

# NORTHERN ARIZONA LUMBERJACKS

Flagstaff, Arizona  
Enrollment: 23,600

Jerome Souers (Career 66-70)  
13th Year at Northern Arizona  
Souers' record at N Arizona (66-70)

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2010

**QUARTERBACKS** - In '08 NAU ret QB Lance Kriesien, ('07 str, 1897, #3 rusher), who competed against SMU trans Corey Slater (65 yd, '07) and Ole Miss trans Michael Herrick (PS#30). Kriesien started 9, throwing for 1,453 (60%, 9-4) and was again the #3 rusher (309, 3.6). Herrick played in 10 (2 st) throwing for 1,043 (65%) with a 3-6 ratio (-94 rush). Slater played in 2 throwing for just 134. Both Kriesien and Slater departed LY. Herrick was joined by Ariz St trans Chase Stangel (PS#83). Herrick threw for 3,356 (66.3%) with a 22-8 ratio and was 2nd Tm BSC, while Stangel had just 7 att and both will return.

**RUNNING BACKS** - In '08 NAU ret RB Alex Henderson, who led the team in both '06 and '07 (900, 6.0) but had to replace their #2 man (747, 6.3). Henderson would play in just 6 gm (381, 5.2). RB Deonte Williams led as a true frosh with 950 (4.3), but he is no longer with the team. Henderson returned LY and led with 1,166 (4.6, 12 TD). Henderson departs and the top returnee is Giovannie Dixon (252, 6.5).

**RECEIVERS** - In '08 NAU ret 4 of their top 5 rec led by 2nd Tm BSC TE Shaun Fitzpatrick 360 (12.9) and added 2 JC's. They avg 55 ypg more passing. Fitzpatrick played in just 3 (142, 15.8), while 3 WR's (incl both JC's) comb for 1,722 (13.5) with the lowest having 499 (12.5). All 4 ret LY led by former JC WR Ed Berry (641, 14.2). They did lose their #5 rec (10 sts). Those same top 3 WR comb for 2,446 (13.8), led again by Berry (1st Tm BSC) but Fitzpatrick had just 111 (11.1). This yr all 4 depart and their top returnee, WR Daiveun Curry-Chapman had just 227 (8.4). They add former San Jose St walk-on, Khalil Paden (6 rec in 2 yr), who was impressive in the spring and add 2 JC's incl WR Daniel Adler (PS#235JC).

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - The OL had to replace 3 st's in '08 but ret 3 who comb for 22 st in '07. Their rushing dropped by over 70 ypg and their ypc went from 5.1 to 4.0 (19 sk, 5.5%). They had to replace LT Trevor Heekin (11 st) and C Kevon Meagher (L/8 st) LY but returned 5 who comb for 35 st in '08 and added a JC. They rushed for 28 ypg less but their ypc remained at 4.0 and the sacks allowed improved to 18 (4.3%). This yr they must replace 2nd Tm BSC RT Ryle Holstrom but return 4 st's and add JC Chris Pitts (PS#403JC).

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - The DL had to replace all 3 st's in '08, but added JC trans DE Michael Battisti, who led the team in sacks (6) while starting the L/10. NAU's rush D improved by 98 ypg as they led the FCS allowing just 60 ypg. The ypc fell from 4.1 to 2.1 and the sack total rose from 16 to an FCS best 42. The DL had to

replace 1st Tm BSC DT Steve Nwogbe LY, but returned 2 starters including Battisti but he was lost in the opener (3 tkl). They allowed 125 ypg rush (3.8) and the D sack tkl fell to 19. They ran a 3-3-5 LY but by mid-yr they were starting 4 DL and this year will move to a standard 4-3. They return 6 that combined for 42 sts LY incl Battisti, 2nd Tm BSC DE Isaac Bond (#5 tkl/r) and DE Brandon Vance (#7 tkl/r, 6 sk) and should improve their numbers.

**LINEBACKERS** - The LB unit had to replace their top tkl/r (#3) in '08 but ret 2 st's and added JC trans Stevon Thomas. The unit returned all 3 st's LY including Thomas (#3 tkl/r, 11 st) and 2nd Tm BSC Cody Dowd along with LB Anthony Llanos, who despite just 2 st, led the unit with 54 tkl (#2) and added Reid Worthington (PS#436JC). Llanos was lost in the opener (4 tkl, MedRS). Worthington started 5 and was the #8 tkl/r. While both return they lose 2nd Tm BSC LB Thomas (#2 tkl/r) and Zac McNally (#9 tkl/r).

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - NAU ran a 3-3-5 def and returned 3 of 5 starting DB's in '08. While they allowed 63 ypg more passing (as tms could not run against them) they allowed a respectable 19-15 ratio. LY they had to replace S Cyrus Igono (9 st, #1 tkl/r in '07 & '08), 2nd Tm BSC S Adam Wright (10 st, #3, 4 int) and 1st Tm BSC CB KJ Gerard (11 st, #5). They expected CB Josh Luck (10 st, #6) to return but he did not play. They ret'd S Matt Estrada (7 st, #8) and added Daivon Dumas (PS#226JC) and Taelor Worrell (PS#474JC). While they allowed 22 passing ypg less, they allowed a 25-10 ratio. S Matt Steinbach (1st 3 sts) was lost for the yr vs UNC and now departs along with CB Raphael Mack (7 sts, 23 tkl). The unit has 1 less spot to fill and returns 6 who comb for 45 sts LY incl 5 of the tm's top 7 tkl's led by 1st Tm BSC S Estrada (#1 tkl/r).

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - NAU only lost their top PR in '08. LY they had to replace Robbie Dehaze, who was 1st Tm BSC at both P and K avg 45.1 ypg and hitting 16 of 20 FG (L/52). They ret Conrad Meadows who avg 8.9 on PR and 23.6 on KR. P Ryan Rauschert avg 36.8 ypg and Meadows avg 9.1 on PR but both depart. Austin Shanks was the top KR (21.4) and 2nd Tm BSC K Matt Myers hit 17-24 (6 of 8 from 40+) and both return.

**COACHES** - HC Jerome Souers enters his 13th yr. Brian Lindgren enters his 2nd yr as OC after 2 yrs as Pass gm Coord. DC Corey Batton resigned after 11 yrs just 2 days before spring practice started LY (went to Ark St) and LB cch Andy Thompson was promoted and now enters his 2nd yr at DC.

**FORECAST** - In '08 NAU started 4-0 in BSC play and 6-1 overall (only loss to Ariz St) and seemed destined for their 5th playoff appearance but lost their final 4 gms to finish 6-5 for a 3rd straight year. They ret 14 st's LY (most in 3Y) after being ranked 2 straight weeks they again lost their final 4 gms but this time finished 5-6.

## 2010 SCHEDULE

9/2	Western New Mexico
9/11	at Arizona St
9/18	
9/25	at Idaho St
10/2	Southern Utah
10/9	at Eastern Washington
10/16	Montana St
10/23	at Montana
10/30	Sacramento St
11/6	at Northern Colorado
11/13	Weber St
11/20	Portland St



2009 RECORD:  
(5-6)

RETURNING STARTERS:  
OFFENSE: 6\*  
DEFENSE: 8  
LETTERMEN:

Returning: 48 (17,28.3)  
Lost: 15 (7.7,1)

2009 AVG ATTENDANCE:  
7,678 (#50)

BIG SKY

LY NAU ret 7 off st's and added 2 JC's and moved from #4 to #3 in scoring and from #3 to #2 in tkl off. This yr they return 6 st's but lose their top rusher and top 4 rec. LY 7 def st's returned and 11 of their top 14 tkl's but lost 3 of their top 5 and fell from #3 to #6 in scoring and from #3 to #5 in total defense. They returned 7 def st's and 9 of their top 12 tkl's. The Lumberjacks should be able to return to their winning ways but will need to find a way to win at the end of the year to make the playoffs.



LB Reid Worthington

## STADIUM: J LAWRENCE WALKUP SKYDOME (15,000) (#51) PLAYING SURFACE: GRASS

	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	8Yr Total
Straight Up	6-5	9-4	4-7	3-8	6-5	6-5	6-5	5-6	45-45
Home	4-1	4-2	4-2	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-2	3-2	27-15
Away	2-4	5-2	0-5	0-6	3-3	3-3	3-3	2-4	18-30
Conf	3-4	5-2	3-4	1-6	5-4	5-3	4-4	4-4	30-31
Non Conf	3-1	4-2	1-3	2-2	1-1	-	2-2	1-2	14-13
Playoffs	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1

## 2009 STATISTICAL LEADERS

	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
RUSHING												
Alex Henderson	253	1237	71	1166	12	4.6	Matt Estrada	78	0	0	0	1
Giovannie Dixon	39	278	26	252	2	6.5	Stevon Thomas	75	1	6.5	4	2
Austin Shanks	7	92	2	90	2	12.9	Taylor Julio	73	0	4.5	2	0
Jamil Hines	14	61	10	51	0	3.6	Daivon Dumas	56	1	2	5	0
Michael Herrick	31	51	126	-75	0	-2.4	Isaac Bond	49	8.5	2.5	4	1
PASSING												
Michael Herrick	407	270	66.3	3356	22	8	Nick Ragland-Johnsen	48	0	0	4	0
Conrad Meadows	40	1	33.3	18	0	0	Brandon Vance	48	6	1.5	1	0
Chase Stangel	7	4	57.1	14	0	0	Reid Worthington	44	0	4.5	1	0
RECEIVING												
Ed Berry	75	1075	14.3	7	81		Zac McNally	41	0	0	1	2
Conrad Meadows	72	843	11.7	4	78		Taelor Worrell	32	0	0	2	0
Curt Sweeney	30	528	17.6	4	46		Blayne Anderson	26	1	2.5	1	0
Alex Henderson	28	315	11.2	2	35		Tanner Hansler	25	0	1	1	0
Daiveun Curry-Chapman	27	227	8.4	4	35		Raphael Mack	23	0	0	6	2
Austin Shanks	19	160	8.4	1	52		Dan Pela	19	0	1.5	1	0
Shaun Fitzpatrick	10	111	11.1	1	25		Brian Hunter	18	0	0	3	0
Ryan Rauschert	5	41	8.2	0	13		Dwight Boyd	16	1	0	0	0
Mike Czyz	4	38	9.5	0	13		Matt Steinbach	16	0	0	0	1
Giovannie Dixon	3	33	11.0	0	22		Brandon Phillips	13	0	0	0	0
Jamil Hines	1	9	9.0	0	9		Tooblefua Samuelu	11	0	0	0	0
PUNTING												
Ryan Rauschert	52	1914	36.8	12	32.4	0	Gary Rogers	9	0	0	0	0
KICKING												
XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	51	PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
Matt Myers	36-36	8-9	3-7	5-6	1-2	17-24	KICK RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	TD	
							Austin Shanks	28	599	21.4	0	
							Conrad Meadows	11	238	21.6	0	

## OFFENSE - LAST 6 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET STS	OFF PTS	TOTAL OFF	RUSH YPG	OFF YPC	OFF PASS	PASS %	OFF YPP	SKS VS	TOTAL TURN		RET STS	DEF PTS	TOTAL DEF	DEF RUSH	DEF YPC	DEF PASS	PASS %	DEF YPP	SKS BY
7	29.7	439	131	4.0	309	65.7	14.8	18	+3	2009	7	29.7	395	125	3.8	270	61.0	13.3	19
6*	28.7	399	159	4.0	239	61.7	13.9	19	+5	2008	5	24.8	351	60	2.1	292	51.4	14.2	42
9	29.3	416	232	5.1	184	56.2	14.2	13	+10	2007	4	27.7	387	158	4.1	229	52.8	13.9	16
8	34.4	405	138	3.9	267	65.3	11.8	36	+3	2006	8	26.9	378	127	3.9	251	52.3	14.1	28
8	21.2	298	91	2.8	207	50.5	14.0	34	-7	2005	5	29.8	377	164	3.7	213	52.0	12.7	24
3	22.2	345	114	3.8	231	56.5	15.6	21	-12	2004	6	28.5	380	143	3.6	237	58.7	13.4	29

## OFFENSE

NAU 2009	OPPONENT	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS
50,623	at Arizona	13	19-67	3.5	20-30	159	1
6,823	S Utah	23	40-248	6.2	15-21	306	0
7,212	Montana	25	26-44	1.7	37-50	463	2
9,647	N Colorado	18	28-184	6.6	19-30	277	0
14,017	at Montana St	17	29-(-17)	-0.6	31-41	394	3
6,489	at Portland St	28	42-204	4.9	21-35	254	3
9,687	Idaho St	24	31-163	5.3	29-46	292	1
4,862	at Sacramento St	23	32-84	2.6	31-44	376	5
38,184	Mississippi	15	40-121	3.0	20-32	233	2
4,321	at Weber St	10	36-169	4.7	6-25	66	0
5,023	E Washington	38	37-173	4.7	47-66	574	1
TOTALS		234	360-1440	4.0	276-420	3394	18
AVERAGES		21.3	33-131	4.0	25-38	309	1.6

## 2009 STATS BY GAME

FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS BY	TURN
27	47-365	7.8	20-28	194	0	0						
29	32-109	3.4	34-49	431	4	0						
20	32-74	2.3	29-38	349	2	-1						
24	40-55	1.4	29-50	329	4	-2						
13	26-42	1.6	25-39	235	1	+4						
18	29-106	3.7	16-31	168	3	+3						
12	22-77	3.5	20-41	217	1	+2						
15	35-153	4.4	14-31	210	0	0						
19	35-161	4.6	17-33	264	0	0						
15	41-157	3.8	15-22	165	0	+1						
18	24-78	3.3	22-33	408	4	-4						
210	363-1377	3.8	241-395	2970	19	+3						
19.1	33-125	3.8	22-36	270	1.7	+0.3						

2004 RESULTS		2005 RESULTS		2006 RESULTS		2007 RESULTS		2008 RESULTS		2009 RESULTS	
OPPONENT	SCORE	OPPONENT	SCORE	OPPONENT	SCORE	OPPONENT	SCORE	OPPONENT	SCORE	OPPONENT	SCORE
at Arizona	3-21	Adams St	52-13	at Arizona State	14-35	Western New Mexico	47-0	at Arizona St	13-30	at Arizona	17-34
at Stephen F Austin (OT)	17-24	at Arizona	12-31	at Utah	7-45	at Arizona	24-45	NM Highlands	68-10	Southern Utah	42-39
Weber St	55-27	Southern Utah	27-7	Dixie State	66-14	at Appalachian St	21-34	at Southern Utah	19-14	Montana	34-41
Sacramento St	26-0	at Weber St	23-31	at Idaho State	33-27	Northern Colorado	34-14	at Northern Colorado	25-22	Northern Colorado	35-27
at Eastern Washington	14-45	at Sacramento St	24-38	Montana State	32-39	at Sacramento St	9-38	Sacramento St	42-10	at Montana State	23-10
Western New Mexico	34-14	Eastern Washington	14-42	at Montana	21-24	at Portland St	44-43	Portland St	37-17	at Portland State	44-23
Portland St	21-20	at Portland St	0-45	Sacramento St	39-22	Idaho St	45-24	at Idaho St	52-30	Idaho State	40-12
Montana St	14-60	at Montana St	22-29	at Eastern Wash	44-36	at Weber St	29-20	Weber St	14-42	at Sacramento State	24-27
at Montana	22-34	Montana	0-23	Portland St	26-34	Montana	16-21	at Montana	10-45	at Mississippi	14-38
at Idaho St	17-24	Idaho St	42-28	Weber State	42-17	at Montana St	29-14	Montana St	23-25	at Weber State	9-27
Northern Iowa	21-45	Northern Iowa	17-41	at Northern Colorado	54-3	Eastern Washington	24-52	at Eastern Washington	13-28	Eastern Washington	45-49