

GOLD AND BLACK'S DEPTH CHART - DEFENSE

END

1. Gelen Robinson 13

6-1, 275, Jr.

7 tackles, 1 int. (TD)

Larkin might be back Saturday after missing the first two games with an ankle injury, although he's unlikely to be the starter. And he might still be limited; even though he practiced this week, the ankle didn't look 100 percent. But even 20 snaps would help.

2. Austin Larkin 45

TACKLE

1. Jake Replogle 54

6-5, 289, Sr.

14 tackles, 1 TFL

This week, ProFootballFocus.com called Replogle the No. 1 defensive tackle in the country vs. the run. How did it measure? No idea. But still an indication that the senior is playing well. Neal practiced with the 2s, leaving the possibility that the rookie could debut.

2. Lorenzo Neal 9

NOSE

1. Eddy Wilson 18

6-4, 300, So.

6 tackles, 0.5 TFL, 1 FR Wilson thought he — and others — were breaking assignments, allowing big holes for Cincinnati running backs. The Bearcats rushed for 262 yards against the Boilermakers, averaging 5.7 yards per attempt.

2. Alex Criddle 66

END

1. Evan Panfil 95

6-5, 270, Sr.

5 tackles, 0.5 TFL

Panfil had a couple tackles against UC, but he and the rest of Purdue's defense have to do a better job setting the edge, turning rushers back inside. It cost the Boilermakers too frequently vs. Cincinnati.

2. Wyatt Cook 56

NICKEL BACK

1. Brandon Roberts 1

5-11, 198, So.

9 tackles

Purdue's going to continue to play with five DBs as much as the matchups warrant. Probably will be the same against Nevada, which will run a spread pistol formation, but multiple others as well, maybe even the triple option. Roberts will need to stay on top of the multiple Wolf Pack looks.

2. Antonio Blackmon 25

MIDDLE LINEBACKER

1. Ja'Whaun Bentley 4

6-2, 250, Jr.

17 tackles, 1 PBU

Bentley's been solid through the first couple games, leading the Boilermakers in tackles. But he might not yet be back to 100 percent after his knee injury a year ago. That first-step explosion isn't there yet. Maybe it comes this week; Purdue might need it against a solid Nevada rushing attack.

2. Danny Ezechukwu 36

WEAKSIDE LINEBACKER

1. Markus Bailey

6-1, 235, R-Fr.

13 tackles

Bailey led the Boilermakers in tackles vs. Cincinnati, with nine. He's appeared to be fairly solid in the passing game, a reason why he's playing while others aren't. Reserve Jimmy Herman (hamstring), who missed the UC game, was practicing Wednesday. He's questionable for the Wolf Pack.

2. Andy Garcia 42

CORNERBACK

1. Da'Wan Hunte 2

5-9, 188, Jr.

None

Purdue would get a big boost if Hunte could return from his now near-month-long injury. He hurt the ankle during practice on Aug. 24, with the day-to-day initial diagnosis turning much longer. He's not looked 100 percent, but even if he can play some, it'd be a help for a pass defense that's struggled at times.

2. Tim Cason 24

SAFETY

1. C.J. Parker 26

6-2, 205, Jr.

5 tackles

Purdue needs an answer at safety. Clark's not been it through the first couple games, struggling with his tackling — consistently — in particular. Parker seems to do that well, a reason why he might get his first career start.

2. Leroy Clark 3

* Key *

RED: Missed time Tuesday/

Wednesday due to injury

GREEN: Change from last week

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FREE SAFETY

1. Navon Mosley 27

6-0, 181, Fr.

10 tackles

Mosley's shown growing pains typical of a freshman through the first two games. Against Cincinnati, he lost coverage in the red zone, falling behind the receiver in man and allowing a touchdown. That Purdue had blitzed but not gotten there wasn't helpful either.

2. Robert Gregory 7

— Kyle Charters

CORNERBACK

1. Myles Norwood 6

6-0, 174, Jr.

13 tackles

Frequently Norwood has been in position to make plays, making some but missing others. Perhaps that's to be expected for a relative novice at cornerback. But if he turns the near-plays into finished plays, then he could make big strides. Hayes was nicked up — maybe a lower back — during practice Tuesday.

2. Josh Hayes 23

VS. NEVADA OFFENSE

LT	73 Austin Corbett	6-4, 300, Jr.	RT	79 Jacob Henry	6-4, 295, Sr.	Z	84 Jerico Richardson	5-11, 190, Sr.
	65 Clifford Porter	6-5, 295, R-Fr.		65 Clifford Porter	6-5, 295, R-Fr.		81 Victor Gonzalez	6-0, 185, R-Fr.
LG	64 Sean Krepz	6-5, 320, So.	TE	47 Jarred Gipson	6-1, 240, Sr.	RB	20 James Butler	5-9, 210, Jr.
OR	63 Daren Echeveria	6-4, 290, So.		45 Austin Carrow	6-3, 245, Sr.		22 Akeel Lynch	5-11, 220, Sr.
C	62 Nathan Golytry	6-2, 300, Sr.	X	19 Wyatt Demps	6-4, 200, Jr.		24 Jaxson Kincaide	5-9, 180, Fr.
	74 Ilya Lopez	6-3, 285, Jr.		12 Hasaan Henderson	6-5, 220, Sr.	QB	15 Tyler Stewart	6-4, 220, Sr.
RG	72 Jeremy Macauley	6-1, 300, Sr.	F	83 Andrew Celis	5-11, 190, So.		6 Ty Gangi	6-2, 205, So.
	53 Tyler Rosentreter	6-5, 310, Jr.		3 Ahki Muhammad	5-9, 185, So.		11 Hunter Fralick	6-2, 205, So.

GOLD AND BLACK'S DEPTH CHART - OFFENSE

LEFT TACKLE

1. Jalen Neal 75

6-8, 315, Jr.

Patterson's status for Saturday is uncertain after Darrell Hazell said Wednesday that the starter is going through some "personal things" but wouldn't elaborate. He also was also hurt at the end of Tuesday's practice, but returned as a backup a day later.

2. Martesse Patterson 74

RIGHT TACKLE

1. Cameron Cermin 66

6-5, 323, Sr. (5)

Cermin could get the start at right tackle, where he made 10 starts last season, because McCann injured his right ankle Wednesday, forcing him to leave practice via cart. Cermin's been inconsistent in practice, but one would hope he'd rise to the occasion given the chance.

2. Matt McCann 79

LEFT GUARD

1. Jason King 72

6-4, 310, Sr. (5)

Purdue's pass protection has been solid, not allowing a sack this season. But at times, the line would like to get a better push for the rush. It just wasn't there as much vs. UC, although the Bearcats were loading the box.

2. Mike Mendez 55

CENTER

1. Kirk Barron 53

6-2, 300, So.

Barron's still dealing with a minor ankle issue, which he's had it taped up during practice since before the Cincy game. But he's not missed any practice time and will be good to go for Saturday.

2. Mike Mendez 55

RIGHT GUARD

1. Jordan Roos 70

6-4, 301, Sr. (5)

This is a scenario Purdue doesn't want, but Roos is now the Boilermakers' emergency tackle. He'd likely be the next man up if Purdue would have to go deeper there. But that would be a desperate measure.

2. Mike Mendez 55

TIGHT END

1. Cole Herdman 88

6-4, 251, So.

4 rec., 58 yards

Herdman's had a good start to the season, with his four receptions through two games. Those passes up the seam, where he gets matched up vs. linebackers or safeties, could pay off big.

2. Brycen Hopkins 89

WIDE RECEIVER

1. Domonique Young 5

6-3, 215, Sr.

16 rec., 210 yards, 1 TD
Young is off to a stellar start in his senior season, setting a career-high in catches in Week 1 then matching it in Week 2. Purdue wants to get him the ball even more, so look for the offense to scheme to try to do so. Jarrett Burgess is out (hand), so Marshall moves outside more often.

2. Bilal Marshall 3

WIDE RECEIVER

1. DeAngelo Yancey 7

6-2, 205, Sr.

8 rec., 148 yards, 2 TDs
After a quiet debut, Yancey broke out in the second week, going for seven receptions and 113 yards with a score vs. UC. Purdue's two outside receivers were great and should be frequently this season. Teams are going to get burned if they try to press them.

2. Anthony Mahoungou 21

WIDE RECEIVER

1. Cameron Posey 18

6-1, 192, Sr. (5)

6 rec., 50 yards

One would think that the attention defenses are going to have to start paying to Purdue's outside receiving options would open things for Posey and Phillips. If that's true, then the duo needs to take advantage, perhaps turning the underneath passes into bigger gains.

2. Gregory Phillips 10

QUARTERBACK

1. David Blough 11

6-1, 200, So.

57-of-100 for 646 yards, 3 TDs / 6 int. / 2 rushing TDs
Blough had some great passes, like the TD through traffic to Young or the fourth-down slant to Yancey. But bad ones, too. He threw five interceptions, some inaccurate throws and others just bad decisions. He might need to relax a bit and not add too much pressure to score every possession. Hard to do.

2. Elijah Sindelar 2

RUNNING BACK

1. Markell Jones 8

5-11, 210, So.

39 att., 192 yards, 1 TD

7 rec., 26 yards

Jones has an AC joint injury in his left shoulder after chipping a Cincy defensive end and hasn't practice much since. Certainly no contact. But he'll rehab, then get a cortisone shot, helping him deal with the injury on Saturday. We'll see if he holds up.

2. Tario Fuller 25 / Brian Lankford-Johnson 37

KICKER

J.D. Dellinger 85

PUNTER

Joe Schopper 31

KICK RETURN

Malik Kimbrough 9 Brian Lankford-Johnson 37

PUNT RETURN

Malik Kimbrough 9

VS. NEVADA DEFENSE

DE	90 Malik Reed	6-1, 245, So.	LB	56 Alex Bertrando	6-2, 230, Sr.	CB	4 E.J. Muhammad	5-11, 175, R-Fr.
	17 Jarid Joseph	6-2, 245, So.		10 L.J. Jackson	6-0, 210, Sr.		26 Kendall Johnson	6-0, 185, Jr.
NT	97 Salesa Faraimo	6-2, 290, Sr.	LB	7 Gabe Sewell	6-0, 230, R-Fr.	FS	2 Asauni Rufus	6-0, 200, So.
	91 Kalei Meyer	6-1, 285, So.		50 Austin Paulhus	6-1, 230, Jr.		8 Jaden Sawyer	6-0, 195, Jr.
DT	99 Korey Rush	6-1, 280, So.	LB	34 Travis Wilson	6-1, 220, Jr.	SS	5 Dameon Baber	5-11, 180, So.
	96 Hausia Sekona	6-1, 275, R-Fr.		38 Jake Lacaden	5-11, 220, So.		35 Riley Brand	6-1, 210, R-Fr.
DE	95 Patrick Choudja	6-3, 250, Jr.				CB	28 Elijah Mitchell	5-8, 180, Sr.
	93 Jordan Silva	6-4, 250, So.					18 Elijah Moody	5-11, 175, So.