

GOLD AND BLACK'S DEPTH CHART - DEFENSE

<p>END 1. Gelen Robinson 13 6-1, 275, Jr. 30 tackles, 2.5 TFL, 2 sacks, 1 int. (TD), 1 FF Robinson was great vs. Nebraska, active at the line of scrimmage and finishing with six tackles, plus a sack. He personally blew up the Nebraska drive at the start of the second, knocking the O-lineman out of the way for consecutive tackles.</p> <p>2. Austin Larkin 45</p>	<p>TACKLE 1. Lorenzo Neal 9 6-2, 345, Fr. 11 tackles, 3 TFL, 1 sack Neal was solid in his start, with three tackles for loss and a sack, the latter coming when he chased down Tommy Armstrong. Replogle is dealing with a head injury, causing him to miss the last two games. He's not yet returned to practice, either.</p> <p>2. Jake Replogle 54</p>	<p>NOSE 1. Eddy Wilson 18 6-4, 300, So. 28 tackles, 4 TFL, 2.5 sacks, 1 FR Wilson plays on the edge, relentlessly attack quarterbacks, but doing so while nearly crossing the line into roughness. He's been called for it, but have to like his aggressiveness, as well.</p> <p>2. Alex Criddle 66</p>	<p>END 1. Evan Panfil 95 6-5, 270, Sr. 20 tackles, 9.5 TFL, 4 sacks Panfil's still dealing with his shoulder injury, which he's likely to do all season, but is grinding it out on Saturdays, rarely missing any snaps. And now, with Purdue limited on the inside, he's lining up there on occasion also.</p> <p>2. Wyatt Cook 56</p>
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<p>NICKEL BACK 1. Da'Wan Hunte 2 5-9, 188, Jr. 24 tackles, 1 TFL, 2 PBU Purdue shifted around its defensive backfield on Saturday, using Hunte as its nickel back in five-DB packages, rather than at his usual outside spot. He might be effective there, because he's Purdue's most physical (remaining) cornerback. Ideally, Purdue would like Brandon Roberts back, but he's away from the team for some sort of conduct reason.</p> <p>2. Antonio Blackman 25</p>	<p>MIDDLE LINEBACKER 1. Ja'Whaun Bentley 4 6-2, 250, Jr. 31 tackles, 2 TFL, 1 PBU Bentley returned to Purdue's lineup after missing consecutive games with an ankle injury and gave an instant boost to Purdue's maligned rush defense. Nebraska didn't find a whole lot of room trying to run between the tackles.</p> <p>2. Danny Ezechukwu 36</p>	<p>WEAKSIDE LINEBACKER 1. Markus Bailey 21 6-1, 235, R-Fr. 49 tackles, 1 int., 2 PBU Bailey could make a case right now as Purdue's best defensive player, and he's only a redshirt freshman. But the linebacker is instinctual, getting into the right places to make plays. Purdue needs more players like him.</p> <p>2. Andy Garcia 42</p>
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<p>CORNERBACK 1. Josh Hayes 23 5-9, 188, Jr. 6 tackles, 1 int. When Purdue's in a 4-3 — or any time it's got only two cornerbacks on the field — one will be Hunte. But when it shifts to a three-corner look, then Hayes could be the one to play on the outside. He was against Nebraska. He's probably not ready, but Purdue has very limited choices right now.</p> <p>2. Da'Wan Hunte 2</p>	<p>SAFETY 1. Leroy Clark 3 5-10, 197, Sr. 44 tackles, 1.5 TFL, 1 int., 1 FR Clark seemed much more inspired against Nebraska, and tackled better because of it. He had one of Purdue's best efforts when he lifted up, then dropped a Husker on the edge. Rarely had that been seen out of him this season.</p> <p>2. C.J. Parker 26</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* Key *</p> <p>GREEN: Change from last week 2016 statistics</p>	<p>FREE SAFETY 1. Navon Mosley 27 6-0, 181, Fr. 40 tackles Same story in recent weeks for Mosley, that he makes the plays in front of him —usually — but isn't coming up with any sort of game-breaking ones. That's probably the next step for the young safety.</p> <p>2. Austin Logan 5</p>	<p>CORNERBACK 1. Tim Cason 24 5-11, 195, So. 16 tackles, 1 PBU Cason struggled against Nebraska, particularly in the running game. He just can't get off perimeter blocks, an ongoing trend that he giving the opponent big opportunities on the outside. But what is Purdue going to do? It doesn't have anyone else to play, especially until Myles Norwood (concussion) gets back.</p> <p>2. Brandon Shuman 28</p>
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VS. PENN STATE OFFENSE

<p>LT 73 Paris Palmer 71 Will Fries</p> <p>LG 52 Ryan Bates 57 Steven Gonzalez</p> <p>C 72 Brian Gala 55 Wendy Laurent</p> <p>RG 66 Connor McGovern 53 Derek Dowrey</p>	<p>6-7, 300, Sr. 6-6, 295, Fr.</p> <p>6-4, 305, R-Fr. 6-4, 334, R-Fr.</p> <p>6-3, 295, Sr. (5) 6-2, 297, Sr. (5)</p> <p>6-5, 310, Fr. 6-3, 323, Sr. (5)</p>	<p>RT 70 Brendan Mahon 77 Chasz Wright</p> <p>WR 12 Chris Godwin 84 Juwan Johnson</p> <p>WR 5 DaeSean Hamilton 13 Saeed Blacknail</p> <p>WR 3 DAndre Thompkins 11 Irvin Charles</p>	<p>6-4, 320, Jr. 6-7, 343, So.</p> <p>6-1, 205, Jr. 6-4, 213, R-Fr.</p> <p>6-1, 205, Jr. 6-3, 212, Jr.</p> <p>5-11, 190, So. 6-4, 219, R-Fr.</p>	<p>TE 88 Mike Gesicki 89 Tom Pancoast</p> <p>RB 26 Saquon Barkley 6 Andre Robinson 8 Mark Allen</p> <p>QB 9 Trace McSorley 2 Tommy Stevens</p>	<p>6-6, 252, Jr. 6-3, 235, Jr.</p> <p>5-11, 223, So. 5-9, 216, R-Fr. 5-6, 181, So.</p> <p>6-0, 205, So. 6-4, 218, R-Fr.</p>
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LEFT TACKLE

- 1. Cameron Cermin 66**
6-5, 323, Sr.
Mendez got the first start of his career against Nebraska because Cermin was sidelined with an ankle injury. Not sure if he'll be good enough for PSU. Mendez was OK, but allowed a couple pressures off the left that jostled David Blough.
- 2. Mike Mendez 55**

LEFT GUARD

- 1. Jason King 72**
6-4, 310, Sr. (5)
Purdue has to find a way to generate more running lanes for Markell Jones and Co., but that's been hard to do with a makeshift OL. Would like to run behind King, but if there are breakdowns elsewhere, that's hard to do.
- 2. Mike Mendez 55**

CENTER

- 1. Kirk Barron 53**
6-2, 300, So.
Barron probably didn't have his best game at Nebraska — and he admitted as much afterward — because of at least one pass protection breakdown that resulted in a sack.
- 2. Mike Mendez 55**

RIGHT GUARD

- 1. Jordan Roos 70**
6-4, 301, Sr. (5)
Like King, Roos appears to be playing fine, yet the offensive line can't get enough push to give its running backs room to operate.
- 2. Mike Mendez 55**

RIGHT TACKLE

- 1. Matt McCann 79**
6-6, 314, R-Fr.
McCann has seemingly played well in pass protection, but he — and the rest of the line — should get a big test from a very good Penn State pass rush on Saturday. It's probably the best group Purdue's faced this season.
- 2. Jalen Neal 75 or Mike Mendez 55**

TIGHT END

- 1. Cole Herdman 88**
6-4, 251, So.
22 rec., 253 yards, 2 TDs
Herdman has taken on a much bigger role in the weeks since Domo Young's injury, helping to give the Boilermakers another threat. He had another five receptions for 39 yards vs. the Cornhuskers. Hopkins, too, has come on, with two catches for 20.
- 2. Brycen Hopkins 89**

WIDE RECEIVER

- 1. Bilal Marshall 3**
6-2, 201, Sr. (5)
19 rec., 266 yards, 2 TDs
Couldn't have asked for much more from Marshall after Young went down; he's only stepped right in without much of a drop-off. His full-extension catch on the sideline at Lincoln was a beauty, as was his deep grab that set up the first touchdown.
- 2. Terrance Landers 13**

WIDE RECEIVER

- 1. DeAngelo Yancey 7**
6-2, 205, Sr.
28 rec., 491 yards, 5 TDs
Yancey caught two touchdown passes, the second on a dart of a throw from Blough. And Yancey showed some speed too, racing by the Huskers and getting a nice block from Cameron Posey. Would have liked to have seen him get one of those two deep balls late, but they weren't easy.
- 2. Anthony Mahoungou 21**

WIDE RECEIVER

- 1. Cameron Posey 18**
6-1, 192, Sr. (5)
15 rec., 122 yards
The statistical numbers might not jump out — three catches for 29 yards vs. Nebraska — but all three receptions went for first downs, two of them on third down. Plus, he had that block that gave Yancey more space to complete the 88-yard TD.
- 2. Gregory Phillips 10 or Malik Kimbrough 9**

QUARTERBACK

- 1. David Blough 11**
6-1, 200, So.
173-of-308 for 2,065 yards, 14 TDs / 11 int. / 3 rushing TDs
Blough was great through the first two-and-a-half quarters, hitting 21 of his first 26 attempts with a couple touchdowns and guiding Purdue to a lead. But then he took a late hit, which wasn't penalized, and Nebraska kept up the pressure; he finished by hitting only four of his last 17. Still, a really solid outing, one that can be built upon.
- 2. Elijah Sindelar 2**

RUNNING BACK

- 1. Markell Jones 8**
5-11, 210, So.
92 att., 408 yards, 2 TDs
18 rec., 104 yards
A) Jones isn't healthy, with the banged up shoulder taking away what is probably his greatest strength, in that he's a physical between-the-tackles runner. But B) the offensive line isn't giving him space, either, as he's hit at the line of scrimmage on about every running play. Purdue needs to fix that.
- 2. Brian Lankford-Johnson 37**

KICKER

J.D. Dellinger 85

PUNTER

Joe Schopper 31

KICK RETURN

Jack Wegher 22
Brian Lankford-Johnson 37

PUNT RETURN

Cameron Posey 18

VS. PENN STATE DEFENSE

DE	94 Evan Schwan 48 Shareef Miller	6-6, 263, Sr. (5) 6-5, 255, R-Fr.	SAM	11 Brandon Bell 7 Koa Farmer	6-1, 233, Sr. 6-1, 222, So.	CB	29 John Reid 1 Christian Campbell	5-10, 191, So. 6-1, 194, Jr.
DT	52 Curtis Cothran 30 Kevin Givens	6-5, 285, Jr. 6-1, 275, R-Fr.	MIKE	40 Jason Cabinda 47 Brandon Smith	6-1, 232, Jr. 6-0, 228, Jr.	FS	2 Marcus Allen 28 Troy Apke	6-2, 202, Jr. 6-1, 206, Jr.
DT	41 Parker Cothren 54 Robert Windsor	6-4, 295, Jr. 6-4, 305, R-Fr.	WILL	43 Manny Bowen 31 Cam Brown	6-1, 220, So. 6-5, 215, Fr.	SS	6 Malik Golden 4 Nick Scott	6-0, 205, Sr. (5) 5-11, 200, So
DE	19 Torrence Brown 90 Garrett Sickels	6-3, 257, So. 6-4, 260, Jr.				CB	15 Grant Haley 12 Jordan Smith	5-9, 185, Jr. 5-10, 185, Sr.