

WEEK Three
CENTRAL MICHIGAN AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS

DEKALB, Ill. (AP) Marcus Childers threw for three touchdowns, and a late interception by Northern Illinois preserved the Huskies' 24-16 win over Central Michigan in a Mid-American Conference opener on Saturday.

With CMU at the Huskies' 15-yard line, Vinny Labus intercepted Tommy Lazzaro's pass that bounced off the hands of Cameron Cole with 20 seconds left.

Down 21-3, Lazzaro replaced starter Tony Poljan to begin the comeback in third quarter. Lazzaro scored on a 6-yard run to make it 21-10, and on CMU's next possession, led the Chippewas 73 yards on a drive that ended when he connected with Julian Hicks on a 4-yard scoring pass that made it 24-16 with 9:43 left.

Childers threw a 14-yard touchdown pass to Spencer Tears to put the Huskies (1-2) ahead 7-3 with 4:03 before halftime. After holding Central Michigan (0-3) to three-and-out, Jack Sheldon blocked a punt and the Huskies took over at CMU's 22. Childers then completed a 7-yard scoring pass to Dennis Robinson before halftime. In the third, Childers completed a 2-yard scoring pass to D.J. Brown for an 18-point lead.

Lazzaro finished with 128 yards passing and 55 rushing.

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CMU	0	3	7	6	16
NIU	0	14	7	3	24

Scoring Summary -----

	CMU	NIU
SECOND QUARTER		
CMU FG 12:54		
Ryan Tice 27 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 20 yards, 3:53	3	0
NIU TD 4:03		
Spencer Tears 14 Yd pass from Marcus Childers (Andrew Gantz Kick)		
12 plays, 79 yards, 5:34	3	7
NIU TD 1:02		
Dennis Robinson 7 Yd pass from Marcus Childers (Andrew Gantz Kick)		
4 plays, 22 yards, 1:29	3	14
THIRD QUARTER		
NIU TD 6:30		
D.J. Brown 2 Yd pass from Marcus Childers (Andrew Gantz Kick)		
6 plays, 65 yards, 2:59	3	21
CMU TD 3:09		
Tommy Lazzaro 6 Yd Run (Ryan Tice Kick)		
9 plays, 66 yards, 3:13	10	21
FOURTH QUARTER		
NIU TD 9:43		
Julian Hicks 4 Yd pass from Tommy Lazzaro (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)		
15 plays, 73 yards, 5:17	16	21
NIU FG 5:51		
Andrew Gantz 36 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 56 yards, 3:52	16	24

Team Stats	CMU	NIU
First Downs	23	14
Total Yards	322	284
Total Plays	78	68
Avg Gain Per Play	4.1	4.2
Net Yards Rushing	164	180
Rushes	46	48
Yards Per Rush	3.6	3.8
Net Yards Passing	158	104
Comp-Att	18-32	12-20
Yards Per Pass	4.9	5.2
Times Sacked	0	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	0
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	5	6
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	3	4
Penalty Yards	23	44
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	28:31	31:29

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
CMU					
Jonathan Ward	16	74	4.6	0	15
Tommy Lazzaro	12	55	4.6	1	15
Kumehnnu Gwilly	10	28	2.8	0	7
Devon Spalding	2	13	6.5	0	9
Tony Poljan	6	-6	-1.0	0	7
NIU					
Tre Harbison	13	124	9.5	0	48
Marcus Jones	15	40	2.7	0	9
Marcus Childers	8	28	3.5	0	12
Jordan Nettles	10	27	2.7	0	6
Team	2	-39	-19.5	0	0

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
CMU							
Tommy Lazzaro	13	22	128	5.8	1	1	80.4
Tony Poljan	5	11	30	2.7	0	0	2.9
NIU							
Marcus Childers	11	18	109	6.1	3	0	59.9
Matt Ference	0	1	0	0.0	0	1	0.0
Anthony Thompson	1	1	-5	-5.0	0	0	1.7

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
CMU					
Julian Hicks	7	63	9.0	1	20
Jonathan Ward	3	23	7.7	0	23
Cameron Cole	2	19	9.5	0	13
Bernhard Raimann	2	19	9.5	0	11
Brandon Childress	2	17	8.5	0	13
Drayton Law	1	10	10.0	0	10
Devon Spalding	1	7	7.0	0	7
NIU					
D.J. Brown	4	69	17.3	1	37
Spencer Tears	1	14	14.0	1	14
Jauan Wesley	2	8	4.0	0	4
Dennis Robinson	1	7	7.0	1	7
Cole Tucker	1	7	7.0	0	7
Tre Harbison	1	3	3.0	0	3
Marcus Jones	1	1	1.0	0	1
Jordan Nettles	1	-5	-5.0	0	0