	12	23	919	0	0	0	942	78.5
Trumpy, Mike	11	530	182	0	0	0	712	64.7
Simmons, Steph	12	123	1	0	508	0	632	52.7
Mark, Venric	12	41	32	116	442	0	631	52.6
Persa, Dan	10	519	-7	0	0	0	512	51.2
Stewart, Sidney	12	0	437	0	0	0	437	36.4
Dunsmore, Drak	12	0	378	0	0	0	378	31.5
Schmidt, Jacob	7	161	107	0	0	0	268	38.3
Fields, Demetriu	12	0	260	0	0	0	260	21.7
Fields, Arby	10	178	27	0	21	0	226	22.6
Brown, Charles	11	3	198	0	0	0	201	18.3
Lawrence, Rash	12	0	178	0	0	0	178	14.8
Jones, Tony	8	0	157	0	0	0	157	19.6
Smith, Adonis	8	135	-2	0	0	0	133	16.6
Peters, Brian	12	0	0	0	0	84	84	7.0
Bates, Hunter	12	0	0	51	0	15	66	5.5
Davie, Quentin	12	0	0	0	0	56	56	4.7
Watkins, Evan	6	48	0	0	0	0	48	8.0
Colter, Kain	2	38	0	0	0	0	38	19.0
Rooks, Josh	12	0	21	0	11	0	32	2.7
Scott, Tyler	12	0	0	0	29	0	29	2.4
Concannon, Sco	3	21	0	0	0	0	21	7.0
Nagel, Aaron	12	0	6	0	14	0	20	1.7
Vaughn, Justan	12	0	0	0	0	18	18	1.5
Barber, Brendan	4	0	17	0	0	0	17	4.2
Bryant, Corbin	12	0	0	0	0	17	17	1.4
Johnson, Ben	11	0	0	0	0	9	9	0.8
Williams, Quenti	12	0	0	0	0	4	4	0.3
Nwabuisi, David	12	0	0	0	0	2	2	0.2
TEAM	9	-22	0	0	0	0	-22	-2.4
Total	12	1798	2911	167	1025	205	6106	508.8
Opponents	12	2222	2766	43	1020	146	6197	516.4



# 2010 DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks no-yds	Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
10	Peters, Brian	12	61	36	97	3.5-9	.	3-84	4	.	.	1	.	.
44	Williams, Nate	12	50	32	82	9.5-36	2.0-17	.	1	3	.	1	.	.
51	McNaul, Bryce	10	32	29	61	5.0-20	1.0-10	.	1	1	.	1	.	.
26	Mabin, Jordan	12	46	12	58	.	.	.	13	.	.	.	.	.
94	Browne, Vince	12	33	24	57	15.0-66	7.0-42	.	.	6	.	2	.	.
41	Davie, Quentin	12	30	26	56	4.0-18	1.5-11	3-56	4	6	1-0	1	.	.
28	Vaughn, Justan	12	35	16	51	.	.	1-18	4	.	1-0	.	.	.
7A	Bates, Hunter	12	23	11	34	2.0-21	1.0-18	2-15	2	.	.	1	.	.
32	Arnold, David	7	18	15	33	0.5-1	.	1-0	2	.	.	.	.	.
90	DiNardo, Jack	12	19	11	30	6.5-18	0.5-4	.	.	2	1-0	.	2	.
27	Carpenter, Jared	10	13	13	26	1.5-5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	Nwabuisi, David	12	13	11	24	2.0-3	.	1-2	2	1	.	.	.	.
42	Watt, Kevin	12	15	9	24	5.0-13	.	.	.	3	.	.	1	.
35	Johnson, Ben	11	17	4	21	1.5-9	1.0-7	1-9	2	2	1-29	.	.	.
98	Bryant, Corbin	12	14	7	21	8.0-28	1.0-9	1-17	1	6	1-0	1	.	.
46	Proby, Damien	12	14	5	19	1.0-8	1.0-8	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
88	Williams, Quentin	12	6	9	15	3.0-9	.	1-4	2	5	1-0	.	.	.
3	Matthews, Jeravin	11	9	5	14	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21	Bolden, Mike	11	7	6	13	1.0-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Arnfelt, Brian	12	4	7	11	1.0-4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
97	Scott, Tyler	12	7	3	10	3.0-6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	Dugar, Demetrius	11	6	3	9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
80	Jensen, Mike	12	4	3	7	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
85	Mark, Venric	12	5	1	6	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6	Brown, Charles	11	2	3	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	Fleming, Davion	5	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
47	Weina, Ricky	11	3	2	5	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
93	Mafuli, Niko	10	1	3	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.
12	Jones, Tony	8	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Demos, Stefan	12	3	.	3	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
43	Riley, Tim	9	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
25	Simmons, Stephen	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Custis, Davon	2	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
70	Ward, Patrick	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
65	Burkett, Ben	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Battle, Anthony	2	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
63	Grant, Keegan	10	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Hampton, Will	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
45	Nagel, Aaron	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
56	Studlien, Will	1	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
55	Cisek, Bo	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
50	Vernon, Timmy	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
39	Schmidt, Jacob	7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	Dunsmore, Drake	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	9	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11	Ebert, Jeremy	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		12	512	312	824	73-275	17-134	14-205	38	38	6-29	9	4	.
Opponents		12	581	306	887	86-309	39-215	9-146	25	27	13-54	19	4	.



# TEAM GAME-BY-GAME



## TEAM STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Sep 04	at Vanderbilt	46	143	0	22	19	222	3	33	19-21-0	222	3	33	4	72	0	21	1	-3	0	0	365
Sep 11	ILLINOIS STATE	50	163	3	16	21	271	2	50	21-27-0	271	2	50	2	39	0	21	3	14	0	7	434
Sep 18	at Rice	45	144	1	18	24	307	1	47	24-33-0	307	1	47	2	43	0	22	2	33	0	33	451
Sep 25	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	47	149	2	13	23	280	2	25	23-30-1	280	2	25	3	71	0	29	0	0	0	0	429
Oct 02	at Minnesota	43	177	2	22	23	309	2	45	23-30-1	309	2	45	2	47	0	27	0	0	0	0	486
Oct 09	PURDUE	42	84	2	9	30	305	0	38	30-41-0	305	0	38	4	94	0	42	3	0	0	4	389
Oct 23	MICHIGAN STATE	47	170	3	29	19	215	0	44	19-30-1	215	0	44	3	63	0	25	3	40	0	16	385
Oct 30	at Indiana	42	155	0	19	19	225	2	38	19-30-0	225	2	38	3	68	0	32	2	17	0	16	380
Nov 06	at Penn State	43	168	2	31	16	201	1	41	16-25-0	201	1	41	4	65	0	26	0	0	0	0	369
Nov 13	IOWA	39	101	1	22	32	318	2	21	32-43-1	318	2	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	419
Nov 20	ILLINOIS	28	183	2	80	10	135	0	32	10-20-1	135	0	32	7	138	0	27	1	58	0	58	318
Nov 27	at Wisconsin	35	161	1	21	13	123	1	25	13-25-4	123	1	25	11	325	1	94	3	8	0	8	284
Northwestern		507	1798	19	80	249	2911	16	50	249-355-9	2911	16	50	45	1025	1	94	18	167	0	58	4709
		438	2222	22	70	242	2766	21	70	242-410-14	2766	21	70	51	1020	0	52	13	43	0	9	4988

Games played: 12

Avg per rush: 3.5

Avg per catch: 11.7

Pass efficiency: 148.82

Kick ret avg: 22.8

Punt ret avg: 9.3

All purpose avg/game: 508.8

Total offense avg/gm: 392.4

		Tackles				Sacks	Fumble		Pass Defense			Blkd	PAT Attempts				
Date	Opponent	ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds	int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv	saf	pts
Sep 04	at Vanderbilt	41	26	67	5.0-23	1.0-7	1	0-0	1-18	5	2	0	2-3	0	0	0	23
Sep 11	ILLINOIS STATE	43	10	53	5.0-32	3.0-24	0	1-29	3-62	8	0	0	4-5	0	0	0	37
Sep 18	at Rice	42	30	72	12.0-40	2.0-11	2	2-0	2-13	0	5	0	3-3	0	0	0	30
Sep 25	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	48	12	60	7.0-33	3.0-22	1	1-0	2-6	2	4	3	3-4	0	0	0	30
Oct 02	at Minnesota	45	16	61	7.0-15	1.0-3	1	0-0	1-9	0	3	0	2-3	0	0	0	29
Oct 09	PURDUE	39	14	53	5.0-12	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-0	3	1	0	2-2	0	0	0	17
Oct 23	MICHIGAN STATE	42	18	60	5.0-24	2.0-18	2	1-0	0-0	7	4	0	3-3	0	0	0	27
Oct 30	at Indiana	32	40	72	3.0-6	0.0-0	0	0-0	1-13	5	4	1	2-2	0	0	0	20
Nov 06	at Penn State	45	38	83	6.0-38	2.0-28	1	1-0	0-0	0	4	0	3-3	0	0	0	21
Nov 13	IOWA	40	16	56	6.0-21	3.0-13	1	0-0	1-25	4	7	0	3-3	0	0	0	21
Nov 20	ILLINOIS	49	58	107	7.0-18	0.0-0	0	0-0	2-59	3	3	0	3-3	0	0	0	27
Nov 27	at Wisconsin	46	34	80	5.0-13	0.0-0	0	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	2-3	0	0	0	23
Northwestern		512	312	824	73.0-275	16.0-126	9	6-29	14-205	38	38	4	32-37	0	0	0	305
		581	306	887	86.0-309	39.0-215	19	13-54	9-146	27	25	4	38-41	0	0	0	332

		Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
Date	Opponent	no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20	md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob	
Sep 04	at Vanderbilt	5	212	42.4	59	0	0	0	1	3	1-2	26	1	5	342	68.4	0	0	
Sep 11	ILLINOIS STATE	4	167	41.8	48	0	0	2	0	1	1-2	39	0	7	426	60.9	1	0	
Sep 18	at Rice	6	233	38.8	52	0	0	0	1	3	3-3	42	0	7	467	66.7	0	0	
Sep 25	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	4	146	36.5	42	0	0	0	0	2	1-2	27	0	6	402	67.0	1	0	
Oct 02	at Minnesota	1	42	42.0	42	0	0	1	0	0	1-1	27	0	6	385	64.2	1	0	
Oct 09	PURDUE	6	248	41.3	52	0	2	1	1	2	1-3	46	1	4	248	62.0	1	0	
Oct 23	MICHIGAN STATE	5	191	38.2	50	0	0	3	1	2	2-2	41	0	6	366	61.0	2	0	
Oct 30	at Indiana	6	226	37.7	50	0	0	2	1	3	2-2	45	0	4	274	68.5	2	0	
Nov 06	at Penn State	5	183	36.6	53	0	0	2	1	0	0-1	0	0	4	269	67.2	0	0	
Nov 13	IOWA	6	262	43.7	53	0	1	2	1	2	0-1	0	0	4	280	70.0	4	0	
Nov 20	ILLINOIS	4	181	45.2	61	0	1	1	1	1	2-2	31	0	6	332	55.3	0	0	
Nov 27	at Wisconsin	4	170	42.5	48	0	0	4	0	1	1-1	47	0	5	322	64.4	0	0	
Northwestern		56	2261	40.4	61	0	4	18	8	20	15-22	47	2	64	4113	64.3	12	0	
		64	2620	40.9	79	0	6	9	12	19	10-16	45	1	62	3823	61.7	13	2	



# OPPONENT GAME-BY-GAME



## 2010 Northwestern Football Northwestern Opponent Game-by-Game (as of Dec 02, 2010) All games

### OPPONENT STATISTICS

Date	Opponent	Rushing				Receiving				Passing				Kick Returns				Punt Returns				tot off
		no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	cmp-att-int	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	no.	yds	td	lg	
Sep 04	at Vanderbilt	38	192	2	33	19	240	1	37	19-33-1	240	1	37	5	128	0	44	1	-1	0	0	432
Sep 11	ILLINOIS STATE	30	92	0	27	18	171	0	32	18-32-3	171	0	32	6	124	0	37	1	9	0	9	263
Sep 18	at Rice	23	86	1	31	30	291	0	32	30-52-2	291	0	32	7	127	0	24	1	1	0	1	377
Sep 25	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	23	76	2	31	29	347	2	28	29-43-2	347	2	28	5	96	0	26	2	11	0	9	423
Oct 02	at Minnesota	37	165	1	16	15	202	3	42	15-24-1	202	3	42	5	78	0	21	0	0	0	0	367
Oct 09	PURDUE	42	232	2	67	6	47	0	15	6-18-1	47	0	15	3	40	0	19	1	2	0	2	279
Oct 23	MICHIGAN STATE	26	105	2	25	30	352	3	27	30-44-0	352	3	27	3	70	0	32	1	3	0	3	457
Oct 30	at Indiana	21	65	1	15	30	308	1	39	30-54-1	308	1	39	2	45	0	26	1	9	0	9	373
Nov 06	at Penn State	46	260	1	30	21	268	4	36	21-34-0	268	4	36	4	67	0	20	2	10	0	5	528
Nov 13	IOWA	28	101	0	24	23	270	2	70	23-43-1	270	2	70	0	0	0	0	2	-1	0	0	371
Nov 20	ILLINOIS	70	519	5	70	6	40	1	11	6-14-2	40	1	11	6	100	0	28	1	0	0	0	559
Nov 27	at Wisconsin	54	329	5	44	15	230	4	40	15-19-0	230	4	40	5	145	0	52	0	0	0	0	559
Opponents		438	2222	22	70	242	2766	21	70	242-410-14	2766	21	70	51	1020	0	52	13	43	0	9	4988
		507	1798	19	80	249	2911	16	50	249-355-9	2911	16	50	45	1025	1	94	18	167	0	58	4709

Games played: 12

Avg per rush: 5.1

Avg per catch: 11.4

Pass efficiency: 125.77

Kick ret avg: 20.0

Punt ret avg: 3.3

All purpose avg/game: 516.4

Total offense avg/gm: 415.7

Date	Opponent	Tackles				Sacks		Fumble		Pass Defense			Blkd	PAT Attempts			saf	pts
		ua	a	total	tfl-yds	no-yds	ff	fr-yds		int-yds	qbh	brup	kick	kick	rush	rcv		
Sep 04	at Vanderbilt	46	32	78	11.0-51	3.0-28	3	1-0		0-0	0	2	1	0-1	0	0	0	21
Sep 11	ILLINOIS STATE	50	34	84	4.0-4	1.0-1	1	1-36		0-0	2	2	0	0-0	0	0	0	3
Sep 18	at Rice	50	36	86	6.0-24	3.0-17	2	1-0		0-0	0	0	0	1-1	0	0	0	13
Sep 25	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	51	28	79	6.0-14	4.0-12	1	1-0		1-7	2	2	1	1-3	0	0	0	25
Oct 02	at Minnesota	51	20	71	6.0-10	1.0-3	3	2-0		1-7	0	2	0	4-4	0	0	0	28
Oct 09	PURDUE	67	10	77	9.0-36	5.0-27	1	1-0		0-0	1	2	1	2-2	0	0	0	20
Oct 23	MICHIGAN STATE	54	16	70	10.0-38	8.0-35	2	1-0		1-16	3	1	0	5-5	0	0	0	35
Oct 30	at Indiana	47	32	79	9.0-30	2.0-13	1	0-0		0-0	6	7	0	2-2	0	0	0	17
Nov 06	at Penn State	32	42	74	10.0-32	4.0-24	0	0-0		0-0	0	1	0	5-5	0	0	0	35
Nov 13	IOWA	53	22	75	5.0-31	4.0-28	0	0-0		1-4	4	1	0	2-2	0	0	0	17
Nov 20	ILLINOIS	35	14	49	6.0-19	3.0-15	2	2-0		1-15	5	3	0	6-6	0	0	0	48
Nov 27	at Wisconsin	45	20	65	4.0-20	1.0-12	3	3-18		4-97	4	2	1	10-10	0	0	0	70
Opponents		581	306	887	86.0-309	39.0-215	19	13-54		9-146	27	25	4	38-41	0	0	0	332
		512	312	824	73.0-275	16.0-126	9	6-29		14-205	38	38	4	32-37	0	0	0	305

Date	Opponent	Punting										Field Goals			Kickoffs				
		no.	yds	avg	long	blkd	tb	fc	50+	i20		md-att	long	blkd	no.	yds	avg	tb	ob
Sep 04	at Vanderbilt	6	198	33.0	45	0	0	1	0	3		1-2	30	0	4	235	58.8	0	0
Sep 11	ILLINOIS STATE	6	243	40.5	57	0	0	2	1	1		1-1	23	0	2	119	59.5	0	0
Sep 18	at Rice	7	335	47.9	65	0	1	2	2	2		2-2	31	0	3	171	57.0	0	0
Sep 25	CENTRAL MICHIGAN	4	122	30.5	37	0	0	0	0	1		0-1	0	1	4	277	69.2	1	0
Oct 02	at Minnesota	6	208	34.7	50	0	0	4	1	1		0-0	0	0	5	325	65.0	2	1
Oct 09	PURDUE	6	286	47.7	79	0	2	0	2	0		2-2	40	0	5	329	65.8	0	0
Oct 23	MICHIGAN STATE	6	258	43.0	53	0	1	0	1	1		0-1	0	0	6	374	62.3	3	0
Oct 30	at Indiana	6	255	42.5	55	0	0	0	1	2		1-2	23	0	4	182	45.5	0	1
Nov 06	at Penn State	3	110	36.7	39	0	0	0	0	2		0-1	0	0	6	390	65.0	2	0
Nov 13	IOWA	7	300	42.9	73	0	1	0	2	2		1-1	32	0	4	280	70.0	4	0
Nov 20	ILLINOIS	2	107	53.5	59	0	1	0	1	0		2-3	45	0	8	467	58.4	1	0
Nov 27	at Wisconsin	5	198	39.6	51	0	0	0	1	4		0-0	0	0	11	674	61.3	0	0
Opponents		64	2620	40.9	79	0	6	9	12	19		10-16	45	1	62	3823	61.7	13	2
		56	2261	40.4	61	0	4	18	8	20		15-22	47	2	64	4113	64.3	12	0

# THE LAST TIME IT HAPPENED



## Team

Scored 60+ points  
Scored 50-59 points  
Scored 40-49 points  
Rushed for 200-299 yards  
Rushed for 300-399 yards  
Rushed for 400+ yards  
Passed for 400+ yards  
Had 500-599 yards in total offense  
Had 600+ yards in total offense  
Won game on final play (regulation)  
Recorded a safety  
Recorded a shutout  
Played No. 1-ranked team  
Beat No. 1-ranked team  
NU beat a Top-10 team  
NU beat a ranked team  
NU beat two ranked teams in a row  
NU ranked by AP (media)  
NU ranked by ESPN/USA Today (coaches)  
NU ranked No. 1 by AP  
Sellout at home  
Had consecutive home sellouts

## Individual

Returned kickoff for a TD  
Returned punt for a TD  
Returned INT for a TD  
Returned fumble for TD  
Blocked an extra point  
  
Blocked a FG attempt  
Blocked a punt  
Rushed for 3 or more TDs  
Rushed for 100 yards  
  
Two Players Rushed for 100 yards  
  
Rushed for 200 yards  
Completed 20-29 passes  
Completed 30+ passes  
Passed for 3+ TDs  
Passed for 300-399 yards  
Passed for 400-499 yards  
Passed for 500+ yards  
Scored 3 TDs in a game  
Scored 4+ TDs in a game  
2-point conversion  
Caught 10+ passes  
100-199 yards receiving  
200+ yards receiving  
Scored 3+ TDs receiving  
Kicked 3 FGs in one game  
Kicked 4 FGs in one game  
Kicked 5+ FGs in one game  
Kicked a 50-yard FG  
Kicked a 70-79-yard punt  
Kicked an 80-89-yard punt  
Kicked a 90+-yard punt  
Intercepted 2 passes  
  
Intercepted 3+ passes  
Recorded 100 kickoff return yards  
Recorded 20+ tackles

## Northwestern

NU 61, Illinois 23, 11-18-00  
NU 51, Wisconsin 48, 10-8-05  
NU 47, Towson 14, 9-5-09  
221 vs. Towson, 9-5-09  
356 at Illinois, 11-19-05  
444 at Illinois, 11-22-03  
532 vs. Auburn, 1-1-10  
516 vs. Eastern Michigan, 10-19-07  
625 vs. Auburn, 1-1-10  
vs. Michigan State, 47-yard FG, 9-29-01  
vs. Indiana, 10-24-09  
NU 27, Northeastern 0, 9-1-07  
(#1) Ohio State 54, NU 10, 11-11-06  
NU 12, (#1) Miami (Fla.) 7, 9-23-67  
NU 17, (#8) Iowa 10, 11-7-09  
NU 21, (#13) Iowa 17, 11-13-10  
9-23-00 (47-44 vs. #7 Wisconsin), 9-30-00 (37-17 vs. #18 Michigan State)  
No. 22 (Dec. 29, 2008)  
No. 25 (Nov. 20, 2010)  
1962  
11-13-10 vs. Iowa (47, 130); 11-20-10 vs. Illinois (41, 058 at Wrigley Field)  
2 games (11-13-10 to 11-20-10, Iowa & Illinois\*) \*at Wrigley Field

## Northwestern

Venric Mark (94) at Wisconsin, 11-27-10  
Marquice Cole (81) vs. Northern Illinois, 9-10-05  
Brian Peters (59) vs. Illinois, 11-20-10  
Demetrius Eaton (86) at Michigan State, 10-22-05  
Jack DiNardo vs. Central Michigan, 9-25-10  
Niko Mafuli vs. Central Michigan, 9-25-10  
Jack DiNardo vs. Central Michigan, 9-25-10  
Kevin Watt at Indiana, 10-30-10  
Dan Persa (3) vs. Michigan State, 10-23-10  
Mike Trumpy (129) vs. Illinois, 11-20-10  
  
Jason Wright (251) at Illinois, 11-22-03  
Noah Herron (163) at Illinois, 11-22-03  
Mike Kafka (217) at Minnesota, 11-1-08  
Dan Persa (23) at Minnesota, 10-2-10  
Dan Persa (32) vs. Iowa, 11-13-10  
Dan Persa (3) at Vanderbilt, 9-4-10  
Dan Persa (318) vs. Iowa, 11-13-10  
C.J. Bachér (470) vs. Minnesota, 10-13-07  
Mike Kafka (532) vs. Auburn, 1-1-10  
Dan Persa (3r) vs. Michigan State, 10-23-10  
Tyrell Sutton (3r, 1 rec.) vs. Wisconsin, 10-8-05  
Brendan Mitchell pass vs. Auburn, 1-1-10  
Jeremy Ebert (11) vs. Purdue, 10-9-10  
Jeremy Ebert (111) at Penn State, 11-6-10  
Jonathan Fields (202) at TCU, 9-2-04  
Jonathan Fields (3) at TCU, 9-2-04  
Stefan Demos (3) at Rice, 9-18-10  
Stefan Demos (4) vs. Wisconsin, 11-21-09  
Joel Howells (5) vs. Penn State, 9-24-05  
David Wasielewski (51) at Air Force, 8-31-02  
Brian Huffman (71) at Air Force, 8-31-02  
Merlin Norenberg (80) vs. Minnesota, 10-12-63  
Paul Burton (90) vs. Indiana, 9-30-95  
Brian Peters (2) vs. Illinois, 11-20-10  
  
Neil Little (3) vs. Indiana, 11-10-73  
Venric Mark (273) at Wisconsin, 11-27-10  
Tim McGarigle (21, 11-10) vs. Michigan, 10-29-05

## Opponent

Wisconsin 70, NU 23, 11-27-10  
Ohio State 58, NU 7, 9-22-07  
Illinois 48, NU 27, 11-20-10  
Penn State, 260, 11-6-10  
Wisconsin, 329, 11-27-10  
Illinois, 519, 11-20-10  
Arizona State, 483, 9-17-05  
Wisconsin, 559, 11-27-10  
Arizona State, 773, 9-17-05  
Syracuse, 41-yard FG, 9-19-09  
Illinois, 11-18-06  
Ohio State 20, NU 0, 9-27-03  
Wisconsin 37, (#1) NU 6, 11-10-62  
Wisconsin 37, (#1) NU 6, 11-10-62

## Opponent

Ray Fisher (93), Indiana, 10-24-09  
David Gilreath (68), Wisconsin, 11-21-09  
Aaron Henry (50), Wisconsin, 11-27-10  
Vernon Gholston (25), Ohio State, 9-22-07  
J.J. Watt, Wisconsin, 11-27-10  
  
Kawann Short, Purdue, 10-9-10  
Michael Williams, Michigan, 11-15-08  
Montee Ball (4), Wisconsin, 11-27-10  
Montee Ball (178), Wisconsin, 11-27-10  
James White (134), Wisconsin, 11-27-10  
Montee Ball (178), Wisconsin, 11-27-10  
James White (134), Wisconsin, 11-27-10  
Mikel Leshoure (330), Illinois, 11-20-10  
Ricky Stanzi (23), Iowa, 11-13-10  
Ben Chappell (30), Indiana, 10-30-10  
Scott Tolzien (4), Wisconsin, 11-27-10  
Ben Chappell (308), Indiana, 10-30-10  
Curtis Painter (431), Purdue, 10-14-06  
  
Jason Ford (3r), Illinois, 11-20-10  
Montee Ball (4r), Wisconsin, 11-27-10  
Brazill pass, Ohio, 9-20-08  
D. Belcher (11), Indiana, 10-30-10  
Derrell Johnson-Koulianos (104), Iowa, 11-13-10  
Mike Williams (209), 9-19-09  
Ernie Wheelwright (3), Minnesota, 10-13-07  
R Lichtenstein (3), Syracuse, 9-19-09  
Kevin Kelly (4), Penn State, 9-30-06  
  
Dave Rayner (53), Michigan State, 9-28-02  
Ryan Donahue (73), Iowa, 11-13-10  
  
Darvin Adams (2), Auburn, 1-1-10  
T'Sharvan Bell (2), Auburn, 1-1-10  
Mike Rose (3), Purdue, 9-27-97  
Ben Ericksen (107), Illinois State, 9-11-10  
J Leman (22, 11-11), Illinois, 11-18-06





# SCORING DRIVES

## NU Scoring Drives

Qtr	Opp.	Scoring Play	Plays-Yds-TOP
1	Vanderbilt	Demos 26 FG	11-80-4:35
1	Vanderbilt	Ebert 33 pass from Persa	4-53-1:20
3	Vanderbilt	Dunsmore 9 pass from Persa	8-54-2:53
4	Vanderbilt	Rooks 2 pass from Persa	9-71-4:09
1	Illinois State	Dunsmore 4 pass from Persa	15-89-4:58
1	Illinois State	Persa 1 run	8-64-2:40
2	Illinois State	Demos 39 FG	10-62-3:44
2	Illinois State	A. Fields 1 run	6-60-2:33
2	Illinois State	Dunsmore 5 pass from Persa	3-22-0:18
4	Illinois State	Trumpy 1 run	7-19-4:05
1	Rice	Demos 42 FG	10-49-3:35
2	Rice	Demos 28 FG	13-53-4:00
3	Rice	Ebert 27 pass from Persa	1-27-0:08
3	Rice	Persa 18 run	12-74-5:39
4	Rice	Demos 21 FG	7-51-3:46
1	Central Michigan	Ebert 24 pass from Persa	11-73-4:04
2	Central Michigan	Schmidt 1 run	8-77-3:13
3	Central Michigan	Demos 27 FG	11-46-4:38
3	Central Michigan	Ebert 25 pass from Persa	1-25-0:05
4	Central Michigan	Schmidt 13 run	5-47-1:10
1	Minnesota	T. Jones 45 pass from Persa	4-67-1:19
1	Minnesota	Trumpy 5 run	5-74-1:42
3	Minnesota	Schmidt 1 run	12-74-3:46
4	Minnesota	Ebert 25 pass from Persa	7-69-3:58
4	Minnesota	Demos 27 FG	10-54-4:07
1	Purdue	Schmidt 2 run	13-80-5:47
2	Purdue	Demos 46 FG	12-48-4:11
3	Purdue	Persa 5 run	12-58-4:13
1	Michigan State	Persa 3 run	10-72-3:35
2	Michigan State	Demos 37 FG	10-19-3:31
2	Michigan State	Persa 1 run	7-79-2:35
3	Michigan State	Persa 6 run	15-80-5:22
4	Michigan State	Demos 41 FG	8-33-3:25
2	Indiana	Ebert 11 pass from Persa	10-52-4:41
2	Indiana	Demos 23 FG	5-53-0:48
3	Indiana	Ebert 30 pass from Persa	11-87-3:34
4	Indiana	Demos 45 FG	10-47-4:14
1	Penn State	Persa 6 run	7-74-2:53
2	Penn State	Persa 4 run	9-64-3:42
2	Penn State	Dunsmore 9 pass from Persa	7-66-2:08
1	Iowa	Persa 2 run	11-62-5:20
4	Iowa	Ebert 6 pass from Persa	13-85-4:35
4	Iowa	D. Fields 20 pass from Persa	11-91-2:46
1	Illinois	Trumpy 80 run	1-80-0:12
2	Illinois	Demos 31 FG	4-0-1:24
2	Illinois	Trumpy 2 run	8-75-3:29
4	Illinois	Demos 25 FG	8-49-2:06
1	Wisconsin	Demos 47 FG	6-16-1:53
2	Wisconsin	Watkins 6 run	11-63-3:06
3	Wisconsin	Dunsmore 20 pass from Watkins	6-67-1:50

## Northwestern Offensive Scoring Drives

### 50 Drives (19 run, 16 pass, 15 FG)

- 14 First Quarter Drives (7 run, 4 pass, 3 FG)
- 15 Second Quarter Drives (6 run, 3 pass, 6 FG)
- 11 Third Quarter Drives (5 run, 5 pass, 1 FG)
- 10 Fourth Quarter Drives (1 run, 4 pass, 5 FG)

## Opponent Scoring Drives

Qtr	Opp.	Scoring Play	Plays-Yds-TOP
2	Vanderbilt	Warren 4 run	5-52-1:52
2	Vanderbilt	Fowler 30 FG	7-51-0:44
3	Vanderbilt	Barden 36 pass from Smith	7-71-3:12
4	Vanderbilt	Stacy 33 run	6-69-2:14
1	Illinois State	Fetzer 23 FG	10-68-3:5
2	Rice	Boswell 31 FG	11-68-1:40
3	Rice	Boswell 24 FG	12-61-4:01
4	Rice	Petersen 10 run	11-97-2:15
1	Central Michigan	Wilson 31 run	5-74-2:05
2	Central Michigan	Volny 16 pass from Radcliff	11-88-3:43
4	Central Michigan	Volny 2 run	8-64-3:31
4	Central Michigan	Poblah 25 pass from Radcliff	11-86-2:28
1	Minnesota	Bennett 38 pass from Weber	1-46-1:12
2	Minnesota	Lair 8 pass from Bennett	6-71-3:49
2	Minnesota	Eskridge 4 run	11-97-2:15
4	Minnesota	Lair 25 pass from Weber	11-9-6:11
2	Purdue	Henry 1 run	6-91-2:11
2	Purdue	Wiggs 36 FG	4-5-1:27
3	Purdue	Wiggs 40 FG	8-54-4:03
4	Purdue	Dierking 7 run	14-75-4:19
2	Michigan State	Dell 7 pass from Cousins	8-68-3:18
3	Michigan State	Fowler 22 run	3-48-1:20
4	Michigan State	Dell 15 pass from Cousins	11-75-4:38
4	Michigan State	Cunningham 9 pass from Cousins	11-88-5:18
4	Michigan State	Baker 25 run	3-31-0:19
1	Indiana	Ewald 23 FG	8-61-3:25
2	Indiana	Chappell 5 run	16-97-5:29
4	Indiana	Wilson 39 pass from Chappell	5-67-0:37
2	Penn State	Brackett 7 pass from McGloin	9-91-0:47
3	Penn State	Cadogan 3 pass from McGloin	14-84-5:52
3	Penn State	Moye 36 pass from McGloin	3-63-1:04
3	Penn State	Redd 4 run	6-41-2:33
4	Penn State	Royster 13 pass from McGloin	6-79-3:13
2	Iowa	Meyer 32 FG	10-55-2:58
3	Iowa	McNutt 5 pass from Stanzi	7-75-3:21
3	Iowa	Johnson-Koulianos	4-81-1:28
1	Illinois	Leshoure 4 run	3-66-1:17
1	Illinois	Leshoure 1 run	6-30-2:44
1	Illinois	Ford 5 run	3-73-1:18
2	Illinois	Dimke 45 FG	9-25-4:05
2	Illinois	Dimke 39 FG	12-69-2:53
3	Illinois	Jenkins 10 pass from Scheelhaase	14-61-6:45
4	Illinois	Ford 2 run	7-80-3:40
4	Illinois	Ford 1 run	13-73-7:07
1	Wisconsin	Ball 32 run	5-74-2:24
1	Wisconsin	Ball 1 run	2-13-0:13
2	Wisconsin	Ball 2 run	11-82-5:14
2	Wisconsin	Gilreath 18 pass from Tolzien	3-21-1:29
2	Wisconsin	Kendricks 29 pass from Tolzien	6-60-2:27
2	Wisconsin	Toon 11 pass from Tolzien	4-41-1:22
2	Wisconsin	Toon 11 pass from Tolzien	5-47-0:55
3	Wisconsin	Ball 44 run	7-83-3:31
3	Wisconsin	White 16 run	6-73-2:46

## Opponent Offensive Scoring Drives

### 53 Drives (22 run, 21 pass, 10 FG)

## 20-Yard Plus Plays

Yards	Type	Player(s)	Opponent
22	Rush	Persa	Vanderbilt
33	Pass	Ebert from Persa	Vanderbilt
31	Pass	Ebert from Persa	Vanderbilt
21	KO Return	Simmons	Vanderbilt
23	Pass	Stewart from Persa	Vanderbilt
50	Pass	Lawrence from Persa	Illinois State
28	Pass	Stewart from Persa	Illinois State
45	Pass	Ebert from Persa	Illinois State
46	INT Return	Davie	Illinois State
21	KO Return	Simmons	Illinois State
21	Pass	Mark from Watkins	Illinois State
29	Fumble Return	Johnson	Illinois State
22	KO Return	Simmons	Rice
25	Pass	Stewart from Persa	Rice
33	Punt Return	Bates	Rice
21	KO Return	Simmons	Rice
47	Pass	Dunsmore from Persa	Rice
32	Pass	Ebert from Persa	Rice
24	Pass	Ebert from Persa	Central Michigan
21	Pass	D. Fields from Persa	Central Michigan
24	KO Return	Simmons	Central Michigan
23	Pass	D. Fields from Persa	Central Michigan
23	Pass	Stewart from Persa	Central Michigan
25	Pass	Ebert from Persa	Central Michigan
29	KO Return	Simmons	Central Michigan
45	Pass	T. Jones	Minnesota
20	KO Return	Simmons	Minnesota
29	Pass	Ebert from Persa	Minnesota
24	Pass	Brown	Minnesota
27	KO Return	Simmons	Minnesota
25	Pass	Ebert from Persa	Minnesota
22	Rush	Persa	Minnesota
38	Pass	Ebert from Persa	Purdue
21	Pass	Dunsmore from Persa	Purdue
42	KO Return	Simmons	Purdue
20	Pass	Stewart from Persa	Michigan State
44	Pass	Lawrence from Persa	Michigan State
28	Pass	Stewart from Persa	Michigan State
29	Rush	Mark	Michigan State
22	Rush	Persa	Michigan State
21	KO Return	A. Fields	Michigan State
32	KO Return	Mark	Indiana
24	KO Return	Mark	Indiana
38	Pass	Trumpy from Persa	Indiana
23	Pass	D. Fields from Persa	Indiana
34	Pass	Ebert from Persa	Indiana
30	Pass	Ebert from Persa	Indiana
26	KO Return	Mark	Penn State
31	Rush	Persa	Penn State
20	Rush	Persa	Penn State
41	Pass	Ebert from Persa	Penn State
21	Pass	Ebert from Persa	Penn State
23	KO Return	Simmons	Penn State
21	Pass	Brown from Persa	Iowa
22	Rush	Persa	Iowa
21	Pass	Trumpy from Persa	Iowa
20	Pass	D. Fields from Persa	Iowa
26	KO Return	Mark	Illinois
59	INT Return	Peters	Illinois
23	KO Return	Simmons	Illinois
80	Rush	Trumpy	Illinois
23	KO Return	Simmons	Illinois
58	Punt Return	Mark	Illinois
32	Pass	T. Jones from Watkins	Illinois
24	Rush	Watkins	Illinois
27	KO Return	Simmons	Illinois
25	KO Return	Mark	Wisconsin
41	KO Return	Simmons	Wisconsin
34	KO Return	Mark	Wisconsin
22	KO Return	Mark	Wisconsin
21	Run	Watkins	Wisconsin
94	KO Return	Mark	Wisconsin
23	KO Return	Mark	Wisconsin
31	KO Return	Mark	Wisconsin
25	Pass	Ebert from Watkins	Wisconsin
20	Pass	Dunsmore from Watkins	Wisconsin

## LONG PLAYS BY THE NUMBERS

Plays by Yards	No.
20-29 .....	50
30-39 .....	13
40-49 .....	8
50-59 .....	3
60+ .....	2

## Plays by Type

Passing .....	36
Kickoff Returns .....	26
Rushing .....	9
Interception Returns .....	2
Fumble Returns .....	1
Punt Returns .....	2
Blocked FG Returns .....	0
Total .....	76
Touchdowns .....	12

## 20-YARDS PLUS BY PLAYER

Player	No.	TDs	Type
Ebert	14	6	14—P
Simmons	14	0	14—KR
Mark	13	1	10—KR, 1—P, 1—R, 1—PR
Persa	6	0	6—R
Stewart	6	0	6—P
D. Fields	4	1	4—P
Dunsmore	3	1	3—P
Trumpy	3	0	2—P, 1—R
Brown	2	0	2—P
Lawrence	2	0	2—P
T. Jones	2	1	2—P
Watkins	2	0	2—R
Bates	1	0	1—PR
Davie	1	0	1—INT
A. Fields	1	0	1—KR
Johnson	1	0	1—F
Peters	1	1	1—INT Return

## Legend

P—Pass; R—Rush; KR—Kickoff Return; PR—Punt Return;  
INT—Interception; F—Fumble Recovery; FG—Blocked Field Goal

## LONGEST PLAYS OF THE YEAR

### Rushing

80, Mike Trumpy vs. Illinois, 11-20-10

### Rushing Touchdown

80, Mike Trumpy vs. Illinois, 11-20-10

### Passing

50, Rashad Lawrence from Dan Persa vs. Illinois State, 9-11-10

### Passing Touchdown

45, Tony Jones from Dan Persa at Minnesota, 10-2-10

### Punt Return

58, Venric Mark vs. Illinois, 11-20-10

### Kickoff Return

94, Venric Mark at Wisconsin, 11-27-10

### Interception Return

59, Brian Peters vs. Illinois, 11-20-10

### Fumble Return

29, Ben Johnson vs. Illinois State, 9-11-10

### Punt

61, Brandon Williams vs. Illinois, 11-20-10

### Field Goal

47, Stefan Demos at Wisconsin, 11-27-10



# SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

## #91 • BRIAN ARNFELT • DT

Tackles: 5 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Solo Tackles: 1 (four times), last at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
Assisted Tackles: 4 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
TFL: 1 vs. Central Michigan, 9/25/10  
QB Hurries: 1 vs. Purdue, 10/9/10

## #32 • DAVID ARNOLD • S

Tackles: 9 at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
Solo Tackles: 6 vs. Penn State, 10/31/09  
Assisted Tackles: 5 at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
TFL: 2.0 vs. Miami (Ohio), 10/10/09  
Sacks: 1 (twice), vs. Miami (Ohio), 10/10/09  
Forced Fumble: 1 at Purdue, 10/3/09  
INT: 1 vs. Purdue, 10/9/10  
Pass Deflections: 2 vs. Iowa, 11/13/10

## #86 • BRENDAN BARBER • WR

Receptions: 2 at Vanderbilt, 9/4/10  
Yards: 17 at Vanderbilt, 9/4/10  
Long Reception: 10 at Vanderbilt, 9/4/10

## #7 • HUNTER BATES • S

Tackles: 11 vs. Central Michigan, 9/25/10  
Solo Tackles: 10 vs. Central Michigan, 9/25/10  
Assisted Tackles: 2 (four times), last at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
TFL: 1 (twice), last at Penn State, 11/6/10  
Sacks: 1 at Penn State, 11/6/10  
Punt Returns: 3, vs. Purdue, 10/9/10  
Punt Return Yards: 33 at Rice, 9/18/10  
Long Punt Return: 33 at Rice, 9/18/10  
INT: 1 (twice), last at Indiana, 10/30/10  
Pass Deflections: 1 (twice), last vs. Iowa, 11/13/10  
Forced Fumbles: 1 at Penn State, 11/6/10

## #96 • ANTHONY BATTLE • DE

Tackles: 1 at Rice, 9/18/10  
Solo Tackles: N/A  
Assisted Tackles: 1 at Rice, 9/18/10

## #21 • MIKE BOLDEN • CB

Tackles: 4 vs. Michigan State, 10/23/10  
Solo Tackles: 3 vs. Michigan State, 10/23/10  
Assisted Tackles: 2 at Rice, 9/18/10  
Pass Deflections: 1 vs. Southern Illinois, 9/13/08

## #6 • CHARLES BROWN • WR

Receptions: 4 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
Yards: 60 at Minnesota, 10/2/10  
Long Reception: 28 vs. Michigan State, 10/23/10

## #94 • VINCE BROWNE • DE

Tackles: 10 at Penn State, 11/6/10  
Solo Tackles: 6 (twice), last at Rice, 9/18/10  
Assisted Tackles: 6 at Penn State, 11/6/10  
TFL: 4.0 vs. Ohio, 9/20/08  
Sacks: 3.0 vs. Ohio, 9/20/08  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (three times), last vs. Michigan State, 10/23/10  
Blocks: 1 (field goal) vs. Ohio, 9/20/08  
QB Hurries: 2 (twice), last vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
Interception: 1 at Iowa, 9/27/08

## #98 • CORBIN BRYANT • DT

Tackles: 5 vs. Michigan State, 10/11/08  
Solo Tackles: 4 vs. Michigan State, 10/11/08  
Assisted Tackles: 3 vs. Syracuse, 8/30/08  
TFL: 2.5 at Rice, 9/18/10  
Sacks: 1 (twice), last vs. Miami (Ohio), 10/10/09  
Forced Fumbles: 1 (twice), last at Rice, 9/18/10  
Fumble Recovery: 1 (twice), last vs. Central Michigan, 9/25/10  
QB Hurries: 3 vs. Michigan State, 10/23/10  
INT: 1 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
PBU: 1 at Rice, 9/18/10

## #27 • JARED CARPENTER • S

Tackles: 5 (twice), last at Indiana, 10/30/10  
Solo Tackles: 3 (twice), last vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
Assisted Tackles: 3 at Indiana, 10/30/10  
TFL: 1 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10

## #55 • BO CISEK • DL

Tackles: 1 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
Solo Tackles: N/A  
Assisted Tackles: 1 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10

## #14 • KAIN COLTER • QB

Pass Attempts: 3 at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
Rushing Yards: 28 at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
Rushing Attempts: 8 at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
Long Run: 15 at Wisconsin, 11/27/10

## #20 • SCOTT CONCANNON • RB

Rushing Yards: 73 vs. Indiana, 10/24/09  
Rushing Attempts: 16 vs. Indiana, 10/24/09  
Long Run: 21 vs. Towson, 9/5/09  
Rushing TDs: 2 vs. Towson, 9/5/09  
Receptions: 2 vs. Penn State, 10/31/09  
Receiving Yards: 29 vs. Penn State, 10/31/09  
Long Reception: 20 vs. Penn State, 10/31/09

## #95 • DAVON CUSTIS • DE

Tackles: 2 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
Solo Tackles: 2 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
Assisted Tackles: N/A

## #41 • QUENTIN DAVIE • LB

Tackles: 11 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Solo Tackles: 7 at Purdue, 10/3/09  
Assisted Tackles: 7 at Duke, 9/06/08  
TFL: 3.5 vs. Southern Illinois, 9/13/08  
Sacks: 3 vs. Miami (Ohio), 10/10/09  
Forced Fumbles: 2 vs. Miami (Ohio), 10/10/09  
Fumble Recovery: 1 (twice), last at Penn State, 11/6/10  
QB Hurries: 3 (three times), last at Indiana, 10/30/10  
Pass Deflections: 1 (seven times), last at Penn State, 11/6/10  
INT: 2 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10

## #1 • STEFAN DEMOS • PK

Punts: 8 (four times), last at Iowa, 11/7/09  
Longest Punt: 63 at Indiana, 10/25/08  
Punt Average: 50.0 (three punts) vs. Purdue, 10/18/08  
Punts Inside the 20: 6 vs. Syracuse, 8/30/08  
FGs: 4 (twice), last vs. Wisconsin, 11/21/09  
Longest FG: 49 vs. Eastern Michigan, 9/12/09  
Kickoffs: 9 vs. Purdue, 10/18/08  
Touchbacks: 4 vs. Iowa, 11/13/10

## #90 • JACK DINARDO • DT

Tackles: 8 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Solo Tackles: 5 (twice), last vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Assisted Tackles: 3 (three times), last at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
TFL: 2.5 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Sacks: 0.5 at Rice, 9/18/10  
Quarterback Hurries: 1 (twice), last vs. Michigan State, 10/23/10  
Fumble Recovery: 1 at Rice, 9/18/10  
Blocked Kicks: 2 vs. Central Michigan, 9/25/10

## #22 • DEMETRIUS DUGAR • CB

Tackles: 4 at Syracuse, 9/19/09  
Solo Tackles: 3 at Syracuse, 9/19/09  
Assisted Tackles: 2 vs. Towson, 9/5/09  
Fumble Recovery: 1 at Purdue, 10/3/09

## #9 • DRAKE DUNSMORE • SB

Receptions: 9 (twice), last vs. Auburn, 1/1/10  
Yards: 120 vs. Auburn, 1/1/10  
Long Reception: 66 vs. Auburn, 1/1/10  
Receiving TDs: 2 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10

## #11 • JEREMY EBERT • WR

Receptions: 11 vs. Purdue, 10/9/10  
Yards: 124 vs. Purdue, 10/9/10  
Long Reception: 45 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
Touchdowns: 2 (twice), last at Indiana, 10/30/10  
Long Kickoff Return: 18 vs. Ohio, 9/20/08  
Kickoff Return Yards: 18 vs. Ohio, 9/20/08  
Pass Attempts: 1 vs. Michigan State, 10/23/10  
Pass Completions: 1 vs. Michigan State, 10/23/10  
Long Pass: 28 vs. Michigan State, 10/23/10

## #8 • DEMETRIUS FIELDS • WR

Receptions: 6 at Rice, 9/18/10  
Yards: 65 vs. Central Michigan, 9/25/10  
Long Reception: 26 vs. Auburn, 1/1/10  
Receiving TDs: 1 (twice), last vs. Iowa, 11/13/10

## #16 • DAVION FLEMING • S

Tackles: 2 (twice), last vs. Central Michigan, 9/25/10  
Solo Tackles: 2 vs. Central Michigan, 9/25/10  
Assisted Tackles: 1 (twice), last at Minnesota, 10/2/10

## #92 • WILL HAMPTON • DT

Tackles: 1 at Rice, 9/18/10  
Solo Tackles: N/A  
Assisted Tackles: 1 at Rice, 9/18/10

## #35 • BEN JOHNSON • LB

Tackles: 6 vs. Auburn, 1/1/10  
Solo Tackles: 5 (twice), last at Rice, 9/18/10  
Assisted Tackles: 3 vs. Minnesota, 9/26/09  
TFL: 1.5 at Vanderbilt, 9/4/10  
Sacks: 1 at Vanderbilt, 9/4/10  
Forced Fumble: 1 at Syracuse, 9/19/09  
Fumble Recovery: 1 (twice), last vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
INT: 1 (twice), last at Minnesota, 10/2/10  
QB Hurries: 1 vs. Iowa, 11/13/10

## #12 • TONY JONES • WR

Receptions: 4 at Minnesota, 10/2/10  
Yards: 68 at Minnesota, 10/2/10  
Long Reception: 45 at Minnesota, 10/2/10  
Receiving TDs: 1 at Minnesota, 10/2/10

## #17 • RASHAD LAWRENCE • WR

Receptions: 4 vs. Michigan State, 10/23/10  
Yards: 67 vs. Michigan State, 10/23/10  
Long Reception: 50 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10

## #26 • JORDAN MABIN • CB

Tackles: 12, at Indiana, 10/30/10  
Solo Tackles: 7 (four times), last at Penn State, 11/6/10  
Assisted Tackles: 5 at Indiana, 10/30/10  
TFL: 1 (twice), last vs. Illinois, 11/22/08  
Pass Deflections: 3 vs. Michigan State, 10/23/10  
INT: 1 (five times), last vs. Wisconsin, 11/21/09  
Forced Fumble: 1 at Duke, 9/06/08  
Fumble Recovery: 1 (three times), last vs. Auburn, 1/1/10  
Kickoff Returns: 2 at Duke, 9/06/08  
Kickoff Return Yards: 44 at Duke, 9/06/08  
Long Kickoff Return: 24 at Duke, 9/06/08



# SINGLE-GAME CAREER HIGHS

**#93 • NIKO MAFULI • DT**

Tackles: 2 (three times), last at Minnesota, 10/2/10  
Solo Tackles: 1 (three times), last at Minnesota, 10/2/10  
Assisted Tackles: 2 at Michigan State, 10/17/09  
Sacks: 1 vs. Towson, 9/5/09  
TFL: 1.0 vs. Towson, 9/5/09  
Blocked Kick: 1 vs. Central Michigan, 9/25/10

**#85 • VENRIC MARK • WR**

Receptions: 2 at Rice, 9/18/10  
Yards: 21 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
Long Reception: 21 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
Kickoff Returns: 9 at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
Kickoff Return Yards: 273 at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
Long Kickoff Return: 94 at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
Punt Returns: 2 (three times), last at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
Punt Return Yards: 58 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Long Punt Return: 58 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
All Purpose Yards: 281 at Wisconsin, 11/27/10

**#3 • JERAVIN MATTHEWS • CB**

Tackles: 4 at Rice, 9/18/10  
Solo Tackles: 2 (three times), last at Penn State, 11/6/10  
Assisted Tackles: 2 (twice), last vs. Central Michigan, 9/25/10  
Long Kickoff Return: 40 vs. Michigan State, 10/11/08  
Kickoff Return Yards: 94 vs. Minnesota, 9/26/09

**#51 • BRYCE McNAUL • LB**

Tackles: 13 at Indiana, 10/30/10  
Solo Tackles: 6 (three times), last at Indiana, 10/30/10  
Assisted Tackles: 7 at Indiana, 10/30/10  
TFL: 2.0 at Indiana, 10/30/10  
Sacks: 1.0 vs. Michigan State, 10/23/10  
Forced Fumbles: 1 vs. Michigan State, 10/23/10  
Quarterback Hurry: 1 at Wisconsin, 11/27/10

**#45 • AARON NAGEL • SB**

Receptions: 1 at Rice, 9/18/10  
Yards: 6 at Rice, 9/18/10  
Long Reception: 6 at Rice, 9/18/10

**#33 • DAVID NWABUISI • LB**

Tackles: 5 at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
Solo Tackles: 4 (twice), last at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
Assisted Tackles: 2 (three times), last vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
TFL: 1.0 (three times), last vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Forced Fumble: 1 vs. Auburn, 1/1/10  
Quarterback Hurry: 1 at Vanderbilt, 9/4/10  
INT: 1 vs. Central Michigan, 9/25/10  
Pass Deflections: 1 (twice), last vs. Illinois, 11/20/10

**#7 • DAN PERSA • QB**

Pass Attempts: 43 vs. Iowa, 11/13/10  
Completions: 32 vs. Iowa, 11/13/10  
Passing Yards: 318 vs. Iowa, 11/13/10  
Touchdown Passes: 3 at Vanderbilt, 9/4/10  
Long Pass: 72 vs. Towson, 9/5/09  
Rushing Yards: 109 at Penn State, 11/6/10  
Rushing Attempts: 25 at Penn State, 11/6/10  
Long Rush: 31 at Penn State, 11/6/10  
Rushing Touchdowns: 3 vs. Michigan State, 10/23/10  
Total Offense: 408 at Minnesota, 10/2/10

**#10 • BRIAN PETERS • S**

Tackles: 18 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Solo Tackles: 10 at Minnesota, 10/2/10  
Assisted Tackles: 12 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
TFL: 1 (seven times), last vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
INT: 2 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Pass Deflections: 2 vs. Iowa, 11/13/10  
Forced Fumble: 1 (four times), last vs. Iowa, 11/13/10  
Fumble Recovery: 1 (four times), last vs. Wisconsin, 11/21/09

**#31 • STONE PINCKNEY • LB**

Tackles: 2 vs. Towson, 9/5/09  
Solo Tackles: 1 vs. Towson, 9/5/09  
Assisted Tackles: 1 vs. Towson, 9/5/09

**#46 • DAMIEN PROBY • LB**

Tackles: 6 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Solo Tackles: 4 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
Assisted Tackles: 3 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
TFL: 1 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
Sacks: 1 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
Quarterback Hurries: 1 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10

**#43 • TIM RILEY • LB**

Tackles: 2 at Minnesota, 10/2/10  
Solo Tackles: 2 at Minnesota, 10/2/10  
Assisted Tackles: N/A  
Forced Fumbles: 1 at Minnesota, 10/2/10

**#89 • JOSH ROOKS • SB**

Receptions: 3 at Vanderbilt, 9/4/10  
Yards: 23 at Syracuse, 9/19/09  
Long Reception: 23 at Syracuse, 9/19/09  
Touchdowns: 1 (three times), last at Vanderbilt, 9/4/10

**#39 • JACOB SCHMIDT • RB**

Rushing Yards: 61 vs. Eastern Michigan, 9/12/09  
Rushing Attempts: 13 (twice), last at Vanderbilt, 9/4/10  
Long Run: 13 vs. Central Michigan, 9/25/10  
Rushing TDs: 2 vs. Central Michigan, 9/25/10  
Receptions: 4 (three times), last vs. Purdue, 10/9/10  
Receiving Yards: 46 at Syracuse, 9/19/09  
Long Reception: 25 vs. Miami (Ohio), 10/10/09

**#97 • TYLER SCOTT • DE**

Tackles: 3 vs. Purdue, 10/9/10  
Solo Tackles: 3 vs. Purdue, 10/9/10  
Assisted Tackles: 1 (twice), last vs. Iowa, 11/13/10  
TFL: 1 (twice), last vs. Iowa, 11/13/10

**#25 • STEPHEN SIMMONS • RB**

Kickoff Returns: 5 (three times), last vs. Penn State, 10/31/09  
Kickoff Return Yards: 155 vs. Wisconsin, 11/21/09  
Rushing Yards: 77 vs. Towson, 9/5/09  
Receptions: 22 (twice), last vs. Illinois, 11/22/08  
Long Run: 21 at Michigan, 11/15/08  
Rushing TDs: 2 vs. Eastern Michigan, 9/12/09  
Long Kickoff Return: 99 at Ohio State, 9/22/07

**#4 • ADONIS SMITH • RB**

Rushing Yards: 44 vs. Michigan State, 10/23/10  
Rushing Attempts: 10 vs. Michigan State, 10/23/10  
Long Run: 18 at Wisconsin, 11/27/10

**#5 • SIDNEY STEWART • WR**

Receptions: 10 vs. Auburn, 1/1/10  
Yards: 97 vs. Auburn, 1/1/10  
Long Reception: 49 vs. Wisconsin, 11/21/09  
Touchdown Receptions: 1 (three times), last vs. Auburn, 1/1/10

**#56 • WILL STUDIEN • LB**

Tackles: 1 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
Solo Tackles: 1 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
Assisted Tackles: N/A

**#29 • MIKE TRUMPY • RB**

Rushing Yards: 129 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Rushing Attempts: 21 at Indiana, 10/30/10  
Long Run: 80 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Rushing TDs: 2 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Receptions: 3 (twice), last at Penn State, 11/6/10  
Long Reception: 38 at Indiana, 10/30/10  
Receiving Yards: 54 at Indiana, 10/30/10  
All Purpose Yards: 164 at Indiana, 10/30/10

**#28 • JUSTAN VAUGHN • CB**

Tackles: 9 (twice), last at Indiana, 10/30/10  
Solo Tackles: 8 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
Assisted Tackles: 5 at Indiana, 10/30/10  
Interceptions: 1 (three times), last at Vanderbilt, 9/4/10  
Pass Deflections: 1 (four times), last vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Fumble Recovery: 1 vs. Michigan State, 10/23/10

**#50 • TIMMY VERNON • LB**

Tackles: 1 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
Solo Tackles: 1 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
Assisted Tackles: N/A

**#18 • EVAN WATKINS • QB**

Pass Attempts: 22 at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
Completions: 13 at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
Passing Yards: 135 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Touchdown Passes: 1 at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
Long Pass: 32 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Rushing Yards: 34 at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
Rushing Attempts: 7 (twice), last at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
Long Rush: 24 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10

**#42 • KEVIN WATT • DE**

Tackles: 4 (four times), last vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Solo Tackles: 3 (three times), last vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Assisted Tackles: 4 vs. Miami (Ohio), 10/10/09  
Sacks: 1 at Syracuse, 9/19/09  
TFL: 1 (three times), last vs. Purdue, 10/9/10  
QB Hurry: 1 (four times), last vs. Central Michigan, 9/25/10  
Blocked Punt: 1 at Indiana, 10/30/10

**#47 • RICKY WEINA • CB**

Tackles: 5 vs. Penn State, 10/31/09  
Solo Tackles: 5 vs. Penn State, 10/31/09  
Assisted Tackles: 1 vs. Indiana, 10/24/09  
PBU: 1 (twice), last vs. Penn State, 10/31/09  
Kick Blocks: 1 vs. Indiana, 10/24/09

**#49 • BRANDON WILLIAMS • P**

Punts: 6 (four times), last vs. Iowa, 11/13/10  
Longest Punt: 61 vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Punt Average: 45.2 (four punts) vs. vs. Illinois, 11/20/10  
Punts Inside the 20: 3 (three times), last at Indiana, 10/30/10

**#44 • NATE WILLIAMS • LB**

Tackles: 12 (four times), last at Vanderbilt, 9/4/10  
Solo Tackles: 7 (four times), last vs. Purdue, 10/9/10  
Assisted Tackles: 10 vs. Missouri, 12/29/08  
TFL: 2 (three times), last at Penn State, 11/6/10  
Sacks: 1 (four times), last vs. Iowa, 11/13/10  
Pass Deflections: 1 (seven times), last vs. Iowa, 11/13/10  
Interceptions: 1 (twice), last at Illinois, 11/14/09  
QB Hurries: 1 (three times), last vs. Illinois, 11/20/10

**#88 • QUENTIN WILLIAMS • DE**

Tackles: 5 at Penn State, 11/6/10  
Solo Tackles: 2 (four times), last at Penn State, 11/6/10  
Assisted Tackles: 3 at Penn State, 11/6/10  
TFL: 1.0 (twice), last at Wisconsin, 11/27/10  
INT: 1 (twice), last vs. Central Michigan, 9/25/10  
Pass Deflection: 1 (twice), last at Penn State, 11/6/10  
QB Hurries: 3 vs. Illinois State, 9/11/10  
Fumble Recovery: 1 at Rice, 9/18/10



# GAME-BY-GAME OFFENSIVE STATS

## RUSHING

Player	No-Yds/TD	VU	ISU	RICE	CMU	MINN	PUR	MSU	IND	PSU	IOWA	ILL	WIS
Mike Trumpy	116-530/4	DNP	7-15/1	2-3/0	12-53/0	13-53/1	9-23/0	10-50/0	21-110/0	14-43/0	15-51/0	13-129/2	DNP-I
Dan Persa	164-519/9	17-82/0	7-13/1	9-34/1	17-43/0	18-99/0	20-24/1	22-46/3	11-19/0	25-109/2	18-50/1	DNP-I	DNP-I
Arby Fields	62-178/1	10-(-7)/0	22-96/1	17-55/0	7-16/0	DNP	0-0/0	0-0/0	3-10/0	DNP	1-(-3)/0	0-0/0	2-11/0
Jacob Schmidt	49-161/4	13-44/0	4-14/0	3-11/0	6-32/2	8-25/1	12-32/1	3-3/0	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I
Adonis Smith	30-135/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-1/0	1-5/0	10-44/0	5-14/0	3-17/0	2-5/0	3-20/0	4-29/0
Stephen Simmons	32-123/0	3-14/0	5-16/0	9-28/0	2-4/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-6/0	12-55/0
Evan Watkins	16-48/1	DNP	1-2/0	1-(-3)/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0/0	DNP	0-0/0	7-15/0	7-34/1
Venric Mark	5-41/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-2/0	0-0/0	1-29/0	1-5/0	0-0/0	1-2/0	1-3/0	0-0/0
Kain Colter	11-38/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	3-10/0	8-28/0
Jeremy Ebert	4-23/0	1-12/0	0-0/0	1-7/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	2-4/0
Scott Concannon	5-21/0	0-0/0	3-10/0	2-11/0	DNP	DNP	0-0/0	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I
Charles Brown	1-3/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-3/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0
TEAM	1-(-1)/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-(-1)/0	2-(-4)/0	0-0/0	0-0/0

**TOTALS** 507-1,798/19 46-143/0 50-163/3 45-144/1 47-149/2 43-177/2 42-84/2 47-170/3 42-155/0 43-168/2 39-101/1 28-183/2 35-161/1

## RECEIVING

Player	No-Yds/TD	VU	ISU	RICE	CMU	MINN	PUR	MSU	IND	PSU	IOWA	ILL	WIS
Jeremy Ebert	59-919/8	5-99/1	3-67/0	4-82/1	5-83/2	7-105/1	11-124/0	2-20/0	5-98/2	6-111/0	6-60/1	2-27/0	3-43/0
Drake Dunsmore	39-378/5	2-13/1	5-30/2	6-87/0	3-34/0	2-17/0	4-50/0	0-0/0	4-29/0	2-14/1	8-65/0	1-14/0	2-25/1
Sidney Stewart	38-437/0	2-30/0	4-51/0	3-45/0	5-57/0	4-35/0	2-20/0	6-82/0	1-10/0	0-0/0	5-46/0	2-32/0	4-29/0
Demetrius Fields	22-260/1	2-23/0	1-9/0	6-55/0	4-65/0	1-11/0	2-15/0	2-17/0	1-23/0	1-14/0	2-28/1	0-0/0	0-0/0
Mike Trumpy	20-182/0	DNP	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	2-7/0	2-18/0	3-0/0	3-54/0	3-36/0	5-55/0	2-12/0	DNP-I
Charles Brown	16-198/0	0-0/0	4-36/0	0-0/0	1-9/0	2-60/0	3-14/0	1-28/0	1-10/0	1-7/0	2-33/0	0-0/0	1-1/0
Jacob Schmidt	13-107/0	3-21/0	0-0/0	1-4/0	4-33/0	1-6/0	4-43/0	0-0/0	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I
Rashad Lawrence	12-178/0	0-0/0	1-50/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	2-21/0	4-67/0	0-0/0	1-6/0	2-15/0	0-0/0	2-19/0
Tony Jones	11-157/1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	4-68/1	0-0/0	1-1/0	1-7/0	1-14/0	2-16/0	2-51/0	0-0/0
Venric Mark	4-32/0	0-0/0	1-21/0	2-12/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-(-1)/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0
Arby Fields	4-27/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-16/0	1-(-1)/0	DNP	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	DNP	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-6/0
Josh Rooks	4-21/1	3-19/1	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-2/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0
Brendan Barber	2-17/0	2-17/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Adonis Smith	2-(-2)/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-(-1)/0	0-0/0	1-(-1)/0	0-0/0
Aaron Nagel	1-6/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-6/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0
Stephen Simmons	1-1/0	0-0/0	1-1/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0
Dan Persa	1-(-7)/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	1-(-7)/0	0-0/0	0-0/0	DNP-I	DNP-I

**TOTALS** 249-2,911/16 19-222/3 21-271/2 24-307/1 23-280/2 23-309/2 30-305/0 19-215/0 19-225/2 16-201/1 32-318/2 10-135/0 13-123/1

## PASSING

Dan Persa	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Sack	Yds
at Vanderbilt	21	19	0	.905	222	3	33	3	28
Illinois State	23	19	0	.826	240	2	50	1	1
at Rice	32	24	0	.750	307	1	47	2	14
Central Michigan	30	23	1	.767	280	2	25	4	12
at Minnesota	30	23	1	.767	309	2	45	1	3
Purdue	41	30	0	.732	305	0	38	5	27
Michigan State	29	18	1	.621	187	0	44	8	35
at Indiana	28	18	0	.643	212	2	38	2	13
at Penn State	25	16	0	.640	201	1	41	4	24
Iowa	43	32	1	.744	318	2	21	4	28
Illinois			DNP-I						
at Wisconsin			DNP-I						
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>222</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.735</b>	<b>2,469</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>185</b>

Evan Watkins	Att	Comp	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lng	Sack	Yds
at Vanderbilt			DNP						
Illinois State	4	2	0	.500	31	0	21	0	0
at Rice	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0	1	3
Central Michigan			DNP						
at Minnesota			DNP						
Purdue			DNP						
Michigan State			DNP						
at Indiana	2	1	0	.500	13	0	13	0	0
at Penn State			DNP						
Iowa	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0	0	0
Illinois	20	10	1	.500	135	0	32	3	15
at Wisconsin	22	13	3	.591	123	1	25	1	12
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.531</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>30</b>

# GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE STATS



## GAME-BY-GAME TACKLES

	UA-AT	TT	VU	ISU	RICE	CMU	MINN	PUR	MSU	IND	PSU	IOWA	ILL	WIS
Brian Peters	61-36	97	8-3	4-0	2-1	5-2	10-2	5-2	4-1	0-3	7-4	8-2	6-12	2-4
Nate Williams	50-32	82	7-5	2-0	0-0	6-0	5-3	7-4	3-2	4-3	5-6	4-1	4-4	3-4
Bryce McNaul	32-29	61	DNP-I	DNP-I	3-1	1-2	6-2	3-1	6-4	6-7	2-4	4-2	0-5	1-1
Jordan Mabin	46-12	58	2-0	2-0	5-0	2-1	2-1	3-0	7-0	7-5	7-1	2-1	3-2	4-1
Vince Browne	33-24	57	0-1	3-2	6-1	4-0	3-1	0-0	3-2	1-1	4-6	1-3	4-5	4-2
Quentin Davie	30-26	56	4-3	0-3	4-6	2-0	1-0	4-1	2-1	0-3	1-3	3-1	6-5	3-0
Justan Vaughn	35-16	51	4-2	8-1	2-1	2-1	2-1	2-0	1-2	4-5	2-0	4-0	3-1	1-2
Hunter Bates	23-11	34	1-0	2-0	1-2	10-1	1-0	0-0	1-1	1-2	2-0	2-1	1-2	1-2
David Arnold	18-15	33	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	5-1	1-1	DNP	1-1	2-2	4-3	1-2	4-5
Jack DiNardo	19-11	30	5-0	2-0	1-2	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0	1-0	0-3	1-0	5-3	1-3
Jared Carpenter	13-13	26	3-2	3-1	DNP-I	DNP-I	1-1	0-2	2-1	2-3	0-1	DNP-I	2-2	0-0
David Nwabuisi	13-11	24	0-1	0-1	2-2	1-1	2-0	1-0	2-0	0-1	0-2	0-0	1-2	4-1
Kevin Watt	15-9	24	1-1	0-1	0-2	2-0	1-0	3-1	1-1	0-1	3-1	1-0	3-1	0-0
Ben Johnson	17-4	21	3-2	2-0	5-0	2-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	2-0	1-1	0-0	1-0	DNP-I
Corbin Bryant	14-7	21	0-0	1-0	2-1	2-0	1-0	2-1	1-1	0-2	1-0	1-1	1-1	2-0
Damien Proby	14-5	19	0-0	4-0	2-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	3-3	3-1
Quentin Williams	6-9	15	0-0	1-0	0-1	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-1	2-3	0-0	0-2	1-1
Jeravin Matthews	9-5	14	2-0	1-0	2-2	0-2	0-0	DNP-I	0-0	0-0	2-0	2-0	0-0	0-1
Mike Bolden	7-6	13	0-1	0-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	3-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	1-1
Brian Arnfelt	4-7	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-1	0-0	1-4	1-1
Tyler Scott	7-3	10	0-1	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	3-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-0
Demetrius Dugar	6-3	9	1-1	1-0	1-0	0-1	DNP-I	0-0	0-0	DNP	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-1
Mike Jensen	4-3	7	0-0	1-0	1-2	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0
Venric Mark	5-1	6	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0
Davion Fleming	3-2	5	0-0	0-0	1-1	2-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	DNP	DNP	0-0	DNP	DNP
Charles Brown	2-3	5	0-2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-1
Ricky Weina	3-2	5	DNP	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	DNP	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-2
Niko Mafuli	1-3	4	0-1	DNP-I	DNP-I	0-0	1-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0
Stefan Demos	3-0	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Tony Jones	3-0	3	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	2-0
Davon Custis	2-0	2	DNP	2-0	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Tim Riley	2-0	2	DNP	0-0	0-0	0-0	2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Stephen Simmons	2-0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Patrick Ward	2-0	2	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Keegan Grant	1-0	1	DNP-I	DNP-I	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Aaron Nagel	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Ben Burkett	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Drake Dunsmore	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0
Jeremy Ebert	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0
Will Studlien	1-0	1	DNP	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Timmy Vernon	1-0	1	DNP	1-0	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0
TEAM	1-0	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Anthony Battle	0-1	1	DNP	0-0	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Bo Cisek	0-1	1	DNP	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Will Hampton	0-1	1	DNP	0-0	0-1	DNP	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-0
Jacob Schmidt	0-1	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	0-0	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I	DNP-I
<b>Total</b>	<b>512-312</b>	<b>824</b>	<b>41-26</b>	<b>43-10</b>	<b>42-30</b>	<b>48-12</b>	<b>45-16</b>	<b>39-14</b>	<b>42-18</b>	<b>32-40</b>	<b>45-38</b>	<b>40-16</b>	<b>49-58</b>	<b>46-34</b>

## PUNTING

Brandon Williams	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
at Vanderbilt	5	212	42.4	59	0	0	3	0
Illinois State	4	167	41.8	48	0	2	1	0
at Rice	6	233	38.8	52	0	0	3	0
Central Michigan	4	146	36.5	42	0	0	2	0
at Minnesota	1	42	42.0	42	0	1	0	0
Purdue	6	248	41.3	52	2	1	2	0
Michigan State	5	191	38.2	50	0	3	2	0
at Indiana	6	226	37.7	50	0	2	3	0
at Penn State	5	183	36.6	53	0	2	0	0
Iowa	6	262	43.7	53	1	2	2	0
Illinois	4	181	45.2	61	1	1	1	0
at Wisconsin	4	170	42.5	48	0	4	1	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>2,261</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Team Totals</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>2,261</b>	<b>40.4</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>2,620</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>





# STARTERS AND SUPERLATIVES

## OFFENSE

Opponent	WR	WR/SB	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	WR	QB	RB
at Vanderbilt	D. Fields	Schmidt	Netter	Mulroe	Burkett	Bartels	Ward	Ebert	Stewart	Persa	A. Fields
Illinois State	D. Fields	Dunsmore	Netter	Mulroe	Burkett	Bartels	Ward	Ebert	Stewart	Persa	A. Fields
at Rice	D. Fields	Dunsmore	Netter	Mulroe	Burkett	Bartels	Ward	Ebert	Stewart	Persa	A. Fields
Central Michigan	D. Fields	Dunsmore	Netter	Mulroe	Burkett	Grant	Ward	Ebert	Stewart	Persa	A. Fields
at Minnesota	D. Fields	Dunsmore	Netter	Mulroe	Burkett	Grant	Ward	Ebert	Stewart	Persa	Schmidt
Purdue	D. Fields	Rooks	Netter	Mulroe	Burkett	Grant	Ward	Ebert	Stewart	Persa	Schmidt
Michigan State	D. Fields	Brown	Netter	Mulroe	Burkett	Grant	Ward	Ebert	Stewart	Persa	Schmidt
at Indiana	D. Fields	Rooks	Netter	Mulroe	Burkett	Grant	Ward	Ebert	Stewart	Persa	Trumpy
at Penn State	D. Fields	A. Smith	Netter	Mulroe	Burkett	Grant	Ward	Ebert	Stewart	Persa	Trumpy
Iowa	D. Fields	Dunsmore	Netter	Mulroe	Burkett	Grant	Ward	Ebert	Stewart	Persa	Trumpy
Illinois	D. Fields	Dunsmore	Netter	Mulroe	Burkett	Grant	Ward	Ebert	Stewart	Watkins	Trumpy
at Wisconsin	D. Fields	Dunsmore	Netter	Mulroe	Burkett	Grant	Ward	Ebert	Stewart	Watkins	Simmons

## DEFENSE

Opponent	LE	DT	DT	DE	OLB	MLB	OLB	CB	SS	FS	CB
at Vanderbilt	Watt	Bryant	DiNardo	Browne	Davie	N. Williams	Johnson	Mabin	Peters	Carpenter	Vaughn
Illinois State	Watt	Bryant	DiNardo	Browne	Davie	N. Williams	Johnson	Mabin	Peters	Carpenter	Vaughn
at Rice	Watt	Bryant	DiNardo	Browne	Davie	N. Williams	McNaul	Mabin	Peters	Bates	Vaughn
Central Michigan	Watt	Bryant	DiNardo	Browne	Davie	N. Williams	McNaul	Mabin	Peters	Bates	Vaughn
at Minnesota	Q. Williams	Bryant	DiNardo	Browne	Davie	N. Williams	McNaul	Mabin	Peters	Carpenter	Vaughn
Purdue	Q. Williams	Bryant	DiNardo	Browne	Davie	N. Williams	McNaul	Mabin	Peters	Carpenter	Vaughn
Michigan State	Q. Williams	Bryant	DiNardo	Watt	Davie	N. Williams	McNaul	Mabin	Peters	Carpenter	Vaughn
at Indiana	Watt	Bryant	DiNardo	Browne	Davie	N. Williams	McNaul	Mabin	Peters	Carpenter	Vaughn
at Penn State	Watt	Bryant	DiNardo	Browne	Davie	N. Williams	McNaul	Mabin	Peters	Carpenter	Vaughn
Iowa	Watt	Bryant	Arnfelt	Browne	Davie	N. Williams	McNaul	Mabin	Peters	Arnold	Vaughn
Illinois	Watt	Bryant	DiNardo	Browne	Davie	N. Williams	Proby	Mabin	Peters	Arnold	Vaughn
at Wisconsin	Watt	Bryant	DiNardo	Browne	Davie	N. Williams	McNaul	Mabin	Peters	Arnold	Vaughn

## NU/OPPONENT GAME HIGHS

Category	Northwestern	Opponent	Category	Northwestern	Opponent
Points.....	37 vs. Illinois State.....	70 by Wisconsin	Total Plays.....	83 vs. Purdue.....	84 by Illinois
First Downs.....	28 vs. CMU, Minnesota.....	29 by Wisconsin	Total Yards.....	486 at Minnesota.....	559 by Illinois, Wisconsin
Rushing Attempts.....	50 vs. Illinois State.....	70 by Illinois	Sacks by.....	3-24 vs. Illinois State.....	8-35 by Michigan State
				3-22 vs. Central Michigan	
Rushing Yards.....	183 vs. Illinois.....	519 by Illinois	Turnovers forced.....	4 vs. Illinois State, at Rice.....	7 by Wisconsin
Rushing Average.....	6.5 vs. Illinois.....	7.4 by Illinois	Penalties.....	11 vs. Central Michigan.....	9 by Vanderbilt, CMU
Passing Completions.....	32 vs. Iowa.....	30 by Rice and Michigan State	Penalty Yards.....	106 vs. Central Michigan.....	91 by Vanderbilt
Passing Attempts.....	43 vs. Iowa.....	52 by Rice	Interceptions by.....	3 vs. Illinois State.....	4 by Wisconsin
Passing Yards.....	318 vs. Iowa.....	352 by Michigan State	TD Rushes.....	3 vs. Illinois State and MSU.....	5 by Illinois, Wisconsin
TD Passes.....	3 at Vanderbilt.....	4 by Penn State, Wisconsin			

## NU/INDIVIDUAL GAME HIGHS

Category	Northwestern	Opponent
Points.....	18, Dan Persa (Michigan State).....	24, Montee Ball (Wisconsin)
Rushing Attempts.....	25, Dan Persa (Michigan State).....	33, Mikel Leshoure (Illinois)
Rushing Yards.....	129, Mike Trumpy (Illinois).....	330, Mikel Leshoure (Illinois)
Long Rush.....	80, Mike Trumpy (Illinois).....	70, Mikel Leshoure (Illinois)
Passing Completions.....	32, Dan Persa (Iowa).....	30, Ben Chappell (Indiana)
Passing Attempts.....	43, Dan Persa (Iowa).....	54, Ben Chappell (Indiana)
Passing Yards.....	318, Dan Persa (Iowa).....	347, Ryan Radcliff (Central Michigan)
Long Pass.....	50, Dan Persa (Illinois State).....	70, Ricky Stanzi (Iowa)
Receptions.....	11, Jeremy Ebert (Purdue).....	11, D. Belcher (Indiana)
Receiving Yards.....	124, Jeremy Ebert (Purdue).....	113, B.J. Cunningham (Michigan State)

# GAME ONE: VANDERBILT



SEPT. 4, 2010  
AT VANDERBILT STADIUM  
ATTENDANCE: 37,210

NORTHWESTERN 23  
VANDERBILT 21

Northwestern took an early lead over Vanderbilt, staving off several Commodore rally attempts before stuffing a late two-point conversion attempt to secure a 23-21 season-opening win on the road.

Junior **Dan Persa**, making the first start of his career, was 19-of-21 through the air for 222 yards and three touchdowns while adding a team-best 82 yards on 17 carries. He threw a two-yard TD pass to **Josh Rooks** with 4:39 left in the game that put the Wildcats up 23-15 following a fumbled snap on the extra point.

Vanderbilt roared back with a 33-yard touchdown run with 2:25 to play, but the snap on the two-point conversion sailed past the quarterback. Northwestern then ran out the clock on offense to preserve the victory, which moved head coach **Pat Fitzgerald** to a perfect 5-0 in season-opening games.

Northwestern went 80 yards on its opening drive, propelled by five Persa rushes covering 54 yards. **Stefan Demos** capped it with a 26-yard field goal for an early 3-0 lead. On the Wildcats' second drive, Persa found **Jeremy Ebert** with a 33-yard touchdown strike to make the lead 10-0 after one quarter.

The teams traded punts until Vanderbilt forced a Persa fumble at the VU 48-yard line late in the second quarter, sparking a 52-yard touchdown drive, though the extra point was missed. VU added a 30-yard field goal to end the half, making the score 10-9.

**Justan Vaughn** intercepted VU quarterback Larry Smith early in the third quarter. Persa then directed an eight-play, 54-yard drive capped with a nine-yard touchdown toss to **Drake Dunsmore** to extend the NU cushion to 17-9. Vanderbilt answered with a 36-yard touchdown pass to pull within 17-15 with 1:51 left in the third. The Wildcats stuffed a two-point conversion attempt to maintain its lead, setting up the exciting finish.

Ebert caught five balls for a career-best 99 yards and a score. Six other 'Cats had at least two catches. Defensively, **Nate Williams** made a game-high 12 tackles while **Brian Peters** added 11. **Ben Johnson** recorded five tackles including a sack and a pass breakup.



## SCORING SUMMARY

NORTHWESTERN	10	0	7	6	—	23
VANDERBILT	0	9	6	6	—	21

First Quarter: 8:47 NU—Demos 26 FG; 5:27 NU—Ebert 33 pass from Persa (Demos kick)

Second Quarter: 2:19 VU—Warren 4 run (kick failed); 0:00 VU—Fowler 30 FG

Third Quarter: 5:03 NU—Dunsmore 9 pass from Persa (Demos kick); 1:51 VU—Barden 36 pass from Smith (Smith rush failed)

Fourth Quarter: 4:39 NU—Rooks 2 pass from Persa (Team kick failed); 2:25 VU—Stacy 33 run (Smith rush failed)

## GAME STATISTICS

NU	VU
22.....	First Downs.....22
46.....	Rushing Attempts.....38
198.....	Yards Gained Rushing.....209
55.....	Yards Lost Rushing.....17
143.....	Net Yards Rushing.....192
222.....	Net Yards Passing.....240
21.....	Passes Attempted.....33
19.....	Passes Completed.....19
0.....	Had Intercepted.....1
67.....	Total Offensive Plays.....71
365.....	Total Net Yards.....432
4-1.....	Fumbles-Lost.....3-0
5-40.....	Penalties-Yards.....9-91
1-18-0.....	Interceptions-Yards-TD.....0-0-0
5-212.....	Punts-Yards.....6-198
42.4.....	Avg. Yard/Punt.....33.0
1-(-3)-0.....	Punt Return-Yards-TD.....1-(-1)-0
4-72-0.....	Kickoff Return-Yards-TD.....5-128-0
30:54.....	Possession Time.....29:06
4/13.....	Third-Down Conversions.....4/13
1-7.....	Sacks By-Yards.....3-28

### RUSHING:

NU—Persa 17-82  
VU—Stacy 9-69

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

#### PASSING:

NU—Persa 19-21-222-3  
VU—Smith 19-33-240-1

### RECEIVING:

NU—Ebert 5-99  
VU—Barden 4-63





# GAME TWO: ILLINOIS STATE



SEPT. 11, 2010  
AT RYAN FIELD  
ATTENDANCE: 25,471

ILLINOIS STATE 3  
NORTHWESTERN 37

Behind a 30-point first half and an effective afternoon from quarterback **Dan Persa**, Northwestern earned a 37-3 victory over Illinois State in its 2010 home opener at Ryan Field.

Persa completed 19-of-23 passes for 240 yards and two touchdowns in the air while adding 13 yards and a touchdown on the ground despite playing just three plays in the second half.

Nine different Wildcat receivers caught a pass on the afternoon, led by **Jeremy Ebert's** game-high 67 yards on three receptions. **Drake Dunsmore** matched a game-best with five catches for 30 yards and both of NU's touchdown receptions for the first multi-touchdown game of his career.

On the ground, it was **Arby Fields** leading the way, totalling a career-best 96 yards on 22 carries with a touchdown. **Mike Trumpy** recorded 15 yards on

seven carries and a touchdown in his Wildcat debut.

Dunsmore got the Wildcats on the board first, hauling in a four-yard pass from Persa to cap a 15-play, 89-yard drive midway through the first quarter. The Redbirds answered with a scoring drive, converting a 23-yard field goal to cut the deficit to 7-3.

But that was as close as Illinois State would get as Northwestern reeled off the game's final 30 points, including 23 in the opening half. Persa scrambled for a one-yard touchdown run to give NU a 14-3 lead after the first quarter, followed by a 39-yard field goal from **Stefan Demos** to put the 'Cats up 17-3.

The Wildcats then struck twice within the final two minutes of the opening half with Fields pushing in a one-yard touchdown run with 1:51 remaining, followed by a five-yard TD reception for Dunsmore with 10 seconds left in the half after a **Quentin Davie** interception. Trumpy would add a one-yard TD run late in the fourth quarter.

Defensively, Davie paced the Wildcats with three tackles and a pair of interceptions, becoming the first Northwestern player to have two interceptions in the same game since Herschel Henderson at Michigan State in 2005. NU forced four total turnovers.

## SCORING SUMMARY

ILLINOIS STATE	3	0	0	0	—	3
NORTHWESTERN	14	16	0	7	—	37

**First Quarter:** 7:56 NU—Dunsmore 4 pass from Persa (Demos kick); 4:01 ISU—Fetzer 23 FG; 1:21 NU—Persa 1 run (Demos kick)

**Second Quarter:** 11:06 NU—Demos 39 FG; 1:51 NU—A. Fields 1 run (Demos kick); 0:10 NU—Dunsmore 5 pass from Persa (Demos kick failed)

**Fourth Quarter:** 4:31 NU—Trumpy 1 run (Budzien kick)

## GAME STATISTICS

ISU	NU
12.....	First Downs.....21
30.....	Rushing Attempts.....50
129.....	Yards Gained Rushing.....170
37.....	Yards Lost Rushing.....7
92.....	Net Yards Rushing.....163
171.....	Net Yards Passing.....271
32.....	Passes Attempted.....27
18.....	Passes Completed.....21
3.....	Had Intercepted.....0
62.....	Total Offensive Plays.....77
263.....	Total Net Yards.....434
1-1.....	Fumbles-Lost.....1-1
4-25.....	Penalties-Yards.....6-50
0-0-0.....	Interceptions-Yards-TD.....3-62-0
6-243.....	Punts-Yards.....4-167
40.5.....	Avg. Yard/Punt.....41.8
1-9-0.....	Punt Return-Yards-TD.....3-14-0
6-124-0.....	Kickoff Return-Yards-TD.....2-39-0
26:16.....	Possession Time.....33:44
5/15.....	Third-Down Conversions.....6/14

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

**RUSHING:**  
ISU—Leggett 6-39  
NU—A. Fields 22-96

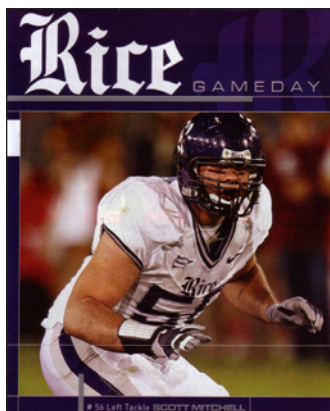
**PASSING:**  
ISU—Brown 13-22-138-0  
NU—Persa 19-23-240-2

**RECEIVING:**  
ISU—Walker 5-58  
NU—Dunsmore 5-30





# GAME THREE: RICE



SEPT. 18, 2010  
AT RICE STADIUM  
ATTENDANCE: 15,562

NORTHWESTERN 30  
RICE 13

**Dan Persa** completed a career-best 24 passes for a career-high 307 yards at Rice, complementing a Wildcat defense that did not allow a touchdown until the game's final minute in a 30-13 Northwestern win.

Persa threw for one touchdown and ran for another without turning the ball over in helping NU win for the 10th time in its last 13 road games.

NU took the opening kickoff and drove 49 yards down the field before a 42-yard **Stefan Demos** field goal gave the Wildcats the first lead of the game, 3-0.

Both teams traded punts until early in the second quarter when **Corbin Bryant** forced a Rice fumble, which was recovered by **Jack DiNardo**. Persa led Northwestern down to the Owls' 10-yard line on the ensuing drive, but a sack and a penalty on the Wildcats stalled the drive and led to a 28-yard field goal from Demos.

Later in the quarter, **Quentin Davie** stepped in front of a Rice pass and returned it 11 yards for a Northwestern touchdown and a 13-0 Wildcat lead. Rice answered with an 11-play drive to end the half, kicking a 31-yard field goal as time expired to go into the locker room with the score 13-3. **Hunter Bates** returned an Owl punt to open the second half 33 yards to the home team's 27-yard line. On the next play, Persa found **Jeremy Ebert** for a 27-yard touchdown to extend the Wildcats' lead to 20-3.

Rice again answered, this time with a 24-yard field goal. The 'Cats fought right back with Persa directing a 12-play, 74-yard drive spanning 5:39 before scampering 18-yards to paydirt to give the Wildcats a 27-6 advantage with 4:07 left in the third.

In the fourth quarter, Demos tacked on a 21-yard field goal with 7:48 left to push the score to 30-6. Rice added a late touchdown to account for the final 30-13 score.

Defensively, Davie led NU with 10 total tackles—including two behind the line of scrimmage—to go along with his pick-six interception return. Defensive end **Vince Browne** finished with seven tackles (six solo), three tackles for loss and a forced fumble.



## SCORING SUMMARY

NORTHWESTERN	3	10	14	3	—	30
RICE	0	3	3	7	—	13

First Quarter: 11:25 NU—Demos 42 FG

Second Quarter: 5:32 NU—Demos 28 FG; 3:44 NU—Davie 11 INT return (Demos kick); 0:00 RICE—Boswell 31 FG

Third Quarter: 13:47 NU—Ebert 27 pass from Persa (Demos kick); 9:46 RICE—Boswell 24 FG; 4:07 NU—Persa 18 run (Demos kick)

Fourth Quarter: 7:48 NU—Demos 21 FG; 0:14 RICE—Petersen 10 run (Boswell kick)

## GAME STATISTICS

NU	RICE
22.....	First Downs.....20
45.....	Rushing Attempts.....23
170.....	Yards Gained Rushing.....119
26.....	Yards Lost Rushing.....33
144.....	Net Yards Rushing.....86
307.....	Net Yards Passing.....291
33.....	Passes Attempted.....52
24.....	Passes Completed.....30
0.....	Had Intercepted.....2
78.....	Total Offensive Plays.....75
451.....	Total Net Yards.....377
2-1.....	Fumbles-Lost.....2-2
6-60.....	Penalties-Yards.....5-32
2-13-1.....	Interceptions-Yards-TD.....0-0-0
6-233.....	Punts-Yards.....7-335
38.8.....	Avg. Yard/Punt.....40.3
2-33-0.....	Punt Return-Yards-TD.....1-1-0
2-43-0.....	Kickoff Return-Yards-TD.....7-127-0
34:05.....	Possession Time.....25:55
8/17.....	Third-Down Conversions.....6/16
2-11.....	Sacks By-Yards.....3-17

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING:  
NU—A. Fields 17-55

RICE—Ross 3-31

PASSING:  
NU—Persa 24-32-307-1

RICE—Fanuzzi 20-34-211-0

RECEIVING:  
NU—Dunsmore 6-87

D. Fields 6-55  
RICE—McGuffie 7-48





# GAME FOUR: CENTRAL MICHIGAN



SEPT. 25, 2010  
AT RYAN FIELD  
ATTENDANCE: 30,075

CENTRAL MICHIGAN 25  
NORTHWESTERN 30

Northwestern used a strong third quarter to open up a 30-13 lead on Central Michigan, then held off a late Chippewa rally to capture a 30-25 victory.

**Dan Persa** completed 23-of-30 passes for 280 yards and a pair of touchdowns while also racking up 43 yards on the ground. **Jeremy Ebert** caught both of Persa's touchdown strikes, finishing with five receptions for 83 yards.

**Mike Trumpy** set personal bests with 12 rushes for a game-high 53 yards. **Jacob Schmidt** had six carries for 32 yards and a pair of touchdowns, marking the first multi-touchdown game of his career.

NU scored first as Persa connected on a 24-yard pass to Ebert with just over four minutes left in the first quarter, but the PAT was blocked. CMU responded right away, covering 74 yards in five plays for a touchdown, but that extra point was blocked by

**Jack DiNardo** for the first of two blocked kicks for him and three on the day for the 'Cats.

Schmidt capped an eight-play, 77-yard drive with a one-yard TD scamper, putting NU back on top, 13-6, in the second quarter. Again the Chippewas answered, connecting on a 16-yard TD pass with 1:15 to play to knot the score at 13 at the intermission.

Northwestern took control in the third quarter, getting a 27-yard field goal by **Stefan Demos** and a 25-yard Persa-to-Ebert touchdown strike one play after a **Quentin Williams** interception to net the 'Cats 10 points in 16 seconds and a 23-13 advantage.

Schmidt would punch in a 13-yard touchdown run, the longest rush of his career, on the first play of the fourth quarter to extend NU's lead to 30-13. But Central Michigan rallied, scoring twice in the closing quarter to cut the gap to five at 30-25 before **Drake Dunsmore** sealed the win by recovering an onside kick.

**David Nwabuisi** recorded his first career interception and **Quentin Davie** forced a fumble that was recovered by **Corbin Bryant** to account for NU's other two takeaways. **Hunter Bates** led the way for the Wildcats with 11 tackles, including one for loss.

## SCORING SUMMARY

CENTRAL MICHIGAN	6	7	0	12	—	25
NORTHWESTERN	6	7	10	7	—	30

**First Quarter:** 4:53 NU—Ebert 24 pass from Persa (kick blocked); 2:48 CMU—Wilson 31 run (kick blocked)  
**Second Quarter:** 7:23 NU—Schmidt 1 run (Demos kick); 1:15 CMU—Volny 16 pass from Radcliff (Harman kick)  
**Third Quarter:** 9:20 NU—Demos 27 FG; 9:04 NU—Ebert 25 pass from Persa (Demos kick)  
**Fourth Quarter:** 14:54 NU—Schmidt 13 run (Demos kick); 7:36 CMU—Volny 2 run (kick blocked); 1:11 CMU—Poblah 25 pass from Radcliff (Radcliff pass failed)

## GAME STATISTICS

CMU	NU
24.....	First Downs.....28
23.....	Rushing Attempts.....47
106.....	Yards Gained Rushing.....164
30.....	Yards Lost Rushing.....15
76.....	Net Yards Rushing.....149
347.....	Net Yards Passing.....280
43.....	Passes Attempted.....30
29.....	Passes Completed.....23
2.....	Had Intercepted.....1
66.....	Total Offensive Plays.....77
423.....	Total Net Yards.....429
1-1.....	Fumbles-Lost.....1-1
9-90.....	Penalties-Yards.....11-106
1-7-0.....	Interceptions-Yards-TD.....2-6-0
4-122.....	Punts-Yards.....4-146
30.5.....	Avg. Yard/Punt.....36.5
2-11-0.....	Punt Return-Yards-TD.....0-0-0
5-96-0.....	Kickoff Return-Yards-TD.....3-71-0
25:48.....	Possession Time.....34:12
2/10.....	Third-Down Conversions.....11/17
4-12.....	Sacks By-Yards.....3-22

### RUSHING:

CMU—Wilson 3-42  
NU—Trumpy 12-53

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

#### PASSING:

CMU—Radcliff 29-43-347-2  
NU—Persa 23-30-280-2

### RECEIVING:

CMU—Poblah 6-89  
NU—Ebert 5-83





# GAME FIVE: MINNESOTA



OCT. 2, 2010  
AT TCF BANK STADIUM  
ATTENDANCE: 49,228

NORTHWESTERN 29  
MINNESOTA 28

Trailing by eight early in the fourth quarter, Northwestern scored the last nine points of the game—including a go-ahead field goal by **Stefan Demos** with 2:07 remaining—to down Minnesota, 29-28. NU quarterback **Dan Persa** threw for 309 yards and two touchdowns in leading the 'Cats to their eighth-straight regular-season victory.

Persa began Northwestern's comeback by orchestrating a seven-play 68-yard drive that culminated in a tremendous 25-yard touchdown pass to **Jeremy Ebert**, who won a jump-ball in the end zone.

After the Wildcat defense forced a three-and-out on the Gophers' ensuing possession, NU got the ball back on its own 34-yard line with 7:36 to play. Persa converted a third down with a 22-yard scamper before an 11-yard rush to the Minnesota 13. Three plays later, Demos punched home a 27-yard field goal

to put NU on top, 29-28. **Ben Johnson** then iced the Wildcat win with an interception. NU got the Big Ten season off to an auspicious start early in the game. After forcing a punt on Minnesota's opening possession, Northwestern struck paydirt on its fourth play from scrimmage. Persa hit true freshman **Tony Jones**—on the first play of Jones' college football career—for a 45-yard touchdown pass to put NU up early, 7-0.

Minnesota knotted the game after a Northwestern fumble, but the Wildcats came right back, going ahead 14-7 at the midway point of the first quarter on a 12-yard option run by **Mike Trumpy**. An eight-yard halfback pass touchdown for Minnesota again tied the score, 14-14, in the second quarter. The Gophers turned NU over on downs on the next drive, then punched in a go-ahead touchdown to take a 21-14 lead into halftime.

Northwestern took the opening drive of the second half 74 yards on 12 plays, capping things with a **Jacob Schmidt** one-yard touchdown run. Demos' extra point attempt sailed wide left, though, leaving the Wildcats trailing by a point, 21-20. A Minnesota touchdown early in the fourth quarter set up the game's final flurry.

## SCORING SUMMARY

NORTHWESTERN	14	0	6	9	—	29
MINNESOTA	7	14	0	7	—	28

**First Quarter:** 12:11 NU—T. Jones 45 pass from Persa (Demos kick); 9:31 MINN—Bennett 38 pass from Weber (Ellestad kick); 7:49 NU—Trumpy 5 run (Demos kick)

**Second Quarter:** 7:30 MINN—Lair 8 pass from Bennett (Ellestad kick); 0:59 MINN—Eskridge 4 run (Ellestad kick)

**Third Quarter:** 11:14 NU—Schmidt 1 run (kick failed)

**Fourth Quarter:** 12:15 MINN—Lair 25 pass from Weber (Ellestad kick); 8:17 NU—Ebert 25 pass from Persa (Persa pass failed); 2:07 NU—Demos 27 FG

## GAME STATISTICS

NU		MINN
28	First Downs	19
43	Rushing Attempts	37
190	Yards Gained Rushing	180
13	Yards Lost Rushing	15
177	Net Yards Rushing	165
309	Net Yards Passing	202
30	Passes Attempted	24
23	Passes Completed	15
1	Had Intercepted	1
73	Total Offensive Plays	61
486	Total Net Yards	367
3-2	Fumbles-Lost	1-0
10-79	Penalties-Yards	6-70
1-9-0	Interceptions-Yards-TD	1-7-0
1-42	Punts-Yards	6-208
42.0	Avg. Yard/Punt	34.7
0-0-0	Punt Return-Yards-TD	0-0-0
2-47-0	Kickoff Return-Yards-TD	5-78-0
29:41	Possession Time	30:19
8/11	Third-Down Conversions	3/11
1-3	Sacks By-Yards	1-3

### RUSHING:

NU—Persa 18-99  
MINN—Eskridge 22-119

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

**PASSING:**  
NU—Persa 23-30-309-2  
MINN—Weber 14-23-194-2

### RECEIVING:

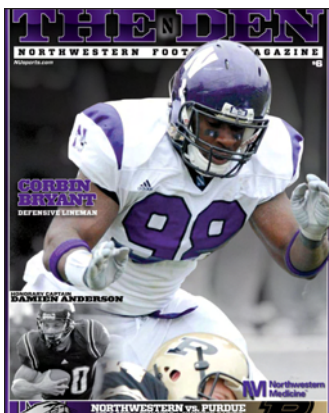
NU—Ebert 7-105  
MINN—McKnight 4-50







# GAME SIX: PURDUE



OCT. 9, 2010

AT RYAN FIELD

ATTENDANCE: 33,847

PURDUE  
NORTHWESTERN

20  
17

Northwestern held a 17-10 lead over Purdue early in the third quarter, but 10 unanswered points down the stretch by the Boilermakers proved to be the difference as Purdue downed Northwestern 20-17, handing the Wildcats their first loss of the season.

**Dan Persa** finished 30-of-41 on the night for 305 yards through the air. **Jeremy Ebert** caught 11 of Persa's passes for 124 yards, both of which were career-bests. **Jacob Schmidt** was Northwestern's leading rusher on the night, racking up 32 yards on 12 carries and a touchdown. Mike Trumpy added 23 yards on nine carries.

It would prove to be a battle of each team's strengths on the night, as Northwestern held a 305-47 edge in passing yards, but Purdue dominated the Wildcats on the ground, out-rushing Northwestern 232-84, led by 132 yards by quarterback Rob Henry.

NU got on the board first with Schmidt finding the endzone on a two-yard plunge, capping a 13-play, 80-yard drive that burned just under six minutes off the first half clock.

Purdue responded with 10 straight points in the second as Henry rushed for 67 yards to the Wildcat nine-yard line, setting up his own one-yard touchdown run three plays later. Carson Wiggs then added a 36-yard field goal, but Northwestern would respond just before the end of the half with a season-long 46-yard field goal from **Stefan Demos** as the teams went into the locker rooms knotted, 10-10.

Northwestern took the opening drive of the second half down the field with Persa converting a five-yard touchdown run to reclaim the lead 17-10. A 40-yard field goal by Wiggs cut the lead to four at 17-13 heading into the fourth quarter.

Following a number of defensive stands, Purdue put together a 14-play, 75-yard drive that spanned 4:19 late in the fourth quarter, capped by a seven-yard touchdown run on fourth and inches that gave Purdue the lead for good with 3:56 to play. Northwestern was able to drive the length of the field, but a blocked field goal and a second miss sealed the victory for the Boilermakers in their Big Ten opener.

## SCORING SUMMARY

PURDUE	0	10	3	7	—	20
NORTHWESTERN	7	3	7	0	—	17

First Quarter: 0:57 NU—Schmidt 2 run (Demos kick)

Second Quarter: 13:46 PUR—Henry 1 run (Wiggs kick); 4:52 PUR—Wiggs 36 FG; 0:41 NU—Demos 46 FG

Third Quarter: 10:47 NU—Persa 5 run (Demos kick); 3:56 PUR—Wiggs 40 FG

Fourth Quarter: 3:54 PUR—Dierking 7 run (Wiggs kick)

## GAME STATISTICS

PUR	NU
13.....	First Downs.....23
42.....	Rushing Attempts.....42
255.....	Yards Gained Rushing.....120
23.....	Yards Lost Rushing.....36
232.....	Net Yards Rushing.....84
47.....	Net Yards Passing.....205
18.....	Passes Attempted.....41
6.....	Passes Completed.....30
1.....	Had Intercepted.....0
60.....	Total Offensive Plays.....83
279.....	Total Net Yards.....389
0-0.....	Fumbles-Lost.....3-1
6-44.....	Penalties-Yards.....8-60
0-0-0.....	Interceptions-Yards-TD.....1-0-0
6-286.....	Punts-Yards.....6-248
47.7.....	Avg. Yard/Punt.....41.3
1-2-0.....	Punt Return-Yards-TD.....3-0-0
3-40-0.....	Kickoff Return-Yards-TD.....4-94-0
25:56.....	Possession Time.....34:04
3/13.....	Third-Down Conversions.....8/18
5-27.....	Sacks By-Yards.....0-0

### RUSHING:

PUR—Henry 16-132  
NU—Schmidt 12-32

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

#### PASSING:

PUR—Henry 6-18-47-0  
NU—Persa 30-41-305-0

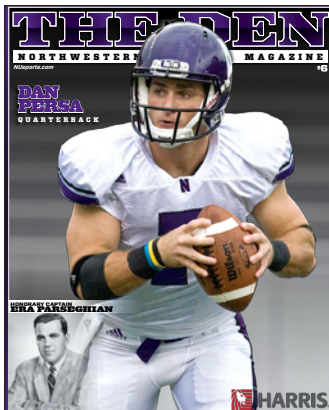
### RECEIVING:

PUR—Ross 2-18  
NU—Ebert 11-124





# GAME SEVEN: MICHIGAN STATE



OCT. 23, 2010

AT RYAN FIELD

ATTENDANCE: 41,115

MICHIGAN STATE  
NORTHWESTERN

35  
27

For three quarters, Northwestern appeared in position to hand eighth-ranked Michigan State its first loss of the year, but three fourth-quarter touchdowns by the Spartans thwarted the Wildcats' upset bid as Michigan State escaped Ryan Field with a 35-27 win.

**Dan Persa** accounted for 233 of Northwestern's 385 yards, finishing 18-of-29 with 187 yards in the air while adding 46 yards and a career-best three touchdowns on the ground. Persa connected with seven different Wildcat receivers on the day, led by **Sidney Stewart's** six receptions for 82 yards. On the ground, **Mike Trumpy** led Northwestern with 50 yards on 10 carries. **Adonis Smith** had 10 rushes for 44 yards.

On a soggy Ryan Field turf, Northwestern took the early advantage as Persa converted on a three-yard scamper with 5:11 remaining in the first quarter, capping a 10-play, 72-yard drive. After holding Michigan State to a three-and-out, the Wildcats were poised to take a 14-0 lead when **Jacob Schmidt** fumbled at the one-yard line and Michigan State recovered.

Despite the missed opportunity, the Wildcats would extend their lead to 17-0 in the second quarter behind a 37-yard field goal by **Stefan Demos** and a one-yard rush by Persa with 6:07 remaining in the half. Michigan State would answer with a 7-yard touchdown with 2:49 left on the clock, cutting Northwestern's halftime advantage to 17-7.

MSU went 48 yards in three plays on its first possession of the second half to pull within three points. Persa made it 24-14 with a six-yard touchdown run with 2:50 to go in the quarter. MSU assumed control in the fourth, using a fake punt to keep the drive alive before a 15-yard TD pass trimmed the lead to 24-21 with 13:12 remaining. Demos then connected on a 41-yard field goal to give the Wildcats a 27-21 advantage with 9:47 to play.

The Spartans took their first lead of the game with two minutes remaining, putting together an 11-play, 88-yard drive that burned over five minutes off the game clock before adding an insurance touchdown to account for the final 35-27 score.

## SCORING SUMMARY

MICHIGAN STATE	0	7	7	21	—	35
NORTHWESTERN	7	10	7	3	—	27

First Quarter: 5:11 NU—Persa 3 run (Demos kick)

Second Quarter: 12:42 NU—Demos 37 FG; 6:07 NU—Persa 1 run (Demos kick); 2:49 MSU—Dell 7 pass from Cousins (Conroy kick)

Third Quarter: 11:56 MSU—Fowler 22 run (Conroy kick); 2:50 NU—Persa 6 run (Demos kick)

Fourth Quarter: 13:12 MSU—Dell 15 pass from Cousins (Conroy kick); 9:47 NU—Demos 41 FG; 2:00 MSU—Cunningham 9 pass from Cousins (Conroy kick); 1:07 MSU—Baker 25 run (Conroy kick)

## GAME STATISTICS

MSU	NU
24.....	First Downs.....22
26.....	Rushing Attempts.....47
127.....	Yards Gained Rushing.....208
22.....	Yards Lost Rushing.....38
105.....	Net Yards Rushing.....170
352.....	Net Yards Passing.....215
44.....	Passes Attempted.....30
30.....	Passes Completed.....19
0.....	Had Intercepted.....1
70.....	Total Offensive Plays.....77
457.....	Total Net Yards.....385
2-1.....	Fumbles-Lost.....2-1
4-30.....	Penalties-Yards.....6-66
1-16-0.....	Interceptions-Yards-TD.....0-0-0
6-258.....	Punts-Yards.....5-191
43.0.....	Avg. Yard/Punt.....38.2
1-3-0.....	Punt Return-Yards-TD.....3-40-0
3-70-0.....	Kickoff Return-Yards-TD.....3-63-0
30:44.....	Possession Time.....29:16
5/14.....	Third-Down Conversions.....8/16
8-35.....	Sacks By-Yards.....2-18

## RUSHING:

MSU—Baker 10-73  
NU—Trumpy 10-50

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

### PASSING:

MSU—Cousins 29-43-329-3  
NU—Persa 18-29-187-0

## RECEIVING:

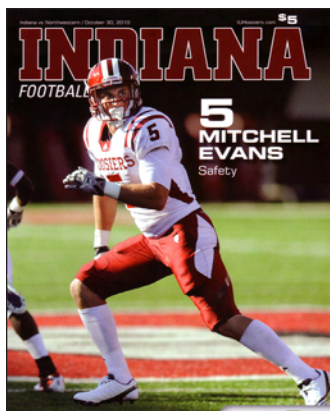
MSU—Dell 9-109  
NU—Stewart 6-82







# GAME EIGHT: INDIANA



OCT. 30, 2010  
AT MEMORIAL STADIUM  
ATTENDANCE: 37,818

NORTHWESTERN 20  
INDIANA 17

Northwestern became bowl eligible for the fourth-straight season, knocking off Indiana, 20-17. Junior **Jeremy Ebert** caught two touchdowns and redshirt freshman **Mike Trumpy** had a career day with 110 rushing yards and 54 receiving yards in leading NU to its sixth consecutive road win.

After being locked in a 10-10 tie at halftime, NU scored 10 straight points in the second half before Indiana posted a last-minute touchdown to narrow the deficit to three. The last seven games in the Northwestern-Indiana series have been decided by a combined total of 26 points (3.7 points per game).

The home team began the game's scoring with a lightning-quick opening drive that Northwestern stalled inside the 10-yard line to force a short field goal. After being shut out in the first quarter for the first time all year, the Wildcats jumped ahead early in

the second when **Dan Persa** made a Fran Tarkenton-esque scramble before finding Ebert for an 11-yard touchdown strike to put NU on top, 7-3.

Later in the second quarter, Indiana scored on a Ben Chappell 5-yard scramble with 48 seconds to go in the half. Northwestern responded, helped by a terrific Persa scramble-and-throw to Trumpy for 38 yards before a one-handed **Demetrius Fields** snag for 23 yards set up a chip-shot **Stefan Demos** field goal to knot the score, 10-10, at the half.

Northwestern drove well on its first second-half drive before a holding penalty caused a third-and-15 from the IU 30-yard line. Persa then found Ebert at the back of the end zone for a 30-yard TD pass to put NU ahead, 17-10. Early in the fourth, **Kevin Watt** blocked a punt to set NU up on its own 26-yard line. After Persa was shaken up on a scramble near midfield, redshirt freshman **Evan Watkins** stepped in and converted a third-and-11 pass to Ebert to keep possession. The drive eventually stalled, but Demos stepped up and nailed a 45-yard field goal to put NU up by two scores, 20-10, with 6:51 to go. Indiana added a TD with 44 seconds left to make the final score 20-17.

## SCORING SUMMARY

NORTHWESTERN	0	10	7	3	—	20
INDIANA	3	7	0	7	—	17

First Quarter: 10:21 IND—Ewald 23 FG

Second Quarter: 13:46 NU—Ebert 11 pass from Persa (Demos kick); 0:48 IU—Chappell 5 run (Ewald kick); 0:00 NU—Demos 23 FG

Third Quarter: 8:30 NU—Ebert 30 pass from Persa (Demos kick)

Fourth Quarter: 6:51 NU—Demos 45 FG; 0:44 IND—Wilson 39 pass from Chappell (Ewald kick)

## GAME STATISTICS

NU	IND
20.....	First Downs.....23
42.....	Rushing Attempts.....21
179.....	Yards Gained Rushing.....71
24.....	Yards Lost Rushing.....6
155.....	Net Yards Rushing.....65
225.....	Net Yards Passing.....308
30.....	Passes Attempted.....54
19.....	Passes Completed.....30
0.....	Had Intercepted.....1
72.....	Total Offensive Plays.....75
380.....	Total Net Yards.....373
1-0.....	Fumbles-Lost.....0-0
8-69.....	Penalties-Yards.....5-38
1-13-0.....	Interceptions-Yards-TD.....0-0-0
6-226.....	Punts-Yards.....6-255
37.7.....	Avg. Yard/Punt.....42.5
2-17-0.....	Punt Return-Yards-TD.....1-9-0
3-68-0.....	Kickoff Return-Yards-TD.....2-45-0
30:06.....	Possession Time.....29:54
10/18.....	Third-Down Conversions.....6/16
0-0.....	Sacks By-Yards.....2-13

### RUSHING:

NU—Trumpy 21-110  
IND—Burgess 8-37

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

#### PASSING:

NU—Persa 18-28-212-2  
IND—Chappell 30-54-308-1

### RECEIVING:

NU—Ebert 5-98  
IND—Belcher 11-87





# GAME NINE: PENN STATE



Nov. 6, 2010

AT BEAVER STADIUM

ATTENDANCE: 104,147

NORTHWESTERN 21  
PENN STATE 35

Northwestern quarterback **Dan Persa** threw for a score and ran for two more in his return to his native Pennsylvania, leading NU to a 21-0 first-half lead over Penn State. But the Nittany Lions surged back in the second half, eventually posting a 35-21 victory over Northwestern at Beaver Stadium.

On the first play from scrimmage, Persa ripped off a Northwestern-season-long 31-yard rush to kick-start a seven-play, 74-yard drive that culminated in a six-yard touchdown rush for Persa. The NU defense turned PSU over twice in the first quarter, once on downs and again when **Hunter Bates** forced a fumble on a safety blitz that **Quentin Davie** recovered.

Early in the second quarter, Persa directed another drive mixing his arm with his feet before scampering four yards for his second rushing score of the day. **Stefan Demos**' extra point made it 14-0 with

9:25 to go in the half. Penn State had a shot at scoring when it took over at NU's 41 late the stanza, but the 'Cat defense forced a 51-yard field goal attempt that fell well short.

On the ensuing drive Persa found **Drake Dunsmore** in the back of the end zone for a nine-yard touchdown pass, making it 21-0. Dunsmore made a one-handed grab of the ball and kept a foot inbounds to complete a spectacular score, his fourth of the season. Penn State responded, driving 91 yards in 47 seconds to pull within 21-7 at the half.

Penn State then came out in the second half a completely different team, scoring touchdowns on its first four possessions while holding Northwestern to just one first down while blasting out to a 35-21 lead with 11:38 to go in the fourth quarter.

Northwestern then punched back, moving down the field on several long completions, but the drive died inside the 10-yard line where NU turned it over on downs.

Individually, wide receiver **Jeremy Ebert** led NU with 111 yards through the air, his third 100-yard receiving game of the year. On the other side of the ball, **Nate Williams** and **Brian Peters** each totaled 11 tackles.



## SCORING SUMMARY

NORTHWESTERN	7	14	0	0	—	21
PENN STATE	0	7	21	7	—	35

First Quarter: 12:07 NU—Persa 6 run (Demos kick)

Second Quarter: 9:25 NU—Persa 4 run (Demos kick); 0:56 NU—Dunsmore 7 pass from Persa (Demos kick); 0:03 PSU—Brackett 7 pass from McGloin (Wagner kick)

Third Quarter: 9:03 PSU—Cadogan 3 pass from McGloin (Wagner kick); 5:43 PSU—Moye 36 pass from McGloin (Wagner kick); 1:31 PSU—Redd 4 run (Wagner kick)

Fourth Quarter: 11:38 PSU—Royster 13 pass from McGloin (Wagner kick)

## GAME STATISTICS

NU	PSU
20.....	First Downs.....28
43.....	Rushing Attempts.....46
202.....	Yards Gained Rushing.....301
34.....	Yards Lost Rushing.....41
168.....	Net Yards Rushing.....260
201.....	Net Yards Passing.....268
25.....	Passes Attempted.....34
16.....	Passes Completed.....21
0.....	Had Intercepted.....0
68.....	Total Offensive Plays.....80
369.....	Total Net Yards.....528
1-0.....	Fumbles-Lost.....1-1
4-40.....	Penalties-Yards.....6-59
0-0-0.....	Interceptions-Yards-TD.....0-0-0
5-183.....	Punts-Yards.....3-110
36.6.....	Avg. Yard/Punt.....36.7
0-0-0.....	Punt Return-Yards-TD.....2-10-0
4-65-0.....	Kickoff Return-Yards-TD.....4-67-0
26:23.....	Possession Time.....33:37
6/14.....	Third-Down Conversions.....9/16
2-28.....	Sacks By-Yards.....4-24

## RUSHING:

NU—Persa 25-109  
PSU—Royster 25-134

## INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

### PASSING:

NU—Persa 16-25-201-1  
PSU—McGloin 18-29-225-4

## RECEIVING:

NU—Ebert 6-111  
PSU—Suhey 6-67





# GAME 10: IOWA



NOV. 13, 2010

AT RYAN FIELD

ATTENDANCE: 47,130

IOWA  
NORTHWESTERN

17  
21

Trailing by 10 points heading into the fourth quarter, Northwestern put together a pair of long scoring drives, including the game-winning touchdown pass from **Dan Persa** to **Demetrius Fields** with 1:22 remaining, to upset 13th-ranked Iowa 21-17 on Senior Day at Ryan Field.

Persa completed 32 of his 43 passing attempts to eight different receivers for 318 yards and two scores, complemented by 50 yards rushing on 18 attempts with another touchdown. **Drake Dunsmore** hauled in eight catches for 65 yards while **Jeremy Ebert** added six receptions for 60 yards and a touchdown.

Persa's two-yard touchdown scamper capped an 11-play, 62-yard drive that covered nearly five and a half minutes in the opening quarter. On the drive, Persa completed all three of his pass attempts for 35 yards while also picking up 23 yards on the ground,

including an 11-yard scramble on third and seven to get inside the 10-yard line.

Iowa was able to get on the board right before the half, converting a 32-yard field goal with 24 seconds remaining to trim the Northwestern lead to 7-3. The Hawkeyes then took the lead, 17-7, with back-to-back touchdown drives in the third quarter.

Northwestern found life in the fourth quarter after **Brian Peters** intercepted Stanzi inside the redzone, giving the Wildcats the ball at their own 15-yard line. Persa then led Northwestern down the field, putting together a 13-play, 85-yard drive capped by a six-yard touchdown pass to Ebert, cutting the deficit to three at 17-14 with 6:21 remaining.

Later, pinned back at its own nine-yard line, Persa once again led a Wildcat drive downfield, covering 91 yards in 11 plays and connecting with Fields for the 20-yard touchdown pass with 82 seconds remaining to give Northwestern the lead 21-17.

Iowa put together one final drive, moving into NU territory to the 39-yard line. But a key sack by **Vince Browne** on third down forced the Hawkeyes into a fourth-and-16, and Stanzi's heave into the endzone fell incomplete to seal the Wildcat victory.

## SCORING SUMMARY

IOWA	0	3	14	0	—	17
NORTHWESTERN	7	0	0	14	—	21

First Quarter: 7:37 NU—Persa 2 run (Demos kick)

Second Quarter: 0:24 IOWA—Meyer 32 FG

Third Quarter: 9:59 IOWA—McNutt 5 pass from Stanzi (Meyer kick); 6:01 IOWA—Johnson-Koulianos 70 pass from Stanzi (Meyer kick)

Fourth Quarter: 6:21 NU—Ebert 6 pass from Persa (Demos kick); 1:22 NU—D. Fields 20 pass from Persa (Demos kick)

## GAME STATISTICS

IOWA	NU
17.....	First Downs.....26
28.....	Rushing Attempts.....39
130.....	Yards Gained Rushing.....136
29.....	Yards Lost Rushing.....35
101.....	Net Yards Rushing.....101
270.....	Net Yards Passing.....318
43.....	Passes Attempted.....43
23.....	Passes Completed.....32
1.....	Had Intercepted.....1
71.....	Total Offensive Plays.....82
371.....	Total Net Yards.....419
2-0.....	Fumbles-Lost.....0-0
6-39.....	Penalties-Yards.....6-62
1-4-0.....	Interceptions-Yards-TD.....1-25-0
7-300.....	Punts-Yards.....6-262
42.9.....	Avg. Yard/Punt.....43.7
2-(-1)-0.....	Punt Return-Yards-TD.....0-0-0
0-0-0.....	Kickoff Return-Yards-TD.....0-0-0
28:51.....	Possession Time.....31:09
2/14.....	Third-Down Conversions.....9/16
4-28.....	Sacks By-Yards.....3-21

### RUSHING:

IOWA—Robinson 22-108  
NU—Trumpy 15-51

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

#### PASSING:

IOWA—Stanzi 23-41-270-2  
NU—Persa 32-43-318-2

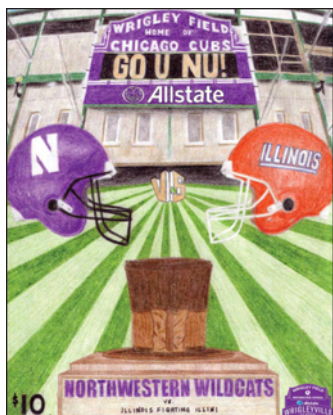
#### RECEIVING:

IOWA—McNutt 7-72  
NU—Dunsmore 8-65





# GAME 11: ILLINOIS



NOV. 20, 2010  
AT WRIGLEY FIELD  
ATTENDANCE: 41,058

ILLINOIS 48  
NORTHWESTERN 27

A career day for Illinois' Mikel Leshoure proved to be the difference as Northwestern fell 48-27 at the Allstate Wrigleyville Classic.

Illinois dominated on the ground, racking up 519 yards rushing on the day. Leshoure tallied 330 of those yards on 33 carries and a pair of touchdowns. His effort was the most yards by an FBS player this season and also set an Illinois single-game record.

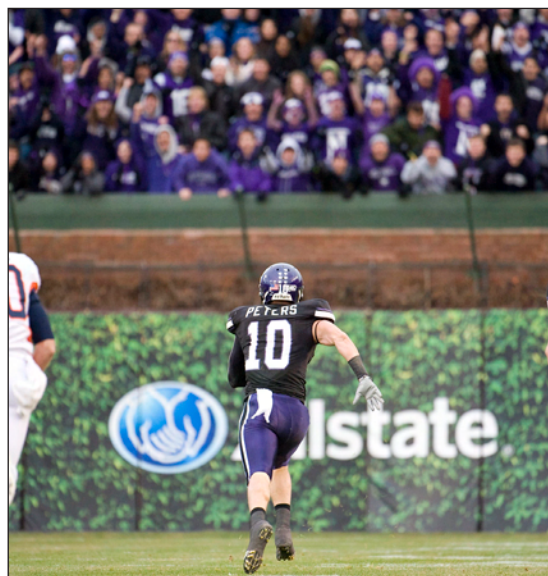
**Mike Trumpy** notched his second 100-yard rushing performance of the season, totaling 129 yards on 13 carries and scoring both of Northwestern's offensive touchdowns.

Illinois leapt out to an early 14-0 advantage while Northwestern turned the ball over three times in the opening quarter. Northwestern found the spark it was looking for, though, when **Brian Peters** intercepted a pass from Eddie McGee, returning it 59 yards to the

east end zone to bring the Wildcats to within seven at 14-7 with just over six minutes remaining in the opening quarter. But the wild first quarter wasn't over, as Illinois covered 73 yards in three plays, including a 70-yard rush by Leshoure, to take a 21-7 advantage. Momentum then once again swung Northwestern's way as Trumpy capped the quarter, breaking a career-best 80-yard touchdown run as the Wildcats trimmed the lead to 21-14.

Both teams slowed the pace in the second quarter with three field goals and a two-yard Trumpy TD scamper with 2:53 to go that briefly tied the score, 24-24. **Stefan Demos** converted a 31-yarder in the period, but a 39-yarder by the Illini as time expired gave Illinois a 27-24 halftime lead.

Illinois then went back to its potent rushing attack in the third quarter, possessing the ball for over 11 minutes and building a 34-24 edge entering the fourth quarter, when two Jason Ford touchdowns put the game away for the Illini. Demos hit his second field goal of the game midway through the fourth to account for the final score.



## SCORING SUMMARY

ILLINOIS	21	6	7	14	—	48
NORTHWESTERN	14	10	0	3	—	27

**First Quarter:** 13:43 ILL—Leshoure 4 run (Dimke kick); 10:06 ILL—Leshoure 1 run (Dimke kick); 6:10 NU—Peters 59 INT return (Demos kick); 4:52—Ford 5 run (Dimke kick); 1:00 NU—Trumpy 80 run (Demos kick)

**Second Quarter:** 11:55 ILL—Dimke 45 FG; 7:19 NU—Demos 31 FG; 2:53 NU—Trumpy 2 run (Demos kick); 0:00 ILL—Dimke 39 FG

**Third Quarter:** 6:50 ILL—Jenkins 10 pass from Scheelhaase (Dimke kick)

**Fourth Quarter:** 9:49 ILL—Ford 2 run (Dimke kick); 7:43 NU—Demos 25 FG; 0:36 ILL—Ford 1 run (Dimke kick)

## GAME STATISTICS

ILL	NU
26.....	First Downs.....12
70.....	Rushing Attempts.....28
537.....	Yards Gained Rushing.....201
18.....	Yards Lost Rushing.....18
519.....	Net Yards Rushing.....183
40.....	Net Yards Passing.....135
14.....	Passes Attempted.....20
6.....	Passes Completed.....10
2.....	Had Intercepted.....1
84.....	Total Offensive Plays.....48
559.....	Total Net Yards.....318
0-0.....	Fumbles-Lost.....3-2
2-20.....	Penalties-Yards.....3-35
1-15-0.....	Interceptions-Yards-TD.....2-59-1
2-107.....	Punts-Yards.....4-181
53.5.....	Avg. Yard/Punt.....45.2
1-0-0.....	Punt Return-Yards-TD.....1-58-0
6-100-0.....	Kickoff Return-Yards-TD.....7-138-0
41:16.....	Possession Time.....18:44
10/17.....	Third-Down Conversions.....2/10
3-15.....	Sacks By-Yards.....0-0

### RUSHING:

ILL—Leshoure 33-330  
NU—Trumpy 13-129

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

#### PASSING:

ILL—Scheelhaase 6-13-40-1  
NU—Watkins 10-20-135-0

### RECEIVING:

ILL—Jenkins 4-24  
NU—Jones 2-51





# GAME 12: WISCONSIN



NOV. 27, 2010

AT CAMP RANDALL STADIUM

ATTENDANCE: 80,011

NORTHWESTERN  
WISCONSIN

23  
70

Northwestern moved the ball well in its regular-season finale at No. 5 Wisconsin, but seven turnovers contributed to a 70-23 loss for the Wildcats.

Northwestern concludes the regular season with a 7-5 overall record and now awaits the announcement of its third-straight bowl destination.

Wisconsin marched down the field on its opening drive to take a 7-0 lead, but NU's defense held the Badgers on a short field after the Wildcats turned the ball over on their second offensive play. A second NU turnover did lead to points, however, giving UW a 14-0 lead with 8:02 remaining in the period.

The NU defense again forced a three-and-out after a third-straight drive ended in a turnover. On its fourth drive, Northwestern moved into field goal territory where **Stefan Demos** drilled a season-long 47-yarder to make the score 14-3 after one quarter.

Two more Wildcat turnovers in the second quarter contributed to 35 UW points in the period. Northwestern punched back with a nice sustained drive capped by a six-yard **Evan Watkins**' touchdown run to make it 28-10 with just under six minutes to play.

NU again made some noise when **Venric Mark** returned a kickoff 94 yards for a touchdown with 1:20 to go, NU's first kick-return TD since 2007. But Wisconsin found the end zone one more time before the half to take a 49-17 lead into the locker room.

The Badgers recorded touchdowns on each of their first two second-half drives. On the Wildcats' third possession, Watkins led an efficient six-play, 67-yard drive capped by a 20-yard scoring strike to **Drake Dunsmore**. The extra point was blocked and the Badgers tacked on one more touchdown with a pick-six to make it 70-23.

Mark established a school record with his 273 kick return yards, eclipsing Jason Wright's total of 191 set against TCU in 2002 and finishing second in Big Ten single-game history behind Troy Stoudermire's 283 for Minnesota against Iowa in 2008.



## SCORING SUMMARY

NORTHWESTERN	3	14	6	0	—	23
WISCONSIN	14	35	21	0	—	70

**First Quarter:** 12:30 WIS—Ball 32 run (Welch kick); 8:02 WIS—Ball 1 run (Welch kick); 2:55 NU—Demos 47 FG  
**Second Quarter:** 12:35 WIS—Ball 2 run (Welch kick); 9:03 WIS—Gilreath 18 pass from Tolzien (Welch kick); 5:50 NU—Watkins 6 run (Demos kick); 3:14 WIS—Kendricks 29 pass from Tolzien (Welch kick); 1:33 WIS—Toon 11 pass from Tolzien (Welch kick); 1:20 NU—Mark 94 kick return (Demos kick); 0:14 WIS—Toon 11 pass from Tolzien (Welch kick)

**Third Quarter:** 10:18 WIS—Ball 44 run (Welch kick); 6:09 WIS—White 16 run (Welch kick); 4:11 NU—Dunsmore 20 pass from Watkins (kick blocked); 0:02 WIS—Henry 50 interception return (Welch kick)

## GAME STATISTICS

NU	WIS
17.....	First Downs.....
35.....	Rushing Attempts.....
181.....	Yards Gained Rushing.....
20.....	Yards Lost Rushing.....
161.....	Net Yards Rushing.....
123.....	Net Yards Passing.....
25.....	Passes Attempted.....
13.....	Passes Completed.....
4.....	Had Intercepted.....
60.....	Total Offensive Plays.....
284.....	Total Net Yards.....
4-3.....	Fumbles-Lost.....
2-17.....	Penalties-Yards.....
0-0-0.....	Interceptions-Yards-TD.....
4-170.....	Punts-Yards.....
42.5.....	Avg. Yard/Punt.....
3-8-0.....	Punt Return-Yards-TD.....
11-325-1.....	Kickoff Return-Yards-TD.....
22:45.....	Possession Time.....
4/12.....	Third-Down Conversions.....
0-0.....	Sacks By-Yards.....

### RUSHING:

NU—Simmons 12-55  
WIS—Ball 20-178

### INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

#### PASSING:

NU—Watkins 13-22-123-1  
WIS—Tolzien 15-19-230-4

#### RECEIVING:

NU—Stewart 4-29  
WIS—Toon 5-62

## OPPONENT BOWL RECORDS

Points.....	66, Nebraska (2000 Alamo Bowl)
First Downs .....	30, Bowling Green (2003 Motor City Bowl)
Rushing Attempts .....	69, Nebraska (2000 Alamo Bowl)
Net Yards Rushing.....	476, Nebraska (2000 Alamo Bowl)
Net Yards Passing .....	408, Tennessee (1997 Citrus Bowl)
Passes Completed .....	38, Bowling Green (2003 Motor City Bowl)
Passes Attempted .....	50, Bowling Green (2003 Motor City Bowl)
Total Offensive Plays .....	83, Nebraska (2000 Alamo Bowl)
Total Net Yards .....	636, Nebraska (2000 Alamo Bowl)
Penalties-Yards .....	13-112, Tennessee (1997 Citrus Bowl)
Number of Punts-Avg. ....	6-42.2, Auburn (2010 Outback Bowl)
Avg. Per Punt .....	44.3, Nebraska (2000 Alamo Bowl)
Punt Returns: Number-Yards .....	9-81, Nebraska (2000 Alamo Bowl)
Kickoff Returns: Number-Yards .....	6-403, Missouri (2008 Alamo Bowl)
Interceptions: Number-Yards.....	5-103, Auburn (2010 Outback Bowl)
Third-Down Conversions.....	12-17, (two times) last Bowling Green (2003 Motor City Bowl)
Fourth-Down Conversions.....	1-1, Tennessee (1997 Citrus Bowl)
	1-1, Missouri (2008 Alamo Bowl)

## INDIVIDUAL

Rushing Yards .....	240, Dan Alexander, Nebraska (2000 Alamo Bowl)
Rushing Attempts .....	24, Chris Markey, UCLA (2005 Sun Bowl)
Longest Rush .....	51, Chris Markey, UCLA (2005 Sun Bowl)
Rushing Touchdowns .....	2, (four times), last by Auburn (2010 Outback Bowl)
Passing Yards.....	408, Peyton Manning, Tennessee (1997 Citrus Bowl)
Passing Attempts .....	50, Josh Harris, Bowling Green (2003 Motor City Bowl)
Passing Completions .....	38, Josh Harris, Bowling Green (2003 Motor City Bowl)
Longest Completion .....	69, Bobby Newcombe to Matt Davison, Nebraska (2000 Alamo Bowl)
Passing Touchdowns .....	4, Peyton Manning, Tennessee (1997 Citrus Bowl)
Had Intercepted .....	3, Josh Harris, Bowling Green (2003 Motor City Bowl) 3, Drew Olson, UCLA (2005 Sun Bowl) 3, Chase Daniel, Missouri (2008 Alamo Bowl)
Receiving Yards.....	216, Keyshawn Johnson, USC (1996 Rose Bowl)
Receptions.....	12, Darvin Adams, Auburn (2010 Outback Bowl); Cole Magner, Bowling Green (2003 Motor City Bowl); Keyshawn Johnson, USC (1996 Rose Bowl)
Longest Reception.....	69, Matt Davison, Nebraska (2000 Alamo Bowl)
Touchdown Receptions .....	2, Cole Magner, Bowling Green (2003 Motor City Bowl) 2, Matt Davison, Nebraska (2000 Alamo Bowl)

## PUNTING

Number of Punts.....6, Clinton Durst, Auburn (2010 Outback Bowl)  
Average Per Punt .....46.0, Nate Fry, Bowling Green (2003 Motor City Bowl)  
Total Punting Yards.....253, Clinton Durst, Auburn (2010 Outback Bowl)

### Field Goals

Field Goals Attempted ..... 4, Jeff Wolfert, Missouri (2008 Alamo Bowl)  
Field Goals Made ..... 3, Jeff Wolfert, Missouri (2008 Alamo Bowl)  
Longest Field Goal ..... 46, Adam Abrams, USC (1996 Rose Bowl)

## RETURN YARDS

Kickoff Returns .....	4,	Demond Washington, Auburn (2010 Outback Bowl)
Kickoff Return Yards .....	111,	Demond Washington, Auburn (2010 Outback Bowl)
Longest Kickoff Return .....	46,	Demond Washington, Auburn (2010 Outback Bowl)
Punt Returns .....	4,	Joe Walker, Nebraska (2000 Alamo Bowl)
	4,	Jeremy Maclin, Missouri (2008 Alamo Bowl)
Punt Return Yards .....	82,	Jeremy Maclin, Missouri (2008 Alamo Bowl)

## DEFENSE

Total Tackles .....	14, Neiko Thorpe, Auburn (2010 Outback Bowl)
Solo Tackles .....	13, Neiko Thorpe, Auburn (2010 Outback Bowl)
Assisted Tackles .....	9, Sean Weatherspoon, Missouri (2008 Alamo Bowl)
Tackles-For-Loss .....	4, Corey Terry, Tennessee (1997 Citrus Bowl)
Sacks .....	2, Stryker Sulak, Missouri (2008 Alamo Bowl)
Pass Breakups .....	3, Keyuo Craver, Nebraska (2000 Alamo Bowl)
Interceptions .....	2, Walter McFadden, Auburn & T'Sharvan Bell, Auburn (2010 Outback Bowl)



A T H L E T I C S

# MR. INTENSITY

**COACH FITZ IS THE FACE OF NORTHWESTERN FOOTBALL.**

*by* **Ryan Haggerty**

Northwestern football coach Pat Fitzgerald doesn't waste any time molding the next generation of Wildcat fans.

At the beginning of every school year, Fitzgerald, 35, teaches the University's fight song to freshmen so that after each Northwestern win at Ryan Field, the players can jog to the front of the student section and join the students in belting out "Go U Northwestern."

"When you talk with alumni from a few generations ago, there wasn't as much pride in that song," says Fitzgerald (SESP97), who is entering his fifth season as the Wildcats' coach. "To me, that's the best song in the world, because that's the song of victory, and I want to make sure our students know how to sing it."

Students and players have been doing a lot of singing lately.

The Wildcats have won a total of 17 games over their last two seasons and are gunning for an unprecedented third consecutive bowl berth this season. In the four seasons Fitzgerald has served as head coach since the sudden death in 2006 of coach Randy Walker, Northwestern has gone 27-23 and been bowl-eligible in all but one season.

A two-time first-team All-American linebacker and member of the College Football Hall of Fame, Fitzgerald led the Northwestern defense that propelled the Wildcats on their runs to the 1996 Rose Bowl and 1997 Citrus Bowl. As the head coach, he has crafted





RAY WHITEHOUSE (J12)



# SEASON CLIPS

## ATHLETICS

the team in his fiercely competitive image, becoming the face of Northwestern's football program, if not the University as a whole.

"He's given [Northwestern football] an identity," says Stewart Mandel (J98), who covers college football as a senior writer for *Sports Illustrated's* website, SI.com. "Gary Barnett [who coached the Wildcats for seven seasons in



NORTHWESTERN ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

*Fitzgerald celebrates Drake Dunsmore's 66-yard touchdown catch and run during the Outback Bowl.*

the 1990s] put Northwestern on the map, obviously, but that proved temporary. Randy Walker helped craft the spread offense, with which they've become so synonymous. But now when people around the country think of Northwestern, they immediately think of that guy on the sideline who seems to bleed purple and is always so fired up and isn't shy about celebrating a big play."

When asked to assess the current status of the program, Fitzgerald — sitting in his office after a meeting with his coaching staff, still wearing black athletic shorts and a purple Northwestern T-shirt from an earlier workout — first highlights the team's academic achievements.

A school-record 29 football players received Academic All-Big Ten honors in 2009, and the team had posted two straight quarters with a collective GPA above 3.0. Northwestern consistently ranks at or near the top nationwide in its players' annual graduation rate.

He also mentions the team's commitment to community service, from participating in Dance Marathon to volunteering throughout Evanston and the Chicago area.

But Fitzgerald knows that despite his players' achievements in the classroom and the community, success in the world of major college football is measured on the field.

"At the end of the day, this is a production business," he says. "You've got to win football games. From a football standpoint, we've won three [Big Ten] championships since '95. The last decade has been as successful a decade as there's ever been in program history. I think we're really just getting started."

### DREAM JOB, NIGHTMARE SCENARIO

Fitzgerald's start as a head coach did not occur the way he had envisioned.

After graduating from Northwestern in 1997 and playing in three preseason games for the Dallas Cowboys, Fitzgerald, a native of Orland Park, Ill., worked as a defensive graduate assistant at the University of Maryland and under Barnett at the University of Colorado before joining the coaching staff at the University of Idaho in 2000.

In 2001 Walker hired Fitzgerald as Northwestern's defensive secondary coach.

Fitzgerald's long-term aspirations became clear when he and his wife, Stacy, visited Walker and his wife, Tammy, at the Walkers' home before Fitzgerald was offered the job, says Tammy, who remains a close friend of the Fitzgeralds.

"Randy asked, 'What do you envision yourself doing 10 or 15 years from now?'" Tammy recalls. "Pat said, 'Well, I would love to have your job.'"

"Randy laughed," Tammy says. "He said, 'Oh, I like that. That's good.'"

By 2002 Fitzgerald had been named Northwestern's linebackers coach. He took over the program's recruiting operation in 2004.

It gradually became apparent that Walker was grooming Fitzgerald to be his successor, but the University's long-term plans were shaken when Walker, 52, died of a heart attack June 29, 2006.

While Walker's family was planning his memorial service, officials from Northwestern's athletics department suggested to Tammy that she ask a coach to speak during the event.

Tammy picked Fitzgerald even though he wasn't the coaching staff's most senior or highest-ranking member, a choice she says was "by design."

"I knew that he would do a great job [as a speaker]," Tammy says. "I just thought it might help the powers that be to see that he might be a logical next choice, and he did do a great job. He addressed the players and challenged them, which was appropriate at the time and what Randy would have wanted."

Fitzgerald was named Northwestern's head coach on July 7, 2006, less than two weeks after Walker's death and less than two months before the team's first game that season.

Fitzgerald was 31 when he became head coach, making him the youngest head coach in Division I-A football at the time.

Although Fitzgerald was relatively young and inexperienced when compared with his peers, he was the right man for the job, says Mark Murphy, who was Northwestern's athletics director when Fitzgerald was named head coach and is now the president and CEO of the Green Bay Packers.

"There's always a risk involved" when hiring a head coach, Murphy says. "From my perspective, when you considered the quality of the person, I considered it a chance worth taking. [Fitzgerald] was so respected throughout the entire University, certainly by everybody who was involved with Northwestern football. I knew that he would be given time to be successful. Obviously, he's done an outstanding job."

Before focusing on football, Fitzgerald had to address the pain of Randy Walker's death. Tammy Walker says she wasn't surprised by the grace with which Fitzgerald approached the situation.

"He handled it with maturity beyond his years, but then that's Pat," she says. "He's just always been that way, just very mature. But it was a very sad time, obviously. He had to deal with grieving players, grieving assistant coaches, grieving fans. And of course he was very thoughtful to my family and to me."

"It had to have been very tough. Here he was getting this job he always wanted, but the situation is not what anyone would have wanted."

## FIGHT FOR VICTORY

Fitzgerald admits he struggled at times with the transition from assistant coach to head coach.

"As a head coach, I wasn't very good," he says, a smile creasing his face. "I tried to micromanage too many things. Thank goodness for the staff and our players. We found a way to get the ship going in the right direction."

The Wildcats posted a 4-8 record in Fitzgerald's first season as head coach, a year in which the team had to deal with Walker's death while also adjusting to other changes on the coaching staff and the graduation of quarterback Brett Basanez (Co5, GCo6), who was the 2005 Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year and broke 32 school passing records during his Northwestern career.

Despite the tough start, the program has rapidly improved since the 2006 season, says Corbin Bryant (SESP10), who was a freshman in 2006 and is now a starting defensive tackle as a fifth-year senior for the Wildcats.

"My first year here, it was a struggle," Bryant says. "But I'm not regretting my decision to come to Northwestern

to his players, says Bryant, who has occasionally had to tell Fitzgerald to dial it down in practice when the coach jumps into contact drills without pads to demonstrate proper footwork or technique.

"He's given us some liberty on the team," Bryant says. "He's let us add our insight on what the team needs. He's been able to sit back and watch us push ourselves, rather than controlling the whole team by himself."

Getting players to take ownership of the team is part of the program's larger goal of creating leaders prepared for life beyond football, says Fitzgerald, who signed a seven-year contract last year that runs through 2015.

"Expectations for our guys are pretty simple," he says. "Do the right thing off the field, work as hard as you can as long as you can, embrace what we value, and everything else will take care of itself."

Fitzgerald's direct manner appeals to both members of the team and potential recruits, says Dan Persa, the Wildcats junior quarterback.

"His intensity stems from the amount of care he has for his players, and I think that's real evident from the first time you meet him," Persa says. "The reason he's so demanding is that he wants you to be the best in every aspect of your life, not just football. A lot of times in recruiting, coaches tell you lies to get you to come to a school, but he's honest throughout the whole process."

Fitzgerald says he learned the importance of honesty from Randy Walker.

"I don't tell kids what they want to hear," he says. "I learned that from Walk a long time ago. You tell kids what they need to hear. A lot of schools recruit you and say all this fluff and all this BS that doesn't matter."

"We're going to turn our cards over and we're going to say, 'Hey, this is Northwestern football. This is who we are. Come look and come discover. We're not hiding anything.'"

"If you want to get a world-class education in the backyard of the best city in the world and compete for Big Ten championships, I don't know where else you'd rather go."

Fitzgerald's passion for Northwestern and his reputation as a leader who instills core values in his players has made him wildly popular among alumni football fans, says Willie Weinbaum (J82, GJ83), a New York-based producer for ESPN's enterprise unit.

"There just doesn't seem to be any facade with Fitzgerald," Weinbaum says. "What you see is what you get."

Fitzgerald is considered a rising star among college football coaches, leading some observers to mention his name in connection with various coaching vacancies.

Fitzgerald, however, says he already has his dream job, and Bryant and others close to the program feel Fitzgerald has many more years ahead of him at Northwestern.

"As a team, we knew that he wasn't going to leave us for anybody," Bryant says of offseason speculation that other schools coveted Fitzgerald. "In his mind, he's Northwestern until the end. He's going to be coaching the Northwestern football team until he's old and gray. He's the face of the Northwestern team, and I don't think that will ever change."

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*Fitzgerald congratulates Northwestern linebacker Ben Johnson.*

now, because Coach Fitz has changed the outlook of our program from the bottom to the top. Teams definitely respect Northwestern a lot more now."

Fitzgerald's intensity and leadership have trickled down





## Forget about it: Demos drops punting to focus on specialty

### Comments

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BY TINA AKOURIS [takouris@suntimes.com](mailto:takouris@suntimes.com)

KENOSHA, Wis. -- I promised last week that I wouldn't bring up Northwestern's performance in January's Outback Bowl anymore.

But on Wednesday at the Wildcats' training camp on the campus of Wisconsin-Parkside, I didn't have to mention it because kicker Stefan Demos did.

"I wasn't very pleased with how I punted in the Outback Bowl, and I also wasn't pleased with how I kicked in the Outback Bowl," said the fifth-year senior, who missed a field goal at the end of regulation that would have beaten Auburn. "I wasn't out there for field goals thinking, 'That last punt was terrible.' "

Five years after getting to NU as a heralded high school kicker, Demos is back to doing what he does best: kicking. This season he will focus on kicking off and field goals. Redshirt freshman Brandon Williams will punt after Demos had all three jobs the last three seasons.

The change is providing Demos with a welcome relief both physically and mentally. There were too many times last season when he may have shanked a punt or two and then wondered for the rest of the game if he blew the Wildcats' chances at a victory. Splitting the kicking and punting jobs will give the Wildcats an edge at crunch time with a less distracted Demos -- focusing on one thing is a good thing.

"I never liked punting," Demos said. "I was never a punter. I stepped into the role that was needed and I did the best I could with it. After the season we talked about it and spring ball came around and we decided to give Brandon a shot."

Williams, a walk-on, had a feeling he was going to take over punting from Demos, but was still surprised when coach Pat Fitzgerald made it official.

And Williams already can see a difference in Demos in the last two weeks of camp.

"He's killing the ball, and this is the best I've ever seen him," Williams said. "I kicked, too, in high school, and I understand the issues of going back and forth and the two [types of] swings. Punting was what I love, and it's what I came here to do. I feel like from the first day of camp I've improved my consistency. In the beginning of camp I was a little slow, but I feel I've improved a lot and gotten back to where I need to be."

Taking the punting away from Demos was a big step for the Wildcats before the season even started. Fitzgerald announced the move at the team's media day last week, and at practice on Wednesday Fitzgerald stressed that Demos now has one thing to worry about and concentrate on: the motion of kicking, which is so different from punting.

"It was a goal last year to hopefully take a little off of Stefan's plate, but to his credit he won all three jobs," Fitzgerald said. "Brandon got better, but there was no question that Stefan was the guy. Now this year, Brandon has worked so diligently to be prepared for the punting opportunity and it's important to take those swings off Stef's leg. We didn't recruit [Demos] as our punter, we recruited him as a kicker. Who would have thought that in his fifth year that he just focuses on that?"

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# Three vying for Wootton's spot on D-line

## NORTHWESTERN | Juniors Watt and Browne, sophomore Williams competing for role

BY TINA AMOURIS

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**KENOSHA, Wis.**—Before Northwestern left Evanston over the weekend for its second week of training camp in Kenosha, coach Pat Fitzgerald asked, "How do you spell pain?"

His answer: K-e-n-o-s-h-a. The Wildcats opened their second week of training camp Monday with two practices on the campus of Wisconsin-Parkside.

Going in full pads during the morning session, the Wildcats switched to shoulder pads and helmets for the two-hour workout in the evening.

Fitzgerald liked what he saw overall, but after the evening session called out some of his team for just "punching a clock."

"I thought in the morning it was real physical, and we put the offense and defense... in worst-case scenarios," Fitzgerald said. "I thought they both had good and bad things. I talked to them after practice about their attitude, and I thought the defense had good energy [Monday night]."

"A couple of the guys on offense, I thought, could have a better tempo

and passion to them. But they've been good all camp, and we've gone seven straight practices with one day off and then a double [workout on Monday]. There's a tendency for that to happen."

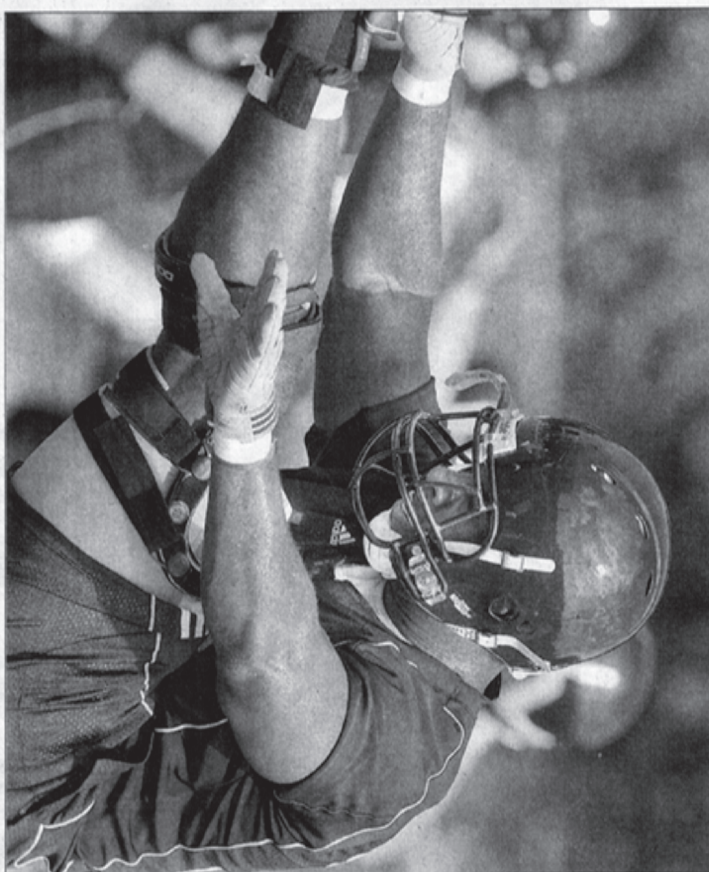
Defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz said there are three players in line to replace the graduated Corey Wootton, who was drafted by the Bears, on the defensive line — juniors Kevin Watt and Vince Browne and sophomore Quentin Williams.

"Whether we can fully replace him, we'll know by the end of the year, but I do like the three ends that are really competing," Hankwitz said. "One guy may not be able to replace Corey fully, but if [two] guys play better than they did a year ago, then the combination of the two can offset [Wootton's absence]."

Fifth-year senior Corbin Bryant is the veteran on the defensive line, at least replacing Wootton in that regard. He said he has taken it upon himself to be the leader that Wootton was on the D-line.

"Corey always brought the fire, and I took it upon myself to step up and get things going, and guys are responding to it," Bryant said.

Bryant said Watt, who played in



Fifth-year senior Corbin Bryant has replaced Corey Wootton as the leader of the defensive line. | TOM CRUISE/SUN-TIMES

all 13 games last season and started in two of them, has improved his pass rush in training camp. Watt said he doesn't feel the pressure to compete for Wootton's old job.

"We have a great group of guys, and Corey was a vital part of our defense, but we're all stepping up and doing what we can to get those tackles he provided for us," Watt said. "Every day we're getting better. We're pass-rushing better, we're getting off the line better."

"The biggest thing for us is playing like a unit and everyone being on the same page."

**NOTES:** Coach Pat Fitzgerald said sophomore Drake Dunsmore didn't practice again Monday and probably will sit out the rest of Camp Kenosha as a precautionary measure.

Fitzgerald said Dunsmore was "dinged up," but should return to practice early next week.

On Monday, Dunsmore was one of 32 players chosen for the 2010 John Mackey Award preseason watch list by the Nassau County Sports Commission.

The award goes to the best college tight end and will be

announced Dec. 9.

Dunsmore, one of five Big Ten players to make the Mackey Award list, is considered a superbuck, a combination of a tight end and fullback.

♦ Comcast SportsNet announced Monday that it will broadcast the Wildcats' season opener at Vanderbilt on Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m.

It will be the second game of a Big Ten doubleheader with the Illinois-Missouri game from St. Louis broadcast first at 11:30 a.m.

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# Wildcats receivers yearn for the belt

Competition fierce to be recognized as position's best blocker

**By Teddy Greenstein**  
TRIBUNE REPORTER

KENOSHA, Wis. — Northwestern's receivers don't measure success the same way fans do.

There's nothing wrong with piling up huge numbers, as Zeke Markshausen (91 catches) and Andrew Brewer (925 yards) did last season.

But the crew takes equal pride in competing for the right to strut around in a World Wrestling Entertainment championship belt, which goes to the player with the most knockdown blocks. The season-long battle is called a "chop competition."

Here's the catch, though: It's not a real belt. It's a plastic replica that can be purchased at Target.

"It's something my 5-year-old boys would wear," receivers coach Kevin Johns said. "We as coaches always say, kids will do anything to win a candy bar or a T-shirt. But our guys take great pride in it."

Brewer won last year's competition, and Johns said Jeremy Ebert is this year's man to beat, in part because inside receivers have more opportunity to abuse cornerbacks on running plays.

Ebert also has what he called a "friendly competition" with superback/tight end Drake Dunsmore. Whoever catches more passes this season gets a steak dinner, courtesy of the loser.

Ebert came on late last season after recovering from a hip injury. He caught six passes for 64 yards in the Outback Bowl loss to Auburn, then led the Wildcats in receiving yards in the final two spring scrimmages.

An excellent athlete from central Ohio who runs well after the catch, Ebert has drawn raves for his work in fall camp.



Jeremy Ebert is considered the man to beat this season as Northwestern's best blocking receiver. **BONNIE TRAFELET/TRIBUNE PHOTO**

Northwestern also will count on the reliable hands of fifth-year senior Sidney Stewart, projected starter Demetrius Fields and Robeson High School product Charles Brown, among others.

Stewart redshirted in 2006 after getting a rude awakening at his first Camp Kenosha.

"You come here as a freshman and you think you're the man, you're the best and that you'll get a starting spot right off the bat," he said. "And then you're humbled the next day. Now that I'm a starter, it's nice to look back and

see how much I went through."

**Extra points:** Northwestern's Saturday scrimmage kicks off at 3 p.m. and is open to the public. As many as 1,000 fans are expected to attend at Indian Trail High School in Kenosha (directions at [nusports.com](http://nusports.com)). ... With running back Arby Fields nursing a shoulder injury and questionable for the Sept. 4 opener at Vanderbilt, Jacob Schmidt has been running with the first team.

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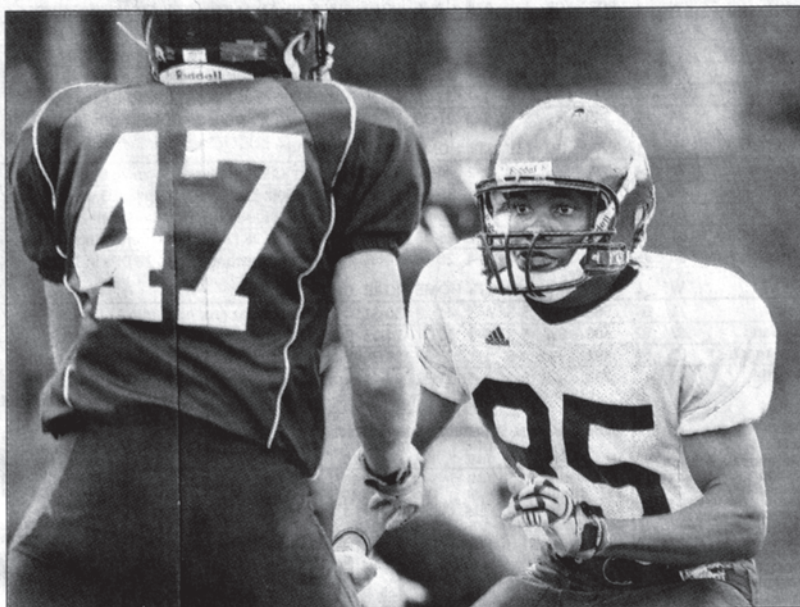


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## NORTHWESTERN FOOTBALL



Freshman Venric Mark will return kickoffs in the opener. BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE PHOTO

## Ready to make mark

Freshman could provide many happy returns

By Teddy Greenstein  
TRIBUNE REPORTER

When introducing himself, freshman Venric Mark has been known to add the words, "Houston, Texas."

"I take pride in where I'm from," he explained.

But after a few weeks of wearing purple in summer camp, Mark has made the psychological transition.

"Now I'm in Chicago, and I'm going to play Big Ten football at Northwestern," he said. "Honestly, I don't think it gets any better than this."

And when he says "play," he means it. Barring a late injury, Mark is the only true freshman guaranteed to take the field Sept. 4 when the Wildcats open at Vanderbilt.

He just might field the game's opening kickoff, and he's also competing with Jordan Mabin and perhaps Hunter Bates to be the

team's first-string punt returner.

"Returning punts is harder," Mark said. "You have to judge the ball more, you have to know when to fair catch and when not to. You can't be a superhero and try to catch everything. With kick returns, you catch the ball and — boom — you're going."

Boom is the right word to describe Mark, who blazes 40 yards in 4.4 seconds. His coach at St. Pius X High School, Rene Ramirez, told WildcatReport.com: "Every time he touches the ball, you hold your breath and wait for something magical to happen."

Though Mark is listed at just 5-foot-8 and 170 pounds, he received offers from schools at all the top conferences, namely the SEC (Vanderbilt), the Pac-10 (Arizona, Arizona State) and the Big 12 (Colorado, Iowa State).

The only thing Mark cannot do as quickly as others is say his full name: Venric Emeka-Wococha Mark, the result of having a father who was born in Nigeria.

Only three true freshmen avoided a redshirt last season for Northwestern: running back Arby Fields, tackle Patrick Ward and special teamer Roderick Goodlow.

Depending on injuries, the number figures to be similar in 2010.

Rashad Lawrence will get a long look at receiver, and Paul Jorgensen could crack the two-deep at offensive line.

NU coach Pat Fitzgerald said defensive back Ibrahim Campbell and receiver Tony Jones also have impressed.

Fitzgerald said Mark is "really skilled at returning punts" but that he's hesitant to give him too much too soon.

Mark said he's ready.

"Honestly, I think so," he said. "It's all about how you prepare."

■ Basketball coach Bill Carmody announced seniors Jeff Ryan and Michael Thompson have been selected team captains for this season.

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## NORTHWESTERN

# Determined Ebert's best chip shot gets two thumbs up

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Northwestern wide receiver Jeremy Ebert still plays with a chip on his shoulder.

Ebert, a 6-foot, 185-pound junior, was a quarterback in high school but was recruited as a wide receiver. In high school in Hilliard, Ohio, he used to hear all the things people say about small quarterbacks: You're not fast enough; you're not good enough. Ebert felt he had to prove people wrong about his abilities so he could move on with his football career.

That mentality didn't stop once he got to college, and it might have helped him after an injury and surgery to his left hip in the spring of 2008. Ebert was tabbed Monday as one of the Wildcats' four starting wide receivers for Saturday's game

at Vanderbilt (6:30 p.m., CSN Plus, 720-AM). Ebert will start alongside Sidney Stewart, Demetrius Fields and superback Drake Dunsmore.

"I was never really able to go full-out," Ebert said. "Once it started to feel right, I got to be able to play football again the way I like to — fast. It took some time to get over [the injury], and finally being 100 percent, it's a whole new world. Being a receiver, you are using your hips a lot more than you really think."

Ebert played in all 13 games last season and started four of them, but he was not 100 percent. In his four starts in 2009, Ebert had 15 catches for 162 yards and finished the season with 21 total receptions.

But perhaps Ebert's best showing was in the Outback Bowl on Jan. 1, when he had six receptions for 64 yards.



**Northwestern wide receiver Jeremy Ebert enjoys making believers out of doubters.** | TOM CRUZE-SUN-TIMES

Ebert got his step back this summer and finally is feeling 100 percent. And he can say he is a key component of NU's receiving corps

with a new starting quarterback in Dan Persa. Although it seems Dunsmore has been getting more attention among the receivers — he finished 2009 with 47 catches for 523 yards and three touchdowns — Ebert is poised to be a star, maybe in the same vein as a Zeke Markshausen, who led the Wildcats in receiving a year ago.

If you ask anyone on the NU coaching staff, it is clear that Ebert has come a long way since his freshman year.

"There were a lot of things he didn't know about playing the position because he was a high school quarterback, but he could run and change directions," Wildcats receivers coach Kevin Johns said. "He was a 5-11 high school quarterback. Everyone told him he was too short.

And after you hear that a while you start to believe it. He's out to prove

everyone wrong."

That chip on Ebert's shoulder might have helped him on the field, but it might have been even more important during his rehabilitation. He said it was easy to fall into a trap of not trusting the hip and holding back. But at a certain point, Ebert had to let it go.

"It's difficult because it's like a block in your mind," Ebert said. "At the end of a couple workouts, you feel [the hip] coming back and you can let it loose. If I couldn't trust it, then I wouldn't be starting right now."

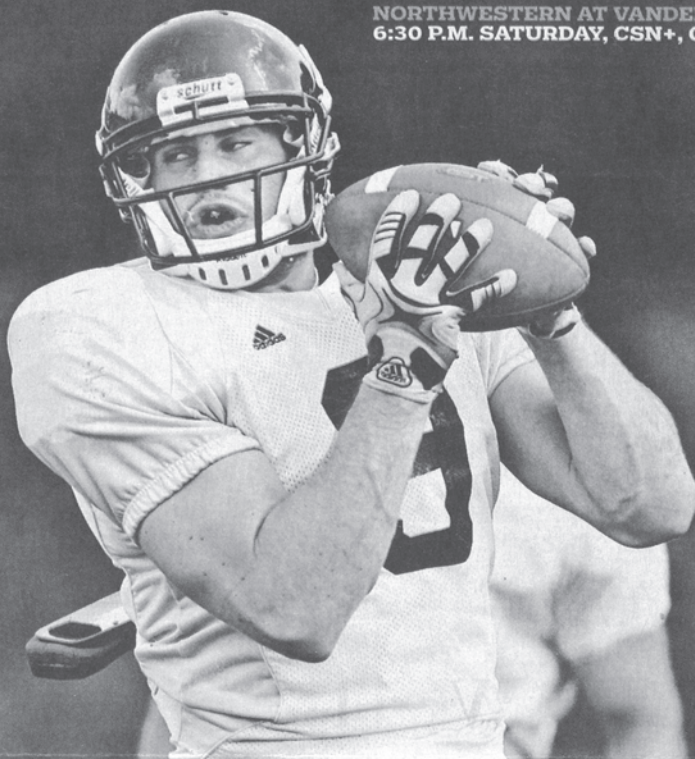
And how does the chip help during a game?

"I just try to keep things fun and I always have a little smirk on my face," Ebert said. "I have a little attitude when I play."

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## Play gets rave review

Drake Dunsmore is toughing out the recoveries from three separate surgeries to play this season for Northwestern. BRIAN CASSELLA/TRIBUNE PHOTO

### Analyzing Dunsmore's signature TD shows sheer grit that sets him apart

By **Teddy Greenstein** | TRIBUNE REPORTER

**I**t was a simple play, really. Just a bubble screen. No fancy name, no big expectations.

"It's designed to get maybe 5-6 yards," says Drake Dunsmore, Northwestern's standout "superback."

With the Wildcats trailing Auburn 21-14 late in the third quarter of the Outback Bowl, quarterback Mike Kafka took a shotgun snap, faked a quick handoff and fired to his right.

Dunsmore caught the ball three yards behind the line of scrimmage and was engulfed by defensive back Demond Washington.

"He's the man I have to beat," Dunsmore says after agreeing to analyze the play on film.

Though he threw a devastating combo at Washington — a stiff arm and spin move — Dunsmore is not impressed.

"I have the ball tucked in the wrong hand," he says.

It should be in his right — closer to the sideline.

"You have to rewind a little bit to see what makes the play — Sid Stewart's block," he says of the wide receiver who cleared out safety Daren Bates. "Right after the game, I told him: 'That was all you.'"

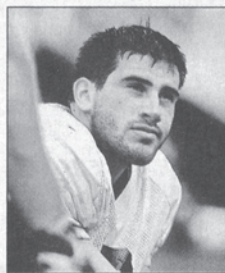
Dunsmore broke free from Washington, who grabbed his jersey, and then booked down the right sideline, slipping past three navy blue jerseys.

Cornerback Walter McFadden corralled him at the 21-yard line, but the 6-foot-3, 230-pound Dunsmore treated him like the top of a garbage canister stuck under a car. Dunsmore finally broke free at the 8, crossed the goal line and pointed to a purple section of the crowd.

"A little shout-out," he says, turning embarrassed. "That's not what we're all about, but emotions took over. All the coaches gave me a hard time for it. We're about celebrating with our team."

Dunsmore's 66-yard touchdown was overshadowed in a game that seemingly ended twice before it became official. But few who witnessed that play ever will forget it.

"Ridiculous," says Dan Persa, then NU's backup quarterback. "He should have been tackled in the backfield. He never gave up and went 66. That play also describes him as a person, his



*"That play also describes (Dunsmore) as a person, his determination."*

— Northwestern QB Dan Persa

determination."

Dunsmore enters his redshirt junior season at Northwestern with an abundance of two things: expectations and scars.

The high hope comes courtesy of NU coach Pat Fitzgerald, who told thousands of fans at the annual Big Ten luncheon in August that Dunsmore could be the league's best tight end since Iowa's (and now the Colts') Dallas Clark.

"I think he has the same kind of skills, drive and hunger," Fitzgerald says. "You watch the way he works, and you know he's on the

cup of doing something special. A lot of times you see it from guys who might be far from getting on the field. To see it from a guy who is really damn good is encouraging."

The scars are the result of surgeries on his right knee, left shoulder and right shoulder — the most serious a seven-hour operation April 1 to alleviate blood clots that were causing numbness.

Dunsmore went ahead with the surgery after pondering whether his body was cut out for the rigors of college football. He had long talks with NU coaches and his father, Pat, a tight end who played for the Bears under Mike Ditka.

As Pat Dunsmore says, "You ask yourself: At what point is enough enough?"

Drake decided to keep playing. As a result, Northwestern has a dominant receiver, and Dunsmore has a memento from the April surgery — his rib. It sits on his desk, in part to gross out his housemates — teammates Neal Deiters, Jeravin Matthews and Brian Arnfeld.

Says Dunsmore: "It looks like a rib taken off a platter from a barbecue joint."

■ Outside linebacker Bryce McNaul (shoulder) and backup guard Keegan Grant (illness) will miss the Vanderbilt game. Linebacker Roderick Goodlow's knee injury will sideline him for the season. Running back Arby Fields was not on the injury report.

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## NU's McNaul inspired by courage of his brother

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You have to pull for a kid like Bryce McNaul.

McNaul has spent an injury-plagued career at Northwestern. The 6-3, 200-pound junior has had pulled hamstrings, reconstructive shoulder surgery and other dings and bumps that have kept him off the field.

His most recent shoulder injury occurred two weeks ago and kept him out of the Wildcats' season-opening victory at Vanderbilt and their home win last week against Illinois State. Before the injury, McNaul had been tabbed as a starting linebacker against Vanderbilt.

But for Saturday's game at Rice, McNaul is slated to start at outside linebacker — and it seems like an "it's about time" moment for him.

When McNaul got hurt after training camp, he was more worried about telling his family he was hurt again than wondering how it would affect this season or the rest of his career at NU.

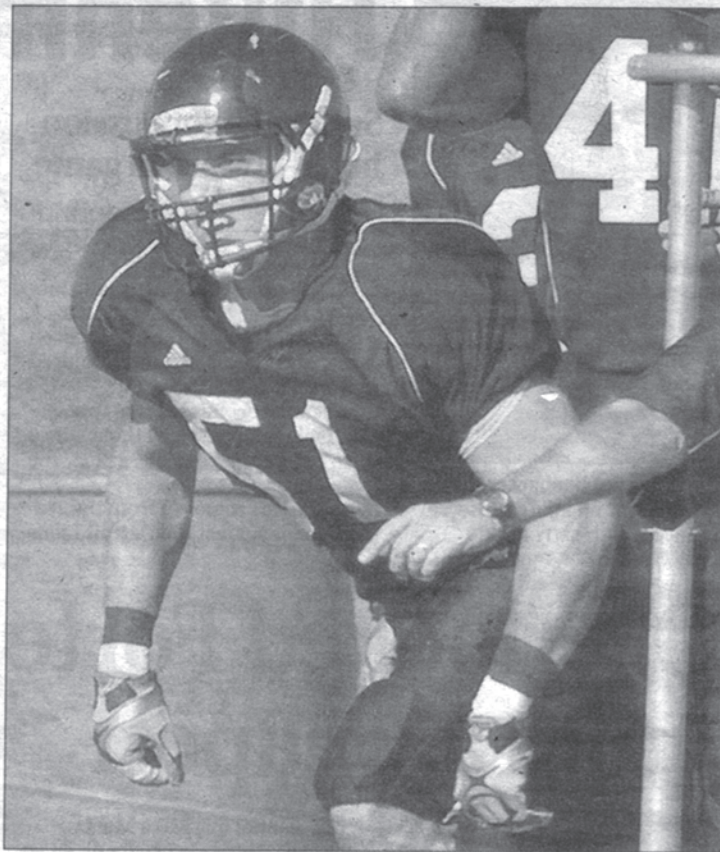
There never was a concern that his latest shoulder ding would sideline him for more than a couple of weeks. But whether he wants to admit it or not, there's a much bigger worry for McNaul than his injuries.

McNaul's older brother, Austin, is a U.S. Army Ranger who will be deployed to Afghanistan in October.

"My brother is my biggest role model," McNaul said. "His courage is bar none, and that's the biggest thing I take out of what he does."

Austin, 24, graduated from West Point and is a second lieutenant at Fort Polk, La. Austin McNaul's deployment ceremony will be Sept. 29, and he will ship out Oct. 15. The ceremony falls on NU's bye week.

"That will be a meaningful experience, and I will deal with [the emotions of it] when the time comes," Bryce McNaul said. "You have a choice and can react positively or



A healthy Bryce McNaul is slated to start at outside linebacker for Northwestern on Saturday at Rice.

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you can choose the negative route. I grew up in a strong household, and we have to be strong for [Austin] like he is stepping up for us."

NU linebackers coach Randy Bates understands what the McNauls are going through. He is a retired Navy lieutenant and coached at the Naval Academy from 1989 to '92.

"He doesn't talk too much about Austin as far as his feelings," Bates said of Bryce. "We play a game, but they play a game that is life and death. We will walk away [from a football game]. It helps you appreci-

ate every minute that you get."

The burden of staying healthy and being concerned about his brother can be a heavy one for McNaul. Add to that the fact his uniform number is 51 — coach Pat Fitzgerald's old number and that of a legendary Bear.

"I talked to him about how that number is special to me — and for most linebackers that have ever worn that jersey," Fitzgerald said. "The best linebacker in the country wore that: Dick Butkus."

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# NU cornering the market on top-line defensive backs

By

At Northwestern, first-team all-Big Ten cornerbacks come around roughly once every generation.

When Sherrick McManis earned that designation last year, he became just the second such Wildcat in the last 33 seasons.

Now that McManis has furthered his reputation by winning jobs as a backup corner and kick returner for the Houston Texans, Northwestern intends to shorten the interval between all-league corners.

Enter fifth-year senior Justan Vaughn and junior Jordan Mabin, who oddly have taken on each other's expected career arc.

When the 2008 season began, Vaughn owned the starting corner job alongside McManis.

But when Vaughn incurred a season-ending left shoulder injury in Week 2 against Duke, Mabin took over the job and never gave it back.

When the Wildcats line up for Saturday's home opener against Illinois State (11 a.m., BTN), Mabin will make his 26th consecutive start.

He has inherited McManis' usual spot on the left side of the field and has been trying to live to his example as the secondary's veteran.

McManis shepherded Mabin through ups and downs the last two seasons - as most Big Ten teams preferred to pick on the youngster rather than test McManis.

"It's an honor," Mabin said. "Now the game has slowed down, so I can help some of the younger guys out. It's awesome."

While that might pay benefits down the road for younger NU corners, what matters now is Mabin's increased belief in self.

"Playing with that certain confidence gives you that extra oomph to break up a pass, make a play," Mabin said. "Last year, I'd read a play but I wouldn't really trust myself. I'd make the tackle, but I'd be late. This year, I'm trusting myself coming out of breaks and just going for it."

As for Vaughn, who registered his second career interception and made 6 tackles during Saturday's opening-night win at Vanderbilt, there are no issues with self-confidence or shyness.

On Tuesday, the congenial Houston native walked off the field jokingly asking where his post-practice interviews were.

On Wednesday, he was swarmed as if he was anointed Dan Persa for a day.

"I love being interviewed," Vaughn said. "I've always liked the spotlight; not that I've been a dude to ever try to jump into the spotlight and steal the spotlight from anybody."

"But I always want people to hear what I have to say."

He enjoyed every minute of his opportunity, discussing everything from his hobbies (a big movie buff) to his tattoos to his love for his teammates - because they kept him involved the last two years even when he couldn't play due to his shoulder surgery and his dislocated elbow and his hamstring/quad problems.

He even thanked Mabin for taking his job two years ago because he, along with McManis, gave him a target for which to shoot.

"One thing I've really been working on is my aggression and my tenacity," Vaughn said. "I feel that nobody out there should want it more than I want it because I've been through all the stuff that I've been through."

Assistant head coach Jerry Brown, who has handled NU's secondary since 1993, sees Vaughn as finally living up to his potential.

"Because he's had all those injuries, his upper body hasn't had the opportunity to be in the weight room like we wanted him to be," Brown said. "But over this past year, he's been in the weight room and I can see a significant difference in his body."

"He's plenty fast. He's got good feet, he's got good hips. He's got the ability to be a pretty doggone good corner. The only thing he doesn't have is a whole lot of playing experiences."

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

# Cats leaning left of center

**Duo of Netter, Mulroe getting well-deserved recognition**

BY TINA AKOURIS  
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Offensive linemen don't get much attention, and maybe they like it that way. But Northwestern's left-side duo of sophomore Brian Mulroe and junior captain Al Netter might have to get used to the spotlight.

Netter, a tackle, and Mulroe, a guard, have been instrumental — whether they want to admit it or not — in helping the Wildcats to a 3-0 record.

Quarterback Dan Persa, who's second in the nation in pass efficiency and had a career-best 341 yards of total offense in a 30-13 victory at Rice last week, has heaped praise on Mulroe and Netter as well as the rest of the offensive line: center Ben Burkett, right guard Doug Bartels and right tackle Patrick Ward.

And Persa has carried on an NU tradition of going out to dinner every week with his bodyguards on the O-line.

"We're selfless people, and we get excited when we see our receivers catching touchdowns or when we see our backs running big plays or when our quarterback makes a nice throw," Netter said. "But we're still trying to get our running game going, and we're taking [that criticism] personally."

Mulroe downplays his and Netter's importance to Persa's passing and rushing



NU O-line coach Adam Cushing said guard Brian Mulroe (72) and tackle Al Netter (75) have been the most consistent players. | STEPHEN J. CARRERA-FOR THE SUN-TIMES

statistics. Persa also is the Wildcats' second-leading

rusher, behind Arby Fields, with 129 yards.

"We know if we give Dan time and we let Dan do what he can do, then he's going to put up big numbers," Mulroe said. "In the back of our minds, we don't think about it."

Mulroe said he and Netter are good friends off the field, and it helps to have someone like that next to you on the line to show you the way in times of uncertainty.

"He's been in the arena for plenty of games, and it's nice

to know that he's there, and we communicate real well," Mulroe said. "We know where we are for each play."

The 6-4, 295-pound Mulroe has had only four starts on the line since January's Outback Bowl. But he seems to have come alive the last two weeks. A Loyola High School product, Mulroe was named the team's offensive big playmaker of the week by the coaching staff.

"Brian and Al have been the most consistent players," offensive line coach Adam

Cushing said. "Al has a lot of experience and athletic ability, and as a captain, he's out there leading the group. Brian hasn't had as many starts, but he's very gifted, and he plays hard all the time. You can't replace that as an offensive lineman."

Cushing credits Netter, too, with helping push Mulroe along. They have similar styles — athletic, quick on their feet — so it helps having them next to each other. They make the left side of the line more explosive.

Being in the trenches for nearly every play, blocking for Persa and the running backs and dealing with critics who wonder why the Wildcats' running game hasn't taken off yet can weigh heavily on Mulroe, Netter and the rest of the line.

But Netter sees the bright side to his oft-ignored position.

"It's a grind," Netter said, "but you love to be able to get after people."

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Behind improved line play, Stephen Simmons and the NU running game netted 92 yards in the second half at Rice. BRETT DAVIS/US PRESSWIRE PHOTO

# Facing the music

NU line getting in tune in time for another test

By Teddy Greenstein  
TRIBUNE REPORTER

At 6:50 a.m. each day this week, Northwestern's offensive linemen walked into their film room with music blaring and a sign on the door that read, "CMU rush defense: 2.3 yards per carry!"

Offensive line coach Adam Cushing is a country music fan, but he does not subject his players to Kenny Chesney or George Strait. He lets them pick the tunes on a rotating basis.

"You walk in here," Cushing said, "and it doesn't sound like it's 6:50."

But to some it might feel like the crack of dawn. So after dimming the lights, Cushing will sit at a 90-degree angle, halfway between his players and the giant projection screen.

"I haven't had a guy fall asleep on me because of the volume and pitch of my voice," he said. "If I see a guy's eyes go heavy, I make him stand up."

Cushing played tight end and made the dean's list in 2002 at the University of Chicago, which is associated with libraries and Nobel Prizes, not weight rooms and blocking sleds.

But the core of any offensive line remains toughness, desire, technique and brute strength.

Above the entrance to the film room is a banner that says, "HOG PRIDE."

"Hogs" are what Redskins offensive line coach Joe Bugel called his players in 1982, and that wall became one of the best in NFL history.

"It's about having pride in our jobs and not seeking out all the credit," Cushing said. "It's about being in the trenches and smashing into people on every play."

Cushing's "Hog" philosophy can be summed up by another banner in the film room: "Play Hard. Play Smart. Play Together."

With Central Michigan and its 13th-ranked run defense coming to Evanston on Saturday, NU's offensive line will be put to the test. As always.

Northwestern is 11-5 over the last two seasons with a passing



Cushing

offense that ranks first in the Big Ten. The men up front have allowed quarterback Dan Persa to complete 81.6 percent of his throws this season with six touchdown passes and no interceptions.

But NU's rushing game remains largely stagnant, although many attribute that to the lack of a standout tailback. The Wildcats are averaging 3.2 yards per carry, last in the Big Ten.

"That starts with me, quite honestly," Cushing said. "I believe in personal responsibility."

The line had its best half of the season after the intermission Saturday night at Rice. The Wildcats carried 21 times for 92 net yards, and Persa completed 9 of 10 passes for 159 yards.

"Phenomenal," Cushing said, adding that the line's work in the first half was its worst of the season.

Cushing spends roughly 30 hours per week watching film, mostly analyzing and grading his players from games and practices. They receive a simple plus or minus on every play.

"Some coaches have a middle ground," Cushing said. "In my

book, you either did or you didn't do your job."

Left guard Brian Mulroe wouldn't have it any other way. "Film tells it all," he said. "And Coach Cush is a great teacher."

Mulroe earned the line's highest grade of the season with his 91 at Rice. (Anything above 90 is considered championship-caliber; Cushing views anything below 80 as unacceptable.)

Cushing used a laser pointer Wednesday to illustrate Mulroe's superb work on a 16-yard Arby Fields run against Illinois State.

What goes into a good block? It's far more complicated than you would think.

It involves the lineman's first and second steps, his eye position, his aiming point for contact, his hand position (underneath and inside the defender's pads), having a flat back with his hips in proper alignment and driving with his legs.

Then there's a final step: Cushing wants each lineman to finish every play with a "violent shove" of his defender at the whistle.

"Extend your arms and let him know you will be around all day," Cushing said. "It's a mindset."

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## Davie's versatility pays off for Northwestern

By Adam Rittenberg

When Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald started to recruit Quentin Davie, he saw a player who played multiple positions and was "a jack of all, master of none."

Davie played quarterback, tight end and linebacker for Cardinal Ritter College Prep in St. Louis, where he also earned letters in basketball and track. Long and lean at 6-4 and 200 pounds, Davie drew interest from some colleges that wanted him to play wide receiver. He settled on Northwestern, which planned to use him at his desired position: linebacker.

But the shuffling didn't stop in college. Davie's unique size and skill set prompted Northwestern's coaches to play him at both outside linebacker spots.

"When the NFL scouts come by," Fitzgerald said, "I'm not trying to make an excuse for Q, but we've had him play two positions for multiple years.

"I can only imagine how good of a player he could be and will be if he only had to play one position."

Davie's versatility is paying off so far this season. He leads the Big Ten in both interceptions (3) and passes defended (5), and is on pace to lead Northwestern (3-0) in tackles for the second consecutive season.

After recording the first pick-six of his career in [Saturday's win at Rice](#), Davie earned Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week honors. But he's far from satisfied.

"It's an accomplishment," he said Monday. "Obviously, I want to keep getting better and be consistent throughout the season. It'd be great if I could get [Big Ten] Defensive Player of the Year. That'd be a better honor."

Davie has put himself in the mix with the quick start.

He made plays as an effective blitzing throughout his first three seasons, recording 22.5 tackles for loss, four forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries. But he had only one interception entering his senior year.

Davie spent much of the offseason working on his drops in pass coverage with linebackers coach Randy Bates. His interceptions have been relatively easy, in part because he's consistently in the passing lanes.

"Last year, there were some times [Bates] pointed out to me where I didn't drop at all and they just threw the ball over my head," Davie said. "I knew I was hurting my DBs by not dropping, so to help them out, I worked on that and tried to get deeper drops. It goes with being older and getting more patient to know you're not going to go get the quarterback all the time, so you have to get back."

Davie could have had another interception at Rice but dropped the ball, a fact Fitzgerald doesn't hesitate to point out.

"I make fun of him when he drops one because I only had two and I dropped about 12 in my career," said Fitzgerald, a Hall of Fame linebacker at Northwestern. "I can't forget those drops."

Davie showed flashes as a young player but truly blossomed in 2009 after transforming his body in the prior offseason. He went from 215 pounds in 2007-08 to 225 in 2009 and has since bulked up to 230.

Despite his height, adding the weight was a challenge. He became a Chipotle regular.

"Every offseason, I'd hear smack from coach Fitz, like, 'Go eat a sandwich,'" Davie said. "That was his favorite phrase. It wasn't easy. At first, I thought I had tapeworm or something.

"But we have a great nutritionist and I got up to the weight I needed to be, 230."

Davie's physical development is only one step in his maturation process.

In May, he proposed to his longtime girlfriend Alexandra Richardson underneath the Gateway Arch in St. Louis. Davie had planned a Mother's Day dinner for both his family and Richardson's, and gathered everyone by the Arch. He told his brother to take pictures.

When Davie dropped to a knee, everyone was surprised, including his brother.

"He only got one picture," Davie said.

No date has been set for the wedding, as Davie's focus remains primarily on football. He already achieved one of his senior-year goals to be a co-captain. Another goal is to be All-Big Ten.

Davie also finds himself on the NFL radar.

"I'm looking forward to [the NFL] a lot," he said, "but when I get in this football facility, I have to erase all those thoughts and think about this season and how I can help this team reach the goals that we set and that I set for myself."



Quentin Davie of Northwestern was named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts against Rice.





Freshman tailback Mike Trumpy, a Wheaton North grad, has powered his way into the Northwestern lineup. CHRIS WALKER/TRIBUNE PHOTO

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## Cry uncle: Trumpy's a load

NU tailback with football bloodlines may get his 1st start

By **Teddy Greenstein**  
TRIBUNE REPORTER

Tell Northwestern's Mike Trumpy that he runs like Mike Alstott and that might count as the greatest compliment he ever receives.

Trumpy calls Alstott "my favorite player of all time," ahead of

Barry Sanders and Walter Payton. That's high praise from a boy from Wheaton.

Trumpy never has met Alstott, the Joliet Catholic alum who plowed through defenses at Purdue and whose tackle-busting runs for the Buccaneers were accompanied by war-like sound effects from ESPN's Chris Berman.

Trumpy's best chance came as a 12-year-old on Dec. 30, 2002. He had accompanied his uncle, Bob, the celebrated broadcaster and Pro Bowl tight end for the Ben-

gals, to Champaign for the season-ending game again at Memorial Stadium.

"We stayed in the same house the team, and (Mike) hung out in the lobby, looking for Alstott," he recalled. "He didn't want to I said, 'Son, you're going to watch the game on TV don't come with me now.' I not happy."

Given that adoration, it's surprise Trumpy's favorite Saturday against Central

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## Trumpy pounds way into lineup

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gan was a tackle-busting, 11-yard effort late in the third quarter.

Trumpy, running to his left, took a handoff from Dan Persa. He shuffled right to avoid an arm tackle, broke free from 246-pound linebacker Matt Berning, used a block from Drake Dunsmore and powered his way to a first down.

"Certain times you run around guys and other times you have to be physical," Trumpy said. "I like to deliver a blow."

In his first extended work, the redshirt freshman rushed for a team-high 53 yards on 12 carries. Not exactly the stuff of legends, but the Wildcats have gotten so

little from their tailbacks since Tyrell Sutton graduated following the 2008 season, it was cause for optimism and excitement.

"He earned that opportunity by how he played in practice," offensive coordinator Mick McCall said, "and he made the most of it."

With Arby Fields having fumbled twice in his last two games, Trumpy is listed as a co-starter with Jacob Schmidt for Saturday's game at Minnesota. McCall said the starter likely would be selected based on what play he calls.

Trumpy said the chance to make his first start "would mean so much to me. A true honor and it would show that the coaches believe in me."

Not that there should be any doubt.

Trumpy, who carries 210 pounds on a 6-foot frame, was a well-regarded recruit who drew scholarship offers from Stanford and Vanderbilt after rushing for

2,741 yards and running 100 meters in 10.59 seconds.

Trumpy got turned onto Northwestern by Wheaton North teammate Nick Adamle, who had to quit playing for the Wildcats because of a shoulder injury. Adamle is the nephew of former NU and NFL running back and current broadcaster Mike Adamle.

He also got some advice from Uncle Bob, a Springfield native who played one season at Illinois before transferring to Utah because of the Illini "slush fund" scandal — involving basketball players — of the mid-1960s.

"Mike asked me if I liked playing in the Big Ten," recalled Bob, who recently retired from broadcasting and lives outside Cincinnati. "I told him the best part was having 12 cops on motorcycles escorting you in and out of the stadium like you were some dignitary."

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## NORTHWESTERN

# NU's Jones makes a grand entrance

Freshman WR catches 45-yard TD on 1st play

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MINNEAPOLIS — Jim Bullinger, meet Tony Jones.

The former Cubs pitcher and current Northwestern receiver share something of a bond.

"I watch baseball all the time," NU coach Pat Fitzgerald said. "First at-bat, home run, all that stuff. There you go. There's your stat of the day, right?"

Bullinger went yard with the first big-league pitch he saw.

Jones, on his first collegiate play, caught a 45-yard touchdown pass at Minnesota.

The play was called "X Post," and Jones entered the game as NU's 'X' receiver.

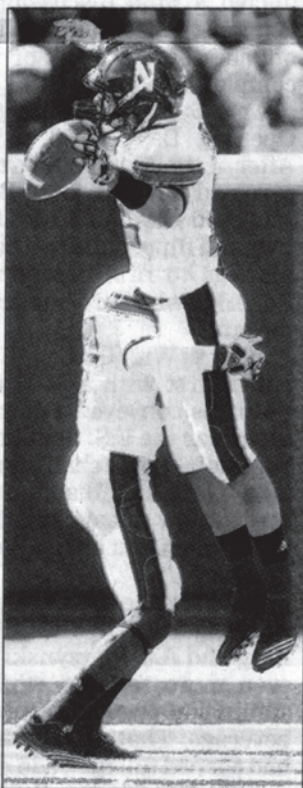
"I knew it was coming to me," he said, "and Dan (Persa) made a great throw."

First Persa sucked in a Gophers safety with a play-fake, then Jones ran a crisp post route to get miles of separation from cornerback Brock Vereen, also a freshman. Persa fired a strike, and Northwestern had a 7-0 lead less than three minutes into the game.

Persa called Jones, a 6-footer from Flint, Mich., "one of the fastest guys on the team."

So fast, Jones noted, that "after the touchdown pass, there was a different corner(back) on me."

Jones' participation was



Northwestern's Tony Jones celebrates his 45-yard touchdown. **DENNIS WIERZBICKI/US PRESSWIRE PHOTO**

not a surprise, given the promise he showed in fall camp before suffering a shoulder injury.

Fitzgerald already has played five freshmen: Jones, running back Adonis Smith, defensive lineman Will Hampton and receivers Venric Mark and Rashad Lawrence.

"This is the most freshmen we've played since I've been the head coach," Fitzgerald said. "It's a very talented class, and those guys are showing up and making plays."

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## NU's Browne finds calming confidence

By Scott Powers

EVANSTON, Ill. – Northwestern junior defensive end Vince Browne never could figure out why former Wildcats star and current Chicago Bears rookie Corey Wootton had been so calm on the field.

There were so many reasons not to be relaxed. With the crowd yelling, the offensive linemen lining up inches from you ready to do battle, the incredible speed of the game once the ball was hiked and the necessity to make instant decisions, the adrenaline had always engulfed Browne. But when he looked over at Wootton, he was as cool as could be.

"I didn't understand it at the time, but seeing how relaxed he was out there, he just went out and played," Browne said. "He didn't think too much and made plays."

Now a year later, Browne gets it. He has yet to find the Zen-like zone Wootton possessed on the field, but Browne's Big Ten-leading five sacks and second-best eight tackles for a loss in 2010 show he's moving in that direction.

"[I'm relaxed] more so this year than ever," Browne said.

In the past year, physically not much has changed in Browne. He's still built like a rock at 6-5 and 265 pounds and has the speed to chase people down.

Where's he developed is mentally. Somewhere in the past year, what he was studying on paper and film began to click for him. The offensive formations, what the defense was trying to do, what he needed to read, it all started making sense to him more than it ever had.

Browne had no trouble transferring that knowledge onto the field. He began seeing plays before they unfolded. The game was moving slower for him. He was around the ball quicker than anyone else.

"I just think it's maturing and knowing what I'm doing and being able to read my keys better," said Browne, who had one sack and two tackles for a loss in last week's win over Minnesota. "That helps with every aspect of the game."

And just like that, Browne began to understand how Wootton was able to play so calm. Wootton was so confident in what he could do that he didn't have to worry about the crowd, the offensive linemen or anything else.

Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald has seen that transformation in Browne.

"Vince has really become a student of the game," Fitzgerald said. "I think that's helped him out tremendously from the standpoint of understanding what we're trying to do first and then really studying tape and studying his opponents. He's always played with a tremendous motor. He's always played with tremendous effort. I think that's been kind of been his calling card, you can say."

Not that Browne needed any more motivation heading into this season, but he was aware that there were people who were questioning whether Northwestern's defensive line would be the same with Wootton's departure to the NFL.

"I think there was a huge knock on us once Corey graduated," Browne said. "How terrible we were going to be and all this business. We all knew we had guys who could play the game and play at a high level. We went from hearing how terrible we were going to be to how well we're doing thus far. It's not even the midpoint to the season yet. We're going to get a lot better and keep playing hard."

While some may be surprised by Browne's production, Northwestern senior cornerback Justan Vaughn hasn't been.

"Vince Browne is all about football and just trying to do everything it takes to make himself better as a player, whether it's eating right or doing that extra workout that will give him that edge on Saturdays," Vaughn said. "He's always been about that. Him playing well is expected."

"I feel like he's a complete defensive end. He uses his hands really well, and he's pretty strong, and he's pretty quick. Having all those attributes coming off the line makes it's hard for the offensive line to stop him."



Vince Browne's maturation has been as noticeable as his stats this season.





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Coach Pat Fitzgerald thinks freshman running back Adonis Smith can help the Wildcats this season. NORTHWESTERN PHOTO

## Smith on fast track

**Freshman back eager to prove worth after sluggish start**

**By Teddy Greenstein**  
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Adonis Smith chose Northwestern, in part, because he knew he would get a top-notch education. The freshman tailback even has learned a new meaning for the word "fun."

Smith had enough minor screw-ups (late for meetings, etc.) at Camp Kenosha that the coaching staff "rewarded" him with what they call fun runs.

"They are no fun at all," Smith said. "The strength and conditioning coaches had me do maybe 100 bear crawls or they'd toss a (heavy) ball with me for a minute. Then there'd be pushups, maybe diamond-cut pushups and sit-ups. Four sets."

Four sets of what?

"A minute," Smith replied. "It was hard, almost a mental breakdown for me. But I could not get down on myself."

No, this is the same kid who proclaimed after signing with Northwestern: "I'm fast, quick, have great vision and good balance. And I'm only going to get better."

Smith re-read the quote Wednesday and said: "Still true."

A few weeks ago, Smith seemed destined to be redshirted. He missed more than three weeks after a high left ankle sprain during an Aug. 21 scrimmage.

And, besides, coach Pat Fitzgerald uses freshmen about as often as he wears orange. He played just two in 2008 (Jeravin Matthews and Jeremy Ebert) and three last season (Arby Fields, Patrick Ward and Roderick Goodlow).

Yet there Smith was on the field at TCF Bank Stadium midway through the first quarter Saturday. He took a handoff, spun to avoid a Minnesota defensive tackle and did well to get back to



Smith

the line.

Smith looked somewhat tentative on his second run, covering the ball with both hands as he searched in vain for a hole up the middle. His day was capped at one yard on two carries.

"They weren't good," Smith said, "but it will get better."

Fitzgerald agrees: "Have you seen the movie, 'What about Bob?' Baby steps, you know."

Asked why he decided to burn Smith's redshirt despite the presence of four other tailbacks (Jacob Schmidt, Mike Trumpy, Stephen Simmons, Fields), Fitzgerald said: "I'm playing for today, not for tomorrow. ... I want every bullet in the gun I can have. He's a young man who we think can help us."

Fitzgerald already planned to have Smith contribute on the punt and kickoff teams. That need is greater with the news Thursday that special teams ace Matthews will miss Saturday's game against Purdue with a left hamstring injury.

Smith, who picked Northwestern over Washington State after rushing for 1,534 yards as a senior at Serra High School in northern California, called his first few weeks "an awakening."

Early on, he said, he focused too much on "what's not important ... girls and playing video games."

Now it's film study and pressing coaches on how he can improve.

"I want to get better at my craft," he said.

At 5 foot 11 and 185 pounds, Smith is viewed as a north-south runner. He has good speed but doesn't blaze like fellow freshmen Tony Jones and Venric Mark, both receivers.

"Venric has some wheels," defensive end Vince Browne said after being asked which of the three is fastest.

The affable Smith could not disagree.

"I'll be honest, I'll give it to Venric," he said. "I mean, I'm a fast guy. But Venric's a track guy; I'm a football guy."

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## Joke's no longer on NU

Forget bad old days; there are solid reasons why these Wildcats are winners

**S**mart aleck: "Northwestern can't lose this weekend. Guaranteed."

Normal person: "Why?"

Smart aleck: "Because they don't play!"

Har, har.

The gag is so yesteryear, dumb as Francis Peay's playbook.

This season's Wildcats are 5-1, and, true, they have a bye weekend coming up, so they can't lose.

But what this football program at the only private, small-enrollment university (8,300 undergrads) in the Big Ten has become is anything but a rollover.

True, the Wildcats shouldn't have lost, 20-17, to Purdue on Saturday. Northwestern had 10 more first downs and 258 more passing yards than the Boilermakers, and NU was leading 17-13 with four minutes to play. But stuff happens, and the Wildcats — who once lost a stunning 34 straight games from 1979 to 1982 — are not kitties anymore.

They have a 22-8 regular-season record for the last three years, and bowl games are something they actually play in rather than watch from couches.

There are five reasons for this gridiron rebirth — OK, birth, since there never really were any extended glory years for NU football. And I shall lay them out.

First, the reduction of

scholarships from a one-time basically unlimited amount to 85 since 1992 has helped even the talent playing field.

"No question that has helped us," Northwestern athletics director Jim Phillips says.

Second is the scheduling of non-conference foes. Or should we say pastry?

In the last few years, Northwestern has scheduled early-season games against the likes of Towson, Eastern Michigan, Miami (Ohio), Duke, Southern Illinois, Syracuse, Ohio, Nevada and Northeastern (no, not Northwestern!). And beaten them all.

Go back a ways, before the BCS six-wins-and-you're-bowl-eligible days, and you'll see that Northwestern scheduled teams like Notre Dame, USC, UCLA, Southern Methodist (pre-death penalty) and Nebraska in the pre-conference schedule.

#### Scholarship value, Fitz are keys

This year Northwestern already has played, and beaten, Vanderbilt, Illinois State, Rice and Central Michigan. Powerhouses they are not. Of course, No. 1-ranked Ohio State already has beaten up on Marshall and Eastern Michigan. And Wisconsin has whipped UNLV, San Jose State and Austin Peay.

(I truly hope someone in the Badgers front office is crawling up



Coach Pat Fitzgerald already is associated with NU similar to the way Joe Paterno is with Penn State.

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State Street, flogging himself with a whip in shame for scheduling the Governors, who lost to Middle Tennessee and Tennessee Tech.)

The third thing is, Northwestern is an elite, incredibly expensive educational institution, and in these hard economic times players and their families recognize the sheer cash value of a full scholarship for playing sports.

"It's about \$55,000 right now," Phillips says of the cost of a year at NU. "Then if a kid is red-shirted and stays for a fifth year and grad

school, it gets up to almost \$300,000 [counting inflation]. Then, if you want to throw in equipment, travel, meals and other things, it might get closer to half a million dollars. No question. This is one of our strongest selling points. It's a point of difference for us and other schools."

The fourth thing is the reign of coach Pat Fitzgerald. Once known mainly for being the youngest major-college coach in the universe, Fitz, the former Northwestern middle linebacker and NCAA Defensive Player of the Year, is now 35 and in his fifth year as NU's head man.

He's a youngster who made his coaching mistakes and learned from them — remember that 35-point, second-half comeback by Michigan State, the largest comeback in NCAA history? — and is now a celebrity coach the likes of a much-much-younger Joe Paterno.

Fitzgerald is associated with Northwestern the way JoePa is with Penn State, but without the Coke-bottle lenses. At any rate, having an energetic, successful, understanding guy like Fitz at Northwestern, which battles huge state schools in conference play week after week — and yes, soon Nebraska will be a yearly foe — is a huge advantage over a rotating cast of leaders.

Then there is Phillips himself.

Fresh from having more than 70 NU athletes over to his house Thursday night, he is the bubbling cauldron of enthusiasm and morality that Northwestern needs to steer the difficult course between athletic success and corruption.

Since the start of school, Phillips has had all 500-plus NU athletes to his house for dinner and to chat and find out their concerns. Don't think they do that at LSU.

#### Pressure keeps mounting

Phillips worries deeply about how far his football players can be pushed, with the increasing number of games and pressure — not to mention a Big Ten playoff soon to come and a national playoff looming.

"I think we're really at the edge of asking our athletes to do too much," he says. "And the stakes just went up directly with the addition of Nebraska [to the Big Ten]."

But for now there is this 5-1 team and success occurring almost regularly.

Northwestern may not make it past Michigan State next week, or even Indiana after that.

But they're in the big-time now. And the Wildcats no longer settle for those 64-0 losses to Iowa (see 1981).

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## A little help from his friends

NU's 'football family' gets Long through health scare

BY TINA AKOURIS

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When you hear the term "football family" to describe Northwestern, believe it.

Marty Long certainly does. Long, the Wildcats' defensive line coach, found out firsthand what it means to be a part of NU's football family.

After the Wildcats found out they were headed to the Outback Bowl last season, Long started having headaches and feeling discomfort in his sinuses. The symptoms persisted, but that didn't stop Long from going to Florida with coach Pat Fitzgerald on a recruiting trip before the bowl game.

"I would not let Pat drive [on the trip], even though I was having massive headaches," Long said. "When we got back to town, he said I needed to see the doctor. After a staff meeting, the other guys told me I was really out of it. I didn't know I was out of it, and I went to the doctor."

Assistant coach Jerry Brown and Long have the same doctor, and Long agreed to have a checkup at Fitzgerald's insistence. Brown made the appointment, Long went to the doctor after that staff meeting and the news about what was wrong hit him like an electric shock.

He had a tumor on his pituitary gland.

The pituitary gland sits in the base of the brain and is the size of a pea. It secretes hormones and helps regulate blood pressure, the thyroid gland and the body's metabolism, among other things.

Long was lucky because he went to the doctor in time. His doctor sent him to



NU defensive line coach Marty Long had a tumor removed from his pituitary gland late last season. He was in a hospital for nine days. | STEPHEN J. CARRERA-FOR THE SUN-TIMES

Evanston Hospital for emergency surgery Dec. 11 because the tumor had burst and was bleeding.

"I remember it just like it was yesterday, and it was something I would not wish on anyone," Long said. "I was more worried about my players. We had [freshman lineman] Will Hampton visiting that weekend, and I wanted to be there for him. All I can remember was whining to my wife [Donna] that I wanted to be with my guys. The players are like my kids."

Fifth-year senior Corbin Bryant is a veteran on the defensive line. When Long got sick, Bryant and his teammates were worried but knew Long would be tough enough to pull through. Bryant said Long's condition made him and his linemates work harder in preparation for the Outback Bowl.

"We were definitely worried about him," Bryant said. "But we knew in practice that we had to carry on and that we were doing it for him. We were trying to win the bowl game for him. And even if it didn't come out that way, we pushed ourselves harder because we love Coach so much."

Bryant said he hadn't noticed anything different about Long before the tumor was found. Long just seemed like himself, getting after his "kids" and yelling at them during practice.

Fitzgerald requested that the players not go to the hospital to see Long, preferring them to wait until he was home. Long was hospitalized for nine days.

"When the time came, he welcomed us over and gave us a good pep talk before the bowl game," Bryant said. "Ever since he has been here, my play has risen to a higher level. It's because of him, and he's teaching me the ins and outs of football."

With Long on the mend, defensive coordinator Mike Hankwitz and graduate assistant Matt Clark took over coaching the defensive line.

There was uncertainty at first about whether doctors had removed all of the tumor, but what they did remove was benign. After the surgery, Long had double vision for about two weeks and went through physical therapy for two months.

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# TINA AKOURIS ON NORTHWESTERN



## COACH A CLASS ACT

It's been a long road for Ara Parseghian, who helped resurrect Wildcats five decades ago

**A**ra Parseghian got the call from Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald last winter: Would Parseghian be willing to come back to Evanston for a game this fall? It was an interesting proposition. Parseghian hadn't been back to NU since at least the mid-1980s for a 20th anniversary reunion of his 1960s Wildcat teams.

The old and the new decided to meet. Fitzgerald had been vacationing with his family in Naples, Fla., just north of Marco Island, where Parseghian resides in the winter.

"I knew Coach was down in Marco Island, and he is one of the greatest coaches ever in our program's history," Fitzgerald said. "There was no better person to learn from than him, so I reached out to him just to see if I could spend some time with him on spring break. Coach was gracious enough to allocate about four hours, and that was the best four hours of my life."

Fitzgerald said he absorbed a lot, from how to relate to his players to why Parseghian left Northwestern after the 1963 season for Notre Dame.

During the meeting, it was agreed that Parseghian, one of the best coaches in NU history, would return to Evanston for homecoming on Saturday when the Wildcats host No. 13 Michigan State (11 a.m., ESPN).

It is almost a perfect time for the 87-year-old to return. NU started the season 5-0, and if the Wildcats had defeated Purdue on Oct. 9, they would have been 6-0 for the first time since 1962, when Parseghian was the coach and NU was ranked No. 1 in the country.

Instead, the Wildcats are 5-1 and are coming off a 20-17 loss to Purdue.

"I do follow college football, both Northwestern and Notre Dame," said Parseghian, who coached at Notre Dame from 1964 to 1974 and won national titles with the Irish in 1966 and 1973. "I watched [the Wildcats] against Purdue and every time they are on



Former coach Ara Parseghian, 87, will return to Northwestern on Saturday. Parseghian is impressed with this year's Wildcats. | KELLY PRESNELL-ARIZONA DAILY STAR

TV, I try to catch them. I've been very impressed with what I've seen so far."

But the current Wildcats aren't exactly history buffs like Fitzgerald. Safety Brian Peters said he has heard the name Parseghian but doesn't know much about him.

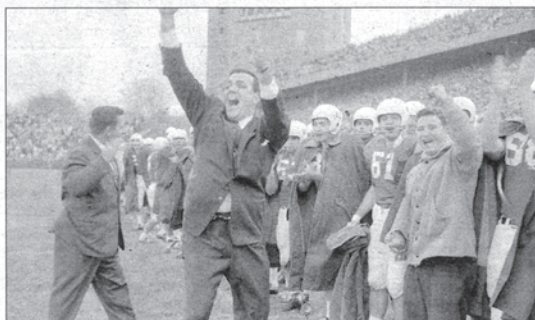
"I know that [Parseghian] is a very smart, intelligent man, but that's about all we know about him," Peters said. "I feel bad I don't know too much [about him] right now."

### A coaching odyssey

Parseghian came to NU in 1956 after coaching at his alma mater, Miami of Ohio. He went 36-35 during his career in Evanston.

Notre Dame had a head-coaching vacancy after the 1963 season. Parseghian called the Rev. Edmund Joyce, Notre Dame's vice president and chairman of athletics, to apply for the job.

"It was a difficult time," Parseghian said about leaving NU. "I had one more year left on my contract, and a writer from one of the Chicago papers was critical of me and said I wouldn't be around after the last year on my contract. I discussed this with [athletic director Stu Holcomb] and I didn't



Parseghian leads the cheers as his Wildcats upset No. 5 Ohio State 21-0 at Dyche Stadium before a homecoming crowd on Nov. 1, 1958. | SUN-TIMES

feel like I was getting much support. I saw that the Notre Dame job was open and I called over there."

And just like that, Parseghian was gone.

"We hated to lose him, especially to Notre Dame because it was our archival and there was a lot of bitterness," former NU sports information director George Berens said. "Ara's role [at NU] was so significant."

Parseghian, who lives in South Bend, Ind., except for the winters in Florida, said he doesn't get

wrapped up in history or what he has done as a coach. But when he comes back to NU this weekend, he'll probably remember the time in 1958 when his Wildcats defeated Ohio State 21-0 at Dyche Stadium. The Buckeyes were ranked No. 5 in the nation and NU was No. 11. It was especially sweet for Parseghian because he worked for a season under Ohio State coach Woody Hayes when Hayes was at Miami of Ohio, and there were many Northwestern players who were from Ohio.

Two weeks earlier, the Wildcats

defeated No. 19 Michigan 55-24 in Evanston. In 1958, NU finished 5-4 and 3-4 in the Big Ten. It was a huge gain considering the Wildcats went winless in 1957.

"We had [Michigan] shut out 41-0 at halftime," Parseghian said. "We took some big leaps and bounds and played teams that were powerhouses. We turned [the program] around."

### Helping to find a cure

Another important part of Parseghian's life is helping to find a cure for Niemann-Pick disease, a cholesterol-storage disorder. Three of Parseghian's grandchildren have died from the genetic disease.

The Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation is a nonprofit organization that raises money to fund medical research on the disease. Parseghian said a lot of progress has been made over the last 15 years. Scientists have isolated the disease's genes and are developing drugs to go through clinical trials.

"We've moved the ball a long way," Parseghian said. "We started at our own 1-yard line and now we've crossed midfield."

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## SPRING BREAK

By SKIP MYSLENSKI  
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For the majority of the trip it was collecting cow manure out in the fields of Guatemala, which was quite an experience. Not quite what I expected for spring break. Some people decided to go the Cancun, party route. But I decided to go the Guatemala, manure-picking route.

**That was indeed the choice of 'Cat offensive lineman Al Netter, who recounts his remarkable week at a Guatemalan orphanage On The Record with NUSports.com Special Contributor Skip Myslenski. . .**



**T**he program was through Northwestern. It was through a group called ASB, which is Alternate Student Breaks.

I had a friend who had mentioned it to me before. As a football player, you never really get an opportunity to study abroad, which a lot of my non-athlete friends are able to do during their college careers. So I was looking for an opportunity to go abroad and to get a little bit of that experience.

I applied in the fall for the class. You took a class on a specific social subject. The one I applied for was childhood poverty. With each class was a service trip during spring break that relates to those different issues that you studied in the course.

I didn't really know much childhood poverty before the course. But I learned it is a huge issue globally and even here in the United States, where you wouldn't expect it since we're such a developed country. But it really is a problem we face every day.

The educational problems that exist, the nutritional problems, the health care problems. There's a lot of stuff like that.

It's a lot different when you read it in a book and then see it first hand. You don't really have that emotional attachment. It's just not as real as when you're actually there in the setting where you see it and it's extremely prevalent. It just really hits you. It's real.

On our descent (into Guatemala City), just

looking down, the houses were built on top of each other, one after the other up on these hills. Everybody is just so concentrated. It's so overpopulated.

I was just thinking about how crazy it is. You see, 10 minutes, 15 minutes outside of the city on the plane, it's all green. It's like the most beautiful setting you've seen. Then, as you get closer, it's just more and more city, more and more people. Real interesting. I was speechless. . . (and then) excited to get in and see how the city was built and see how the city worked.

You definitely see what we here in the United States think of as poor is completely different from there. What we consider poor here is normal there. It's what the working class is there.





Netter, pictured here with other Northwestern students who participated in Alternative Spring Break, alternated between working on the farm and teaching classes in Guatemala.

Once we got to the orphanage in Rio Dulce, which was about six hours away, we saw that people worked on the farm and that was their job. A real simple life. They have a few clothes that they wear and maybe a few animals.

We actually took the Greyhound of Guatemala, but it's crazy. The busses you're talking about, which are the public transportation in the city, you wouldn't be able to imagine how they could fit that many people in the bus. People were hanging out the window. People were running, jumping on, jumping off. It was just hectic. Ridiculous.

There's actually a lady, she owns and manages a hostel that is on the river. She's also the founder of the orphanage. Basically, pretty much all the proceeds from the hostel... go toward the orphanage. It's really a cool system the way they have it set up.

Donations come through the hostel, which is also where we stayed. It's about a 20-minute boat ride from the orphanage. All the food donations come from there. They work hand-in-hand with each other.

The orphanage has a generator that gives them power from seven in the morning 'til eight at night. So they can't refrigerate food there. So all their refrigerated food is (at the hostel) and they boat it over real early every morning for the meals they prepare there.

A typical day was wake up at 6:30, eat breakfast at the hostel and, at 7 o'clock, load the boats that would take us to the orphanage. There were people who worked for the orphanage (with us). Armando was our driver for most of the week. We formed a really good relationship with him.

It was funny. He was like one of the most stern, serious guys you ever met. But throughout the week, he kind of opened up to us. I don't think I saw him smile until the last couple of days when he started joking with us. But a really good, genuine guy helping out at the orphanage. You could tell he loves the kids and did it for the kids. But he didn't show it on the outside, which was kind of funny.

We would get to the orphanage around 7:30 and meet with the coordinator and she would direct us to what we were going to be doing during the day. Then we'd get started about 8 a.m.

We would try to switch it up. I went with 13 other people from Northwestern and we would split it up kind of into half days. Half the group would go teach, work with the English classes, the P.E. classes, in the kitchen, stuff around the orphanage. The other group would go out to the farm. Hector was the leader of the farm and the majority of the time I was in the farm. It was more physical labor and they needed bigger, stronger people there.

Basically, the only food they get is what they grow there and what they get donated. So there are times when they are short on food and the kids get to eat only the bare minimum. So it's very important to them to have these farms and make sure they function well. So our project was to help on the farm.

The ground there's not great. It was really clay, clay-like.

When we first got there, Hector told us, "OK. We need to go about 30 minutes away to a different village and get some manure to help make the land better to grow." They were going to plant a bunch of new fruit trees for crops. So I'm thinking to myself, "OK. This will be interesting. We'll go 30 minutes. We'll buy some packaged stuff. We'll throw it on our shoulders. It'll be kinda disgusting, but we'll walk it back."

We walk 30 minutes away and Hector's got a bunch of bags under his arms. We get there and he stops us and he goes, "OK. Here's your bags. The poop's out there in the field. Start picking it up."

I had no idea that's what we'd be doing. We had gloves.

At first he told us just to get the dry ones. The wet ones will soak into your fabric and stain it and make it smell bad. But after the third day, we ran out of dry cow manure and we had to start picking up the wet stuff. So it got a little more disgusting as the trip went on.

The bags were probably like 60 pounds each. At one point I had to carry three on my back and they're awkwardly shaped. It was pretty rough. Dripping sweat, exhausted, dehydrated by the time you got back to the orphanage.

At some points, there were only five of us doing it, which made it pretty brutal. It just made it longer and longer. When we were out there, Hector wasn't going to sell us short. We were going to get as much as we could.

He would calculate. He said three bags for me, two for the other guys,

one for each of the girls and he could carry two. We would have to get that many bags every trip.

The girls were definitely great workers.

But, you know, it was really cool to see it at the end of the week. We got a huge amount of manure, so he could fill this huge area in preparation of planting all these new trees.

It was amazing to see Hector, the lead farmer. He would wake up at the crack of dawn and just work so hard. It was amazing to see that. No deadline, minimum wage, just doing it for the orphanage, wanting to help the kids. He was the hardest, most-diligent worker I've ever seen in my life. You could not believe it.

One of the days we collected manure for a couple of hours, we were just exhausted. It had to have been the high 80s, low 90s, and it's humid too. We were just exhausted. It's rough out there. But we picked the manure, walked back 30 minutes to the farm, threw it over the fence and he goes, "You guys go get lunch and come back when you're done."

We started walking away and I looked back and he just started unloading. He kept working. It was ridiculous.

It made me learn a lot about myself and how my work ethic could be better.

Look at the situation I'm in. Why can't I be that kind of a worker when I'm so much luckier in so many aspects of my life? It was really cool to work with him and get to know him.

I'm so lucky to be working out here on this (practice) field. It's, what, 65 degrees, sunny, barely any humidity. Now you think of Hector. He's down there working on a different kind of field in 99-degree heat and 100-percent humidity and he's carrying manure around.

The other part of the trip was teaching the P.E. classes and just spending time with the kids.

A lot of the kids were telling me that I was the biggest person they'd ever seen in their entire life. So I was a huge hit with the kids. They were always on me to hold them up by my arms, or



Netter works one of his eight-hour shifts in Guatemala.



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to pull them up, or to throw them up in the air. Everywhere I went people were making comments about my size, just joking with me about my size. It was cool.

They loved the fact that I played American football. A lot of the kids didn't know much about it, so when we ran P.E. classes, we showed them about the rules and how to play. It was kind of cool. But the kids, they liked futbol better than American football.

They don't have enough resources or money to give each kid a separate birthday party, so they'll do a birthday month and everyone who has a birthday that month gets a party that day. We were lucky enough to be there on one of those days.

That day we took the kids an hour-and-a-half away to this place called Rio Frio. It was an hour-and-a-half walk through the fields and the jungle.

There are about 150 kids who live there permanently and then there's another 100 who come from different villages who have parents. So on this day we had about 250 kids that we walked from the orphanage to the Rio Frio and they spent the entire day swimming.

At night we came back and celebrated their birthdays and had a dance for them. It was really cool.

There were babies as young as five months and they went up to 14 or 15, until they're ready to go to high school.

The kids were great. You have no idea how well behaved these kids were and just how full of life

Crazy for the situation that they're in that they're just so happy all the time.

I would only eat meals at the orphanage during the day, at lunch. Basically what they do, it's a ton of rice, black beans and tortilla and every once in awhile they'll throw in some vegetables. They said they would make up to 5,000 tortillas a day because the kids are eating breakfast, lunch and dinner there. They have beans and rice and tortillas for every meal.

The kids only eat meat once every couple months.

We were actually there when they killed and slaughtered a cow. So they were able to eat meat when we were there, for the birthday.

I didn't actually see it, but a lot of people in our group did. It was not as humane as you'd want. It took awhile to kill it. They were stabbing it and missing the heart and there was suffering. I don't know. It was just a bad story.

I ate some of the cow they killed and it was really good. But some of the girls became vegetarians after witnessing it.

I think I lost about five pounds. We were able to eat at the hostel, where they had a little more variety, and I brought a ton of protein bars. I knew it would be hard to get meals there.



Netter with his colleagues and new-found friends

parents and do the same thing everyday. It's just ridiculous.

Actually, recently, the orphanage was in some financial trouble. They needed to raise like \$30,000 before October in order to stay running after something like 34 years.

They made the money through donations, so they're fine.

I've done a lot of thinking. You know, just to be thankful for the things I have and take the opportunities I have and make the most of them. Definitely my attitude's changed since the trip. I don't really take much for granted anymore.

The daily things that I have everyday. The warm water that we didn't have there. The meals that we eat in the N Club everyday. The opportunity to play football at a great university. To know that people can be so happy without these kinds



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There were a few kids I formed pretty good relationships with, the younger teen ones. You could tell they looked up to me, considered me a role model. But it's hard.

What I learned on the trip is these kids, they never really have that permanent adult figure to look up to. Even the long-term volunteers

who stay there, they stay for a year, two at most. People are always coming in and out of their lives, so what I felt is they were a little reluctant to put themselves out there and get close to people.

But you could really tell, between themselves, they were really close. They'd been there since they were young and the relationships between them were really strong.

I definitely formed some good relationships. It was hard to leave them. It was pretty emotional, I would say. Just to know, OK, we worked here for a week and we're going back to our normal routine. But these kids, tomorrow they're going to wake up in these beds and eat this food and be without

of opportunities makes you step back and think, "Wow, I'm one of the luckiest people in the world and, for myself and for others, I need to really take advantage of this."

I had been on different spring break trips. I'd been home, I'd been to the Bahamas and those were fun opportunities. But what do you really get out of them? I have some memories from them, but they're just memories, you know. With this trip, I wanted something more.

I honestly didn't know what to expect going into the trip. I had no idea it was going to make this big of an impact on me.

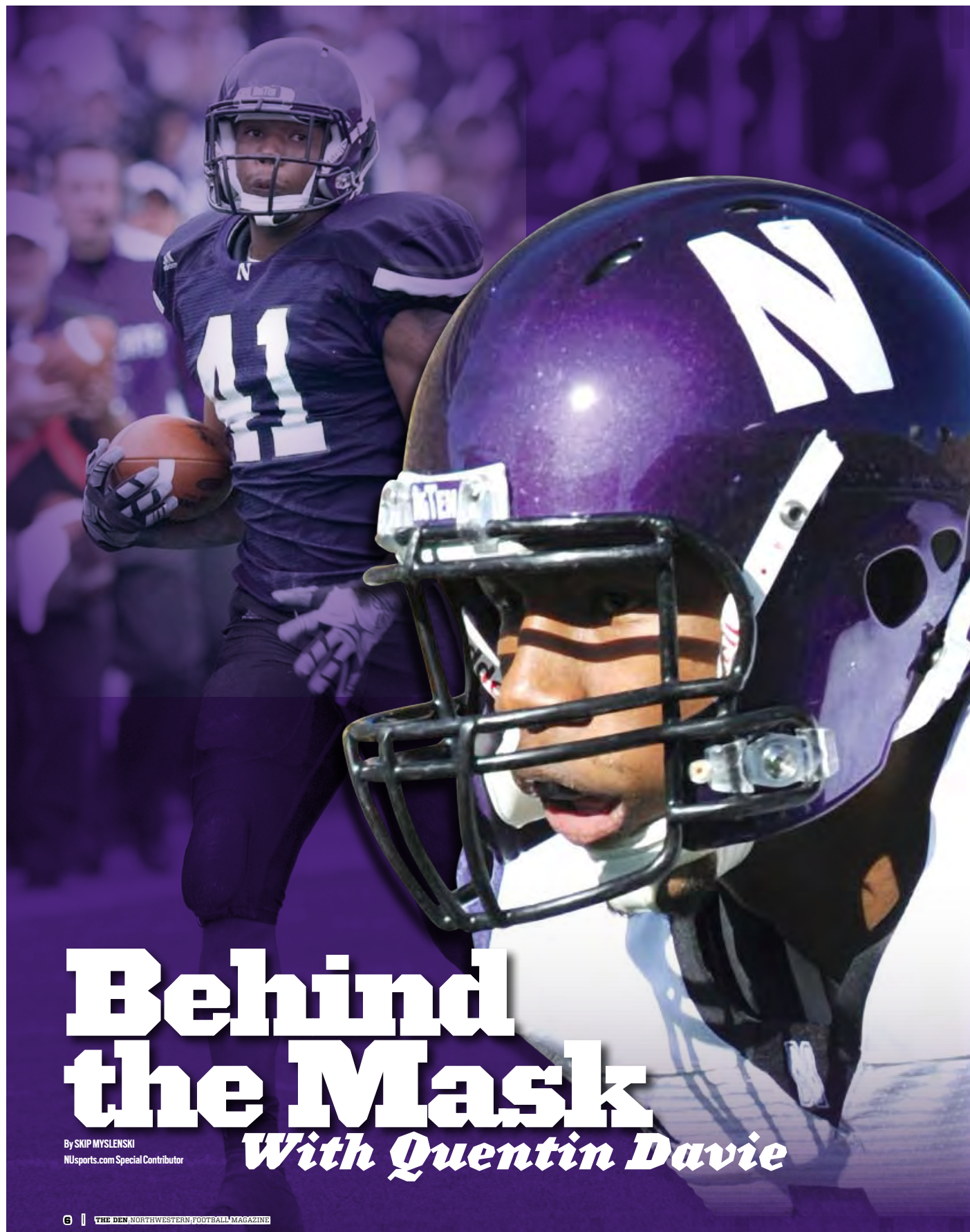
I still think about it. I still use it as motivation just to take every day and give it my all out here on the field and be thankful for what I have. It just really makes me want to work harder.

It also kind of makes me, it does make me want to get out there more and do more for the community here. Going back to the opportunities I have, I'm so lucky. I just feel I can help others now more than I did before.

they were. They brushed their teeth after every meal. They did their own dishes after every meal. After class everyday, they swept all the grounds and they cleaned all the bathrooms. After the age of 10, every kid washes his own clothes. They're given so much responsibility at such a young age, it's amazing to see.

And they were the best, most well behaved kids. I've been around kids here in the United States who constantly fight or snicker, video games, texting. These kids, they have nothing. They get a chance to go play soccer outside, they're ecstatic, they love it, they're so passionate about it. They don't fight. Amazing kids.





# Behind the Mask

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*With Quentin Davie*





# SEASON CLIPS



**H**e is nominated for an award named after the former Bear Dick Butkus, who provided the template for violence and viciousness when he stalked prey as a linebacker for the Chicago Bears. When at work, 'Cat linebacker Quentin Davie can certainly be viewed as a product of that mold. But at rest, sitting behind a table and discussing his personal side, the vision is something far different. It is soft and unthreatening, it is open and unassuming, it is warm and wise and witty and wry.

These were just the characteristics he displayed on a recent afternoon when, after practice, he settled in to reflect on data he'd previously provided and to play a game far different from the one that has earned him acclaim. It was hardly a new game. It was, in fact, little more than a variation on word association. But, in the end, it gave new insights into some old answers—and into the man behind the face mask as well.

## FIRST JOB

"It was terrible," he says with a laugh. "I think I was a sophomore in high school and I needed a summer job. A friend of my family was a manager at McDonald's and he got me a job. I went there the first weekend I had to work, they put me on a grill making burgers, flipping them, and it was terrible. It was so hot in there and I used to go in

the back, I had to get the big boxes of fries out of the freezer every time we needed to restock fries. And lunchtime was the worst. Every lunchtime, I just dreaded it. I think I worked there for a full weekend and then I stopped. I was out. I think if you work at McDonald's, you can do anything."

## What did he learn from that experience?

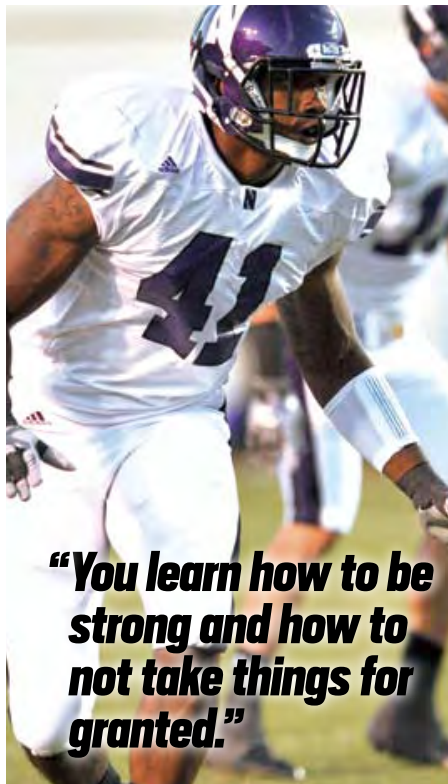
"There were a lot of people who'd worked there for a long period of time and I learned, just looking from the outside, if I had gone to McDonald's and ordered something, I'd be like, 'All right. What's taking so long? Why don't you have my food?' When you're on the inside, actually doing something, you see the hard work that it takes to get the burgers and fries done and get something assembled. It's the same thing in football. People only see us on Saturday. But camp, you see us in camp grinding and doing all this stuff, and during

the summertime when no fans are in the stands and we're out there conditioning, all that. You see the full process of what goes on inside and it opens your eyes. So the next time I'm going through McDonald's, I'm, 'All right. I understand. It's hard. It's hot in there.'"

## Did it influence the way he treats people?

"Definitely. Ever since I had that experience, an example is here and in high school with custodians. I make friends with the custodians and just everybody. The lunch ladies, I had a close relationship with them. I'd talk to them, ask them how their day's going, know a little bit about their family. It really opens up the perspective that everything has to work together in order for it to work. Just because I'm here doesn't mean they're less of a person because they're doing that. Everything's important. Everyone's important."





***"You learn how to be strong and how to not take things for granted."***

**MARY YOUNGER, ALVIN DAVIE, ALEXANDRA RICHARDSON**

They are, in order, his mom and his older brother and his fiancé, and they must go together for it is here, when speaking of them, that Quentin Davie is most removed from his Saturday self. The first is his hero and the second is his role model and the third is the love of his life, but the same tender emotions are manifest as he moves from the first to the second to the third.

"From day one, anything I did, she was there supporting me," he begins, speaking of his mom. "If I looked into the crowd in elementary school and I was in a play, she was there. She gave me and my brother whatever I needed. She spoiled us. She cared for us and loved us like that. She was a school teacher and I'm pretty sure, when we were younger, things she gave us, she sacrificed and gave us things and probably took away from things she could have had for herself. She just gave us things without thinking. If we wanted some new shoes, she'd take us to get them. If we needed some new sports equipment, she'd get it for us. We would always have the best."

***Didn't she get mad at him, though, when he quit football?***

"I quit when I was seven, when I first started, because I kept getting hit by this big guy Chris. He just kept hitting me in practice because I was the second biggest guy, but he was overweight and they wanted me to keep hitting him. But she actually supported me when I quit. 'It's all right if you quit. But if you go back out there, you've got to stay out.' She wanted me to make a firm decision and be sure of it. The funny thing with that is, when I quit, my mom was cheerleading coach for my team and my brother's team. So I spent the whole year with the cheerleaders. I learned all the cheers and stuff, so I still had fun the year I quit."

***Speaking of his brother.***

"We'd compete in everything. Basketball. Football. I remember one time, we just got our football equipment, this was when we were in Little League, and we came home and put it on and went to hit against each other. I knew I couldn't take him on, he was always bigger than me. But he wanted me to tackle him, so I go to tackle and he tries to run me over and I move away and he falls to the ground. It was just the funniest thing. Me going against him knowing I couldn't beat him, but still wanting to compete."

***How'd he react?***

"All I did was laugh. He got mad. 'You're always moving out of the way.' It was just a funny thing."

***So he is really an old homebody, in the best sense of the word?***

"It touches a soft spot, the family and things like that. It's real strong with me. I think it's one of the strongest things that got me here today, the family and the support system. Without it, I can't see where I'd be. Even with college, I wouldn't think of coming to college."

***Does he look to extend that family and support system with his fiancé?***

"Oh, yeah. Definitely. It's the key thing in my life. It really propels me to do the things I do on the field."

***Has he known her long?***

"I met her a long time ago. My brother had a best friend and she was his cousin. We'd go over to his house all the time and she was there. But we really didn't talk to each other. We actually started dating as sophomores in high school. She supports me in everything I do. I always joke with her, 'Do you only want me because I play football?' But when I was in high school and wasn't the star player, she wanted me. So I joke about that too. 'You wanted me when I wasn't any good.'"

**RYAN DAVIE**

His familial instincts stretch even to this cousin. "The story I was telling my team, the defense before the (Illinois State) game, my cousin's in Afghanistan now. It was September 11th when we played and Coach Fitz told us to think of the people over there fighting so we can be here today. And I thought about him. He's over there fighting for us right now and I talked to him on the phone like four days before that and he was talking about how, when he comes back to the States, he wants to play football. He wants to go to JUCO and play football because he didn't go to college. I mean, it's crazy how he's over there fighting for his life, but wants to do what I'm doing. It's crazy. He's 20-years old, he's younger than me, and he's over there fighting and I'm over here playing football. The roles could easily be switched around."

***Does that motivate him at all?***

"Definitely. My cousin was telling me how he's over there watching the games and you definitely want to do good so those guys can be over there cheering, bragging on you and stuff. It gives you pleasure knowing you can brighten up their day after they've been up 24 hours watching at a post. That's when he always calls me, when he's watching at a post. I'm like, 'Dude, why aren't

you paying attention?' I guess he's on a break or something. I hope so."

**MARTIN LUTHER KING**

This is the one person from history Quentin Davie would like to dine with. "I just want to sit down and me basically be quiet and him talk."

***What question would he ask?***

"I would definitely ask him how he envisioned this (Civil Rights Movement) coming and just how he felt. Most people consider him an angel on earth. So it would be cool to know how somebody projected a future that was so far away, but then it happened like that after he was gone."

***That future being equality?***

"Yeah, equality. He's just a strong symbol to me, standing there to lead the fight for that."

**IF**

This famed Rudyard Kipling poem is one road map to achieving manhood and a copy of it hangs in Quentin Davie's locker. "It explains a lot," he says simply. "(Former 'Cat) Eddie Simpson left it for me in my locker. I read it every now and then. It explains a lot about struggling and things like that."

**OF MICE AND MEN**

This John Steinbeck novella, which is Davie's favorite book, centers on a pair of migrant workers in California during the Great Depression. The one is George Milton, who is intelligent, quit-witted and cynical. The other is Lennie Small, who is large in stature but with limited mental abilities. "It's a book I read in high school. It was a great book with the philosophy we talked about earlier. The guy who wasn't challenged (mentally), he's going everywhere and he brought the other guy along with him. He didn't have to. He could have gone and lived a good life without him. He kept holding him back, but he wanted to bring him along. It just shows no one's worth less than someone else."

**PERSPECTIVE**

Headlines testify to its absence in much of the sport universe, which is littered with everything from blatant cheating to narcissistic clowns. But this is just the virtue that courses through Quentin Davie and much of what he offers, and so there is wonder that it springs from one so young. "I think it comes just from learning and growing, witnessing life and making errors and mistakes," he says. "Like I said, I learned from my family. That's a big part. And a lot's learned on the football field. You learn how to be strong and how to not take things for granted."

"But I really don't know where it comes from. I think it's just a thing in me. I'm kind of a nice guy. I'm nice to people. I'm a people person and I can take people in. It just feels better to reach out to people and help them and stuff rather than just be in your own little world. You're going to come down one day and you're going to need help from someone else. So I say just stay down with them and keep helping people."

**GLASS**

"Half full or half empty?" we ask.

"Half full," Quentin Davie replies.



## Jeremy Ebert's Road to Recovery

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**O**h, yeah. He heard it. Believe that he heard it. He heard it and digested it and tucked it away as safely as some amulet he could call on continually for strength and support and stimulation. It didn't matter that his name popped up on All-This-and-That teams, or that he directed his school on a rare journey deep into the playoffs, or that he put up quarterback numbers garish enough to outdo even the most outrageous outfit donned by Lady Gaga. Even then he still heard it from countless college recruiters, heard, he remembers, "Everybody saying you're not good enough, you're not fast enough. So you've always got a little something. I've got a chip on my shoulder."

Were these others saying he was too small to be a quarterback or dismissing him all together?

"Yeah. I was just dismissed. Really Northwestern kind of took a chance with me and that's what drove me here."

That is the frank admission of 'Cat wide receiver

Jeremy Ebert and so, minutes later, his position coach is asked if that chip he carries is visible when he performs. "Chip? He does (have one). He does," Kevin Johns readily replies. "I think that's the way he approaches everything. He was a five-foot-eleven high school quarterback who everyone said was too short. I think he's out to prove everyone wrong. So, yeah. He attacks everything that way. The same way Zeke (Markshausen) did a year ago. I think he had something to prove as well."

When the 'Cats viewed those tapes of Ebert as a high school quarterback, Johns is saying, they saw an exceptional athlete who could run and lead and change directions. Even then, he goes on, they imagined him at wide receiver and that belief grew even stronger when he attended their camp before his senior season and showed that he could both run routes and catch the ball as well. "That," concludes Johns, "confirmed everything for us.

From there it was a no-brainer."

Even as a callow (and true) freshman Ebert reconfirmed that faith, ending that '08 season with 15 catches for a pair of touchdowns as the 'Cats made their way to the Alamo Bowl. But then, in the off-season, he underwent hip surgery and suddenly, not unexpectedly, his development stalled and all the promise he showed remained just that. Promise.

Pat Fitzgerald, the 'Cat coach, missed the 1996 Rose Bowl after breaking his leg late in the '95 season and so well knows the cornucopia of effects caused by a serious injury. "When you're hurt," he says, "you're in the valley. You feel alone. You feel like nobody understands what you're going through. Then you start to get healthy, you start to come out of that valley, and you're rusty and you're out of shape and you're not very good. Then you get to where the trainers release you and



you're full go, now you really start to question your ability because, again, at the end of the day you're rusty, you're not playing the way you're capable of. So it's a process to come back."

Isn't part of the process also learning to trust the damaged area?

"For me, personally, it wasn't in Kenosha. It was probably week three when I got cut again and rolled up in a pile and nothing happened. It wasn't until then I could finally feel, 'Yeah, I can cut it loose again.' So I think it's more the fear factor of re-injuring yourself than it is the injury."

Did he see Ebert go through that process?

"You lose that development in your lower body and football is so much played from your midriff down. So when your legs go, everything goes. He's definitely in a different place than he was in the past."

It wasn't psychological for him then?

"I think that was part of it. Absolutely. But I think anytime you have an injury, lower body, it's going to take you a full year to get back because you just can't train. I remember. I should have red shirted. You just don't train your legs. You don't squat. You don't hang clean. You don't condition the same way."

"It was just a nagging injury, the hip, and I was never able to go full go," Jeremy Ebert is saying. "Once it started to feel right, I could play football the way I like to play it. Fast. Ever since then, it's been pretty good."

When did that happen?

"It took time. Scar tissue. It took some time."

Was the problem strictly physical, or was it psychological too?

"Yeah. Not trusting it in-and-out of breaks. Being a receiver, you're using your hips a lot more than you think. So I think that was part of it. But I'm all over it now. I'm good to go."

How hard is that process Fitzgerald talked about?

"It's real difficult. It's like a block in your mind where you don't know if you can do it. Then you start easing into it and (after) a couple workouts, you start feeling it come back. Then you've just got to cut it loose."

Does he trust it now?

"If I didn't trust it, I wouldn't be starting right now. I wouldn't be in the position I'm in. The hip's really out of my mind. It's not on my mind at all. Being 100 percent, it's a whole new world."

Last season, as he worked his way through the process, Jeremy Ebert started just four games and caught a mere 21 balls. He, clearly, was not whole. But in the spring he showed flashes of his old self and then during the summer, he remembers, his speed resurfaced and suddenly he was again topping his teammates in their conditioning sprints. (He ran a 4.3 40 in high school, he says.)

Now, as the 'Cats head into their Ryan Field meeting with Central Michigan, he appears poised for a breakout season, a season where he replaces Markshausen as their most prolific wide receiver. He and quarterback Dan Persa, who often worked together last fall on the scout team, possess that symbiotic relationship that defines the best of passing duos, and with his speed Ebert could well prove even more dangerous than his illustrious predecessor.

"We've been working together since he got here and that definitely rubs off," says Persa of their experience together. "We know each other. I know his catch radius. I know where he's going to be at all times. Even on the scout team, when we were running our plays, I knew where he was going to be. He has a real good feel for the game. He knows where to be at the right time. He understands coverage. He played quarterback in high school, so he understands the position that we're in and what we're trying to look at. That's what he does really well. He has good change of direction. He's really controlled through his routes. So if the ball's a little behind him, he's in control and can slow down and speed back up really quick."

"Jeremy's a really good athlete, a really good athlete, and he's developed himself into being a great wide receiver," echoes Johns. "When he showed up his freshman year, there were a lot of things he didn't know about playing the position just because he was a high school quarterback. But... he's really worked over the



last couple years watching film and watching the older guys and perfecting his game. I think the game has slowed down for him from a mental standpoint and now he understands what's going on."

What's his strength?

"A lot like Zeke Markshausen a year ago, he'll catch anything that's in his radius. As a wide receiver coach that makes me feel great, knowing that you're putting a receiver out there that will catch anything in his frame."

Can he end up as the new Zeke?

"If Jeremy can match what Zeke did, I'll be pretty excited."

Does Ebert have a distinguishing characteristic, we ask Fitzgerald.

"Yeah. I think it's his personality," he says. "He played quarterback. His dad's an athletic director. He's dealt with some adversity. He's truly unflappable."

"I try to keep things fun, keep them energized, and I've always got a little smirk on my face," Ebert himself says when asked about his personality. "I've got a little attitude when I play, I guess. I've got a little chip on my shoulder from being a quarterback. All of our wide receivers have a little chip on our shoulder out there playing."

"That's an edge I don't think he'll ever lose. I sort of like him with that edge," Johns will soon conclude. "And to be honest with you, everyone in our receiving group attacks it that way. We're a group that doesn't get a ton of respect, so everyday we're out to prove something."





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## NU's McNaul keeps close ties with brother in Afghanistan

By

As a platoon leader deployed in Afghanistan less than a month ago, second lieutenant Austin McNaul has time for little but getting up to speed on the war.

But when he gets a moment, he races to the Internet to see how Bryce, his 6-foot-3, 230-pound little brother, fares as Northwestern's starting weakside linebacker.

After the redshirt junior piled up a career-high 13 tackles in Saturday's 20-17 victory at Indiana, Austin used his four minutes of free time to fire off an e-mail to their mother. Debra McNaul forwarded it to Bryce.

"He said in all capital letters, 'IT IS GREAT THAT BRYCE IS PLAYING SO WELL,'" Bryce said. "And he said, 'Even if he's not, be thankful that he's out there and he's healthy, because it's a dream come true for him. And he goes, 'I'm very proud of him.'"

Now, it's not uncommon for brothers to enjoy a mutual admiration society, but the McNauls' extends up and down the family tree.

Bryce and Austin are the third generation of rugged athletes in their suburban Minneapolis-based family. They're an abnormally tight group regardless of the age differential.

"I find a lot of fulfillment in my family and being there for my family," Bryce said. "I know (Austin) does, too. We're a real special bunch. I like to think. It means the world to me."

Austin, while preparing to serve his country, started as the Number 8 on Army's nationally ranked rugby club team.

Their father, Eric, played football at Cincinnati Moeller for Gerry Faust when the school won the 1977 mythical national title.

Their grandfather, Daniel Drotar, was a two-time all-state player in California. As Bryce ramps up his play during his first year as a starter a campaign that came two seasons later than the McNauls and the Wildcats coaching staff hoped his grandfather's words resonate.

"He's always emphasizing, 'Let the game slow down for you. Let the game slow down for you,'" Bryce said. "I was never trying to write them off, but, man, those words are pretty profound the more and more I'm playing here. The game does tend to slow down and you start to see things better."

After posting 21 tackles in his first four starts, McNaul owns 23 tackles and 1 forced fumble in his last two games. Barring injury, he will make his seventh consecutive start Saturday at Penn State.

You need the "barring injury" qualifier because McNaul's first three years at NU were spent breaking and rebuilding his body.

YThree days before he reported to camp as a true freshman in 2007, he pulled his right hamstring.

YMidway through spring ball in 2008 as he challenged for the starting WILL linebacker spot, he separated his right shoulder.

YOn the first day of Camp Kenosha in August 2008, he blew out his right hamstring ... then he continually reinjured his shoulder during the course of the season while trying to help on special teams.

YHe underwent reconstructive surgery on his right shoulder after the 2008 Alamo Bowl, which knocked him out of the 2009 spring practices.

YAfter earning a big role on special teams last season, McNaul suffered a potentially catastrophic right-knee injury in the Big Ten opener against Minnesota.

"I kind of blew out my knee," McNaul said. "Actually, the ACL and all the tendons held on, which I think the doctors looked at me and their eyes were, like, wide open.

"When I came in the next morning after they read the MRI, they were like, 'You need to say a few prayers. Your knee held on, but we don't know how.' But I tore my calf and had a bone contusion in my knee that kept me out until Iowa."

McNaul finally made his first start in last year's regular-season finale against Wisconsin and earned a starting job this fall. Of course, he promptly injured his shoulder and had to sit out the Vanderbilt and Illinois State wins.

"It's been a tough road for him," head coach Pat Fitzgerald said. "Early in his career we thought, 'Here's a guy who had a chance to be a two-, three-, four-year starter for us. Then the injuries popped up.'"

And nearly dragged him down. McNaul admits to being depressed, though he's so outgoing and assertive that he must mean it more in a figurative sense.

"I think one of the biggest pains that I've felt during my college years here is watching others play the game that I love," McNaul said. "It's like your woman (equals) playing that game. And, wow, you're just so jealous of those guys that are out there and they're able to play.

"Not even like, 'I want their spots, their plays, their stats.' You're just like, 'I want that ability to be out there playing.' When you're sitting from the sideline, you can either call it in and say, 'Poor me,' or you can be like, 'Wait 'til I get out there' and make the most of it."

Now that he is, Bryce broke down recently and created a Facebook account if only to share his experiences with someone nine time zones and one world away.

"I was one of those guys who was, 'There's no point in having a Facebook page. It's just a gossip thing,'" Bryce said. "But here I am trying to learn how to use it to talk to my brother in Afghanistan."

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## Past is past, so Wildcats, Bates put focus on Iowa



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**N**orthwestern has a 24-hour rule. If you lose a game, you have 24 hours to sulk, stay angry, cry or do whatever it is that you do when you mourn a loss and then you have to look ahead.

After Saturday's debacle at Penn State, a 35-21 loss where the Wildcats were ahead 21-7 at halftime, it would be understandable if players and coaches didn't want to adhere to that.

But coach Pat Fitzgerald is over it — he said he was over it when he got back to Evanston Saturday night — and so is safety Hunter Bates. For their last home game of the season Saturday (11 a.m., ESPN, WGN 720-AM, WNUR 89.3-FM) at Ryan Field, the Wildcats' mindset is "bring on Iowa."

"At this point going into preparation for [today's] practice, I've watched every rep of Iowa on tape, so [the Penn State game] is over," Fitzgerald said. "I was done with the game when I got off the bus Saturday night. I'll look back at the end of the year on a lot of things, and see what we can do better, but its over and you move forward."

There are only three games left: Iowa, Illinois next week at Wrigley Field and at Wisconsin on Nov. 27. Yes, the Wildcats are bowl-eligible, but they haven't won at Ryan Field since Sept. 25 against Central Michigan. Of their three losses, two have been at home — Purdue on Oct. 9 and Michigan State on

Oct. 23.

Bates might have the advantage of getting football advice from his family in addition to the NU coaching staff. His brother, Graham, is a safety at Arkansas State and his father, Bill, played safety for the Dallas Cowboys for 15 years. Bates is a triplet and has a sister, Brianna. Bates called his brother before the Indiana victory Oct. 30 for a scouting report, since Graham's Red Wolves played Indiana two weeks earlier and lost by two points.

Bates made a spectacular play in the first quarter at Penn State, plowing through the offensive line and sacking Nittany Lions quarterback Rob Bolden for an 18-yard loss. Bates caused a fumble that linebacker Quentin Davie recovered. It was an "explosion play." There weren't many of those — if any — for NU in the second half.

"Maybe it was a lack of focus, but we came out hot," Bates said. "We were doing different stuff that we don't do in practice and we shouldn't carry it over in games. It's just little things that we can fix, but when you add them all together it makes big mistakes."

The Wildcats get angry when the opposing team scores, they don't just sit there and wait for quarterback Dan Persa to save the day. It's not as if they don't take responsibility for their actions.

"We need to carry our practice mentality into games where we have good technique," Bates said. "Even if they do score, we need to respond and put the fire out."

The Wildcats have to stop the bleeding. Fitzgerald knows that, Bates knows it and so does the whole team. We'll see if they can do something about it Saturday.

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Hunter Bates (7) came up with big plays in a loss to Penn State, and now is hoping Northwestern can avoid mistakes vs. Iowa. | SCOTT STEWART-SUN-TIMES

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***"Danny's hard on himself. His best strength is also the area where he needs to learn how to flush some things a little bit more."***

*'Cat coach Pat Fitzgerald*

***"I take things really seriously, especially football. It means so much to me. I play for my teammates, I play for everyone around me and I try to shoulder a lot of that. At the same time, I've got to get over mistakes and move on. Like you said, my greatest strength is how much I care about things. But that can also lead to me worrying about things in the past that I can't control, and that can affect my future."***

*'Cat quarterback Dan Persa*



DAN PERSA

## Walking the Line

It is the evening of September 4 and, in their season opener at Vanderbilt, the 'Cats lead by 10 late in the second quarter. But now Dan Persa, their quarterback, is sacked and fumbles and loses the ball, and quickly the Commodores drive 52 yards to a touchdown and pull to within four (after missing the extra point). Nearly two minutes still remain until the half, but here the 'Cats run three plays that net two yards, punt and leave Vandy time enough to kick a field goal on its final snap.

Now it is the afternoon of October 2, nearly a full month later, and the 'Cats are down one late in the third quarter of their Big Ten opener at Minnesota. Here they are driving and just 20 yards from a go-ahead touchdown, but then Persa throws an interception and six minutes later the Gophers themselves score and go up eight.

These are a pair of moments that mirrored each other in the first half of this 'Cat season, yet in the second there is a far different response from Dan Persa. Here, in Minneapolis, he will not merely stick the ball in the bellies of his running backs. He instead will himself run for one and then complete consecutive passes to Mike Trumphy and Jacob Schmidt. Now Trumphy rushes for two and Persa finds Charles Brown for 26 and, after two more plays gain just three yards, finds Jeremy Ebert for the touchdown that puts his team down only two and in position for their late win.

"That was a big step for me," Dan Persa is saying on a recent afternoon. He is speaking now of that Minnesota game and here he continues, "Earlier in the season, if I threw an interception or fumbled, I'd be a lot more cautious for a quarter or a series, whatever. I realized then we didn't have much time. I just threw an interception (when) we were down one and they just scored. Now they're up

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eight. I said, 'If I don't make plays, we're going to lose.' That was the biggest thing to me. I didn't want to lose that game because of my mistakes."

Was that a growing moment for him?

"Definitely. You learn so much about yourself. I've learned a lot about myself from Vanderbilt until now. It's pretty cool. You find out who you really are. You find out what you're really made of."

Has he found out anything new about himself between Vanderbilt and now?

"Yeah. At Vanderbilt, when things went wrong, it was kind of like, 'Oh, crap. I just fumbled, they just scored, it's a four-point game now.' That was the middle of the second quarter and I was really cautious until halftime. After halftime, I came out and played better. But Minnesota it was the next series I came out. And the Central Michigan game, after I threw a pick (late in the second quarter), it was the two-minute drill (on the 'Cats next offensive possession) and I was just letting it loose and throwing it. That was the biggest thing. Just proving to myself I can get over things faster. It takes time. It's not easy. You can't say, 'I'm going to fix this today.' You've got to worry about a million other things. So it's tough to focus and do that. But at the same time, that's what makes you great."

Is this a topic that has been talked about a lot?

"Yeah. Yeah. Coach Fitz and Coach (Mick) McCall (the offensive coordinator) have always talked about it to me. I think I've gotten better throughout my career. When I first got here, I was really bad. I wore my emotions on my sleeve. When things wouldn't go my way, I'd hang my head for a long time, and a bad play led to a bad practice and stuff like that. The biggest thing is play each play. You can't change the next one. You can't change the one that went before."

But changing an ingrained attitude, that's easier to intellectualize than transform into reality.

"It's tough. You talk about things. But doing it is a big step and doing it consistently is the biggest step. Anyone can do it for one play or one day. But doing it over the stretch of a season is a real challenge. Like I said, I think I've improved a lot. But I still have a long way to go. Everything is so important to me that, when I do something wrong, I've got to learn to get over it rather than dwell on it."

***"I don't have a lot of critiques on the way he's playing now. He's playing at a really high level."***

*Pat Fitzgerald on Dan Persa*

***"It's been fun."***

*Dan Persa*

There was little not to like about the first half of Dan Persa's first season as the 'Cat starter at the most-important position on the field. He completed 78 percent of his passes, the best of any quarterback in the nationally, and ran up a pass efficiency rating of 173.3, second best in the conference and fourth best in the country. The offense he guided averaged 425.7 yards per game, fifth best in the conference and 33rd best in the country, and he himself had a hand in 326 of them, once more second best in the conference and fourth best in the country. Finally, and more important than any of that, he led his team to five wins in its six games.

He seemed as natural as Roy Hobbs and as mature as aged cheddar in his role as team leader and this came as little surprise. He has long been acclaimed by both his coaches and his teammates for his competitiveness, for his skills, for his athleticism, for his diligence and his demeanor and his devotion to duty. But that impression was surely too facile, for no quarterback pops out of the womb fully finished, nor is there a single thing easy about choreographing an offense while feeling the hot breath of ill-tempered behemoths intent on doing you harm. So in reality, for Dan Persa, that first half was as much about learning and growing as it was about winning and posting dazzling numbers.



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Flushing mistakes and forgetting the past and focusing on the present were part of this process, yet hardly the only part. "I measure growth by how far he's come from the end of the season a year ago and then, as he gets game experience, he's got to keep coming and coming and coming," says Mick McCall, the offensive coordinator. "And he continues to grow. He knows he has to. He has to get better and better and better. We always talk about the next step he has to take. He's doing a good job up to this point. And we're excited about getting to the next step."

What steps has he taken and what's the next one ahead of him?

"The things he's done great at are he's a leader and he's pulled the guys along. He's taken care of the football very, very well for the most part. And he's found a way to win games, however it was. With his feet. With his arm. Whatever it was, he found a way to win games. I think the next step he has to take is he's got to start to understand that timing and ball placement are going to win every time. And if he has great timing and ball placement with some throws, he's got to know he can make certain throws time in and time out. I think that's the next step for him."

Is McCall talking about having the confidence to make throws into tight quarters?

"We're getting there. We're getting there. That's what we're talking about. Timing and ball placement, he's going to win on certain things. We're not saying throw the ball up for grabs and he's not going to do that. I don't anticipate him doing that nor do we coach it that way. But he's got to believe there are certain throws he can make and get it on people. We cannot take as many sacks as we've taken. That's the big thing. He knows that. We've done a good job of taking care of the football. Now stay out of those long, long yardage situations. That'll help us. We've been pretty good on third down when we're in third-and-medium, third-and-short. We're confident that way and those are the throws he's got to be able to make."

Fitz talked recently about Mike Kafka being hesitant on certain things early last season and how he blossomed after he started just cutting it loose. Is Persa cutting it loose?

"I'm not going to say play looser. I think he has to play a little bit more confident of the throws he can make, OK, and

go ahead and make those throws. The only way that that happens is he does it in practice, he gets confidence in practice. I'm not going to sit there and say don't, don't, don't, don't make the mistake in practice. If he makes a mistake, OK, now he knows the barrier, the line he can't cross. That's the thing. If he knows the line, the line he can press and how much he can press it, then it's calculated risks. He's got to know what everyone else on the field is doing, all 21 other guys. If he understands that, he'll make those throws. He'll make those throws."

**"There is no defense against a perfect pass. I can throw the perfect pass."**

*Former Dolphin great Dan Marino*

**"I think I've been making a bunch of down the field throws, but there's still some where I need to cut loose a little bit. That's the thing I've got to do a little more often."**

*Dan Persa*

So often the quarterback is a gunslinger, a swashbuckler, a hard head like Brett Favre who believes he can whip a ball through any window, no matter the minuteness of its opening. This is not Dan Persa. He, in the first half of his first season as starter, has talked instead of not liking a defensive look; of believing in the sanctity of ball possession; of being blessed with legs and of using them to live and be around to fight another day.

His is a credible and defensible position, and it precludes the kind of egregious errors that are as much a part of Favre's legacy as his successes. But there is a line here, that line mentioned by McCall, and learning just where it is drawn is the lesson now being studied by Dan Persa. "I'm working on it," he says, "but I'd rather err on the side of taking care of the ball. That's the most important thing. As we see, the teams that win the games are usually the teams that win the turnover ratio. I think for the most part, I've been doing a good job with that. There are some things where I wish I would

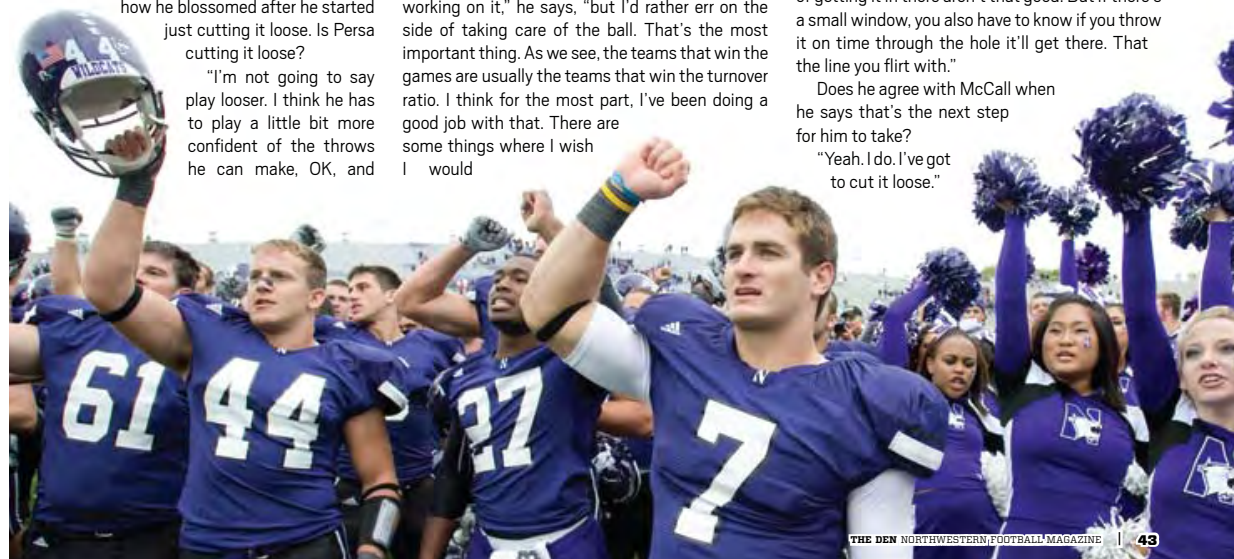
have thrown it out, stuck it in there, given it a shot. But at the same time, I'm fine with checking the ball down. The biggest thing we stress is taking care of the ball. That's definitely the number one goal."

How hard is it, learning where that line is drawn?

"It's tough. The interception, you don't want to throw an interception. But at the same time you have to have the confidence you can put things in there. I think the biggest thing is knowing yourself, not being overconfident, not being cocky, not thinking, 'No matter who's there, I have confidence in myself to stick it through a hole.' You have to realize if there are three guys there, your chances of getting it in there aren't that good. But if there's a small window, you also have to know if you throw it on time through the hole it'll get there. That the line you flirt with."

Does he agree with McCall when he says that's the next step for him to take?

"Yeah. I do. I've got to cut it loose."



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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL AT WRIGLEY FIELD

## SPOTLIGHT ON EVAN WATKINS



QB Evan Watkins was sure in picking Northwestern. WARREN SKALSKI/PHOTO FOR THE TRIBUNE

# Right place, right time

Watkins confident about facing Illini in 1st start

By Teddy Greenstein | TRIBUNE REPORTER

The Watkins family had just completed a recruiting visit to Northwestern when Evan told his father something memorable: "This is the place."

"My eyes lit up," Bill Watkins recalled.

The father had played offensive tackle at Northern Illinois from 1983 to '85, although he'd tell you that "playing" would be putting it kindly. A highlight of his Huskies experience was simply making the traveling squad for the 1983 California Bowl.

But Bill Watkins believed his rifle-armed son, now 6-foot-6 and nearly 250 pounds, could play in the Big Ten.

Iowa came through with a scholarship offer, and Wisconsin inquired. Watkins said he figured his son would be attracted to one of those "glamour" programs.

So when Evan Watkins picked Northwestern, the hometown school with the best academics, the father surged with pride.

Evan Watkins, who played at Glenbard North, was the first member of the Class of 2009 to commit.

"Northwestern was a favorite early and I loved it here," Evan Watkins said. "It wasn't much of a decision."

The only thing that remains unclear from his recruitment is this: Did NU coach Pat Fitzgerald really tell the player that he envisioned him starting his first college game against Illinois at Wrigley Field?

Fitzgerald said that Monday, later adding that it was a joke.

Evan Watkins, though, said, "I'm pretty sure he did (say it), yeah ... it's funny how things play out."

And Bill Watkins' take? "Something was said. My

wife (Ellen) remembers it," he said. "It's weird that this is all falling into place."

Evan Watkins will take the field Saturday with little experience — he redshirted as a freshman and has completed 3 of 7 throws this season — but plenty of confidence.

"I think he's confident because the way he's been coached," Fitzgerald said, pointing to offensive coordinator Mick McCall. "Mick is demanding on those quarterbacks, but the relationships and bonds are so strong because of how he communicates."

Watkins' perceived self-confidence has been celebrated — and lampooned — on Twitter by the author of @FakeEvanWatkins.

A corresponding Web site speculated that Watkins spent Sunday either finishing his third book of the day or "towing a pregnant woman's car with his bare hands."

McCall said Evan Watkins will bring the correct mentality to the game: He'll be prepared.

"If you sit in the meetings with him or watch practice



Watkins

and know what he's looking at, you can see his confidence and decisiveness," he said. "He's ready to go."

McCall said Watkins "definitely, definitely, definitely" throws a good deep ball and

"he runs better than people want to give him credit for."

Illinois only lightly recruited Watkins because they preferred the quicker Nathan Scheelhaase, who excels in the Illini system of zone-read options.

"We recruited Evan, but obviously he's not the kind of guy that moves around," Illinois coach Ron Zook said. "That doesn't mean he can't move around, but there was not a lot of tape on him."

Asked what he anticipates now that quarterback Dan Persa, also NU's top rusher, was lost to a torn Achilles' tendon, Zook replied: "How much can you change your offense in a week? They have a very good coaching staff, and they'll have some answers. I've never known Northwestern to not have a good quarterback."

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## NU BITS

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

## 'Point guard' loss hard for NU

Davie: Wildcats will miss Persa's elusiveness at QB

Bob Davie watched the tape of the Iowa-Northwestern game and came away with this thought: Dan Persa is the best quarterback in the Big Ten.

"If I had a vote, he'd be All-Big Ten," said Davie, the former Notre Dame coach who will be the color analyst for Saturday's Northwestern-Illinois game on ESPNU. "He's like a miniature Cam Newton (of Auburn). I love the way he plays, his endurance and creativity."

So how much of a drop-off can Northwestern expect with the inexperienced Evan Watkins?

"Usually with a new quarterback, you say: You don't have to win the game by yourself," Davie said. "But Northwestern's scheme is so 'point-guard' oriented. You go back to (former QB) Zak Kustok. Or it would be like taking Cam Newton off the field for the Alabama game."

"Northwestern runs enough empty backfield (sets) where they'll have enough things in the playbook that won't be such a vast departure (from what Persa runs). They can put Watkins in and have him throw it around. But what they'll miss is him taking off and running."

Persa has nine of NU's 16 rushing touchdowns. Remove yardage lost on sacks, and he has averaged nearly 72 rushing yards per game, much of it on scrambles.

**Shock therapy:** After eight games, Illinois ranked 12th nationally in scoring defense (16.8 points per game) and 15th in yards allowed (301.4).

Then Michigan scored on its first play from scrimmage, and kept scoring until it hit 67. Last week Illinois gave up 38 to Minnesota.

"Defense is so much about confidence and swagger and feeling good about yourself," Davie said.

"When you get shocked nationally (against Michigan), that takes a chunk out of everybody not only players but coaches."

**Too cozy?** The field configuration will require NU and Illinois to share a sideline. Coach Pat Fitzgerald said his team will "be smart" when it comes to substitutions — like asking a player to run 40-plus yards to enter the game.



# MEDIA INFORMATION

## PRACTICE POLICIES

For practices in Dallas, some will be open to the media, but in order to attend practice, all requests must be cleared through the athletic communications office. Coach Fitzgerald will address the media following the conclusion of each open practice. Players will be available following open practice sessions. All media attending practice must check in with a member of Northwestern's athletic communications staff upon arrival. For those days when a news conference is scheduled simultaneously on a practice day (in Dallas), some players/coaches may not be available post-practice.

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Sunday, Dec. 12 ..... 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ... Practice (Closed)  
Tuesday, Dec. 14 ..... 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ... Practice (Open)  
Wednesday, Dec. 15 ..... 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ... Practice (Open)  
Friday, Dec. 17 ..... 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. ... Practice (Open)  
Saturday, Dec. 18 ..... 11:15 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. .... Practice (Open)  
Monday, Dec. 20 ..... 10:30 a.m. to Noon ..... Practice (Open)  
Monday, Dec. 27 ..... 4 p.m. (tentatively) ..... Depart for Dallas (Open to media)

**NOTE: Practices in Evanston will take place in Trienens Hall (NU's Indoor Facility)**

## TICKETCITY BOWL MEDIA OPPORTUNITIES (TIMES CT SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Thursday, Dec. 9 ..... 6 to 8 p.m. .... Team Announcement Party (LaCima Club)  
Tuesday, Dec. 28 ..... 5 to 9 p.m. .... Bowl Team Welcome Party (House of Blues)  
Thursday, Dec. 30 ..... 2 to 4 p.m. .... Children's Hospital Charity Visit  
Friday, Dec. 31 ..... 11 a.m. to Noon ..... Kickoff Press Conference (Cotton Bowl)  
Friday, Dec. 31 ..... 4 to 6 p.m. .... Bowl Pep Rally (Cotton Bowl)  
Saturday, Jan. 1 ..... 11 a.m. .... TicketCity Bowl (Cotton Bowl)

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