

WEEK TEN
NORTHERN ILLINOIS AT AKRON

AKRON, Ohio -- Tre Harbison rushed for 169 yards and a touchdown, Jalen McKie scored on a 23-yard interception return for the only fourth-quarter points and Northern Illinois held off Akron 36-26 on Thursday night.

After Akron scored two touchdowns less than two minutes apart to pull to 27-26, the extra point attempt was blocked and McKie returned it for a three-point lead. McKie sealed it with another interception with 1:05 remaining.

Marcus Childers was 21-of-28 passing for 188 yards and one touchdown for Northern Illinois (6-3, 5-0 Mid-American Conference).

Childers hit tight end Corey Lersch for a 19-yard touchdown to open the scoring. After Akron tied it, NIU went on a 10-play, 75-yard drive to retake the lead on Harbison's short run. Spencer Tears also had short touchdown run in the second quarter to extend NIU's lead to 24-10.

Kato Nelson passed for 299 yards and two touchdowns for Akron (4-4, 2-3).

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NIU	7	17	5	7	36
AKRON	7	3	16	0	26

Scoring Summary -----

	NIU	AKRON
FIRST QUARTER		
NIU TD 9:27		
Corey Lersch 19 Yd pass from Marcus Childers (Andrew Gantz Kick)	7	0
8 plays, 85 yards, 2:45		
AKRON TD 3:10		
Andre Williams 22 Yd pass from Kato Nelson (Nick Gasser Kick)	7	7
7 plays, 77 yards, 2:57		
SECOND QUARTER		
NIU TD 14:11		
Tre Harbison 2 Yd Run (Andrew Gantz Kick)	14	7
10 plays, 75 yards, 3:59		
AKRON FG 8:54		
Nick Gasser 27 Yd Field Goal	14	10
10 plays, 65 yards, 5:17		
NIU FG 5:30		
Andrew Gantz 30 Yd Field Goal	17	10
10 plays, 63 yards, 3:24		
NIU TD 2:14		
Spencer Tears 5 Yd Run (Andrew Gantz Kick)	24	10
6 plays, 65 yards, 1:26		
THIRD QUARTER		
NIU FG 11:55		
Andrew Gantz 40 Yd Field Goal	27	10
10 plays, 53 yards, 3:05		
AKRON FG 7:16		
Nick Gasser 25 Yd Field Goal	27	13
13 plays, 67 yards, 4:39		
AKRON TD 4:19		
Kwadarrius Smith 13 Yd pass from Kato Nelson (Nick Gasser Kick)	27	20
5 plays, 70 yards, 1:18		
NIU TD 2:54		
Kwadarrius Smith 6 Yd pass from Alex Ramart (Nick Gasser PAT blocked)	27	26
2 plays, 8 yards, 0:38		
AKRON D2P 2:54		
Jalen McKie Defensive PAT Conversion	29	26
2 plays, 8 yards, 0:38		
FOURTH QUARTER		
NIU TD 9:05		
Jalen McKie 23 Yd Interception Return (Andrew Gantz Kick)	36	26
1 play, 0 yards, 0:08		

Team Stats	NIU	AKRON
First Downs	34	19
Total Yards	484	361
Total Plays	89	66
Avg Gain Per Play	5.4	5.5
Net Yards Rushing	296	35
Rushes	61	28
Yards Per Rush	4.9	1.3
Net Yards Passing	188	326
Comp-Att	21-28	21-38
Yards Per Pass	6.7	8.6
Times Sacked	4	5
Yds Lost To Sacks	-34	-25
Interceptions	0	2
Punts	4	5
Punt Average	39.8	39.8
Penalties	7	7
Penalty Yards	85	50
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	34:05	25:55

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
NIU					
22 Tre Harbison	23	169	7.3	23	1
21 Marcus Jones	15	82	5.5	22	0
10 D.J. Brown	5	30	6.0	13	0
14 Spencer Tears	3	10	3.3	5	1
15 Marcus Childers	13	9	0.7	14	0
AKRON					
7 Van Edwards, Jr.	12	38	3.2	8	0
4 Deltron Sands	4	4	1.0	2	0
1 Kato Nelson	11	-2	-0.2	16	0
12 Alex Ramart	1	-5	-5.0	0	0

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
NIU							
15 Marcus Childers	21	28	188	6.7	1	0	143.2
AKRON							
1 Kato Nelson	18	26	299	11.5	2	0	191.2
12 Alex Ramart	3	12	27	2.3	1	2	38.1

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
NIU					
9 Jauan Wesley	3	50	16.7	22	0
14 Spencer Tears	3	25	8.3	15	0
17 Dennis Robinson	2	24	12.0	17	0
44 Corey Lersch	2	23	11.5	19	1
21 Marcus Jones	4	21	5.3	9	0
22 Tre Harbison	3	18	6.0	10	0
10 D.J. Brown	3	14	4.7	5	0
89 Mitchell Brinkman	1	13	13.0	13	0
AKRON					
19 Andre Williams	8	129	16.1	29	1
3 Kwadarrius Smith	4	115	28.8	51	2
15 Nate Stewart	3	36	12.0	15	0
9 Jonah Morris	2	22	11.0	14	0
2 Mykel Traylor-Bennett	1	11	11.0	11	0
4 Deltron Sands	1	6	6.0	6	0
7 Van Edwards, Jr.	1	4	4.0	4	0
35 Newman Williams	1	3	3.0	3	0