

WEEK EIGHT
 NORTHERN ILLINOIS at MIAMI, OH

Miami of Ohio holds off Northern Illinois late, 27-24

OKFORD, Ohio -- Jaylon Bester ran for two touchdowns and Sam Sloman kicked two fourth-quarter field goals that allowed Miami of Ohio to hold off Northern Illinois, 27-24 in a Mid-America Conference battle Saturday afternoon.

Marcus Childers nosed in from a yard out to put Northern Illinois up 10-0 with 3:08 left in the second quarter, but the RedHawks answered with a 10-play, 75-yard drive capped by Bester's 1-yard run to make it 10-7 at intermission.

Miami (3-4, 2-1) took the second-half kick and marched 90 yards in eight plays and scored on a 45-yard pass from Brett Gabbert to James Maye.

Childers and Bester traded third-quarter touchdowns and Miami pushed its lead to 27-17 with just under six minutes to play after Sloman converted from 34- and 37-yards out.

Childers, who threw for 144 yards on 14-for-23 passing, added a late 10-yard scoring pass to Cole Tucker to set the final score for Northern Illinois (2-5, 1-2).

Final	1	2	3	4	T
NIU	3	7	7	7	24
MIA	0	7	14	6	27

Scoring Summary -----

	NIU	MIA
FIRST QUARTER		
NIU FG 0:08 John Richardson 25 Yd Field Goal		
11 plays, 69 yards, 5:17	3	0
SECOND QUARTER		
NIU TD 3:08 Marcus Childers 1 Yd Run (John Richardson Kick)		
13 plays, 43 yards, 6:34	10	0
MIA TD 0:36 Jaylon Bester 1 Yd Run (Sam Sloman Kick)		
10 plays, 75 yards, 2:32	10	7
THIRD QUARTER		
MIA TD 11:13 James Maye 45 Yd pass from Brett Gabbert (Sam Sloman Kick)		
8 plays, 90 yards, 3:41	10	14
NIU TD 6:47 Marcus Childers 3 Yd Run (John Richardson Kick)		
8 plays, 75 yards, 4:26	17	14
MIA TD 3:29 Jaylon Bester 1 Yd Run (Sam Sloman Kick)		
9 plays, 62 yards, 3:11	17	21
FOURTH QUARTER		
MIA FG 14:21 Sam Sloman 34 Yd Field Goal		
7 plays, 49 yards, 2:52	17	24
MIA FG 5:57 Sam Sloman 37 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 51 yards, 2:32	17	27
NIU TD 2:44 Cole Tucker 10 Yd pass from Marcus Childers (John Richardson Kick)		
13 plays, 75 yards, 3:13	24	27

Team Stats	NIU	MIA
First Downs	22	14
Passes for First	9	11
Rushes for First	10	3
Penalties for First	3	0
Third Down Efficiency	7-16	7-17
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-2	1-1
Total Yards	350	344
Total Plays	78	64
Avg Gain Per Play	4.5	5.4
Net Yards Rushing	115	71
Rushes	43	36
Yards Per Rush	2.7	2.0
Net Yards Passing	235	273
Comp-Att	21-35	15-28
Yards Per Pass	6.7	9.8
Times Sacked	1	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-4	-16
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	5	5
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	1	5
Penalty Yards	5	33
Fumbles	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	34:56	25:04

Individual Stats

RUSHING

NORTHERN ILLINOIS	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Tre Harbison	26	83	3.2	0	12
Marcus Childers	9	27	3.0	2	16
Ross Bowers	3	4	1.3	0	4
Tyrik Henderson	1	3	3.0	0	3
Jordan Nettles	3	0	0.0	0	6
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
MIAMI, OH	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Brett Gabbert	7	42	6.0	0	31
Jaylon Bester	14	32	2.3	2	12
Tyre Shelton	5	12	2.4	0	4
Davion Johnson	5	8	1.6	0	5
Maurice Thomas	1	-6	-6.0	0	0
Team	4	-17	-4.3	0	0

PASSING

NORTHERN ILLINOIS	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Marcus Childers	14	23	144	6.3	1	0	78.7
Ross Bowers	7	12	91	7.6	0	0	66.5
MIAMI, OH	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Brett Gabbert	15	28	273	9.8	1	0	80.3

RECEIVING

NORTHERN ILLINOIS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Cole Tucker	6	82	13.7	1	39
Michael Love	3	60	20.0	0	38
Mitchell Brinkman	3	40	13.3	0	28
Spencer Tears	4	33	8.3	0	12
Dennis Robinson	2	11	5.5	0	7
Daniel Crawford	3	9	3.0	0	11
MIAMI, OH	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Jalen Walker	7	138	19.7	0	40
James Maye	2	65	32.5	1	45
Dominique Robinson	1	26	26.0	0	26
Andrew Homer	1	18	18.0	0	18
Tyre Shelton	1	14	14.0	0	14
Jaylon Bester	3	12	4.0	0	5