

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Efficient Becker leads Hoosiers' WR corps

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana receiver Charlie Becker started the season by lighting three more touchdowns than he finished in as one of the most powerful players in the Hoosiers' inaugural 2020 national championship run.

Now he's back to do even more in his first full season as a starter.

The 6-foot-4, 206-pound Nashville native has emerged quickly as the new leader in Indiana's receiver room by becoming the model of efficiency for a coach and program where that is regarded as the highest honor.

"There's a lot of work that we put into it," Becker said after Saturday's 35-6 victory. "There's a lot more out there we can improve upon, but we can improve upon it. I think I can improve on all that to get some receptions, get open, be a better receiver for [quarterback] Josh [Boyer]."

Boyer already seems to have a great connection with Becker after just two games together. And Becker has certainly delivered on his promise.



Indiana wide receiver Charlie Becker makes a catch before being tackled by North Texas players during a game in Bloomington, Indiana.

Despite making early exits in two runs, Becker leads the team in receptions (seven) and yards (141) while being tied for the most touchdowns catches (five) in the Football Bowl Subdivision. He's back on the field Saturday when the Hoosiers host Western Kentucky (8-2).

Improving on last week's performance won't be easy for No. 4 Indiana (2-0).

"The Hoosiers scored 21 on seven of their first eight possessions, averaging 1.8 points per drive in a game the two coaches agreed to trim by five

minutes after the third quarter.

"They picked their first drive of the season, preventing Howard (3-2) from crossing midfield until it seemed a muffed punt with two minutes left in the third quarter.

"Four of Hoosier's six completions went for touchdowns and backup quarterback Grant Williams only two completions also went for TDs.

"Running backs Lee Beebe Jr. and Turbo Richard both produced their first 100-yard game of the season, leading just 10 and 11 carries to hit the mark. Richard has three

TDs this season.

"It was in the middle of such an incredibly prolific all-around performance, albeit against a Football Championship Subdivision foe, Becker's career-kick start time — three catches, 81 yards, three TDs — elicited rare praise from Becker's toughest critic, two-time Associated Press Coach of the Year Curt Cignetti.

"Hardest worker on the team, prepares as well as anybody, nobody prepares more," he said. "You hard every day, you hard in practice. He's a really good special teams guy, too. It's really important to him

and he does everything he can to be the most explosive player. We've had quarterbacks have three more touchdowns than he incompletion in games for last two years, right? He's got almost as many touchdowns catches as receptions."

But it's not numbers that fuel Becker. It's the desire to be the best.

Becker's big body allows him to shield defenses, giving him a better chance to win contested balls. His strong hands have helped him haul in 43 passes for 624 yards and nine scores in 18 games — without a drop.

Not enough!

Becker made the 50-yard catch that set up Indiana's only 100-yard game in the 2021 Big Ten championship game and the 50-yard catch on third down to seal the win against Miami in January's national championship game, he added two crucial 25-yard catches — one set up a fourth-quarter field goal, the other was a touchdown conversion.

Preceding Heisman Trophy winner, Fernando Mendez's first TD run against Miami.

Becker has found his way back in the same stomping grounds as Oscar Cooper Jr., Elijah Barrett

and E.J. Williams Jr., who were all in NFL training camps this summer.

Many draft analysts project Becker to be a first-round pick — if he joins a team that could benefit from his size and speed.

Becker is putting Becker in their company just yet. But Mendez wasn't the Heisman front-runner at this point last year, and if Becker continues operating this efficiently, the once little-known number could soon join a conversation Becker isn't paying attention to either.

"My blocking isn't great, and I think that's an area where we can all improve because a great O line leads to first downs and great wide receiver blocking leads to touchdowns," said Becker, who is 117 pounds away from the late James Hardy's single-season school record.

"Think being able to get on the field, definitely helps boost your confidence and going against great teams like last year the Ohio State, Miami, all those teams in the playoffs, going against great teams like that it really helped boost my confidence."

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S/E X 3/4-inch Meter	Present Rate	New Rate	Change (\$)	Change (%)
First 2,000 Gallons	\$13.25	\$14.31	\$0.00	6.1%
Per Gallon	\$0.0067	\$0.0067	\$0.0000	0.0%
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Over 1,000,000 Gallons	\$0.00375	\$0.00415	\$0.00040	10.7%

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1 1/2-inch	\$68.47	\$70.47	\$2.00	2.9%
2-inch	\$102.77	\$104.77	\$2.00	1.9%
3-inch	\$146.07	\$148.07	\$2.00	1.4%
4-inch	\$189.37	\$191.37	\$2.00	1.1%
6-inch	\$246.67	\$248.67	\$2.00	0.8%
8-inch	\$303.97	\$305.97	\$2.00	0.7%
10-inch	\$361.27	\$363.27	\$2.00	0.6%
12-inch	\$418.57	\$420.57	\$2.00	0.5%

These rates apply to all customer classifications and are subject to 10 percent penalty if paid after the due date.

The monthly bill for an average residential customer using 4,700 gallons of water each month will increase \$1.68 (or 6.33%) from \$26.52 to \$28.20. The monthly bill for an average commercial customer using 38,000 gallons of water each month will increase \$14.40 (or 6.30%) from \$227.49 to \$241.89.

The Kentucky Public Service Commission approved the new rates in Case No. 2020-00190. Any person may examine the application at the District's office located at 5844 Southwest Parkway, Bowling Green, KY or at the Kentucky Public Service Commission's office located at 211 Sower Boulevard, Frankfort, KY Monday through Friday, 9:00 am to 4:30 p.m. EST, or through the Kentucky Public Service Commission's website at <https://psc.ky.gov/Cases/HowCaseFilings/0020-00190>.

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