

Purdue Students Who Changed Football

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Purdue's football team consists of 33 starting players wearing black and gold, all trying to achieve their dream. Whether this goal is being the best Line-Backer in the NFL, or just being the best player for Purdue, they all are working towards their own dream. Some of them have achieved it and changed Purdue history, or even the NFL.

What about the rest? They must have settled for different goals, and they have achieved those goals. However, some players have achieved their personal football goals or have broken records. This year, Purdue finished the season with a record of 4-7. Here are some current key players on Purdue's team.



Elijah Sindelar - Elijah Sindelar is a senior Electrical Engineering major and Purdue Quarterback. Elijah has led the team to a win in the Redbox bowl with a score of 38-35. In his fifth year now, he has been great when it comes to throwing the ball. He said, "That pass to Anthony Mahoungou during what was then known as the Foster Farms Bowl was surreal. It was an incredible feeling, pure joy. However, at that point the game wasn't over, Arizona still had time to potentially win. So, we couldn't celebrate just yet. But when we intercepted Khalil Tate's pass to seal the victory that same surreal feeling came back even stronger. It was awesome."

Sindelar intends to one day play in the NFL. Sindelar went to Caldwell County high school in North Carolina.

Sindelar said, "I plan to prepare for the draft by working out here at Purdue with my strength coaches, specifically Coach Reno. Getting my body right and preparing mentally for the NFL. My goals for the first year in the NFL would be to make the 53-man roster and ultimately become the starter."



Sindelar has had many memorable moments as quarterback for Purdue. He said that his most memorable game was against Vanderbilt University.

“Offensively we were firing on all cylinders. When you have a game where every play is working, all of the receivers are getting open, and you have ample time in the pocket you feel unstoppable,” Sindelar said. “Everything was going for us that game, and we really were unstoppable. I was able to distribute the ball to multiple receivers and tight ends who all had big receiving games. That to me is my most memorable game.”

Rondale Moore - Rondale Moore is a sophomore at Purdue University and he has shown full pride when he plays football. Last year, Moore had a total of 1,268 yards of receiving and ran for 82 yards when it came to punt returns. This year, even though Rondale is injured, he still has some pretty good statistics. This year, he averaged 387 receiving yards over a 3-game period.



Rondale’s hometown is New Albany, Indiana and he went to Trinity High School. Rondale’s major is Selling and Sales Management. At 5’9”, he shows excellent speed and athleticism.

Navon Mosley - Navon Mosley is a senior at Purdue University. He plays as a safety for the Boilermakers. So far, he has 30 solo tackles, 16 assists, and 46 tackles. Mosley is also exceptional when it comes to one-on-one tackles, as seen in the game against Vanderbilt on September 7, 2019.



Since Navon is a captain, he knows that leadership is very important, “You have to be courageous, accountable, genuine, your team can feel what’s authentic. Many different leading styles but the ones that work are always authentic and genuine.” With him being one of the captains on the team, Mosley’s leadership is excellent. During the game against IU (11/30/19), Navon broke a lot passes that could have costed Purdue the game. “Playing against IU is always a lot of emotions considering how big the rivalry is so any time we playing IU it’s a completely different zone and mindset I’m in, always an exciting game.” Regardless of the loss, he still wants to stand up for what he did.

“My goals for the NFL are to make the most of every opportunity, play smart, and stay healthy.” Mosley said if he makes it to the NFL draft.

Kenneth Major - Major is majoring in Law and Society. As a sophomore at Purdue University, Kenneth Major is just at the bottom of the mountain, heading to go up. He is a cornerback and has some amazing stats. He has 18 solo tackles, 5 assists, and 23 tackles in total. Last year, Major had 42 solo tackles, 13 assists, and 55 tackles in total.



In the game against Vanderbilt, he had 6 tackles. That was his most in a single game during the season! Kenneth’s hometown is Hopkinsville, Kentucky. He went to Christian County High School.

When Major played against Ohio State, he made 12 tackles. He also had 8 solo tackles that game and finished the season with 55 total tackles.



Jared Sparks - Jared Sparks is a Wide Receiver at Purdue University. Sparks is majoring in Selling and Sales Management. This year he has shown some very good statistics. In the game against Vanderbilt, he had 65 receiving yards. He is set to have a breakout year next year as a senior. Sparks went to Dutchtown High School in Geismar, Louisiana. Last year, he caught 28 passes for 274 yards. In total, Jared has 604 yards over a 3-year period.