

WEEK SEVEN
NORTHERN ILLINOIS at OHIO

Game-ending FG lifts N. Illinois to a 39-36 win over Ohio

ATHENS, Ohio (AP) John Richardson booted a field goal as time expired to give Northern Illinois a 39-36 victory over Ohio on Saturday.

The teams scored two touchdowns apiece in a back-and-forth fourth quarter to arrive at a 36-all tie with 3:38 remaining. Ross Bowers led the Huskies (2-4, 1-1 Mid-American Conference) on a 56-yard drive and Richardson capped it with his 37-yard field goal as time expired for the win.

Richardson also kicked a 51-yard field goal late in the first quarter.

Bowers had 338 yards and a score passing for the Huskies. Tre Harbison ran for 113 yards and three touchdowns.

The Huskies' Corey Lersch blocked the first punt of the game, following a three-and-out by Ohio, and Adam Buirge returned it for a Northern Illinois touchdown. Ohio answered with three first-half touchdowns to lead 21-10 at intermission.

Harbison's two touchdown runs in the third quarter gave the Huskies a 22-21 lead going into the wild fourth.

Nathan Rourke threw for 258 yards and two touchdowns for the Bobcats (2-4, 1-1).

Final	1	2	3	4	T
NIU	10	0	12	17	39
OHIO	7	14	0	15	36

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER		NIU	OHIO
NIU TD 12:53 Adam Buirge 3 Yd Return of Blocked Punt (John Richardson Kick)			
3 plays, 3 yards, 2:07		7	0
OHIO TD 8:06 Nathan Rourke 8 Yd Run (Louie Zervos Kick)			
9 plays, 75 yards, 4:47		7	7
NIU FG 5:49 John Richardson 51 Yd Field Goal			
9 plays, 42 yards, 2:17		10	7
SECOND QUARTER		NIU	OHIO
OHIO TD 12:14 Nathan Rourke 2 Yd pass from DL Knock (Louie Zervos Kick)			
13 plays, 59 yards, 5:39		10	14
OHIO TD 3:36 Austen Pleasants 2 Yd Run (Louie Zervos Kick)			
6 plays, 30 yards, 3:14		10	21
THIRD QUARTER		NIU	OHIO
NIU TD 9:44 Tre Harbison 4 Yd Run (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)			
3 plays, 92 yards, 1:25		16	21
NIU TD 3:13 Tre Harbison 1 Yd Run (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)			
13 plays, 76 yards, 5:57		22	21
FOURTH QUARTER		NIU	OHIO
NIU TD 12:08 Tyrice Richie 30 Yd pass from Ross Bowers (John Richardson Kick)			
6 plays, 63 yards, 2:45		29	21
OHIO TD 8:25 Ryan Luehrman 8 Yd pass from Nathan Rourke (Julian Ross Run for Two-Point Conversion)			
8 plays, 73 yards, 3:37		29	29
NIU TD 5:15 Tre Harbison 3 Yd Run (John Richardson Kick)			
9 plays, 75 yards, 3:10		36	29
OHIO TD 3:38 Shane Hooks 47 Yd pass from Nathan Rourke (Louie Zervos Kick)			
4 plays, 76 yards, 1:32		36	36
NIU FG 0:00 John Richardson 37 Yd Field Goal			
9 plays, 56 yards, 3:38		39	36

Team Stats	NIU	OHIO
First Downs	22	24
Passes for First	15	12
Rushes for First	6	10
Penalties for First	1	2
Third Down Efficiency	10-16	6-12
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-2	0-1
Total Yards	510	438
Total Plays	71	67
Avg Gain Per Play	7.2	6.5
Net Yards Rushing	169	178
Rushes	31	34
Yards Per Rush	5.5	5.2
Net Yards Passing	341	260
Comp-Att	24-40	20-33
Yards Per Pass	8.5	7.9
Times Sacked	2	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-11	-20
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	2	5
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	3	6
Penalty Yards	11	70
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	28:55	31:05

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Tre Harbison	25	113	4.5	3	23		
Marcus Childers	2	75	37.5	0	70		
Jordan Nettles	1	-2	-2.0	0	0		
Ross Bowers	3	-17	-5.7	0	3		
OHIO	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Nathan Rourke	12	80	6.7	1	19		
O'Shaan Allison	11	79	7.2	0	34		
Julian Ross	9	26	2.9	0	8		
Austen Pleasants	1	2	2.0	1	2		
Team	1	-9	-9.0	0	0		
PASSING							
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Ross Bowers	23	39	338	8.7	1	1	82.7
Marcus Childers	1	1	3	3.0	0	0	100.0
OHIO	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Nathan Rourke	19	31	258	8.3	2	0	78.3
DL Knock	1	1	2	2.0	1	0	99.2
Isiah Cox	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	3.0
RECEIVING							
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Cole Tucker	8	118	14.8	0	45		
Mitchell Brinkman	5	100	20.0	0	48		
Tyrice Richie	2	44	22.0	1	30		
Dennis Robinson	1	25	25.0	0	25		
Daniel Crawford	5	21	4.2	0	10		
Marcus Jones	1	17	17.0	0	17		
Michael Love	2	16	8.0	0	13		
OHIO	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Shane Hooks	7	131	18.7	1	47		
Ryan Luehrman	4	53	13.3	1	21		
Cameron Odum	3	30	10.0	0	14		
Isiah Cox	2	27	13.5	0	22		
Adam Luehrman	1	10	10.0	0	10		
Tyler Walton	1	6	6.0	0	6		
Nathan Rourke	1	2	2.0	1	2		
DL Knock	1	1	1.0	0	1		