



# NIU HUSKIE FOOTBALL

## 2019 Tailgating Guide



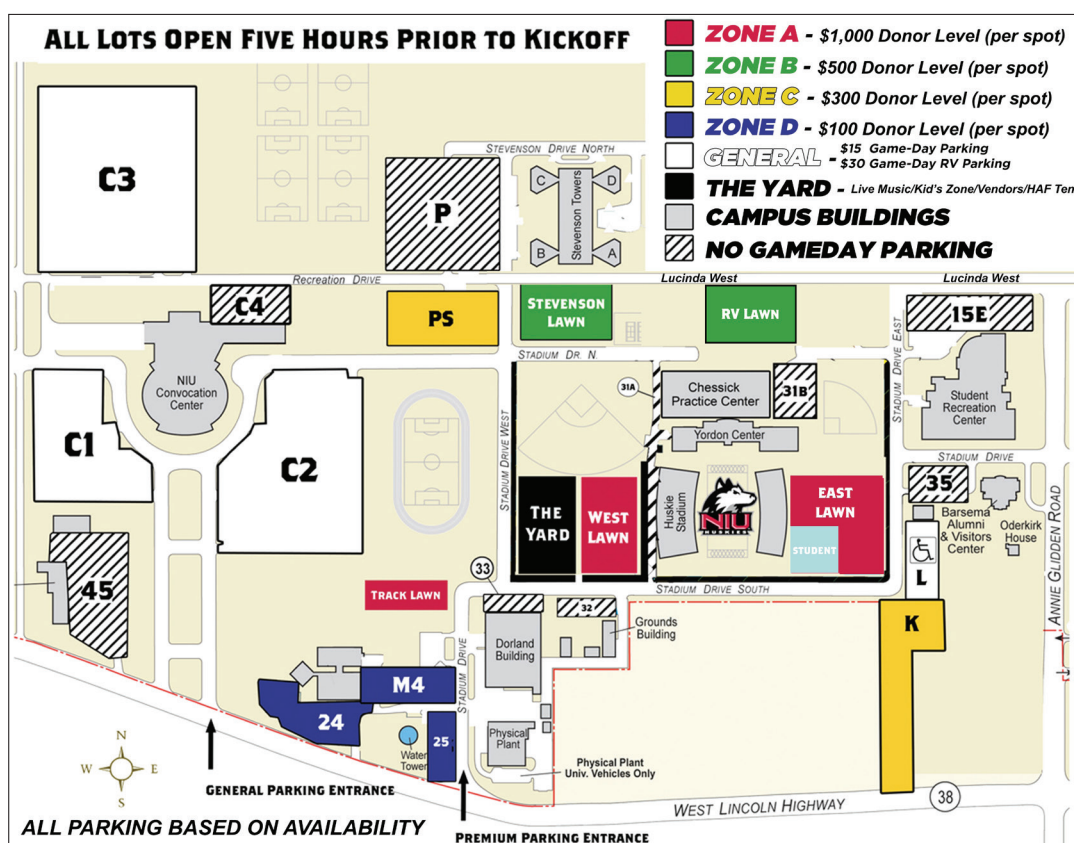


# Tailgating Map and Parking

## Tailgating Rules

1. Lots open five hours before kickoff.
2. No glass bottles, kegs or party balls are allowed.
3. Charcoal must be disposed of in designated cans located in each parking area.
4. No fryers or fire pits are allowed.
5. NIU is a smoke-free campus and smoking is prohibited on all campus property, including in Huskie Stadium and in all tailgating areas.
6. All lots close one hour after the game. Vehicles may not be left in the lots overnight.

## Map of Tailgating & Parking Locations



**DONOR LOTS (BY COLOR ON MAP ABOVE):** Open five hours prior to kickoff. RV parking is only allowed in designated areas of the West Lawn, East Lawn and Lot PS.

**PAY PUBLIC PARKING:** Convocation Center Lots open five hours prior to kickoff for tailgating. Parking costs \$15.

**REMOTE PARKING LOTS (W,O,X):** Open five hours prior to kickoff. Available near the residence halls a few blocks away from Huskie Stadium. Tailgating is NOT PERMITTED. Parking costs \$15.

**ACCESSIBLE PARKING:** Available in Lot L on the East side of Huskie Stadium. The fee for a car/van with a valid hangtag is \$15. An accessible van is available to shuttle guests to the East and West Entrances of Huskie Stadium.

**RV, BUS AND MOTOR HOME PARKING:** Available in Lot C3 on the north side of the Convocation Center for \$30 per vehicle. All lots close one hour after the game ends. Cars may not be left in the lots or on the streets overnight. Those cars left overnight assume the risk of being towed.

**GENERAL SHUTTLE:** Route begins two hours prior to kickoff.

**ACCESSIBLE SHUTTLE:** Route begins two hours prior to kickoff. A wheelchair-accessible van is available to shuttle guests to the East and West Entrances of Huskie Stadium to and from Lot L.



# Hearty Tailgate Chili

## INGREDIENTS:

- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1 pound ground beef chuck
- 8 ounces chorizo
- 8 ounces sirloin steak, cubed, or beef stew meat
- 4-6 slices of bacon, cut into half inch pieces
- 1 large yellow onion, chopped
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 jalapeño, seeds removed, diced
- 2 tablespoons chili powder
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- kosher salt and fresh ground pepper, to taste
- 1 can (28 ounces) crushed tomatoes
- 1 can (28 ounces) diced tomatoes
- 1 can (15 ounces) red kidney beans, drained
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, drained
- 1 can (12 ounces) full-flavored beer, such as Sam Adams Boston Lager, room-temperature
- Topping ideas: sour cream, grated cheddar cheese, pickled jalapeños, chopped cilantro, diced tomatoes, sliced green onions, tortilla chips, sliced avocado and hot sauce.

## PREPARATION:

1. In a large pot or Dutch oven, heat the oil over medium high heat. Add the ground beef, chorizo and cubed steak. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Brown for about 5 minutes or until just cooked through. Transfer to a plate.
2. Pour off any remaining fat and add the bacon. Cook 5-6 minutes. Transfer to the plate with the other meat.
3. Leave the bacon fat in the pot and add the onions and jalapeño. Stir over medium heat until soft, about 8 minutes. Add the garlic and stir until very fragrant, about 45 seconds. Add the beer and scrap up any browned bits

of meat from the bottom of the pan with a spatula. Return the meat to the pot. Add both cans of tomatoes. Stir in the chili powder, cumin, garlic powder, onion powder, 1 tablespoon kosher salt and 1 1/2 teaspoon fresh ground pepper. Turn up heat to medium high and bring to a simmer, then turn the heat to low. Cook 1 hour, stirring every 10 minutes.

4. Stir in the beans and cook an additional 5 minutes. Transfer to a slow cooker and you are ready for your tailgate!

# Huskie Hot Dogs

## PREPARATION:

Grill your package of all-beef franks (like Nathan's or Hebrew National) over a medium-high grill until charred on all sides, about 5-7 minutes. Serve hot on a warm poppy seed bun with your choice of toppings, see suggestions below.



### CHICAGO STYLE

**Top with:**  
diced onions, yellow mustard, sliced tomatoes, relish, a pickle spear, celery salt and sport peppers.

### DEKALB STYLE

**Top with:**  
grilled onions, dijon mustard and pickled jalapeños.

### HOT BUFFALO STYLE

Coat your hot dog with your favorite buffalo sauce.  
**Top with:**  
blue cheese crumbles, shredded carrots, thinly sliced celery and ranch.

### #MACTION CHILI

**Top with:**  
yellow mustard, Hearty Tailgate Chili and shredded cheese.



# The Yard



**THE YARD** at Huskie Stadium is **THE** place to be for all Huskie fans prior to every NIU football home game this fall. Free and open to the public, The Yard is located on the West Lawn within, well, yards of the stadium entrances and is the official pregame tailgate for all fans.

1. Inside The Yard, enjoy free live music, purchase food from one of several popular local vendors or stop by the beer garden. Catch football action from around the country on the giant video screen while your kids check out the inflatable games in the Kid's Zone.
2. Meet both current and former NIU student athletes—from the Team of the Week to the Huskie Legends—and learn what's new at NIU and in the community. Get fired up for the game when the NIU cheerleaders, Mission, Victor E. Huskie and the Huskie Marching Band stop by and check out the latest in Huskie gear from the Village Commons Bookstore.
3. NIU students are welcome in The Yard. Get a group of friends together and stop by for a game of corn hole or purchase pregame food from one of our vendors.
4. Donors to the Huskie Athletic Fund at the "Coaches" Level and above (\$1,000) also are invited to the Huskie Athletic Fund Hospitality Tent, located in The Yard, to enjoy pregame appetizers, the cash bar, a visit with NIU Athletics administrators and coaches and other special guests.
5. The Yard opens five hours prior to kickoff for Saturday games and will open three hours prior to kickoff for weekday games.

## NIU School Songs

### Huskie Fight Song

Huskies, come on, you Huskies  
And make a score or two  
Huskies, you're Northern Huskies  
The team to pull us through  
Forward, together forward  
There's victory in view  
Come on, you Huskies, Fight on, you Huskies  
And win for N.I.U.

Lyrics by Francis Stroup | Music by A. Neil Annas

### Hail NIU Alma Mater

Hail to THEE our Alma Mater  
Ever shall we praise your name  
Here, we proudly lift our voices  
Thousands strong, we sing your fame  
Free, steadfast, devoted, true  
We will always stand by you  
Let our cheers resound for Northern  
Hail, N.I.U.

Lyrics by Wilbur Smith / Orville Baker | Music by Wilbur Smith

# Stadium Information



## Stadium Rules

1. No outside food or drinks.
2. No alcohol and coolers.
3. No bags larger than 8.5" x 10" x 14".
4. No noisemakers or horns.
5. No weapons.
6. No umbrellas.
7. Re-entry is granted only to those with a valid game ticket and must receive a hand stamp before leaving the stadium.

## Huskie Stadium Information

**ANIMALS:** Animals are not permitted inside Huskie Stadium, with the exception of trained service animals for fans with disabilities.

**ALCOHOL POLICY:** Alcoholic beverages or containers of any kind are not permitted inside Huskie Stadium.

**ATM MACHINE:** Located at Entrance 2 of the Convocation Center and located in the parking lot on the west side of Huskie Stadium outside Gates 4, 5 and 6.

**BANNERS:** Fans are welcome to display banners in Huskie Stadium during games, provided the sign does not contain derogatory comments, profanity, impede another fan's view of the field, cause a disturbance among other fans or cover any stadium signage. Flags and banners on poles or sticks are prohibited. NIU Game Operations Management reserves the right to remove any sign or banner from Huskie Stadium.

**CAMERAS:** Cameras are allowed inside Huskie Stadium.

**GUESTS WITH DISABILITIES:** Seating for guests with disabilities is located between the 40-yard lines in the East Grandstand. Three bleacher seats are available for those wishing to accompany the guest with disabilities. This area can be accessed through the marked entrances on the concourse.

**FIRST AID:** Basic first aid is provided on the east side at Gate 31 and opens 5 hours prior to kickoff. West side first aid is located inside the stadium athletic training room and opens 5 hours prior to kickoff. NIU does not provide physicians for spectators at intercollegiate athletic events.

**GATE OPENINGS:** Gates are opened 90 minutes before kickoff.

**GUEST SERVICES:** The Guest Services kiosk is located just outside the grandstand on the West side of Huskie Stadium, across from the Ticket Office.

**LOST AND FOUND:** Articles found should be turned into the Guest Services kiosk. Fans can claim their lost item at the kiosk. Any unclaimed items will be turned over to NIU Police, who can be reached at 815-753-1212.

**PROGRAMS:** Programs can be purchased for \$5 from vendors stationed near each of the main entrances on the east and west sides of Huskie Stadium.

**RESTROOMS:** Ground-level restrooms are located on both ends of the West Grandstand and are accessible through Gates 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13, or 14 and outside the north and south main lobbies. Additional restroom accommodations for women are located on the top level of the ramps in the West Grandstand between Gates 6 and 9 and at Gate 16. Men's restrooms are located between Gates 13 and 15 and at Gate 3. East Grandstand patrons can find restroom facilities on the east side of the concourse.

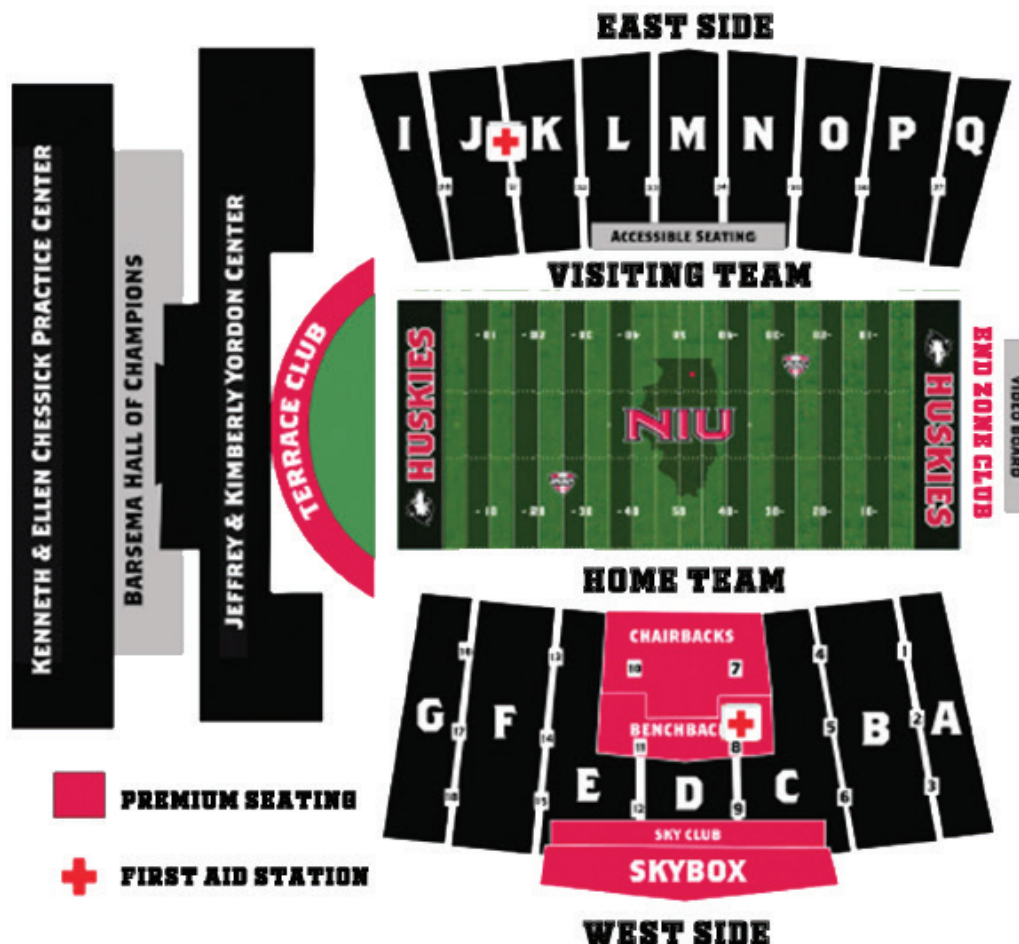
**SMOKING POLICY:** As of July 1, 2015, Northern Illinois University is a smoke-free campus. Smoking is prohibited on all campus property both indoors and outdoors, but is allowed within your personal vehicle as long as it does not impact others. All lighted smoking materials are prohibited, including but not limited to pipes, cigars, cigarettes and electronic cigarettes.

**SUITES:** The Sky Box and The Sky Club are accessible via the elevator; Level 2. Guests with the proper ticket are allowed access. The Sky Club seating is outside of The Sky Box, and alcohol is NOT allowed in the seating area. The Terrace Club is accessible via the Northwest Field Gate and the North End Zone stairs to The Terrace Club. Guests with the proper tickets are allowed access and must stay on the terrace — NO Yordon Center first-floor or field access is allowed. The Coaches Club is located within the West Grandstand of Huskie Stadium and is accessible via the ramps. Guests can access The Coaches Club between Gates 4, 7, 10 and 13. The End Zone Club is located in the South End Zone and is accessible to guests at the Southeast and Southwest corners of Huskie Stadium.

**TELEPHONES:** There are no public phones available at Huskie Stadium.



# Ticketing Information



**TICKET PRICES:** Tickets can be purchased from [niuhuskies.com/tickets](http://niuhuskies.com/tickets), by calling 815-753-PACK or by visiting the Huskie Stadium box office. Season tickets start at just \$55, three game mini plans start at \$70 and single game tickets start at \$15!

**TELEPHONE:** Huskie fans can order tickets 24 hours a day through Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000. For additional information on tickets, call 815-753-PACK (7225). The Huskie Athletics Ticket Office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Visa, MasterCard, American Express or Discover Card orders are accepted over the phone.

**MAIL:** Order forms can be downloaded from the tickets section of [NIUHuskies.com](http://NIUHuskies.com). Specify the game, date, number of tickets and price. Send order, payment, name, address and telephone number to: NIU Athletics Ticket Office, Convocation Center, NIU, DeKalb, IL 60115-2854.

## More Ticket Information

**WILL CALL:** Tickets can be picked up on game day at the Huskie Stadium Will Call Window (Window #7) three hours prior to the scheduled kickoff time. The Will Call Window is located in the stadium ticket booth near the base of the elevator on the west side.

**CHILDREN:** Tickets are required for all children three years of age or older. Children younger than three years old receive free admittance, but have no seat and must sit on the lap of a parent or guardian.

**GUEST TICKETS:** Visiting players and coaches can pick up their tickets at Gate 16, the entrance just south of the Huskie Stadium Ticket Office.

**VISITING TEAM TICKETS:** Complimentary tickets will be sent to each visiting team's ticket manager who will be responsible for their distribution at the pass table located on the south end of the West Grandstand, near Gate 1. The gate opens 90 minutes prior to kickoff.

**RE-ENTERING HUSKIE STADIUM:** Re-entry is granted only to those with a valid game ticket and a hand stamp. Patrons must receive a hand stamp before exiting Huskie Stadium in order to regain entry to the game.

# 2019 Football Roster

#	FULL NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.
2	Lance Deveaux Jr.	LB	5-10	215	Sr.
2	Michael Love	WR	5-9	180	Fr.
3	Kyle Pugh	LB	6-0	225	R-Sr.
3	Tyrice Richie	WR	6-0	190	Jr.
4	Antonio Jones-Davis	LB	5-11	220	R-Sr.
5	Michael Kennedy	DE	6-1	225	R-So.
6	Rodney Hall	WR	6-2	220	R-So.
7	Marshe Terry	S	6-4	220	R-Sr.
7	Anthony Thompson	QB	6-0	205	R-Jr.
8	Mykelti Williams	S	6-0	200	R-Sr.
9	Matt Lorbeck	DE	6-4	250	Jr.
9	Mohamed Toure	WR	6-2	195	Fr.
10	Quintin Wynne	DE	6-1	240	R-Sr.
11	Trayshon Foster	S	6-0	205	R-Sr.
11	Mariano Valenti	QB	6-1	205	Fr.
12	Ross Bowers	QB	6-2	200	Sr.
12	Devin Haney	CB	6-1	180	So.
13	Joe Bonds	LB	6-2	215	R-Fr.
13	Leon Payne	WR	5-10	175	R-Fr.
14	Jimmy Lowery	K	5-8	220	Fr.
14	Spencer Tears	WR	6-1	195	R-Sr.
15	Marcus Childers	QB	6-1	215	R-Jr.
15	Dillon Thomas	S	6-2	185	R-So.
16	Bryce Carey	QB	6-1	180	Fr.
16	J.D. Harris	DB	5-10	170	R-Fr.
17	Rayshawn Gay	LB	6-2	215	R-So.
17	Dennis Robinson	WR	6-5	225	R-So.
18	Kewan Parker	LB	5-10	220	R-Fr.
18	Cole Tucker	WR	6-2	190	R-So.
19	Jyran Mitchell	WR	5-11	195	R-Fr.
19	Tom Trieb	LB	6-1	260	Fr.
20	Rondarius Gregory	TB	5-7	190	Fr.
20	Zhamaine March	DB	5-8	175	So.
21	Tyrik Henderson	CB	5-11	185	Fr.
21	Marcus Jones	TB	5-8	190	R-Sr.
22	Tre Harbison	TB	5-11	215	R-Jr.
23	Jalen McKie	CB	5-7	180	R-So.
24	Trequan Smith	S	6-0	195	R-Sr.
25	Cortez Hogans	DE	6-3	245	So.
26	Antwain Walker	CB	6-1	190	So.
27	Mark Aitken	DB	5-8	180	Fr.
28	Tommy Brunner	DE	6-3	230	Fr.
28	Jordan Nettles	TB	5-9	180	R-So.
29	Adam Buirge	S	6-0	205	R-Sr.
30	Rahveon Valentine	TB	5-8	180	R-Fr.
31	Justin Clark	S	6-0	180	Fr.
32	Brett Bostad	FB	6-0	235	R-Fr.
32	Brianjay Ross	S	5-11	185	R-Fr.
33	Danny Walker	LB	6-2	230	R-So.
34	Reggie Jennings	DE	6-1	220	R-Fr.
34	Malik Winston	TB	5-10	205	Fr.
35	Romel Goston	CB	6-0	185	Fr.
36	Matt Ference	P	5-11	190	Jr.
37	Jace Hohenthauer	P	6-5	180	Fr.

#	FULL NAME	POS.	HT.	WT.	CL.
37	Jeron Starks	TE	5-11	220	R-Fr.
38	Nick Rattin	LB	6-2	205	Fr.
39	Joshua Earl	S	6-1	190	R-Fr.
39	John Richardson	K	5-11	190	R-Fr.
41	Camari Harris	LB	6-1	200	Fr.
42	Andrew Gregory	LB	6-2	220	R-Jr.
43	Thomas Peterson	LS	6-3	250	Fr.
44	Corey Lersch	TE	6-3	240	R-Jr.
45	Jordan Cole	LB	6-2	215	R-So.
47	Dylan Lozeau	TE	6-1	235	Fr.
48	Michael Cerniglia	TE	6-3	245	Fr.
49	Nick Rempert	S	6-2	185	Fr.
50	Vinny Labus	LB	6-1	225	R-So.
51	Nathan Harman	LB	5-11	225	R-Fr.
52	Reece Heyerdahl	DE	6-2	245	Fr.
53	Michael Newman	LB	6-3	185	Fr.
54	Austin Warner	OL	6-5	285	R-Jr.
55	Weston Kramer	DT	6-1	290	Jr.
58	Cam Mattox	DE	6-2	225	Fr.
58	Brayden Patton	OL	6-5	300	R-Jr.
61	Benn Olson	OL	6-4	300	R-Jr.
62	Christopher Perez, Jr.	OL	6-1	295	Sr.
63	Ezekiel Gueths	OL	6-5	300	R-Jr.
65	Nathan Veloz	OL	6-5	320	R-Sr.
68	Owen Rozumalski	OL	6-1	290	R-Fr.
69	Nolan Potter	OL	6-6	285	R-Fr.
70	Marques Cox	OL	6-6	305	R-Fr.
71	Isaac Hawn	OL	6-6	310	Jr.
72	Jordan Steckler	OL	6-5	305	R-Sr.
73	Andrew Starr	OL	6-4	300	R-Sr.
75	Leif Engstrand	OL	6-8	305	Fr.
76	Logan Zschernitz	OL	6-3	315	Fr.
77	Cole Webster	OL	6-7	300	R-So.
79	J.J. Lippe	OL	6-5	290	Fr.
80	Mike DeHaan	TE	6-5	250	R-Fr.
81	Matt Pollack	WR	6-0	190	R-Fr.
82	Tristen Tewes	TE	6-3	215	Fr.
83	Liam Soraghan	TE	6-7	250	R-So.
84	Messiah Travis	WR	5-10	175	Fr.
85	Ryan Gibbons	WR	5-11	180	R-Jr.
86	Fabian McCray	WR	6-2	185	Fr.
87	Maximilian Thrower	TE	6-4	240	R-Jr.
88	Daniel Crawford	TE	6-2	250	R-Sr.
89	Mitchell Brinkman	TE	6-3	250	R-Jr.
90	Caleb Wright	DL	6-3	250	R-Fr.
91	Jeffrey Griffin Jr.	DL	6-0	285	R-Fr.
92	A.J. Taylor	DT	6-0	290	R-Sr.
93	Erik Abrell	LS	6-1	225	R-So.
94	James Ester	DT	6-2	265	Fr.
95	Jawon Denton	DE	6-2	215	R-So.
96	Marcus Kelly	DT	6-4	275	R-Sr.
97	Demond Taylor	DT	6-2	290	Fr.
98	Jack Heflin	DT	6-4	310	R-Jr.
99	Ben LeRoy	DT	6-3	285	Sr.

# 2019 Home Game Schedule



VS.



**ILLINOIS STATE**

Sat., Aug. 31, 6 p.m.



**\*BALL STATE**

Sat., Oct. 5, TBA



**\*AKRON (Homecoming)**

Sat., Oct. 26, 2:30 p.m.



**\*EASTERN MICHIGAN**

Tue., Nov. 19, 6:30 p.m.



**\*WESTERN MICHIGAN**

Tue., Nov. 26, 6 p.m.

**\*Conference Game**



## **Thomas Hammock** HEAD COACH

IN JANUARY 2019, Thomas Hammock, '02, a former Huskie running back and assistant coach, returned home to NIU as the 23rd head

coach in the history of the NIU football. A native of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and one of the top football student-athletes in school history, Hammock returned to DeKalb after five seasons as an assistant coach with the Baltimore Ravens.

He is the first African-American head coach in NIU football history, but perhaps even more

importantly, he is the first alumnus to lead the Huskies as an Football Bowl Subdivision program.

"The first time I met Thomas it was clear his goal was to be the head coach of Northern Illinois University," said Sean Frazier, NIU associate vice president and director of Athletics.

Hammock, now a 16-year coaching veteran, said NIU is now and always has been his dream job.

"This has always been my dream," he said. "When I was a graduate assistant at Wisconsin (in 2003-04), I said I wanted to be the head coach at Northern Illinois University because I knew what Coach Novak did for me, and I want to do the same for others. It's an unbelievable feeling to have the opportunity to come home to a place that I love, to the school that has meant so much to me. This program has meant everything to me, and I will give it everything I have."