

OUARTERBACKS - NW is more effective with a mobile QB and in '14 Trevor Siemian (#7DC) was plagued by dropped passes, an ankle inj vs NIU and a leaky O-line. Siemian threw for 2,214 (58%, 7-11). 6'4" Zack Oliver (PS#39) hit 30-57-367-2-3 in relief. Matt Alviti (PS#17) played in 4 (4 att). True frosh Clayton Thorson (PS#16) RS. Oliver had the edge in exp and arm strength LY. Alviti ran well, but Thorson was my favorite to win the job and he did. They let Thorson come along slowly and only once all year did he top 200 yds passing (256 vs Bal St). He threw for 1,522 (50.8%, 7-9, #2 rusher). He had 126 yd rushing incl 68 & 49 yd runs in the upset of Nebraska. Oliver played in 6 (53 att, 43.4%, 267) and Alviti in 2 (3 att). Oliver moves on but Thorson should be given a much larger playbook

in '16 and should show solid progress as a passer. **RUNNING BACKS** - In '14 they had to replace their #2 RB (370, 3.8) but got back their leading rusher in Treyvon Green (736, 5.4). True frosh Justin Jackson (PS#16) became the 2nd NW back to top 1,000 in 8 years (1187, 4.8, 201 rec, 3rd Tm B10). Warren Long (PS#109) was #3 (123, 4.1), true frosh Solomon Vault (PS#125) added 81 (4.1). LY they lost Green (7 st, 319, 4.4) but Jackson improved to 1,418 (4.5, 162 rec, 2nd Tm B10). Long had a 55 yd run vs Duke but after 152 in 3 gms he finished with just 329 (5.5) and QB Thorson was #2 (397, 4.0). The speedy Vault (98 yd KR TD) was held to just 159 (2.8). Explosive rFr Auston Anderson (PS#55) had 56 (4.3) and John Moten (PS#80) RS. The top 4 all return and Jackson remains one of the Big Ten's best.

RECEIVERS - Last year Northwestern lost their #1 and #3 rec's but got back Christian Jones (PS#71) who was #1 in 2013 (668, 12.4). They threw the ball 136 less times so the numbers were down. Super back Dan Vitale led with just 355 (10.8). This year they lose 4 of the top 5 in Vitale (13 st, #6DC TB), Jones (13 st, 234, 10.2), Miles Shuler (12 st, 149, 9.9, UFA CAR) and Mike McHugh (7 st, 160, 10.0). This group is less experienced but will top 2015's numbers.

OFFENSIVE LINE - Pat Fitzgerald likes an athletic O-line which is sometimes undersized. In '14 the line ret'd intact (100 car sts) but NW slipped to 137 rush ypc (3.4, 34 sk). LY they lost a 2x 3rd Tm B10 C (4Y st'r) and a 2Y st'g LT. The car sts dropped to 58 but after underperforming in '14, I looked for improved numbers with 3 st'rs back. The line was hit hard by injuries with 16 sts lost to injury and only 2 OL starting more than 8 games. NW still improved to 189 (4.1, 29 sk). This year they lose Geoff Mogus (8/31), OG Matt Frazier (9/25) and RT Adam DePietro (1/3). They have 64 career starts back and look for better health, which should mean improved numbers again.

DEFENSIVE LINE - In 2014 NW had 1 starter back and all'd 170 ypg rush (4.2, 17 sk). Last year they lost a DT (3 st) but had 7 of the top 8 returning. In my '15 magazine I called for them to allow under 4.0 ypc rush and they had their best ypc yet under Fitzgerald yielding 3.5 (126 ypg, 30 sk). This year they lose their top guy in 2nd Tm B10 DE Dean Lowry (13 st, 52 tkl, 13.5 tfl, #4DC GB), DE Deonte Gibson (13 st, 39 tkl, 9 sk, UFA DET) and DT Max Chapman (4 tkl, 1.5 sk). DE is a question mark and you might see them go to a 3-4 scheme at times if some DE's don't emerge. With 2 solid st'rs back they could be close to 2015's improved numbers.

LINEBACKERS - In 2014 they had to replace their #1 tkl'r but returned their #2, #3 & #12 tkl'rs and moved a S (#8) in. My computer called for them to allow 25.7 ppg on D (pg 43) and they almost matched that (25.2). Last year they lost their #1, #5 & #11 tkl'rs. They had 73 car sts gone and only 14 returning (#7, #10 tkl'rs). Anthony "Big Ant" Walker was the #1 tackler by far (3rd Tm AA, 35 more tkls than #2) and had 20.5 tfl as a soph! Nate Hall (#5) took over for an inj'd Jaylen Prater (#7) late in the year. This year they lose SLB Drew Smith (13 st, #4 tkl'r, 10.5 tfl) but have 5 of the top 6 back including their star and add in a PS#77 Soph & PS#86 rFr for depth.

DEFENSIVE BACKS - In '14 the unit returned 4 starters (did lose 4 bkps) and I called for NW to finish in the Top 40 of my PDR for the first time s/'05, which they did (#34). Last year they lost a S (#6 tkl'r, #4DC) but ret'd 7 of the top 8 DB's including 2nd Tm B10 CB Nick VanHoose (#4 tkľr) and their #2, #3 and #8 tkl'rs. As you would expect they rose again (#6, 54%, 5-12) This year they lose CB VanHoose (12 st, #9 tkl'r, 3 int, 12 pbu), FS Traveon Henry (12 st, #3 tkl'r, 4 pbu) and bkp Terrance Brown (1st, 10 tkl). They have 5 of the top 8 back including 3rd Tm B10 CB Matthew Harris (#7 tkl'r, 4 int, 13 pbu, miss 2 gm). Coming off such a high finish and going from 3 returning starters to 2, they figure to drop some in my PDR.

SPECIAL TEAMS - The Cats have struggled in this area. Over the last 9 years they've finished above #65 in my ST rankings only twice and that was when Venric Mark was their top $\widetilde{\text{RM}}$ ('10 & '12). In 2014 Solomon Vault had an 89 yd KR td when Miles Shuler was OFY. The Cats only returned 9 punts (15.1) and plummeted to #104. Last year they only lost their P (32.7 net) and moved up to #100. Jack Mitchell hit the game-winning FG vs Wisky and was 18-27 (L/49). P Hunter Niswander avg 38.0 (tm net 37.2) with Vault a solid 26.3 on KR's (2 td, 2nd Tm B10 KR). This year they only lose PR Shuler (10.0) and should improve again.

COACHES - Pat Fitzgerald rebounded from B2B 5-7 years to win 10 games in 15. Now starting year 11 as HC in Evanston, Fitzgerald was the hand picked choice of the late Randy Walker as his replacement at just 31 years of age in '06. Fitz bleeds purple as he was a 2-time AA LB here and the only player to win B2B Nagurski AND Bednarik Awards. Ninth 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 9th year here is DC Mike Hankwitz, who was the DC at Wisconsin ('06-'07), Colorado twice ('04-'05 and '88-'94) and A&M ('97-'02) among other stops.

THIS DECADE 43-33 (56.6%) #55 - Northwestern actually won or shared 3 Big Ten Titles in a 6 year stretch ('95-'00) under Gary Barnett and the late Randy Walker. Pat Fitzgerald had the unenviable task of stepping in after the team suffered the sudden death of HC Randy Walker (summer '06) and did a good job just getting 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 consecutive bowls with his high water marks being 9-4 in '08 and 2012 (#17, 10-3), a year in which they were just 5:03 away from an unbeaten record (first bowl win

since 1948). In '13 they had their first preseason ST AP (#22) ranking s/'01! NW was 4-0 and hosted Ohio St at night and took it to the wire but lost. The Wildcats never recovered going 1-7 after with some tough losses (see my 2014 mag). In 2014 RB Venric Mark (1st Tm AA in '12) transferred 2010 over the summer then their top WR, Christian 15 Tm Net Avg. Jones, was OFY. They got inconsistent QB play and had some tough losses to finish with B2B 5-7 seasons. NW went 10-3 in 2015 and are a solid 43-33 57% this decade.

2015 ANALYSIS 10-3 - The Wildcats rated a +2.5 in my Stock Market Indicator. They ret'd 14 st'rs, made my Most Improved List and

doubled their win total. NW set the tone right away by upsetting Stanford 16-6 (330-240 yd). NW shutout EIU showing no letdown then upset Duke 19-10. They had a 546-359 yd edge vs Ball St but only won by 5. In their B10 opener NW shutout 3-1 Minny, 27-0. NW was #13 and traveled to #18 Michigan but were outgained 380-168 and shutout 38-0. They took on a banged up Iowa at home and got dominated again 40-10. Just when it seemed they were a pretender they upset Nebraska on the road (stop 2 pt conv 4:23 left). NW got a 35 yd FG w/:09 left to beat Penn St by 2. The Cats got a TD w/4:37 left to get past Purdue by 7. In a defensive struggle (209-203 yd) they got past Wisconsin at home 13-7, then beat rival Illinois 24-14. At 10-2 and #12, they were dominated by Tennessee in the bowl 45-6 and finished #23.

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ALSO ON ROSTERE QB TJ Green 6'2" 190 rFr QB Dan Kubiuk 6'1" 200 So

WR Cole Johnson 6'1" 200 Jr WR Quinn Baker 5'11" 190 Jr

SB Eric Lutzen 6'6" 235 So LB Josh Roberts 6'1" 215 Jr

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mP (37.2)...#67

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PHIL'S FORECAST

OFFENSE - Despite winning 10 games in '15, the Wildcats offense was last in the Big Ten at 19.5 ppg and 327.1 ypg, their weakest numbers since their 4-8 '06 season. Punt was not a bad word LY with their D and now QB Thorson is more exp'd and confident. They have 6 st'rs back and will easily improve on last years poor numbers.

DEFENSE-How good was last year's defense? The 18.6 ppg and 319 ypg allowed were their best totals since that magical 1995 season when they went to the Rose Bowl. While they lose 2 DE's (comb'd for 12 sks) and a solid CB, they return their top defensive player in 3rd Tm AA LB Anthony Walker along with their best CB in Matthew Harris. This will remain a top notch D, but matching LY's outstanding numbers will be tough.

2016 - Northwestern made my coveted Most Improved List last year and went from 5-7 to 10-3, doubling their win total. There are some factors pointing down this year. They rate a -5.0 in my Stock Market Indicator (pg 32). They had 5 net close wins LY (pg 24) and had 4 net upsets. Despite their 6-2 Big Ten record they were -39.3 ypg in Big Ten play. On the plus side this team might be more talented. They rate a +17 in all-conf points returning. Despite dropping from 14 ret st'rs to 12, they go from #88 on my Experience Chart up to #46. They have perhaps the best defensive back 7, the top RB's and a now veteran QB. The do draw Ohio St and Mich St from the B10 East, and 5 of their 9 Big Ten games are on the road. While I do not expect them to get to 10 wins this year, I do expect a bowl game. Two of my 9 sets of power ratings call for 9 wins (including my main one).

6-3 250 PS#25. 12 gm, 9 tkl, 5.5 sk, 3 gbh '13. 12 gm, 11 tkl, 3 sk, 3 gbh '14.

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JERSEY # In purple DEFENSE

QB 18 CLAYTON THORSON SO. 6-4 220 PS#16. 13 st. 1522 (51%, 7-9), 397 rush (4.0) LY. 7 Matt Alviti (6'0" 200 Jr) PS#17. 4 gm, 4 att '14. 2 gm, 3 att LY. 14 Lloyd Yates (6'2" 195 rFr) PS#75. Aidan Smith is PS#63. TB 21 JUSTIN JÄCKSON JR. 5-11 190 PS#16.5st, 1187 (4.8) true. 13st, 1418 (4.5), 2ndTm B10 LY. 13 Wa Long (6'0" 210 Sr) PS#109. 18 gm, 179 (4.0) 2Y. 13 gm, 329 (5.5) LY. 12 Auston Anderson (5'9" 180 So) PS#55. WR 80 Austin Carr Sr. 6-1 195 12 gm, 7 rec '14. 4 st, 302 (18.9) LY. 82 Andrew Scanlan (6'2" 215 Sr) 20 gm 2Y. 1 st, 9 gm, LY WR 4 Solomon Vault Jr. 84 Cameron Green (6'3" 210 rFr) PS#97. 15 Macan Wilson (6'0" 180 Jr) PS#166. 5-10 190 PS#125.8 gm, 6 rec true. 13 gm, 95 (8.6), 657 KR (26.3). 2ndTm B10 KR DE 97 Joe Gaziano rFr. LY. From RB spg. 5 Charlie Fe '4" 205 rFr) PS#153. Bennett Skowranek is PS#113. 23 Steven Reese (6'2" 190 rFr). WR 2 Flynn Nagel So. 5-11 190 PS#61. 6 gm, 4 rec as true. 17 Marcus McShepard (5'11" 200 Jr). 20 gm 17 tkl 2Y. From DB spg. 6 Jelani Roberts (5'8" 160 So) PS#174. 12 gm, 48 (6.0) true LY. Corey Acker (5'9" 170 Jr) 2 gm 2Y. SB 9 Garrett Dickerson Jr. 6-3 245 PS#5. 1 st, 4 rec true. 12 gm, 124 (10.3) LY. 19 Jayme Taylor (6'4" 230 31 Tommy Vitale (6'3" 220 So) PS#77. 44 James Prather (6'4" 270 So) PS#298. Jr) PS#63. 12 gm, 9 rec '14. OFY 69 Brad North Jr. 6-2 290 PS#86. 3 gm '14. 5 st LY. 65 Jared Thomas (6'4" 275 rFr) PS#118 Cameron Kolwich is PS#139. LS 52 Chris Fitzpatrick (6'2" 235 Sr) PS#359. 25 gm 3Y. Tyler Gillikin is PS#34. RG 70 SHANE MERTZ SR. 6-8 310 PS#101.16 gm 2Y. 7 st (F/6RG, 1LG) LY. Granted 6th vr. 59 JB Butler (6'3" 305 So) PS#303. 8 gm LY. Nik Urban (6'3" 270 Fr) **PS#97. 74** Graham Bullmore (6'7" 290 Jr) PS#509. 1 gm LY. LG 63 IAN PARK SR. 6-4 305 PS#92. 8 st RG 2Y. F/9 st (8C, 1LG) then OFY (inj) LY. 68 Connor Mahoney (6'4" 290 Sr) PS#200. 20 gm 2Y. 6 st, 11 gm LY. 64 Andrew Otterman (6'5" 295 rFr) PS#274 6-6 295 PS#114. 11 gm 13.9 st 14. 12 st LY. **79** Sam Coverdale (6'7" ike-Bell (6'5" 270 rFr) PS#159. Gunnar Vogel (6'6" 265 Fr) PS#150. RT 76 ERIC OLSON SR. Jr) PS#89. 9 cm LY. 78 Adam 6-5 300 PS#105.8 st, 12 gm LY. Tommy Doles (6'6" 280 So) **PS#81**.6 gm ‡123.5 gm, 3 tkl LY. DL to OL spg. Jesse Meyler (6'5" 285 Fr) PS#152. LT 72 BLAKE HANCE SO. LY. 75 Ben Oxley (6'6" 285 So) 7 JACK MITCHELL SR. 6-3 210 14-18 fg's, L46, 26-28 PAT, 19 TB/54 KO '14. 18-27 fg's, L/49, 25-28

PAT, 13 TB/26 KO LY. 33 Matt Micucci (5'11" 185 Sr) 7TB/32 KO LY. 96 Hunter Niswander (6'5" 235 Jr) PS#27.

12 gm, 19 tkl, 5 sk, 3 qbh LY. 54 Trent Goens (6'3" 250 rFr) PS#109. 94 Tommy Carnifax (6'4" 250 Fr) PS#155. IFS. DT 67 TYLER LANCASTER JR. 6-3 300 PS#78.1 gm 14.13 st, 33 tkl, 1.5 sk, 4 tfl, 2 pbu LY. 93 Greg Kuhar (6'3" 305 Sr) PS#90.6 gm, 8 tkl '13. F/8 st, 29 tkl, 2 tfl, ACL '14. 11 gm, 11 tkl, 1 pbu LY. 92 Fred Wyatt (6'4" 270 So) PS#162. DT 99 JORDANTHOMPSON SO. 6-3 255 PS#86. 1 st, 13 gm, 15 tkl, 1 pbu as true. 90 CJ Robbins (6'5" 300 Sr) PS#209. 8 st, 16 tkl, 1.5 tfl 3Y. 12 st, 17 tkl, 1 pbu LY. Granted 6th yr. Jake Saunders (6'3" 275 Fr) PS#122. 6-4 255 PS#103.98 Xavier Washington (6'1"235 Jr) PS#286.11 gm, 13 tkl, 2.5 tfl true. 13 gm, 14 tkl, 1 sk, 2.5 tfl LY. 58 Heath Reineke (6'3" 245 So) 2 gm LY. 44 James Prather (6'4" 270 So) 10 gm LY. WLB 51 JAYLEN PRATER SR. 6-0 230 PS#163.3 gm, 5 tkl 13.9 gm, 4 tkl 14.9 st, 46 tkl, 1 sk, OFY LY.
31 Tommy Vitale (6'3" 220 So) PS#77.5 gm, 1 tkl true LY. 10 Brett Walsh (6'1" 225 Jr) PS#159.5 gm, 3 tkl 14. DNP LY. 6-1 235 PS#120. 7 st, 51 tkl, 4 tfl '14.13 st, 122 tkl, 20.5 tfl, 5 pd, **3rd Tm AA**, MLB 18 ANTHONY WALKER JR. 1st Tm B10 LY. 45 Nathan Fox (6'2" 245 rFr) PS#86. 53 Cameron Queiro (6'1" 225 So) PS#133. 13 gm, 7 tkl LY. SAM 32 Nate Hall So. 6-2 230 PS#141. L/4 st, 56 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 4 qbh LY. 42 Joseph Jones (6'1" 225 Sr) PS#160. 11 gm, 6 tkl 2Y. 13 gm, 18 tkl, 2 tfl LY. 34 Simba Short (6'2" 210 rFr) PS#94. 35 Tom Hruby (6'3" 240 Sr) 12 gm 2Y. CB 3 Keith Watkins Jr. 5-11 180 PS#58RB. 5 gm, 6 tkl '14. 3 st, 12 gm, 41 tkl, 6 pbu LY. 24 Montre Hartage (6'0" 180 So) PS#391. 13 gm, 4 tkl as true. Roderick Campbell is PS#81. Joe Bergin (5'11" 190 rFr). CB 3 Keith Watkins Jr. CB 11 MATTHEW HARRIS SR. 5-11 180 PS#165. 5 st, 36 tkl true. 11 st, 70 tkl, 3.5 tfl, 7 pbu, 2 int '14. 11 st, 48 tkl, 13 pbu, 4 int, 3rd Tm B10 LY. 29 Trae Williams (5'11" 200 rFr) PS#248. 28 Alonzo Mayo (5'11" 170 rFr) PS#398. SS 16 GODWIN IGWEBUIKE JR. 6-0 200 PS#40.5 st, 11 gm, 51 tkl, 1 tfl, 3 pbu, 3 int 14. 13 st, 87 tkl, 4.5 tfl, 5 pbu LY. 14 Jake Murray (6'3" 200 rFr) PS#338. RS LY. 41 Jared McGee (6'1" 215 So) PS#445.5 gm, 6 tkl LY. FS 21 Kyle Queiro Jr. 6-3 200 PS#99.1 st, 11 tkl 14.5 gm, 8 tkl then brk arm LY.22 Parrker Westphal (6'1" 190 So) PS#22.5 gm LY. Travis Whillock is PS#255. 48 Tommy Odell (5'11" 200 Jr) 7 gm '14.2 gm LY. **96 HUNTER NISWANDER JR.** 6-5 235 PS#27. 4 gm, 5 punts, (36.0), L/43 (tm net 32.7). 85 punts L/56, 38.0

WEATHER 60201 **Evanston, Illinois FITZGERALD** PLAYING EXP: LB at Northwestern ('93-'96), NFL DAL Cowboys ('97) **Enrollment: 8.367 (#14/#120)** PRIOR HC EXP: None Phil's Homefield Edge - 3.5 CARFER PASSING LEADERS CAREER RUSHING LEADERS CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS T 11th Year Here / 11th Overall Ļ W **FINAL** 1. D'Wavne Bates 3.370 '95-'98 2016 Schedule Difficulty - #32 RE/OVERALL **SCORE** Ņ 2 Len Williams 7 487 '90-'93. 2. Tyrell Sutton 3,886 '05-'08 2. Richard Buchanan 2.474 '87-'90 Ŕ 70-56 Record: L **OPPONENT** CJ Bachér 7,319 '04-'08 3. Darnell Autry 3,793 '94-'96 3. Jeremy Ebert 2,400 '08-'11 NU OPP Bowls: 1-5 NU won 38-17 in 13 (only mtg). After all'ing a 75 yd td pass w/8:35 2Q NU scored 24 str until late 3Q (471 39-27 Home: Sep. 3 Western Michigan G 28-23 CONF: 6-2 (TIE #2-3 WEST) Away: 354 yd edge, +14 FD). NU is 8-1 in home openers incl an upset of #21 SU LY (was 6th str P5 opp to open). 3-6 Neutral: NU won 37-3 in '10 (only prior mtg). NU dominated & led 30-3 at HT (338-196 yd edge). Redbirds went **2016 RET STARTERS:** Vs Conf: 36-44 G Sep. 10 Illinois St 10-3 LY (quarter-finals FCS playoffs) incl a 31-14 loss at lowa, one yr removed from FCS Nat'l Title gm. Vs Top 10: 2-6 OFF: 6 DEF: 6 LY NU had just 57 ttl yds (3 pts) at HT. They took the opening 2H KO 98 yds for a td which gave them Vs Top 25: 9-17 G Sep. 17 Duke the lead they would never relinquish. Into '16, the Wildcats are 20-2 the L8Y hosting non-conf foes. Vs Power 5: 13-8 LETTERMEN (O/D/ST) Off Bye: 3-12 L/5 have been decided by 30 ttl pts. LY's 2H featured 4 lead changes. Up 8 the Wildcats all'd a 75/8pl **RET: 57** (29,24,4) G Off Loss Sep. 24 Nebraska 21-28 td drive but stopped the 2pt conv (pass inc) w/4:23 left. NU ran out the clock with 3 big FD's. **LOST: 23** (15,6,2) **BIG TEN** - WEST The visitor is 1-4, LTH NU found themselves down 24-0 into the 2Q and their only score came on a Oct. 1 at Iowa 18/4pl drive after an Iowa fmbl'd punt snap. The Wildcats had one drive the entire gm cover 35+ yds. 8 Oct. Bonus: The Wildcats, including bowls, are just 3-12 off a bye under Fitzgerald. Wildcats are 1-5 s/'08 vs MSU, but won the LTH ('12) 23-20. NU was outgained 419-303 (-6 FD's) but G Oct. 15 at Michigan St won the TO battle 4-0. Down just 3, MSU's L/2 poss ended on a punt (from N42) & SOD (MSU20). Northwestern is 12-3 s/94 vs Indiana incl 4 str wins by 10 ppg. The L/mtg ('12) NU won 44-29 setting G Oct. 22 Indiana (HC) a school record w/704 yds. Into '16, Wildcats are just 4-8 the L/3 ssns at Ryan Field vs Big Ten foes. NU last won here in '71, s/14 str losing trips (avg loss by 38 ppg, only 1 of those gms decided by less A at Ohio St Oct. 29 than 17). LTH ('07) was another blowout, 58-7. NU is 9-17 vs ranked foes under Fitzgerald (4-3 L2Y). The home tm has won 8 of the L/9. LY the night prior a blanket of snow covered Camp Randall. NU led G Nov. 5 Wisconsin 10-0 at HT w/a 143-60 yd edge. Down 6, UW had a 1st&G at the N1 but fired inc in the EZ on 4D w/:02. NU has won 3 of its L/4 trips. LTH NU led 24-0 until :37 before HT. Up 38-7 the Wildcats all'd a gbg Nov. 12 at Purdue G td w/:54 left. Purdue did have 5 TO's (resulted in 17 NU pts), missed a 42 yd fg & all'd a 64 yd PR td. LTH NU (+119 yds/+14 FD) never led. After NU tied the gm 17-17 w/7:32 left UM ret KO 100 yds for td. Α Nov. 19 at Minnesota NU's L/2 drives were SOD at M33 & int'd at M12 on final pl. RB Jeremy Larkin 5-10 175 PS#43 Roderick Campbell 6-0 180 PS#8 DB NU is 9-3 in home finales. These tms have ply'd for the 🕰 Nik Urban 6-3 270 PS#97 G Nov. 26 Illinois Bennett Skowronek 6-4 205 PS#113 Aidan Smith 6-2 200 PS#63 Jake Saunders 6-3 275 PS#122 "Land of Lincoln Trophy" s/"09. With the win LY at Soldier Field (home to NFL CHI Bears) NU capped its fourth 10 Dec. 3 win ssn (1st s/95). Illinois' only score L3Q was a 58 yd IR td. ΙR Paddy Fisher 6-3 220 PS#111 Paddy PISINET 6-3 222 U PS#113 Cam Kolwich 6-4 265 PS#139 Ramaul Chiaokhiae-Bowman 6-2 190 PS#150 Tommy Carnifax 6-4 250 PS#155 IFS Gunnar Vogel 6-6 265 PS#150 Jesse Meyler 6-5 285 PS#152 Jango Glackin 6-2 205 PS#143 Eric Eshoo 6-4 225 PS#53 **RYAN FIELD - Grass** DB GODWIN IGWEBUIKE **Built: 1926 • 47,330 (#66) • LY's Capacity: 70.5% (#85)** LAST 5 BOWLS ALL-TIME RECORD 2-10 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 10 Yr Total YR BOWL/TEAM RANK LINE OPPONENT STRAIGHT UP 8-5 7-6 6-7 10-3 5-7 5-7 10-3 09 Outback 35-38 OT GNEES +9 Auburn Mark Gooden 6-2 225 PS#153 Home 4-3 5-2 5-2 3-2 3-3 6-1 3-4 2-5 6-1 39-27 LB RB Jesse Brown 5-11 190 PS#123 10 TicketCity Texas Tech 38-45 Awav 1-3 2-3 28-23 Riley Lees 6-0 185 PS#200 11 Car Care of Texas +9 Texas A&M 22-33 Neutral 0-1 0-0 0-1 0-2 0-1 0-0 0-0 1-0 1-0 1-1 3-6 Travis Whillock 6-0 180 PS#255 Brian Bullock 5-11 175 PS#274 DB DB +1 Mississippi St 12 Gator - #21 34-20 vs Conf 4-1 34-12 Alex Miller 6-3 260 PS#260 15 Outback- #12 +10 Tennessee 6-45 vs Non-Conf 3-2 4-1 3-2 OFFENSE - LAST 7 ATS 4-7 4-9 3-9 DEFENSE Home Fav § 0-1 0-4 2-1 0-4 1-2 1-2 5-0 1-4 0-4 3-2 13-24 OFF PTS TOTAL OFF OFF OFF OFF PASS PASS AVG % PLAY OFF YPP SKS TOTAL VS TURN DEF PTS TOTAL DEF DEF RUSH DEF YPC DEF PASS PASS % PLAY 49.4 4.5 Home Doa 2-2 2-0 1-2 1-1 1-1 0-3 2-0 0-2 2-1 1-1 12-13 2015 2014 2013 2012 2011 2010 16.7 29 193 54.0 6 19.5 327 189 4.1 139 +1 8 7 18.6 319 126 3.5 4.5 17.1 30 Away Fav ± 1-0 0-0 0-2 0-1 1-3 1-1 1-0-1 1-1 0-0 0-0 5-8-1 8 23.0 353 137 3.4 217 57.4 4.5 15.4 34 25.2 384 170 4.2 214 55.4 5.3 15.3 17 Away Dog 1-3 4-0 2-1 22-15 8 26.2 400 172 4.1 227 63.1 5.4 15.3 36 +3 6 27.1 424 167 4.1 256 59.9 5.5 15.6 27 돌 0-0 0-1 1-0 1-0 1-0 1-1 1-0 0-0 0-0 6-3 Neutral 1-1 38-42 5 31.7 395 226 4.9 169 62.6 5.3 12.5 16 +14 5 22.5 378 128 3.8 251 58.1 5.2 16.8 28 vs Conf 9* 7 vs Non-Conf 1-2 2-2 1-4 3-2 2-3 4-0-1 3-2 20-22-1 28.9 421 167 3.8 254 71.0 5.6 14.6 43 +3 7 27.7 408 177 4.5 230 60.7 6.1 14.7 17 2-2 1-3 5.1 241 61.2 2-4 2-4 -1 6 Off SU Win 3-5 4-4 30-35 26.4 391 156 3.6 235 68.3 5.4 14.8 40 29.0 426 185 5.9 14.7 17 1-5 Off SU Loss 2009 4-4 3-2 3-0 2-2 2-3 3-0 1-6 2-4 1-1 23-26 5 25.9 404 118 3.0 287 64.4 5.1 15.6 32 8 24.5 350 129 3.8 222 59.2 5.4 14.3 30 **2015 STATISTICAL LEADERS** Weekly 2016 Stats on PhilSte **2015 GAME-BY-GAME STATS OFFENSE DEFENSE** NET OFF VS YDS TO'S FOE DEF DEF VS GM FOE OFF GRADE TTL OFF RUSH PASS SKS ATT-YDS AVG CO-ATT YDS VS TTL RUSH PASS DEF FD ATT-YDS AVG CO-ATT YDS BY 4.5 4.0 5.5 2.8 10.2 4.3 3.6 -3.8 OPPONENT SCORE 16.5 4.5 1468 559 338 183 82 62 49 2 50 162 9 24 0 6 13 32 Clayton Thorson 36,024 16-6 330 17 54-225 4.2 12-25 105 0 240 17 27-85 3.1 20-35 155 90 +2 #9 -41 #1 211 100.3 Stanford 3 Warren Long Solomon Vault Corey Acker Auston Anderson Jelani Roberts Zack Oliver 329 29 131 Fastern Illinois 41-0 496 28 69-344 5.0 11-16 152 138 8 29-70 24 10-20 68 3 358 +1 928 159 82 56 36 -30 327 35-177 5.1 24-39 -56 +1 #10 -134 #3 24.127 at Duke 19-10 271 15 54-201 3.7 9-23 70 1 16 150 0 122 83.9 Dean Lowry Matthew Ha 10.5 30 107 Ball St 24-19 546 23 57-290 5 1 18-31 256 359 18 34-181 5.3 14-35 178 Λ 187 -2 #5 31 #5 14 71.0 Matthew Harris Jaylen Prater Nick VanHoose 30 044 Minnesota 27-0 312 16 51-184 3.6 14-19 128 173 11 33-74 2.2 15-32 99 3 139 +2 #9 -37 #1 201 101 7 110,452 at Michigan 0-38 168 13 25-38 1.5 15-33 130 380 21 46-201 4.4 17-23 179 3 -212 -1 #11 -122 #8 17 67.9 INT QBR 9 95.9 4 76.6 Keith Watkins 1522 44 135 10-40 13 26-51 2.0 20-43 147 3 492 24 51-294 5.8 16-27 198 2 -294 -2 #13 -154 #13 -114 15 28-156 5.6 13-28 2.2 24-48 2 -40 +1 #10 90.8 89,493 at Nebraska 177 373 38-82 291 -73 Tyler Lancaster Ifeadi Odenigbo Joseph Jones CJ Robbins Jordan Thompson Xavier Washington Marcus McShepard AVG 10.8 LONG 66 48 20 28 34 39 26 37 12 33 16 23 4.8 16-32 30-125 4.2 22-41 355 302 234 162 34.116 Penn St 23-21 396 22 47-227 169 362 17 237 2 +1 #4 -15 85.0 18.9 10.2 7.7 10.0 9.9 10.3 8.6 6.0 2 2 22 -2 #11 00000 30,003 Purdue 382 21 48-250 5.2 11-24 360 18 30-73 2.4 26-45 287 -83 75.0 Christian Jones Justin Jackson 75.276 at Wisconsin 13-7 209 12 50-149 3.0 9-20 60 203 14 26--26 -1.0 20-36 229 6 6 +5 #10 -65 #1 190 99.3 0 0.5 2.5 31-78 2.5 20-41 241 350 18 54-204 3.8 12-25 146 31 -1 913 ike McHugh 160 149 124 95 48 33.514 † Illinois 24-14 319 16 #7 -1 #3 16 15 12 11 8 420 24 6-45 261 18 37-132 3.6 14-33 129 4 16-30 4.3 16-30 194 2 -159 -4 #11 -109 53,202 † Tennessee #8 3 72.2 Garrett Dicke Greg Kuhar 254-242 4252 231 600-2451 4.1 174-352 1801 29 4146 226 463-1640 3.5 244-452 2506 30 106 +1 #9 -711 #5 TOTALS omon Vault ini Roberts Kyle Queiro **AVERAGES** 20-19 327 18 46-189 4.1 49.4% 139 8.2% 319 17 36-126 3.5 54.0% 193 6.6% +0.1 #105 -59 PUNTING NO YDS AVG FC NET BLE Hunter Niswander 85 3227 38.0 30 37.2 1 YDS AVG TD LNG In20 21 NO 11 ATTENDANCE CONF 19-20 294 16 41-157 3.8 49.1% 136 9.8% 333 18 36-113 3.2 54.6% 220 7.5% -39 +3 #97 -57 #30 HOME 23-14 50-224 4.5 53.7% 156 7.4% 303 16 33-129 3.9 52.3% 175 6.4% 77 33.366 (#65) 380 20 0 #88 -35 #40 83.0 51 NO YDS AVG TD LNG 25 657 26.3 2 98 25-28 9-11 7-8 2-8 0-0 18-27 49 64,344 (#19) AWAY 15-24 265 15 41-147 3.5 44.4% 119 9.3% 337 19 38-123 3.2 55.8% 214 6.9% -72 +1 #110 -84 #12 78 85.5 **11 RESULTS (6-7) 12 RESULTS (10-3) 13 RESULTS (5-7) 14 RESULTS (5-7) 15 RESULTS (10-3)** POST #23 POST -POST #17 PRE #22 POST -POST-RANK SCORE RANK SCORE RANK SCORE RANK SCORE RANK SCORE at Boston College 24-17 42-21 at Syracuse 42-41 #22 at California -5 44-30 California -10 24-31 Stanford - 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