

WEEK SEVEN
OHIO AT NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Childers rallies Northern Illinois to 24-21 win over Ohio

DEKALB, Ill. -- Marcus Jones ran 2 yards for the go-ahead touch-down with 4:51 left and left tackle Max Scharping caught a pass for the 2-point conversion as Northern Illinois battled back from a 21-9 deficit after three quarters to earn a 24-21 Mid-America Conference victory over Ohio Saturday afternoon.

Nathan Rourke threw 56 yards to Isiah Cox and 11 yards to Connor Brown as time expired at the end of the third quarter to put the Bobcats up 21-9.

Marcus Childers drove Northern Illinois 77 yards in 12 plays to cut the deficit to 21-16 on a 10-yard quarterback draw with 4:16 left and Sutton Smith got the Huskies the ball with a strip sack of Rourke at midfield.

Childers moved Northern Illinois (4-3, 4-0) 53 yards in six plays to take the lead with 4:51 left.

Childers was 17 of 33 for 145 yards passing and carried 23 times for 169 on the ground.

Rourke led Ohio (3-3, 1-1) with 275 yards on 15-for-23 passing.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
OHIO	0	7	14	0	21
NIU	3	6	0	15	24

Scoring Summary -----

first Quarter	OHIO	NIU
NIU FG 6:06 Andrew Gantz 36 Yd Field Goal	0	3
16 plays, 77 yards, 5:42		
second Quarter	OHIO	NIU
OHIO TD 8:39 A.J. Ouellette 2 Yd Run (Louie Zervos Kick)	7	3
9 plays, 92 yards, 5:16		
NIU TD 6:41 D.J. Brown 28 Yd Run (Two-Point Run Conversion Failed)	7	9
6 plays, 74 yards, 1:57		
third Quarter	OHIO	NIU
OHIO TD 6:39 Isiah Cox 56 Yd pass from Nathan Rourke (Louie Zervos Kick)4 plays, 85 yards, 1:49	14	9
OHIO TD 0:00 Connor Brown 11 Yd pass from Nathan Rourke (Louie Zervos Kick)11 plays, 90 yards, 0:00	21	9
fourth Quarter	OHIO	NIU
NIU TD 10:38 Marcus Childers 10 Yd Run (Andrew Gantz Kick)	21	16
12 plays, 77 yards, 4:16		
NIU TD 4:51 Marcus Jones 2 Yd Run (Max Scharping Run for Two-Point Conversion)6 plays, 53 yards, 2:23	21	24

Team Stats	OHIO	NIU
First Downs	19	25
Total Yards	331	400
Total Plays	55	79
Avg Gain Per Play	6.0	5.1
Net Yards Rushing	46	255
Rushes	32	46
Yards Per Rush	1.4	5.5
Net Yards Passing	285	145
Comp-Att	15-23	17-33
Yards Per Pass	12.4	4.4
Times Sacked	2	4
Yds Lost To Sacks	-18	-38
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	5	7
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	6	12
Penalty Yards	59	109
Fumbles	3	0
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Possession	29:16	30:44

Individual Stats

RUSHING

OHIO	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
21 Maleek Irons	11	30	2.7	11	0
45 A.J. Ouellette	11	16	1.5	5	1
12 Nathan Rourke	10	0	0.0	13	0
NIU	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
15 Marcus Childers	23	169	7.3	32	1
21 Marcus Jones	8	33	4.1	14	1
10 D.J. Brown	2	30	15.0	28	1
22 Tre Harbison	7	23	3.3	6	0
28 Jordan Nettles	4	4	1.0	2	0

PASSING

OHIO	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
12 Nathan Rourke	15	23	275	12.0	2	1	185.7
NIU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Marcus Childers	17	33	145	4.4	0	0	88.4

RECEIVING

OHIO	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
6 Isiah Cox	3	147	49.0	70	1
4 Papi White	6	59	9.8	26	0
3 Cameron Odom	3	54	18.0	21	0
83 Connor Brown	2	11	5.5	11	1
21 Maleek Irons	1	4	4.0	4	0
NIU	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
9 Jauan Wesley	6	61	10.2	21	0
17 Dennis Robinson	3	30	10.0	16	0
10 D.J. Brown	4	28	7.0	11	0
14 Spencer Tears	2	14	7.0	11	0
18 Cole Tucker	1	10	10.0	10	0
28 Jordan Nettles	1	2	2.0	2	0