

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS



SS Ibraheim Campbell

POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2014

QUARTERBACKS - NW has had a great run of QB's with Brett Basanez leaving as the career passing leader after '05 and CJ Bachér leaving as the #3 career passer in '08. Mike Kafka set bowl and schl records in his final gm in '09 (47-78-532, 4 td) vs Aub (2nd Tm B10, #4DC). Dan Persa was the tm MVP in '10 accounting for an FBS best 75% of NW's offense. Persa (73.5%, #1 FBS '10) shattered UW's Darrell Bevell's Big Ten comp % record (67.8% '93). When Persa was inj'd they burned the RS on speedy Kain Colter (3 gms, half snaps in bowl). Colter started the first 3 in '11, giving them a 2-QB attack with Persa the pocket passer and Colter the #1 rusher. Persa left as the all-time career comp % leader here (72.7%) throwing for 2,376 (73%, 17-7) in '11 while Colter added 673 (67%, 6-1) as the Wildcats' 254 ypg passing led the Big Ten. In '12 Colter was the st'r but Trevor Siemian (PS#43) att'd a comb 68 passes vs Ind & Penn St (Colter 3 att vs Ind). Colter started to see action at WR (9-131 vs Ind). After Penn St, they alt'd at QB. With Colter behind center, they had 85% runs (Siemian 63% pass). Siemian threw for 1,312 (59%, 6-3, 48 rush) while Colter threw for 872 (68%, 8-4, 894 rush, 5.3). 6'4" rFr Zack Oliver (PS#39) played in 3 (2-2). LY Colter was inj'd in the opener (ret for 2nd gm). Siemian's best moment came in the ssn finale vs Ill when he hit 31-44-414. TY Colter departs after throwing for 577 (78.8%, 3-4, 489 rush). Siemian threw for 2,149 (59.7%, 11-9, 93 rush). Oliver ply'd in 5 (2 att). I expect rFr PS#17 Matt Alviti (1750 yds pass HS, 65.3%, 2040 rush, 128 tll td) to take over as the running QB and contend for the job. Even with the loss of Colter, I could see improved numbers from a position that was banged up LY.

RUNNING BACKS - NW's leading RB had just 302 (3.7) in '09, 530 (4.6) in '10 and 471 (4.4) in '11. Mike Trumpy was the leader in '10 but had an ACL inj after 3 gms in '11 (183, 5.5). The leading returnee from '11 was Treyvon Green (362, 3.7 true). The key move of '12 was sliding slot WR Vennic Mark to RB. Mark was a revelation becoming the Wildcats' first 1,000 yd rusher s/o'6 (Tyrell Sutton) w/1,366 (6.0, 696 ret yds, 104 rec yds, #1 B10 all purp yds) and was 2nd Tm B10. Trumpy was the #2 RB (349, 4.6) and Green slipped to 73 (3.3). In '13 Mark was injured and played in just 3 (97, 3.1). Showing how banged up the unit got, vs Neb, they were down to 6th string RB Tim Hanrahan (6'0" 210 Sr). Stephen Buckley (6'0" 180 So) was OFY after 9 (265, 5.3). Trumpy was the #2 RB w/370 (3.8). Green led with 736 (5.4) incl 158 vs WM, 129 vs Cal & 149 vs Neb. Adding depth are Xavier Menifield (5'10" 190 rFr, PS#102)

& Warren Long (6'0" 180 So, PS#109). Mark returns (only lose Trumpy) and that should make this a vastly improved group and they also add PS#16 true frosh Justin Jackson.

RECEIVERS - In '12 NU had to replace their top 2 rec's (comb 1582, 13.2) and 12's #3 rec, Kain Colter (466, 10.8) played mostly at QB. Tony Jones' nickname is "4.2 Tony" as he benches 325 and was #2 in '12 w/335 (11.6). The top 5 comb for just 1,661 and NW as a team avg'd just 9.5 ypc (#122 FBS). Christian Jones (PS#71) led with 412 (11.8) and 6'2" Rashad Lawrence added 321 (9.4). LY the top 3 ret'd. Tony Jones had 255 (18.2) in the first 2 but surprisingly just 375 (9.1) the L/10 and finished #2. Christian Jones had 182 yds on 13 rec vs Ill and led w/668 (12.4). TY they lose Lawrence (12 st, 463, 14.9) and Mike Jensen (106, 15.1). They not only have the top 2 back but I expect Kyle Prater (PS#1, USC) and Miles Shuler (PS#22, Rutgers), a pair of transfers, to live up to their VHT billings. This is one of the Big Ten's best receiving corps.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Pat Fitzgerald likes an athletic O-line. As an example, Jack Konopka had been an SB in '11 (1 rec) and moved to RT in '12 (13 st). With 73 car sts back, the '12 version saw the rushing numbers skyrocket to 226 (4.9), their best ypg s/o'0 while trimming the sks from 43 to just 16 (4.3%). LY they had to replace a 3Y st'g LT, a 2nd Tm B10 LG (3Y st'r), a 2Y st'g RG and a bkp (2 st). With the loss of 3 st's (as well as RB Mark), the car sts dropped to 40 and the rushing numbers dropped to 172 (4.1) while the sks rose to 36 (9.4%). Fitzgerald has done a good job recruiting here and TY's line returns intact (100 car st) which should make them a vastly improved unit in '14.

DEFENSIVE LINE - Three times in the last 6 yrs, NW has all'd less than 4.0 ypc rush incl '08 when they set the schl record yielding just 126 ypg (3.6) and led the B10 in sks w/34. Just 2 yrs later in '10 they yielded 5.1 ypc (17 sk). In '12 they had to replace 4 DL (comb 36 sts) and ret'd 1.5 st's incl Tyler Scott (lost after 6 st in '11). Scott led w/9 sks and the Cats yielded just 128 ypg (3.8, 28 sk). LY they had to replace 2 st's but ret'd 6 of their top 8 and added in PS#25 rFr Ileadu Odenigbo. Scott was named tm MVP but they still slipped to 167 ypg rush (4.1, 27 sk). After 5 gms, DT Sean McEvilly (10 st '12) was OFY. TY they lose Scott (12 st, 6 sk, 4 tfl) and McEvilly's replacement, Will Hampton (9 st, 22 tkl). Getting McEvilly back is like having 3 ret st's and Odenigbo had 5.5 sks as a bkp LY, so despite the loss of their top guy, they should improve upon LY's numbers.

LINEBACKERS - In '12 NW ret'd 3 LB's who had 7+ sts (#3, #7, #10 tkl's). Collin Ellis (9 st, 28 tkl '11) was beat out by Chi Chi Ariguzo (PS#125) who was very dynamic (91 tkl, 3 sk, 7.5 tfl). NW all'd just 22.5 ppg (best s/o'08) and 3 st's made HM B10. LY they had to replace their best 2 tkl'r but ret'd their #1 and #3 plus inserted Ellis to the open slot so it was like having 3 full-time st's back. All 3 st'd all 12 so they maintained good health. NW's D slipped to allowing 27.1 ppg. TY they lose Damien Proby (12 st, #1 tkl'r, 5 tfl), and Timmy Vernon (5 tkl). They do return their #2, #3 and #12 tkl'r's and move a S (#8 tkl'r) in. Despite being a little less exp'd, I look for better play from the Wildcats' D.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '12 NW had to replace 3 st's and the unit was my main ? but they actually improved to #48 in my PDR (58%, 18-13). LY they had to replace 2 CB's (comb 9 st, 62 tkl) and their st'g S (12 st). They ret'd Ibraheim Campbell (2 int, 12 pbu) who had been the #1 tkl'r in '11 & #4 in '12. Daniel Jones (7 st '12) was OFY in WK 1 so they had a little less than 2 st's back. NW slipped to #66 (59.9%, 20-19). Campbell had an int in 5 consec games, breaking the schl record (Brett Whitley, 4 st, '85). TY the only losses are CJ Bryant (12 tkl) and Davion Fleming (7 tkl). Since they get Jones back, it's like returning 6 full-time st's plus they add Parrker Westphal (PS#22) who was IFS. I'll call for NW to finish in the Top 40 of my PDR for the first time s/o'05.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Cats had struggled on ST, never finishing above #65 in a 6Y stretch prior to the arrival of Vennic Mark in '10, when they moved up to #28. They regressed in '11 (#67) but moved back up to #24 in '12. Mark was named 1st Tm FWAA AA in '12 (1st here s/o'05) but was inj'd LY (1 ret, 3 gms). Matthew Harris was the top KR LY w/484 (23.0) and Tony Jones the top PR but with only 64 (7.1). Jeff Budzien hit 6-10 fg's (L47) in '11 and improved to an almost perfect 19-20 (L44) in '12 and then hit 23-25 (L43) in '13. He had 21 TB on 65 KO. Brandon Williams avg'd 39.9 (37.6 net) in '12 and dropped to 36.0 (33.2 net, #121). TY they lose Budzien and Williams but with the return of Mark, they have the potential to top LY's #73 finish.

COACHES - The Wildcats are only 1 of 4 schools to have the same HC, OC and DC the L6Y. Pat Fitzgerald was hand picked by the late Randy Walker as his replacement and became the youngest coach in the NCAA in '06 at 31. He is now in his 9th season. Seventh year OC Mick McCall was BG's OC in '07 (QB cch '03-'06) and QB/RB cch at WY ('01-'02). Also in his 7th year here is DC Mike Hankwitz, who was the DC at Wisconsin ('06-'07), Colorado ('04-'05) and A&M ('97-'02).

ALSO ON ROSTER: WR Mark Gorogianis 6'0" 180 rFr DB Troy Sheppard 5'10" 170 So WR Quinn Baker 5'11" 180 rFr DB Tommy Odell 5'11" 185 rFr RB Malcolm Bowman 5'11" 190 rFr SB Doug Dieckrich 5'10" 215 Jr DB Jerry Klue 6'2" 200 Fr RB Mike Panico 5'8" 175 So SB Doug Dieckrich 5'10" 215 Jr DB Jerry Klue 6'2" 200 Fr WR Corey Ackler 5'9" 155 Fr DB Joe Cannon 6'0" 185 Sr

PHIL'S FORECAST

Northwestern actually won or shared 3 Big Ten Titles in a 6 year stretch from 1995-2000. Pat Fitzgerald had the unenviable task of stepping in after the team suffered the sudden loss of HC Randy Walker over the summer of '06. He did a good job, just getting the team to 4-8. In '07 I called for the Cats to be bowl eligible and they were at 6-6 (not invited). Fitzgerald then guided them to 5 consec bowls with his high water marks being 9-4 in '08 and in '12 when, despite being ranked just 1 week during the reg season, after they beat Miss St, they finished #17 at 10-3. The amazing thing about '12 was that NW was just 5:03 away from an unbeaten record. That win over Miss St was their first bowl win since the 1948 Rose Bowl. LY they entered the season #22, their first preseason AP ranking s/o'11 pointed out that NW was -3.5 in my Stock Market Indicator, had benefitted from +14 in TO's and +3 net upsets and had beneficial ypp's. They had 14 ret st's and opened 4-0 and were #16 for their showdown with #4 Ohio St. GameDay was on hand as well as National TV. OSU got a td w/5:22 left to take the lead. NW tried a lateral play which fumbled into the EZ and OSU fell on it for a td and a misleading 40-30 win. The next week, after giving their A++ effort vs the Bucks, they had nothing left on the road vs a Wisc team coming off a bye and were trampled 35-6. They then lost vs Minn as the injuries piled up. They had a 329-305 yd edge vs Iowa but lost by 7 in OT. It didn't help that 13 key players were inj'd heading into Nov. NW still had Neb beat by 3 when the Huskers got a Hail Mary pass on the final play. They had Mich beat but UM hurried their fg unit on to the field with the holder sliding into position. I don't know if they were ever completely set, but the fg counted on the last play, sending it to OT for another tough loss. After getting whipped by Mich St, they rebounded to beat rival Ill 37-34 and finished 5-7 in a season they could have easily been 9-4. Naturally, TY things are pointed in the upward direction. They are +3.0 in the Stock Market Indicator, Ohio St and Mich St drop off the schedule, they had 4 net close losses LY and -2 net upsets. They also have 17 ret st's. A huge addition is RB Vennic Mark who was a 1st Tm AA PR in '12 and was greatly missed LY. NW is one of the teams on my Most Improved List (pg 38) and a surprise contender in the Big Ten West.

OFFENSE

JERSEY #
IN PURPLE

2014 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

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DEFENSE

QB 13 Trevor Siemian Sr. 6-3 210 PS#43. 1 st, 1568 (59%, 9-4) 2Y. 2 st, 2149 (60%, 11-9) LY. 7 fR. Ileadu Alviti (6'0" 185 rFr) PS#17. **10** Zack Oliver (6'4" 235 Jr) PS#39. 8 gm 2Y. Clayton Thorson PS#16. **18** Christian Sale (6'3" 190 So).
RB 5 VENNIC MARK SR. 5-8 175 PS#25. 26 gm, 47 (7.8) 2Y. 13 st, 1st Tm AA PR '12. 3 gm, OFY LY.
22 Treyvon Green (5'10" 215 Sr) PS#185. 435 (3.7) 2Y. 8 st, 736 (5.4) LY. Justin Jackson PS#16. **20** Malin Jones (6'0" 200 So) PS#37.
WR 6 TONY JONES SR. 6-0 195 PS#69. 157 (14.3) true. RS '11. 12 st, 335 (11.6) '12. 12 st, 630 (11.5) LY.
89 Miles Shuler (5'10" 175 Jr) PS#22. 20 gm, 71 (14.2), 2Y at Rutgers. RS here LY. **84** Macan Wilson (6'0" 185 rFr) PS#166.
WR 21 Kyle Prater Sr. 6-5 225 PS#1. 10 gm rFr at USC. 13 gm, 54 (5.4) here '12. 10 gm, 59 (6.6) LY.
19 Cameron Dickerson (6'3" 200 Jr) PS#92. 25 gm, 179 (9.0) 2Y. **11** Pierre Youngblood-Ary (6'3" 185 Jr) PS#180. 1 rec 2Y.
WR 14 CHRISTIAN JONES SR. 6-3 225 PS#71. 17 st, 607 (11.9) 2Y. 12 st, 668 (12.4) LY. **83** Mike McHugh (6'3" 185 So) PS#127. 6 gm rFr. **82** Andrew Scanlan (6'2" 200 So). 10 gm rFr. Austin Carr (6'1" 195 So). Cermak Bland (5'11" 180 Jr).
SB 40 DAN VITALE JR. 6-2 225 PS#159. 10 st, 288 (10.3) true. 12 st, 382 (11.2) LY. **85** Mark Scott (6'4" 240 Jr) PS#60T. 13 gm 2Y. Garrett Dickerson PS#5TE. **88** Jayme Taylor (6'4" 225 rFr) PS#63. Jack Schwaba (6'4" 250 Jr) PS#51.
C 66 BRANDON VITABLE SR. 6-3 300 PS#127. 26 st C, 2Y. 12 st C, 3rd Tm B10 LY. **85** Hayden Baker (6'2" 290 Sr) 6 gm 3Y. **69** Brad North (6'2" 280 rFr) PS#86. OFS (inj). **LS 52** Chris Fitzpatrick (6'2" 230 So) 1 gm rFr.
RG 57 MATT FRAZIER JR. 6-4 290 PS#103. 12 gm as a rFr. L4 st at RG. 12 gm LY. **63 Ian Parlar** (6'4" 295 So) PS#92. F/8 st at RG, 12 gm as a rFr. Tommy Doles (6'6" 270 Fr) PS#81. **60** Zack Guritz (6'3" 285 rFr).
LG 53 GEOFF MOGUS JR. 6-5 295 PS#153. 13 gm rFr. 11 st LG. 11 gm (inj) LY. **73** Adam DePietro (6'5" 285 So) PS#76. 1 st LG. 8 gm rFr. **64** Blake King (6'3" 250 rFr) PS#137. JB Butler (6'3" 280 Fr) PS#303. Preferred W/O.
RT 75 JACK KONOPKA SR. 6-5 300 PS#93. 13 gm TE/SB true. 13 st at RT '12. 12 st at LT LY. **76** Eric Olson (6'6" 290 rFr) PS#114. 11 gm rFr. **79** Sam Coverdale (6'6" 265 rFr) PS#89. **74** Graham Bullmore (6'7" 275 rFr).
LT 78 PAUL JORGENSEN SR. 6-6 295 PS#116. 11 gm rFr. 1 st TE. 10 gm OT/TE '12. 12 st RT LY. **70** Shane Mertz (6'8" 305 Jr) PS#101. DNP rFr. 12 gm LY. **77** Kenton Playko (6'5" 280 So) PS#108. 1 gm rFr. Blake Hanna PS#105.
K 32 Hunter Niswander Jr. 6-5 210 PS#27. Broke state of Ohio record for consecutive PATs with 111. Hit a school record 53 yard fg during HS career. **38** Arthur Omilian (5'11" 160 Jr) 1 game rFr. 1 game LY.

DE 13 Deonte Gibson Jr. 6-3 260 PS#146. 12 gm, 9 tkl, 2.5 tfl rFr. 3 st, 22 tkl. 7 tfl LY. **7** Ileadu Odenigbo (6'3" 235 So) PS#25. 12 gm, 9 tkl, 5.5 sk rFr. Ben Oxley PS#123. Xavier Washington PS#286. James Prather PS#298.
DT 99 CHANCE CARTER SR. 6-3 295 PS#60. 9 gm, 2 tkl rFr. 13 gm, 15 tkl, 1 tfl '12. 12 st, 34 tkl, 2 sk, 3 tfl, 5 pbu LY. **90** CJ Robbins (6'5" 285 Jr) PS#209. 1 gm rFr. 12 gm, 3 tkl LY. **68** Connor Mahoney (6'4" 260 So) PS#200. 10 gm rFr. 6-5 290 PS#237. 1 gm rFr. Last 10 gm, 20 tkl, 1.5 tfl '12. F/3 st, 5 gm (inj), 9 tkl, 2 tfl LY. OFS (inj). **93** Greg Kuhar (6'3" 300 So) PS#90. 6 gm, 8 tkl rFr. **95** Eric Joraskie (6'4" 260 rFr) PS#169.
DE 94 DEAN LOWRY JR. 6-6 265 PS#104. 13 gm, 14 tkl, 3 tfl as true. 9 sts, 33 tkl, 4.5 sks, 5 pd LY. **98** Max Chapman (6'3" 230 Jr) PS#239. 11 gm, 1 tkl rFr. 12 gm, 9 tkl LY. **67** Tyler Lancaster (6'3" 250 rFr) PS#78. Fred Wyatt PS#162.
WLB 44 CHI CHI ARIGUZO SR. 6-3 235 PS#125. 2 sts, 32 tkl rFr. 13 sts, 91 tkl, 10.5 tfl, HM B10 '12. 12 st, 106 tkl, 6 tfl, 6 pd, 3rd Tm B10 LY. **55** Drew Smith (6'1" 215 Jr) 13 gm, 17 tkl rFr. 12 gm, 31 tkl LY. **18** Anthony Walker (6'1" 200 rFr) PS#120.
MLB 45 COLLIN ELLIS SR. 6-2 230 PS#108. 9 st, 28 tkl rFr. 11 gm, 9 tkl '12. 12 st, 78 tkl, 9 pd LY. **51** Jaylen Prater (6'0" 235 So) PS#163. 3 gm (inj), 5 tkl rFr. Cameron Queiro PS#133. **34** Michael Odum (6'0" 195 So) 1 gm rFr. 6-2 205 PS#94. 21 gm, 8 tkl 2Y. 2 st, 36 tkl LY. **42** Joseph Jones (6'1" 210 So) PS#160.
SLB 9 Jimmy Hall Sr. 6-2 205 PS#159. **54** Eric Hauser (6'0" 215 So) DNP rFr. **49** Josh Roberts (6'1" 190 rFr).
CB 23 NICK VANBRETT JR. 6-0 190 PS#287. 10 st (inj), 33 tkl, 7 pbu, 3 int rFr. 12 st, 61 tkl, 5 tfl, 8 pbu LY. **2** Dwight White (5'10" 185 So) PS#205. 6 st, 26 tkl rFr. **4** Jarrell Williams (5'11" 190 Jr) PS#110. 15 gm, 12 tkl 2Y. **CB 27 MATTHEW HARRIS SO.** 5-11 180 PS#165. 5 st, 36 tkl, 5 pbu true. **15** Daniel Jones (5'11" 175 Sr) PS#203. 8 st, 45 tkl 2Y. 1 st (ACL) LY. **3** Keith Watkins (5'11" 180 rFr) PS#177. Marcus McShepard (5'11" 185 rFr) PS#240.
SS 24 IBRAHEIM CAMPBELL SR. 5-11 205 PS#85. 25 st, 189 tkl, 20 pd, 4 tfl 2Y. 12 st, 73 tkl, 9 pd LY. **21** Kyle Queiro (6'3" 190 rFr) PS#99. **25** Jordan Perkins (6'0" 180 Jr) PS#50RB. 5 tkl 2Y. May play rFr. **43** Cole Johnson (6'1" 200 rFr).
FS 10 TRAVEON HENRY JR. 6-1 200 PS#142. 10 gm, 23 tkl true. 10 st, 12 gm, 77 tkl, 4 tfl, 2 pd LY. **22** Parrker Westphal PS#122. IFS. **26** Terrance Brown (6'1" 200 So) 4 gm, 2 tkl rFr. **16** Godwin Igwebuike (6'0" 190 rFr) PS#40. From RB.
P 31 Chris Gradone Jr. 6-2 190 Averaged 40.7 on punts as Sr in HS. RS '11. No game action '12. 4 gm, 11 punts (37.8), L/61, 5 In20, 1 50+, 3 FC, 33.2 tm net LY. **32** Hunter Niswander (6'5" 210 rFr) PS#27. Also #1 K.

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS

Evanston, Illinois

WEATHER ZIP: 60201

Enrollment: 9,376 (#114)

PAT FITZGERALD

PLAYING EXP: LB at Northwestern ('93-'96), DAL ('97)

PRIOR HC EXP: None

9th Year Here / 9th Overall

2013 RECORDS

5-7

CONF: 1-7 (16 LEGENDS)

2014 RET STARTERS:

OFF: 9 DEF: 8

LETTERMEN (O/D/ST)

RET: 55 (31,22,2)

LOST: 14 (4,7,3)

HERE/OVERALL

Record: 55-46

Bowls: 1-4

Home: 31-21

Away: 22-20

Neutral: 2-5

Vs Conf: 27-37

Vs Top 10: 2-6

Vs Top 25: 5-14

Vs BCS: 10-6

Off Bye: 1-10

Big Loss: 18-23

BIG TEN - WEST

C Brandon Vitabile



LAST 5 BOWLS ALL-TIME RECORD 2-9

YR	BOWL/TEAM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE
08	Alamo - #22	+12	Missouri - #25	23-30 OT
09	Outback	+9	Auburn	35-38 OT
10	TicketCity	+7	Texas Tech	38-45
11	Car Care of Texas	+9	Texas A&M	22-33
12	Gator - #21	+1	Mississippi St	34-20

DATE	OPPONENT	TURF	LINE	FINAL SCORE	W
Aug. 30	California	G			
Sep. 6	Northern Illinois	G			
Sep. 13					
Sep. 20	Western Illinois	G			
Sep. 27	at Penn St	G			
Oct. 4	Wisconsin	G			
Oct. 11	at Minnesota	A			
Oct. 18	Nebraska (HC)	G			
Oct. 25					
Nov. 1	at Iowa	A			
Nov. 8	Michigan	G			
Nov. 15	at Notre Dame	A			
Nov. 22	at Purdue	G			
Nov. 29	Illinois	G			

CAREER PASSING LEADERS
 1. Brett Basanez 10,580 '02-'05
 2. Len Williams 7,487 '90-'93
 3. CJ Bachér 7,319 '04-'08

CAREER RUSHING LEADERS
 1. Damien Anderson 4,485 '98-'01
 2. Tyrell Sutton 3,886 '05-'08
 3. Darnell Autry 3,793 '94-'96

CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS
 1. D'Wayne Bates 3,370 '95-'98
 2. Richard Buchanan 2,474 '87-'90
 3. Jeremy Ebert 2,400 '08-'11

NU is 2-0 ('49 Rose Bowl & LY). LY was tied 27-27 early 4Q. Cal cut the deficit to 7 w/4:45 but NU sealed it with a 91/6pl td drive 3 mins later. NU has won 7 str home openers by 23 ppg.

LY N Illinois was the first MAC tm to beat two B10 foes in one ssn (Iowa 30-27, PU 55-24). NU is 6-0-1 vs NIU. In the L/gm ('05) both tms had DD leads at one point. Tied 31-31, NU went 82/6pl to go up 7 w/1:02 left. NIU responded with a 19 yd td pass w/0:06 but elected to go for 2pt (ng). Bonus: NU has won 10 str vs current MAC tms. Their last loss was in '03 (17-9 1 all-time).

First meeting. Wildcats have won 7 str vs FCS opp's by 27 ppg. Entering 2014, Northwestern is 16-0 the L6Y hosting non-conf foes. Leathernecks went 4-8 LY incl 2 FBS losses (Minn & UNLV).

NU is 3-13 all-time vs PSU and their last & only win in State College was in '04 (1-7). LTH ('12) NU lost 39-28. NU is 13-11 the L6Y on the B10 road but LY finished below .500 for the first time s/07.

HT has won 7 str. LY Northwestern led 3-0 but all'd the next 21 pts (63 yd td pass & 71 yd td run) trailing 21-6 at HT. In the 2H NU had just 51 yds not driving any further than the W34.

NU has won its L/3 trips to MN. LTH NU led 21-10 at HT but were handcuffed in the 2H w/just 52 td yds (1.9 ypp). NU stopped Minn on 4D from their 6 w/2:23 & again from the M41 w/36 left.

L3Y have been decided by 7 tlt pts. LY NU led 21-7. After a Neb 25 yd IR td that tied the gm at 21, NU hit a 21 yd fg w/1:20 left. On 2&10 w/0:04 NU all'd a 49 yd "Hail Mary" td pass as time exp'd.

Visitor is 0-4. LY here NU lost 17-10 in OT. Overall in '13 they dropped 5 gms within a td or less (OSU could of been 6th). Into '14, Wildcats under HC Fitzgerald are 1-10 off a bye (incl bowls).

The Wildcats have dropped 3 str vs the Wolverines and have dropped 5 str at home vs them. Each of the L2Y its gone to OT. LY at HT NU led 6-3 & in '12 it was 14-14 & ended in 3OTs.

Wildcats are 1-14 since 1965 vs ND but that one win was LTH ('95, also L/gm), 17-15. NU is 4-15 all-time in South Bend. Wildcats are 7-3 in non-conf away games under HC Fitzgerald.

LTH ('09) NU won 27-21. NU trailed the entire game until a GW 67/11pl td drive w/2:09 left. Cats trailed 21-3 in 2Q before scoring 24 unanswered incl a td & 2 fg's in final 1:31 of 1H.

NU is 8-2 in home finalss/'04. LY up 10 NU all'd a 62/8pl td drive but rec the on-side, running out the L/2:23.

RYAN FIELD - Grass

Built: 1926 - 47,130 (#69) - LY's Capacity: 83.4% (#65)



SIGNES 5 VMT - 7 HT - 1 TS

DB Parker Westphal 6-1 190 PS#22 IFS
 RB Justin Jackson 5-11 180 PS#16
 TE Garrett Dickerson 6-3 235 PS#5
 QB Clayton Thorson 6-4 200 PS#16
 RB Austin Anderson 5-9 180 PS#55
 OL Tommy Doles 6-6 270 PS#81
 OL Blake Hance 6-5 265 PS#105
 WR Solomon Vault 5-10 190 PS#125
 LB Ben Oxley 6-6 260 PS#123
 DL Fred Wyatt 6-4 250 PS#162
 LB Cameron Queiro 6-1 210 PS#133
 LB Nate Hall 6-2 200 PS#141
 DL Xavier Washington 6-1 235 PS#286
 DL James Prather 6-4 235 PS#298
 DB Jared McGee 6-1 195 PS#445

	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	10Yr Total
STRAIGHT UP	6-6	7-5	4-8	6-6	9-4	8-5	7-6	6-7	10-3	5-7	68-57
Home	5-1	4-2	2-4	4-3	5-2	5-2	3-2	3-3	6-1	3-4	40-24
Away	1-5	3-2	2-4	1-3	4-1	3-2	4-2	3-3	3-2	2-3	26-27
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	1-0	0-0	2-6
vs Conf	5-3	5-3	2-6	3-5	5-3	5-3	3-5	3-5	5-3	1-7	37-43
vs Non-Conf	1-3	2-2	2-2	3-1	4-1	3-2	4-1	3-2	5-0	4-0	31-14
ATS	5-6-1	7-5	5-6	4-7	7-5	6-7	4-9	5-8	11-1-1	3-9	57-63-2
Home Fav	1-3	1-1	0-1	0-4	2-1	0-4	1-2	1-2	5-0	1-4	12-22
Home Dog	2-0	3-1	2-2	2-0	1-2	1-1	1-1	0-3	2-0	0-2	14-12
Away Fav	0-1	1-0	1-0	0-0	0-2	0-1	1-3	1-1	1-0-1	1-1	6-9-1
Away Dog	2-2-1	2-2	2-3	1-3	3-0	4-0	0-2	3-1	2-1	1-2	20-16-1
Neutral	0-0	0-1	0-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	1-1	0-1	1-0	0-0	5-3
vs Conf	3-4-1	6-2	4-4	3-5	5-3	5-3	1-7	3-5	7-1	1-7	38-41-1
vs Non-Conf	2-2	1-3	1-2	1-2	2-2	1-4	3-2	2-3	4-0-1	2-2	19-22-1
Off SU Win	1-4-1	2-5	0-2	1-5	3-5	4-4	2-5	2-4	8-1	1-3	24-38-1
Off SU Loss	3-2	4-0	4-4	3-2	3-0	2-2	2-3	2-0	3-0	1-6	27-23

2013 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TO AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	
Treyvon Green	137	765	29	736	8.5	Damien Proby	112	1	4	2	
Kain Colter	115	614	125	489	5.4	Chi Chi Ariguzo	106	2	4	2	
Mike Trumpy	98	396	26	370	2.8	Collin Ellis	78	0	5	6	
Stephen Buckley	50	274	9	265	5.3	Traveon Henry	77	0	4	1	
Venric Mark	31	106	9	97	3.1	Ibrahim Campbell	73	1	1	5	
Warren Long	14	63	7	56	4.0	Nick VanHoose	61	0	5	8	
Trevor Siemian	44	144	11	133	3.0	Tyler Scott	46	6	4	4	
PASSING	ATT	COM	PCT	YDS	INT	QBR	JIMMY HALL	36	0	5	
Trevor Siemian	298	178	59.7	2149	11	9	126.4	MATTHEW HARRIS	36	0	0
Kain Colter	80	63	78.8	577	4	3	148.3	CHANCE CARTER	34	2	3
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	BLK	INT	DEAN LOWRY	33	4	5	
Christian Jones	54	668	12.4	4	36	0	Drew Smith	31	0	4	
Tony Jones	55	630	11.5	4	47	0	Dwight White	26	0	1	
Rashad Lawrence	31	463	14.9	1	67	0	Deonte Gibson	22	3	4	
Dan Vitale	34	382	11.2	3	54	0	Will Hampton	22	0	0	
Cameron Dickerson	11	125	11.4	1	23	0	CJ Bryant	12	0	0	
Mike Jensen	7	106	15.1	0	22	0	Ifeadi Odenigbo	9	5	5	
Mike Trumpy	15	98	6.5	0	19	0	Sean McEvilly	9	0	2	
Treyvon Green	10	71	7.1	0	9	0	Max Chapman	9	1	0	
Kyle Prater	9	59	6.6	0	18	0	Mike Jensen	9	0	1	
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	GREY KUHAR	8	0	0	
Brandon Williams	58	2088	36.0	22	33.2	0	PUNT RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	
Chris Gradone	11	416	37.8	3	0	5	Tony Jones	9	64	7.1	
KICKING	XP	1-39	30-39	40-49	50+	TLT	LNG RETURNS	NO	YDS	AVG	
Jeff Budzien	35-35	13-13	7-7	3-5	0-0	23-25	43	21	484	23.0	

2013 GAME-BY-GAME STATS

ATT	OPPONENT	SCORE	TTL	OFF	FD	RUSH	ATT	YDS	PASS	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS
58,816	at California	44-30	508	22	40	209	5.2	19-30	299	1	4	65	460
38,033	Syracuse	48-27	581	27	44	206	4.7	30-37	375	3	434	29	34-133
33,128	Western Michigan	38-17	471	31	55	332	6.0	15-22	139	1	345	17	31-143
32,726	Maine	35-21	373	20	49	251	5.1	10-17	122	2	379	23	30-107
47,330	Ohio St	30-40	437	20	43	94	2.2	25-31	343	5	451	25	48-248
81,411	at Wisconsin	6-35	241	10	25	44	1.8	17-39	197	7	527	24	51-286
36,587	Minnesota	17-20	328	20	26	94	3.6	25-46	234	3	299	16	49-176
66,838	at Iowa	10-17	329	19	52	225	4.3	11-14	104	6	305	19	41-136
91,140	at Nebraska	24-27	326	16	47	245	5.2	8-21	81	5	472	28	50-195
47,330	Michigan	19-27	322	20	49	143	2.9	23-34	179	2	365	27	44-139
40,013	Michigan St	6-30	319	19	26	80	3.1	27-46	239	0	464	20	40-171
37,058	at Illinois	37-34	560	31	51	146	2.9	31-45	414	1	492	29	32-185
TOTALS	314-325	4795	255	507	2069	4.1	241	382	2726	36	5082	287	484-2008
AVERAGES	26-27	400	21.3	42	172	4.1	63.1%	22.7	9.4%	424	23.9	40	167

OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE

RET	PTS	TOTAL	DEF	OFF	YPC	PASS	PASS	AVG	OFF	YPP	SKS	TOTAL	TURN
8	31.7	400	172	4.1	227	63.1	5.4	15.3	36	+3	2013	6	27.1
5	26.2	395	226	4.9	169	62.6	5.3	12.5	16	+14	2012	5	22.5
9	28.9	421	167	3.8	254	71.0	5.6	14.6	43	+3	2011	7	27.7
7	26.4	391	156	3.6	235	68.3	5.4	14.8	40	-1	2010	6	29.0
5	25.9	404	118	3.0	287	64.4	5.1	15.6	32	+4	2009	8	24.5
7	24.4	358	142	3.8	217	60.9	4.9	14.7	22	-3	2008	8	20.2
8	25.8	428	120	3.6	308	60.9	5.5	16.6	32	-9	2007	8	31.0

Weekly 2014 Stats on Phil Steele.com

AVG	PASS CO-YDS	YDS BY	NET YDS	TO'S	OFF FES	DEF VS	DEF FES	VS OFF	GRA	
2.6	40-65	460	4	-41	0	#7	-24	#10	-104	78.6
3.9	29-45	301	1	147	+4	#2	232	#10	-62	94.1
4.6	16-41	202	0	126	-1	#3	57	#7	-19	71.5
3.6	29-47	272	2	-6	+1	-	-	-	-	62.3
5.2	15-26	203	1	-14	+1	#6	64	#5	66	87.7
5.6	17-28	241	3	-286	+2	#8	-69	#9	-50	70.0
3.6	9-14	123	3	29	-3	#9	-49	#5	48	77.1
3.3	19-27	169	1	24	-1	#5	28	#3	78	92.7
3.9	22-42	277	4	-146	+3	#9	-49	#9	-65	76.5
3.2	24-43	226	5	-43	-1	#9	-54	#6	9	80.6
4.3	16-23	293	1	-145	-3	#4	72	#11	-85	72.9
5.8	31-45	307	2	68	+1	#4	86	#9	-71	82.0
4.1	267-446	307	27	-287	+3	#6	294	#8	-255	78.6
4.1	58.9%	256	61	-24	+0.3	#48	27	#62	-23	#60
4.3	61.7%	230	8.1%	-64	-1	#64	4	#63	-9	79.9
4.0	57.3%	231	5.4%	13	-2	#37	54	#74	-7	80.6
4.3	60.2%	291	6.8%	-76	+5	#64	6	#80	-42	78.6