

2002 GAME RECAPS

Air Force 52 N'WESTERN 3 - AF scored on their 1st 5 poss going 74, 48, 48 & 36 yds plus got a blk'd punt for a TD & led 38-0 at the half. They extended it to 52-0 before NW got a 51 yd, 3Q FG.

Tcu 48 N'WESTERN 24 - NW ret'd the KO 100 yds for a TD & rec'd a fmbI but settled for a 22 yd FG. A snap sailed over the P's head for a TCU safety & they also hit a FG after a fmbI, 10-5. TCU got an 11 yd drive & ret'd a fmbI 21 yds for a TD's, 20-10. They added 51 & 89 yd TD drives before the half & went 70 yds on their 2nd drive of the 3Q, 41-10. In the 4Q, the Frogs drove 67 yds for a TD as NW had 7 TO's.

N'WESTERN 26 Duke 21 - Duke went 91 yds for a TD. NW got a 47 yd FG but Duke went 80 yds for a TD. NW went 50 yds for a TD after an int & after Duke missed a 50 yd FG, NW got a FG on the 1H's final play, 14-13. Duke drove 80 yds for a TD & NW went 61 yds for a TD, 21-19 (2 ptng). NW went 97 yds for a TD & its 1st lead, 26-21. Duke's drives ended on a fmbI at their 43, a fmbI at the NW 43, SOD at its own 42 & SOD at the NW 48.

N'western 49 NAVY 40 - NW got a 31 yd TD drive to tie 7-7. It was 21-21 when Navy fmbI'd at their own 20 setting up a NW TD w/:35 left in half, 28-21. The teams exchanged long TD drives, 35-28. Navy settled for a FG & drove 52 yds for a TD to lead 38-35. NW went 59 & 79 yds for TD's. Navy drove to the NW 6 but was int'd in the EZ. NW took an intentional safety w/:57 left & Navy got to the NW 4 as it ended.

MICHIGAN ST 39 N'western 24 - MSU led 17-10 w/6:10 left in an evenly played half. MSU added a 37 yd FG w/:24 left, 20-10. NW got int's on consec poss & had an 80 yd TD drive to pull within 20-17. They missed a 50 yd FG & the game changed dramatically. MSU ret'd a punt 88 yds for a TD, drove 74 yds for a 21 yd FG & got a 31 yd TD pass after an int scoring 16 pts in a span of 5:44. They added a 53 yd FG w/5:08 left to lead 39-17 before allowing NW a TD w/4:28 left.

OHIO ST 27 N'western 16 - NW led 6-0 before OSU drove 66 yds for a TD. NW retook the lead w/a 37 yd FG. OSU got a TD & led 14-9 at the half. OSU drove for a 41 yd FG & added a 79 yd TD drive. NW answered w/an 80 yd TD drive. OSU nailed a FG & NW fmbI'd.

MINNESOTA 45 Northwestern 42 - Thursday. UM onside kicked to open & drove for a TD & NW answered, 7-7 after 1Q. NW got 76 & 79 yd TD drives in the 2Q, 21-14 w/6:35 left. UM went 74 yds for a TD w/ 2:18 left & blk'd a punt for another, 28-21. UM drove for 2 TD's & a FG on their 1st 3 poss of the 2H to lead commandingly 45-21 early in the 4Q. NW drove 66 yds for a TD (2 ptng), 45-27. UM fmbI'd & NW drove 71 yds for a TD w/6:18 left. NW added a 43 yd TD drive w/4:12 left to pull within 3 but UM was able to run out the clock.

PENN ST 49 N'western 0 - PSU dominated w/a 423-9 rush edge. PSU drove 73 yds for a TD & NW had a 34 yd FG called back on its only scoring chance. PSU had 78, 48, 46 & 67 yd TD drives & coasted.

Purdue 42 N'WESTERN 13 - PU went 74, 38 & 70 yds for TD's, 21-0. PU fmbI'd at its own 44 setting up a NW TD, 21-7. PU drove 93 yds but was SOD at the 1. PU went 69 yds for a TD & they added a 42 & 58 yd TD drives in the 4Q. NW drove for a garbage TD.

N'WESTERN 41 Indiana 37 - IU went 60 yds for a TD, 6-0 (xpng) & NW got a 73 yd KR set up an 18 yd TD drive, 6-6 (xpng). Both tms added long TD drives & NW led 13-12. IU got a FG but NW missed 1 & trailed 15-13 at half. IU was SOD on a fake punt on its own 35. NW got a TD & added another after an int, 27-15. Both tms got long TD drives, 34-22. IU ret'd a fmbI for a TD. IU drove for a TD after a fmbI, 37-34. NW missed a FG after having a 1st & goal. A 21 yd punt by IU set NW up for a TD w/2:17 left. IU's 4th & 4 pass from their 35 was dropped w/1:18 left.

IOWA 62 Northwestern 10 - NW onside kicked to open & UI ret'd it to the 25 setting up a TD. NW was SOD on 4th & inches at its own 40 & UI got a 40 yd TD pass. NW pulled within 14-7 w/a 51 yd TD drive. The rest was all UI as they drove 67, 65 & 74 yds for TD's & 71 yds for a FG, 35-10 at half. UI added a 58 yd PR TD & 72, 57 & 33 yd TD drives.

ILLINOIS 31 Northwestern 24 - After the teams traded TD's, IL drove 57 & 68 yds for TD's & added a 35 yd FG, 24-7. NW was int'd in the EZ w/:43 left 1H. NW hit a 31 yd FG & then on 4th & goal threw a lateral to OL Essex but he was tkl'd 3 yds short. IL drove 96 yds for a TD. NW answered with a 66 yd TD drive & then had a TD called back on holding before being int'd in the EZ. NW went 75 yds for a TD w/2:12 but ran out of clock.