



Football Report, November 4, 2006

NCC Games

South Dakota 45, Nebraska-Omaha 28

Vermillion, S.D. -- Led by an offense that generated 490 yards in total offense, South Dakota defeated Nebraska-Omaha, 45-28, at the DakotaDome before 9,879 in attendance.

USD recorded its 19th straight win at the Dome and created a three-way tie atop the NCC. USD, UNO and North Dakota are tied at the top with 6-1 records.

USD was led by Stefan Logan who had 163 yards rushing on 24 carries. Logan had 210 all purpose yards and moved into the top 10 all-time in NCAA Division II with 7,265 yards.

USD finished with 490 yards in total offense, including 303 on the ground. USD quarterback Noah Shepard completed 6-of-12 passes for 195 yards and a TD. Jordan Murphy led the USD receivers with two receptions for 78 yards and one TD.

Nebraska-Omaha quarterback Zach Miller returned to the lineup sporting a cast on his broken throwing hand, completing only 8 of 15 passes for 70 yards and one touchdown while rushing six times for 35 yards and one touchdown. UNO was led in rushing by the 69 yards of Nate Wurth on 12 carries and Kyle Kasperbauer with 14 carries for 65 yards.

Western Washington 10, Augustana 6

Bellingham, Wash. -- Adam Perry threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Travis McKee with 7:35 to play, lifting Western Washington a 10-6 victory over Augustana at Civic Stadium.

Western's game-winning drive was set up when Ryan Conwell forced a fumble that was recovered by Brandon Elliott at the Augustana 35. Perry then threw a 21-yard completion to Kellen Alley, and two plays later, found McKee in the back of end zone for the go-ahead score.

The first three quarters of the game were played in a driving rain and a steady 25 m.p.h. wind from the southeast that sometimes gusted to nearly 40. The conditions made passing difficult, as the teams combined for just 141 yards through the air, 65 of those yards coming in the fourth quarter.

Perry, who entered the game early in the second quarter, was 7-of-10 for 70 yards, going 6-of-8 for 55 yards in the fourth quarter.

Augustana had a 246-191 advantage in total offense as Jeremy Huber rushed for 130 yards on 24 carries. Tommy Flyger was 8-of-26 passing for 71 yards with two interceptions despite completing 4-of-6 for 33 yards on his opening drive of the game.

Western's Todd McClellan had two interceptions for the second consecutive game, giving him five for the season.

Craig Garner paced the offense with 108 yards on 33 carries, his third consecutive 100-yard rushing game.

Minnesota State 33, Central Washington 17

Ellensburg, Wash. -- Central Washington surrendered 33 unanswered points as visiting Minnesota State spoiled the Wildcats' Homecoming, 33-17, at Tomlinson Stadium.

Central Washington looked as if it might roll to a fourth consecutive victory after building a 17-0 lead with just under two minutes remaining in the first half. The Wildcats scored on each of their first two possessions, including an 11-play, 67-yard drive that spanned 5:28 of game clock on their opening drive. They then followed up with a 25-yard field goal from Garrett Rolsma on the second play of the second quarter to extend the lead to 10-0. Then the momentum shifted to Minnesota State.

MSU's Ben King, the reigning NCC Offensive Player of the Week after a school-record 505 yards against South Dakota last week, completed 34 of 46 passes against the Wildcat defense for 433 yards and three touchdowns. He outdueled Central's Mike Reilly, who himself set a new career-high with 362 yards passing on 24 of 40. However, Reilly was sacked seven times and threw just one touchdown with three interceptions.

Central's Josh Boonstra finished with his best career game in his final home contest, totaling 139 receiving yards on six catches. Team-mate Brandon Robertson also added six catches for 50 yards, while Chris Jameson was next on the Wildcats' list of receivers with five catches for 89 yards.

Minnesota State, which finished with a 499-385 advantage in total offense, narrowly missed having three 100-yard receivers Saturday. Dalton led all players with 10 catches for 144 yards, while Smith added 10 grabs for 99 yards. Bryant totaled eight receptions for 120 yards on the afternoon. Melvin Matlock returned a kick 100 yards for a touchdown, which ties an NCC record for longest return.

Leading the defense for Central Washington were Brandon Kennedy and Simon Iniguez. Each player finished with 10 tackles. Three different Minnesota State players finished with two tackles for loss apiece. Chad Breeden, who had two of the Mavericks' seven sacks, shared team-leading tackle honors with Kelvin Rodgers as each had seven stops on the afternoon.

North Dakota 34, St. Cloud State 27 (OT)

St. Cloud, Minn. -- North Dakota's Ryan Chappell scored on a 14-yard run in overtime for a 34-27 win over St. Cloud State at Husky Stadium.

North Dakota drew first blood in the overtime frame and the Huskies upset bid of the tenth-ranked UND team ended when SCSU failed to convert on their overtime possession.

The team's combined for 722 yards in total offense as UND accounted for 437 yards. Chappell finished the day with 150 yards on 23 carries and three touchdowns to lead UND. Quarterback Reed Manke completed 26 of 37 pass attempts for 217 yards and one touchdown. Brady Trenbeath had ten catches for 92 yards and Weston Dressler tallied seven receptions for 53 yards.

St. Cloud State quarterback Jon Quesnel completed 18 of 29 passes for 266 yards and one touchdown. Kenneth Patrick caught six passes for 20 yards and sophomore wide receiver Zach Stove caught five passes for a career high 128 yards.

Standings	NCC	Over.
Nebraska-Omaha	6-1	7-2
North Dakota	6-1	8-1
South Dakota	6-1	8-2
Central Washington	3-4	6-4
Augustana	3-5	5-5
Minnesota Duluth	3-4	5-4
Minnesota State	2-5	4-6
Western Washington	2-5	4-6
St. Cloud State	1-6	3-7