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January 14, 2026 • vs. No. 13 Illinois • Game 17

Northwestern 68 | No. 13 Illinois 79

TEAM NOTES

- Northwestern had two first-years start in a game for the first time since March 11, 2020, when three first-years took the starting lineup against Minnesota (Robbie Beran, Boo Buie, Ryan Young).
- The Wildcats last had two players score 20+ points against a ranked team on Jan. 31, 2024, when Boo Buie and Ty Berry both tallied 25 points against No. 2 Purdue.
- Northwestern shot 9-of-25 (36.0%) from beyond the arc, recording the team's most made threes in conference play this season.
- The Wildcats, averaging the nation's fewest turnovers per game (8.4), turned the ball over just seven times.
 - Northwestern has turned the ball over eight times or fewer in seven consecutive games, its first time doing so since at least 2010-11.
 - The Wildcats allowed just two points off turnovers.
- Northwestern pulled down 13 offensive rebounds, tied for its season-high set against Mercyhurst (Nov. 3).
 - The Wildcats had 22 second-chance points compared to Illinois' 19.
- Northwestern shot 88.2% (15-of-17) from the free throw line.
- The Wildcats outscored the Fighting Illini in points off the bench (32-14) and fastbreak points (10-3).
- Northwestern tallied five steals and five blocks
- In the first half, the Wildcats held Illinois to 39.5% (15-of-38) shooting from the floor and 22.2% (4-of-18) shooting from beyond the arc.
- Northwestern went on a 9-0 run from 17:10 to 14:31 in the first half to take the lead.
- The Wildcats went on a 10-0 run from 9:16 to 7:50 in the second half to cut the lead to five.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- **Jayden Reid** notched a career-high 28 points, 20 of which came in the second half, four rebounds, three assists, and two steals. He converted 9-of-15 field goal attempts, 4-of-6 three-point attempts, and 6-of-7 free throw attempts.
 - Reid's 28 points are the most by a Northwestern player off the bench since Dec. 30, 2015, when Dererk Pardon scored 28 points against Nebraska.
 - Reid's 28 points are the most by a Wildcat guard against a ranked team since Boo Buie scored 24 points on Jan. 24, 2024, against No. 10 Illinois.
 - Reid's 20 second-half points were the second most by a Northwestern player this season, trailing only Nick Martinelli against Howard (Dec. 30, 21 in second half).

- Reid's 20 second-half points are the most points in a half by a Wildcat guard since Feb. 23, 2023, when Boo Buie tallied 22 first-half points against Illinois.
- Reid's four made threes are the most by a Northwestern player in a conference game this season.
- Reid led the Wildcats in scoring for the third time this season.
- **Nick Martinelli** recorded 20 points and four rebounds, while converting 8-of-8 free throw attempts.
 - Martinelli has 13 games with 20+ points this season, which leads the Big Ten. Dating back to last season, he has 31 games with 20+ points, which ranks atop the Big Ten and second nationally.
 - Martinelli has scored 20+ points in eight straight games, making him the first Northwestern player to do so since at least the 1996-97 season.
 - Martinelli has scored 20+ points in 13 of 16 games this season.

NORTHWESTERN'S STARTERS (# of starts this season, # of career starts)

Jordan Clayton (10, 20), Nick Martinelli (16, 60), Arrinten Page (13, 17), Tre Singleton (14,14), Jake West (1, 1)

GAME LEADERS

Points: Jayden Reid (28)

Rebounds: Arrinten Page (8)

Assists: Jayden Reid (3)

Steals: Jayden Reid (2)

Blocks: Arrinten Page (2)

FGM: Jayden Reid (9)

3PM: Jayden Reid (4)

FTM: Nick Martinelli (8)

CAREER HIGHS

- Jayden Reid: Points (28), T-FGM (9), T-3PM (4)