

# 2003 GAME RECAPS

**Northwestern 28 KANSAS 20** - Heavy rain. KU fmbld at the NW 19 & NW drove 78 yds but missed a 20 yd FG. KU was int'd & NW went 75 yds with an 18 yd TD run by Wright. KU QB Whittemore was shaken up & Luke was int'd at the 37. Eight plays later NW had a TD, 14-0 at halftime. Whittemore ret'd & KU got a 62 yd drive but missed a 20 yd FG. NW went 57 yds but was SOD on 4th & 1 at the KU 17. KU got a 74 yd TD pass, 14-7. NW was int'd & KU ret'd it 31 yds for a TD to tie it. NW went 80 yds for a TD to retake the lead. NW fmbld & KU ret'd it 20 yds for a TD, 21-20 (xpng). NW went 66 yds for a TD w/1:03 left. KU got a 48 yd pass to the NW 20 on the game's final play.

**Air Force 22 NORTHWESTERN 21** - AF got a 93 yd drive for a TD. NW went on a 78 yd TD drive. After AF missed a 39 yd FG NW drove 78 yds for a TD, 14-7 at the half. NW took their 1st 3Q poss for a TD, 21-7. Harridge was then tossed out of the game for throwing a punch. Backup QB Fitch led an 80 yd TD drive, 21-13. NW was at the AF 29 w/5:49 left when Basanez was not only int'd but ret'd 79 yds for a TD, 21-19 (2 ptng). Basanez was int'd again & ret'd to the 22. AF got a 25 yd FG w/2:01 left to take the lead. Basanez threw his 3rd int but AF was SOD on 4th & 3 at the 16. Basanez threw 4 inc passes on NW's last drive.

**Miami (OH) 44 NORTHWESTERN 14** - MU had 65 & 55 yd drives for a TD & FG. NW drove 71 yds for a TD but a MU pers foul hit on QB Basanez had him miss all but 2 series the rest of the game. MU drove 60 & 33 yds for TD's & NW missed a 39 yd FG & MU led 23-7 at the half. MU had a 34 yd FG blk'd but drove 89, 50 & 34 (after int) for TD's, 44-7. NW got a TD w/3:50 left & was SOD on its final poss.

**Northwestern 28 DUKE 10** - NW dominated early with drives of 76 (TD), 51 (TD) & 58 (SOD) yds while Duke managed just 1 FD, 14-0. Duke drove 58 yds for a TD. Duke got a 26 yd FG after rec'ing a fmbld, but NW went 80 yds for a TD, 21-10. NW was SOD at the Duke 28 but Duke fmbld at the NW 18. NW's Herron got a 69 yd TD run w/7:20 left. Duke drove 60 yds & finished the game at the NW 15.

**OHIO ST 20 Northwestern 0** - OSU drove 59 & 35 yds for a TD & FG. NW went on a 61 yd drive but had a TD run called back on holding & then missed a 35 yd FG to trail 10-0 at the half. OSU opened the 3Q with an 80 yd TD drive. NW missed a 47 yd FG. OSU was SOD. Mid-4Q OSU nailed a 42 yd FG for a 20-0 lead & NW never threatened after that.

**Minnesota 42 NORTHWESTERN 17** - In the 1Q NW led 14-0 rolling up 146 yds offense while UM had just 8 yds on their 1st 4 poss & did not get their 1st FD until less than 9:00 was left in the 2Q. The game turned on a 96 yd Gopher TD pass & UM scored 21 straight pts to lead 21-17 at the half. Minny added an 82 yd TD pass early in the 3Q & finished with a 572-284 yd edge. UM ended the game at the NW 12 dominating the 2H.

**Northwestern 37 INDIANA 31 (OT)** - NW jumped out to a 17-0 lead with a 26 yd drive after an int & a 77 yd TD pass. It was 24-7 when IU drove 68 yds for a TD & missed a 51 yd FG on the 1H's final play, 24-14. IU got a 55 yd pass early in the 3Q but settled for a 22 yd FG & then drove 78 yds for a TD to tie it at 24. IU drove 37 yds for a TD to take their 1st lead w/11:54 left. NW got a 60 yd PR setting up a 5 yd TD drive which came on 4th & 1, 31-31 w/4:45 left. IU took over at its 46 but were forced to settle for a 55 yd FG which they missed. In OT IU was int'd in the EZ while NW got a 4 yd TD run.

**NORTHWESTERN 16 Wisconsin 7** - UW was w/o QB Sorgi & RB Davis. The Badgers missed a 36 yd FG & NW got a 53 yd TD pass, 6-0 (xpng). NW was w/o its starting K & missed a 25 yd FG. After an int UW drove 52 yds for a TD, 7-6. NW drove 82 yds but settled for a 25 yd FG to lead 9-7 at the half. NW faked a FG & got a TD 2 plays later, 16-7. UW got an int at the NW 33 but missed a 40 yd FG. UW drove 48 yds but was SOD & NW ran out the clock.

**PURDUE 34 Northwestern 14** - PU drove 39 & 12 yds for TD's after NW fmbld's. NW fmbld at the PU 19 stopping a drive & PU drove 75 yds settling for a FG, 17-0. NW scored a TD w/4:45 left 1H. PU then drove 48 yds for a 28 yd FG, 20-7 at the half. PU drove 39 yds for a TD. NW fmbld on 4th & goal & PU drove 98 yds for a TD, 34-7. NW later fmbld on the PU 20. NW drove 74 yds for a TD w/1:14 left.

**NORTHWESTERN 17 Penn St 7** - PSU missed a 27 yd FG. PSU drove 78 yds for a TD but then missed a 34 yd FG, 7-0 at the half. NW was SOD at the PSU 1 & fmbld at the PSU 9. NW drove 45 yds to tie. After a 28 yd PR, Basanez lofted the ball into the EZ & it bounced off 2 PSU DB's & into the arms of Horn for a 41 yd TD rec w/4:50 left, 14-7. PSU was int'd & NW added a 27 yd FG. PSU ran out of time at the NW 27.

**Michigan 41 NORTHWESTERN 10** - UM drove 65 yds for a TD. NW ret'd the KO to the 46 to set up a 35 yd FG. UM missed a 42 yd FG & settled for a 23 yd FG at the end of 36 & 60 yd drives. UM drove 38 yds for a TD after a fmbld. NW fmbld the KO & UM got a 26 yd TD pass, 24-3. UM drove 64 yds & Avant made a 1 handed catch in the EZ for a TD, 31-3 at the half. UM opened the 3Q with a 70 yd FG drive. UM had a PR TD called back & NW drove 60 yds for a TD, 34-10. UM brought the starters back in & they went 73 yds & got a 7 yd TD run w/3:13 left.

**NORTHWESTERN 37 Illinois 20** - After an int, NW missed a 38 yd FG. IL hit a 37 yd FG & then got a 32 yd int return TD. NW went 59 yds for a TD, 10-7. IL drove 52 yds for a 45 yd FG. NW was SOD at the IL 33 & later fmbld at their own 42. In the 2H NW att'd just 1 pass & RB Wright rushed for 251 yds & 4 TD's. NW drove 61 yds for a TD to lead 14-13. IL was int'd at the NW 3 & NW drove 97 yds for a TD. IL fmbld at the NW 37. NW drove for a 38 yd FG. IL went 65 yds thanks to a fake punt on 4th & 5 at their own 40 & the TD pulled them within 23-20. NW went 80 yds for a TD & added a 69 yd int return for a TD. IL fmbld at the NW 18 & was SOD at the NW 3.