

WEEK FOURTEEN
WESTERN MICHIGAN at NORTHERN ILLINOIS

Richie's TD sparks N. Illinois to 17-14 win over W. Michigan

DEKALB, Ill. -- Tyrice Richie took a shovel pass in the Northern Illinois backfield, added an acrobatic flip over a would-be tackler near midfield and turned it all into a 71-yard touchdown to spark the Huskies to a 17-14 win over Western Michigan in the season finale Tuesday night.

Michael Love tossed a 7-yard scoring pass to Mitchell Brinkman midway through the fourth quarter to put the game out of reach.

Down 10-0 at intermission, LeVante Bellamy brought Western Michigan back with second-half touchdown runs of 6- and 16-yards.

The victory moves the Huskies to 4-4 in the Mid-America Conference in Thomas Hammock's first season as head coach at his alma mater. Overall NIU finished 5-7, with a string of four straight losses early in the season to Utah, Nebraska, Vanderbilt and Ball State.

NIU finished with 250 yards of total offense in the game. Richie's 71-yard catch made up most of the team's 93-yard passing total.

Bellamy finished with 21 carries for 128 yards to lead Western Michigan (7-5, 5-3).

Final	1	2	3	4	T
WMU	0	0	7	7	14
NIU	3	7	0	7	17

Scoring Summary -----

	WMU	NIU
FIRST QUARTER		
NIU FG 0:25 John Richardson 44 Yd Field Goal		3
5 plays, 24 yards, 2:11	0	
SECOND QUARTER		
NIU TD 2:15 Tyrice Richie 71 Yd pass from Marcus Childers (John Richardson Kick)		10
1 play, 71 yards, 0:16	0	
THIRD QUARTER		
WMU TD 12:54 LeVante Bellamy 6 Yd Run (Thiago Kapps Kick)		10
5 plays, 81 yards, 2:04	7	
FOURTH QUARTER		
NIU TD 7:47 Mitchell Brinkman 7 Yd pass from Michael Love (John Richardson Kick)		17
5 plays, 30 yards, 2:18	7	
WMU TD 6:25 LeVante Bellamy 16 Yd Run (Thiago Kapps Kick)		17
6 plays, 75 yards, 1:22	14	

Team Stats	WMU	NIU
First Downs	16	9
Passes for First	8	1
Rushes for First	7	8
Penalties for First	1	0
Third Down Efficiency	4-16	1-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-3	1-2
Total Yards	348	250
Total Plays	67	59
Avg Gain Per Play	5.2	4.2
Net Yards Rushing	163	157
Rushes	34	47
Yards Per Rush	4.8	3.3
Net Yards Passing	185	93
Comp-Att	17-33	7-12
Yards Per Pass	5.6	7.8
Times Sacked	2	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-22	-11
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	7	7
Punt Average	44.6	50.3
Penalties	3	4
Penalty Yards	25	40
Fumbles	4	5
Fumbles Lost	2	2
Time of Poss	25:39	34:21

Individual Stats

RUSHING

WESTERN MICHIGAN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
LeVante Bellamy	21	128	6.1	2	55
Jon Wassink	8	26	3.3	0	34
Sean Tyler	2	6	3.0	0	7
Davon Tucker	3	3	1.0	0	2
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Marcus Childers	11	54	4.9	0	22
Marcus Jones	9	42	4.7	0	20
Jordan Nettles	12	39	3.3	0	26
Rondarius Gregory	7	36	5.1	0	33
Michael Love	1	6	6.0	0	6
Tyrice Richie	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Team	6	-19	-3.2	0	0

PASSING

WESTERN MICHIGAN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jon Wassink	17	33	185	5.6	0	0	50.3
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Marcus Childers	6	11	86	7.8	1	0	26.2
Michael Love	1	1	7	7.0	1	0	97.0

RECEIVING

WESTERN MICHIGAN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Sky Moore	9	125	13.9	0	24
DaShon Bussell	1	29	29.0	0	26
Keith Mixon Jr.	3	14	4.7	0	5
Giovanni Ricci	2	11	5.5	0	6
LeVante Bellamy	1	5	5.0	0	5
Sean Tyler	1	1	1.0	0	1
NORTHERN ILLINOIS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Tyrice Richie	1	71	71.0	1	71
Daniel Crawford	2	11	5.5	0	9
Mitchell Brinkman	1	7	7.0	1	7
Spencer Tears	1	5	5.0	0	5
Marcus Jones	1	0	0.0	0	0
Michael Love	1	-1	-1.0	0	0