

2026 IOWA FOOTBALL / DEPTH CHART VS. NORTHERN ILLINOIS

OFFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yrs.	Hometown (Previous School)
WR	2	Reece Vander Zee	6-4	220	3rd	Rock Rapids, Iowa (Central Lyon-GLR)
	0	Jarriett Buie	6-1	203	3rd	Tampa, Fla. (Jesuit)
TE	81	DJ Vonnahme	6-4	241	3rd	Breda, Iowa (Kuemper Catholic)
OR	87	Addison Ostrenga	6-4	249	5th	Sun Prairie, Wis. (Sun Prairie)
	85	Thomas Meyer	6-4	232	2nd	Clear Lake, Iowa (Clear Lake)
LT	59	Trevor Lauck	6-5	314	4th	Indianapolis, Ind. (Roncalli)
	74	Bodey McCaslin	6-6	299	3rd	St. Charles, Ill. (East)
LG	64	Leighton Jones	6-2	288	4th	Brownsburg, Ind. (Brownsburg)
	65	Trent Wilson	6-4	300	2nd	Southlake, Texas (Southlake Carroll/James Madison)
C	61	Cael Winter	6-3	294	4th	Waukee, Iowa (Northwest)
	53	Michael Myslinski	6-2	290	6th	Jacksonville, Fla. (Bishop Kenny)
RG	58	Kade Pieper	6-3	298	4th	Norfolk, Neb. (Catholic)
	60	Lucas Allgeyer	6-5	300	2nd	St. Louis, Mo. (MICDS)
RT	71	Jack Dotzler	6-6	309	5th	Waunakee, Wis. (Waunakee)
	75	Cannon Leonard	6-9	309	4th	Gilman, Ill. (Iroquois West)
WR	8	Evan James	5-11	170	2nd	Apopka, Fla. (Leesburg/Furman)
	1	KJ Parker	5-10	184	3rd	Bellwood, Ill. (Immaculate Conception)
WR	14	Tony Diaz	5-10	184	3rd	San Marcos, Texas (San Marcos/UTRGV)
	7	Dayton Howard	6-5	215	4th	Kansas City, Mo. (Park Hill)
QB	9	Hank Brown	6-4	218	4th	Nashville, Tenn. (Lipscomb Academy/Auburn)
OR	10	Jeremy Hecklinski	5-11	201	3rd	Marietta, Ga. (Walton/Wake Forest)
	3	Jimmy Sullivan	6-1	197	2nd	Fort Wayne, Ind. (Carroll)
RB	28	Kamari Moulton	5-9	211	4th	Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)
	21	LJ Phillips, Jr.	5-8	211	4th	Wichita, Kan. (Northwest/South Dakota)

DEFENSE

Pos.	No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown (Previous School)
LE	44	Kenny Merrieweather	6-3	270	4th	Detroit, Mich. (M.L. King)
	43	Kahmari Brown	6-2	245	3rd	Jacksonville, N.C. (White Oak/Elon)
LT	57	Will Hubert	6-3	291	5th	Omaha, Neb. (Papillion-La Vista)
	91	Devan Kennedy	6-3	275	3rd	Glendale, Ariz. (Brophy College Prep)
RT	96	Bryce Hawthorne	6-3	298	4th	Osseo, Minn. (Osseo/South Dakota State)
	51	Luke Gaffney	6-2	285	5th	Robins, Iowa (Linn-Mar)
RE	97	Iose Epenesa	6-3	269	2nd	Glen Carbon, Ill. (Edwardsville)
	13	Drew Campbell	6-4	252	3rd	Cedar Falls, Iowa (Cedar Falls)
Cash	11	Jacob Wallace	5-10	186	2nd	Upper Marlboro, Md. (DeMatha)
	3	Jaylen Watson	5-11	187	3rd	Detroit, Mich. (Toledo Central)
Leo	23	Landyn Van Kekerix	6-2	238	5th	Rock Valley, Iowa (Boyden Hull/Rock Valley)
	22	Derek Weisskopf	6-3	235	3rd	Victor, Iowa (Williamsburg)
MLB	33	Cam Buffington	6-3	238	3rd	Winfield, Iowa (Winfield-Mt. Union)
	31	Nolan DeLong	6-0	233	4th	Durant, Iowa (Durant)
WLB	36	Jayden Montgomery	5-11	227	5th	Suamico, Wis. (Bay Port)
	46	Preston Ries	6-1	225	3rd	Monticello, Iowa (Monticello)
LC	3	Jaylen Watson	5-11	187	3rd	Detroit, Mich. (Toledo Central)
	7	Rashad Godfrey, Jr.	6-1	202	3rd	Plant City, Fla. (Armwood)
SS	5	Anthony Hawkins	6-3	202	3rd	Annapolis, Md. (Broadneck/Villanova)
	18	Xavier Styles	6-2	190	3rd	Lakewood, Ohio (St. Edward/Robert Morris)
OR	21	Marcello Vitti	5-10	201	1st	Detroit, Mich. (Divine Child)
FS	6	Zach Lutmer	6-1	203	4th	Rock Rapids, Iowa (Central Lyon-GLR)
	20	Ty Hudkins	6-0	194	3rd	Grand Rapids, Mich. (Forest Hills Central/Purdue)
RC	8	Deshaun Lee	5-10	189	5th	Belleville, Mich. (Belleville)
	11	Jacob Wallace	5-10	186	2nd	Upper Marlboro, Md. (DeMatha)

SPECIALISTS

PK	92	Caden Buhr	5-10	203	2nd	Bettendorf, Iowa (Bettendorf)
	25	Eli Ozick	5-11	199	4th	Liberty, Mo. (Liberty/North Dakota State)
PT	49	Boston Everitt	6-0	199	1st	Hope Island, Australia (Carey Baptist/Melbourne)
	35	Tanner Philpott	6-2	200	3rd	Waukee, Iowa (Waukee Northwest/Simpson College)
LS	69	Ike Speltz	6-0	235	3rd	Van Meter, Iowa (Van Meter)
	54	Matty McLaughlin	6-1	195	1st	St. Louis, Mo. (De Smet Jesuit)

DEPTH CHART NOTES: Positions listed with OR are ordered numerically. The starting defensive lineup will vary based on formation and personnel packages.

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