

WEEK NINE
INDIANA at NEBRASKA

Ramsey's career day lifts Hoosiers over Cornhuskers 38-31

LINCOLN, Neb. -- Indiana players started celebrating before the clock struck zeroes, and as they headed to the locker room they continued to whoop and holler.

"We're going bowling," they yelled.

Yes, they are. It's not even November, and the Hoosiers have achieved the six wins needed to play in a bowl for the first time since 2016.

Leading the way in Saturday's 38-31 win over Nebraska was Peyton Ramsey, the starting quarterback for two years before getting beat out in the preseason. Starting for the third time this season in place of the injured Michael Penix Jr., Ramsey passed for a career-high 351 yards and two touchdowns.

"Being so far from home, being our first time here at Nebraska, it was awesome," Ramsey said. "It was a fun deal and we're going to celebrate it."

The Hoosiers certainly did.

"You should have seen us in the locker room after the game," said Whop Philyor, who caught 14 passes for 178 yards. "We were going crazy. It was chaos."

The Hoosiers (6-2, 3-2 Big Ten) won a third straight conference game in the same season for the first time since 1993 and won in Lincoln for the first time since 1959.

"It feels pretty stinking good to stand here and answer your questions after a big-time road win," Allen told reporters. "This is a big-time win. It changes a lot for our program."

Nebraska (4-4, 2-3) lost its second straight, and second-year coach Scott Frost lamented two turnovers that were converted into touchdowns, breakdowns in pass defense, a missed field goal and poor punt that gave Indiana a short field for a scoring drive.

"It's frustrating," Frost said. "We've got a lot of guys on this team who really care. We have some guys who are tough and dedicated enough. We don't have enough of them yet."

"We're just OK right now. I'm not going to be happy with just OK. Just OK can't exist around here."

Philyor caught 14 balls in a game for the second time this season as the Hoosiers riddled Nebraska with crossing routes and a variety of other short passes.

"It's so inspiring to watch," Ramsey said. "He's a tough little dude. He's a fun guy to throw the ball to. You know you're going to get yards after the catch."

Ramsey, who completed 27 of 40 passes, put the Hoosiers up 31-24 with a 2-yarder to tight end Matt Bjorson on the last play of the third quarter. Kanawai Noa fumbled on the Huskers' next possession, and the Hoosiers went 57 yards for a two-touchdown lead with 12 minutes left.

Nebraska started Noah Vedral in place of the injured Adrian Martinez, and he was helped off the field in the second quarter with an undisclosed injury.

Freshman Luke McCaffrey entered and, on his second series, led a six-play, 74-yard touchdown drive for a 21-16 halftime lead.

David Ellis's 1-yard run put the Hoosiers up 24-21, and it was tied after Barret Pickering's 30-yard field goal for Nebraska.

The Hoosiers went ahead again on Bjorson's TD and, after Noa fumbled, Philyor converted a fourth-and-7 before Stevie Scott ran 9 yards for a two-touchdown lead.

McCaffrey led a quick scoring drive that Wan'Dale Robinson finished with a 4-yard run to pull the Huskers within seven. Vedral returned for the Huskers' final drive, but they turned the ball over on downs near midfield and the Hoosiers ran out the clock.

THE TAKEAWAY

Indiana: There really is no drop-off with Ramsey at quarterback. He played one of his best games for the Hoosiers. The defense came in ranked 18th nationally, but it struggles when going against better-than-average offenses.

Nebraska: The Huskers' defense had no answer for Ramsey, and though they were able to generate 514 total yards, there are major concerns about the health of the quarterbacks.

TRICKERY

Nebraska pulled off a couple trick plays. Spielman took a pitch on an end around and threw to Vedral along the sideline for 22 yards on the first play of their second series. Later, on a fourth-and-1, Vedral looked at the sideline as if he were waiting for instructions when Cam Jurgents sent a direct snap to running back Dedrick Mills, who picked up 2 yards.

KICKING IT

Nebraska's Pickering kicked for the first time this season, making four extra points and a 30-yard field goal. He also pulled a 32-yard try wide left.

Indiana's Logan Justus missed an extra point for the first time this season and is 62 for 64 in his career.

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IND	9	7	15	7	38
NEB	14	7	3	7	31

Scoring Summary -----

	IND	NEB
FIRST QUARTER		
NEB TD 13:32 Noah Vedral 4 Yd Run (Barret Pickering Kick)	0	7
5 plays, 75 yards, 1:28		
IND FG 8:45 Logan Justus 22 Yd Field Goal	3	7
11 plays, 71 yards, 4:42		
NEB TD 6:57 Noah Vedral 1 Yd Run (Barret Pickering Kick)	3	14
5 plays, 75 yards, 1:48		
IND TD 3:23 Peyton Ramsey 8 Yd Run (Logan Justus PAT failed)	9	14
7 plays, 71 yards, 3:30		
SECOND QUARTER		
IND TD 12:19 Ty Fryfogle 8 Yd pass from Peyton Ramsey (Logan Justus Kick)	16	14
1 play, 8 yards, 0:05		
NEB TD 0:39 Kanawai Noa 24 Yd pass from Luke McCaffrey (Barret Pickering Kick)	16	21
6 plays, 74 yards, 1:13		
THIRD QUARTER		
IND TD 7:30 David Ellis 1 Yd Run (Peyton Ramsey Pass to Peyton Hendershot for Two-Point Conversion)	24	21
5 plays, 35 yards, 2:27		
NEB FG 2:53 Barret Pickering 30 Yd Field Goal	24	24
13 plays, 63 yards, 4:37		
IND TD 0:00 Matt Bjorson 2 Yd pass from Peyton Ramsey (Logan Justus Kick)	31	24
6 plays, 65 yards, 2:53		
FOURTH QUARTER		
IND TD 12:08 Stevie Scott III 9 Yd Run (Logan Justus Kick)	38	24
7 plays, 57 yards, 2:17		
NEB TD 10:21 Wan'Dale Robinson 4 Yd Run (Barret Pickering Kick)	38	31
6 plays, 75 yards, 1:47		

Team Stats	IND	NEB
First Downs	24	26
Passes for First	15	11
Rushes for First	6	11
Penalties for First	3	4
Third Down Efficiency	7-14	6-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-2	1-2
Total Yards	455	514
Total Plays	71	73
Avg Gain Per Play	6.4	7.0
Net Yards Rushing	104	220
Rushes	31	50
Yards Per Rush	3.4	4.4
Net Yards Passing	351	294
Comp-Att	27-40	20-23
Yards Per Pass	8.8	12.8
Times Sacked	1	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-5	-8
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	3	2
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	6	6
Penalty Yards	84	44
Fumbles	0	3
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Time of Poss	32:28	27:32

Individual Stats

RUSHING

INDIANA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Stevie Scott III	16	68	4.3	1	16
Peyton Ramsey	9	42	4.7	1	12
Whop Philyor	1	2	2.0	0	2
David Ellis	1	1	1.0	1	1
Team	4	-9	-2.3	0	0
NEBRASKA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Wan'Dale Robinson	22	83	3.8	1	12
Luke McCaffrey	12	76	6.3	0	14
Dedrick Mills	8	30	3.8	0	14
Noah Vedral	7	21	3.0	2	8
Wyatt Mazour	1	10	10.0	0	10

PASSING

INDIANA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Peyton Ramsey	27	40	351	8.8	2	1	89.0
NEBRASKA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Noah Vedral	14	16	201	12.6	0	0	82.3
Luke McCaffrey	5	6	71	11.8	1	0	82.8
JD Spielman	1	1	22	22.0	0	0	99.2

RECEIVING

INDIANA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Whop Philyor	14	178	12.7	0	24
Ty Fryfogle	4	75	18.8	1	38
Stevie Scott III	4	41	10.3	0	23
Peyton Hendershot	1	40	40.0	0	40
Miles Marshall	1	11	11.0	0	11
Matt Bjorson	2	6	3.0	1	4
Ronnie Walker Jr.	1	0	0.0	0	0
NEBRASKA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
JD Spielman	5	97	19.4	0	45
Wan'Dale Robinson	6	71	11.8	0	31
Kanawai Noa	3	52	17.3	1	24
Mike Williams	1	34	34.0	0	34
Noah Vedral	1	22	22.0	0	22
Austin Allen	1	9	9.0	0	9
Jack Stoll	3	9	3.0	0	5