

2007 GAME RECAPS

NORTHWESTERN 27 Northeastern 0 - NW got its 1st shutout S'97 but in the 1H, NE missed 46 & 42 yd FG's and was SOD at the NW29. NW got 72 & 75 yd TD drives and a 25 yd FG, 17-0, but only had a 223-178 yd edge. NW went 76/14pl for a TD and 46/12pl for a FG on its first two 3Q poss, 27-0. NE was SOD at the NW22 with 9:54 left and the NW went on a 59/15pl drive ending the game at the NE19.

NORTHWESTERN 36 Nevada 31 - NW went 61/12pl for a TD & UN went 85/10pl for a TD, 7-7 (1Q). UN went 72/8pl for a TD, 14-7 (2Q). UN went 64/10pl for a 37 yd FG, 17-7. NW went 8pl for a 46 yd FG with :47 left in the 1H, 17-10 & UN got a 48 yd Hail Mary TD on the last play. UN had a 337-149 yd edge & led 24-10. NW got a 29 yd FG, 24-13 (11:18). NW got a 76 yd run to set up a TD, 24-20. UN missed a 42 yd FG before NW went 42/5pl for a TD, 27-24. UN fmbld at the NW18 but later drove 73/4pl for a TD with 3:38 left, 31-27. NW was SOD on 4&1 at its 40 (2:04) but UN punted (1:12). NW went 80/6pl for a TD (:21). NW got a sk for a safety on the final play.

Duke 20 NORTHWESTERN 14 - Duke went 86/11 and 70/10pl while NU went 83/10pl for TD's, 14-7. Duke went 80/7pl with a 56 yd TD pass on 3&11, 20-7 (6:17). NU went 67/11pl and hit a 34 yd FG but offside made it 4&3 and they took the pen and the pass fell inc (1:36). In the 3Q NU was SOD at the DU30 but Duke was SOD at the NW35. NU went 65/9pl for a TD on 1st pl of 4Q, 20-14. After 3 punts, NU went 79/14pl but on 4&10 was SOD at the 11. NU forced a punt (1:17) and went 58/8pl but on 4&gl from the 7 its pass was inc. NU had a 506-309 yd edge.

OHIO ST 58 Northwestern 7 - This game was a rout with OSU having a 253-21 yd edge at the half. OSU had TD drives of 64, 36 (after 18 yd punt), 31 (after 22 yd PR) and a FR for a TD to lead 28-0 with 5:23 left in the 1Q! It was 45-0 at the half and NU's only score came when they ret'd the opening KO of the 3Q 99 yds for a TD.

Michigan 28 NORTHWESTERN 16 (+17) - NU had a 308-153 yd 1H edge. NU's Ward fell on a UM DB but got up and went 64 yds which set up a 27 yd FG. Henne led UM 65/11pl for a TD but DNP the rest of the 1H. NU went 86/9pl for a TD on a 49 yd Conteh run, 10-7. NU later added a 49 yd FG. NU's Bacher was int'd at the UM23 but after a 10 play drive, UM missed a 26 yd FG. NU settled for a 27 yd FG after a 13 play drive, 16-7 at the half. Henne QB'd the 2H and led UM 77/10pl for a TD. Bacher was sk'd and fmbld at the NU16 which set up a Henne TD pass, 21-16. Bacher was int'd at the UM42 and ret'd 37 yds to the NU21 but UM missed a 39 yd FG. After another Bacher int, UM drove 26/3pl for a TD. Bacher was sk'd and fmbld at midfield with 3:49 left.

Northwestern 48 MICHIGAN ST 41 (OT) - The 1st 4 poss were all TD's with both missing xp's, 13-13. A 14 yd punt by MSU set up a NU 30/6pl TD drive, 20-13 with just :13 left in the 2Q. NU had a 242-163 yd 1H edge. The first 3 poss of the 3Q were all TD's incl a 78 yd pass to NU's Yarbrough and a 47 yd run by MSU's Ringer, 27-27. NU went 80/15pl for a TD but Ringer ripped off an 80 yd TD run, 34-34. NU got a 70 yd TD pass to Peterman but MSU's Thomas ret'd the KO 70 yds which set up a TD, 41-41 (9:57 left). MSU had a punt blk'd OOB at its own 28 but NU botched a 31 yd FG att with 2:58 left. NU got a 52 yd pass setting up a missed 36 yd FG on the final play. NU got a TD on Bacher's pass to Conteh and Hoyer's 4 passes were incomplete in OT. Bacher finished with a career high 520 yds and 5 TD's.

NORTHWESTERN 49 Minnesota 48 (2OT) - NU controlled the 1Q going 67/9pl for a TD. After a 16 yd PR to the NU34, UM drove to the 1 where RB Thomas was stopped on both 3rd & 4th down. NU went 96/10pl but missed a 21 yd FG off the upright. UM went 82/6pl & 86/5pl for TD's, 14-7. NU tied it going 73/6pl for a TD with 1:27 left but UM got a 26 yd TD pass from Weber to Wheelright with just :06 left to make it 21-14 at HT. UM opened the 3Q with a 51/3pl drive for a TD and NU, after a 9pl drive, missed a 37 yd FG. UM appeared in control going 80/10pl with a 28 yd TD pass on 3&10 making it 35-14. NU drove 71 yds but Ward fmbld at the UM13. NU ret'd a Weber int 27 yds to the 8 where Bacher hit Lane with a TD, 35-21. Weber was int'd at the UM47 setting up a Bacher 6 yd TD run on 4&2, 35-28. UM went 45/11pl but missed a 44 yd FG with 1:59 left. NU went 73/7pl and got a Bacher TD pass with :08 left on 4&4. Each team got a TD in both the 1st & 2nd OT's but UM opted to go for 2 & Weber threw inc.

†Northwestern 26 E Michigan 14 (Detroit) - Friday at Ford Field. NU was int'd at its own 42 and 8 plays later EM got a TD run. NU went 66/14pl but settled for a 25 yd FG. EM ret'd the kick 68 yds but fmbld at the NU4. NU went 96/11pl for a TD, 10-7. EM ret' the kick to the 49 and got a 24 yd pass but was int'd at the 5 and NU went 85/11pl settling for a 28 yd FG, 13-7. NU ret'd the KO 68 yds to the 26 but a 25 yd run was fmbld at the 1. EM went 69/11pl and missed a 47 yd FG then went 40/8pl but was int'd at the 26. EM went 47/8pl but was int'd at the GL from the 11. NU went 81/12pl for a TD, 19-7 (2pt ng). EM went 57/10pl and on 4&4 a 19 yd TD run made it 19-14. On 3rd&6 NU had a pass over the middle to Thompson who broke tkls and raced 71 yds for a TD, 26-14 (2:44).

PURDUE 35 Northwestern 17 - NU ret'd the KO to the 49 but Bacher was int'd at the 14. PU went 45/6pl and on 3&gl Taylor fmbld but Keller rec'd it for a TD. After an int, PU went 40/8pl and on 4&1 Painter got a TD pass. NU went 69/11pl for a TD, 14-7. Bacher was int'd at the PU37 and Conteh fmbld at the PU28. NU went 71/7pl for a TD with :37 left in the 1H to tie it and had a 16-6 FD edge. PU got a 42/12pl drive but missed a 37 yd FG. NU went 79/15pl for a FG, 17-14. Early in the 4Q PU went 69/10pl for a TD run on 4&gl, 21-17. PU added a 71/8pl TD drive with 6:24 left. NU punted twice and PU got a 50 yd run. On 3&gl from the 1, PU added a TD run with :14 left.

Iowa 28 NORTHWESTERN 17 - NU went 73/7pl & 75/13pl for TD's. NU went 48/10pl but missed a 49 yd FG (6:23). UI went 60/7pl and got a 20 yd TD pass with just :49 left 1H. NU went 48/6pl but had a 34 yd FG blk'd and despite a 269-121 yd edge only led 14-7. UI opened the 3Q with a 71/10pl TD drive, 14-14. NU went 41/9pl for a 42 yd FG, 17-14. NU had the ball at the UI37 but Bacher was int'd at the 19. UI fmbld at its own 31 but a holding pen and sk pushed them out of FG range. UI went 85/8pl to take a 21-17 lead (7:44). Bacher was int'd at the UI46. Later a pass bounced off of Sutton's hands and was int'd at the NU30 with 5:08 left. Iowa got a TD 3 plays later to ice it, 28-17 (3:47).

NORTHWESTERN 31 Indiana 28 - NU went 59/12pl for a 29 yd FG and IU's Bailey got a 91 yd KR TD. NU's Bacher was int'd at the 22. NU then went 66/14pl but missed a 31 yd FG. IU went 80/11pl for a TD, 14-3. NU went 51/4pl but Bacher was int'd in the EZ. Lewis was banged up and #2 Chappell was int'd & ret'd 41 yds for a TD, 14-10. A 70 yd IU TD pass was called back as Lewis crossed the LOS. IU committed a PF and NU drove 45/7pl for a TD, 17-14. NU added a 74/11pl TD drive. IU went 50/5pl for a TD, 24-21. NU went 69/11pl but Bacher was int'd in the EZ. IU went 80/11pl for a TD to lead 28-24 with 5:34 left. NU went 73/12pl and Bacher got a TD pass with :44 left. IU drove to the NU34 but Lewis was hit as he threw which was ruled a fmbld and upheld by review.

ILLINOIS 41 Northwestern 22 - IL had a 311-159 yd edge in the 1H and led 21-7. NU was int'd at the IL21 and IL went 71/8pl and then 89/9pl for TD's, 14-0. Two poss later IL went 97/10pl for a TD, 21-0. NU went 56/6pl for a TD. IL was int'd at the NU9. IL opened the 3Q with a 76/4pl & 94/14pl drives for TD's, 35-7. NU went 87/11pl for a TD, 35-14 after 3Q's. Two poss later IL went 58/9pl but settled for a 27 yd FG. NU was SOD at its 46 after a fmbld then went 44/5pl for a TD, 38-22. IL rec'd the onside kick & got a 49 yd FG (4:37). NU was SOD at the IL33 (3:05).