

NORTHWESTERN FOOTBALL

Offensive Starters			
Pos	No.	Name	Career Start
QB	#18	Clayton Thorson	30
RB	#21	Justin Jackson	35
SB	#9	Garrett Dickerson	17
WR	#15	Macan Wilson	2
WR	#2	Flynn Nagel	14
WR	#88	Bennett Skowronek	2
LT	#72	Blake Hance	26
LG	#59	J.B. Butler	9
C	#69	Brad North	21
RG	#71	Tommy Doles	17
RT	#70	Rashawn Slater	4
Defensive Starters			
Pos	No.	Name	Career Start
DE	#97	Joe Gaziano	4
DT	#67	Tyler Lancaster	30
DT	#99	Jordan Thompson	15
DE	#91	Samdup Miller	4
WLB	#10	Brett Walsh	9
MLB	#42	Paddy Fisher	4
SLB	#32	Nate Hall	17
CB	#29	Trae Williams	11
S	#21	Kyle Queiro	16
S	#16	Godwin Igwebuike	35
CB	#24	Montre Hartage	17

Offense Game Notes

- **Junior offensive lineman J.B. Butler** made his first start of the season and ninth of his career. Butler started at left guard, while **junior Blake Hance** moved to left tackle for his 26th consecutive start.
- **Senior running back Justin Jackson** and senior **safety Godwin Igwebuike** each made their 35th-consecutive start on Saturday. The longest active streaks by Wildcats.
- **First-year kicker Charlie Kuhbänder** made his third field goal of the season on a 34-yard attempt in the first quarter to give the Wildcats a 3-0 lead.
- **Redshirt first-year running back Jeremy Larkin** surpassed his season high for rushing yards in the second quarter. Larkin finished the game with 37 yards rushing.
- **Sophomore superback Cam Green** caught his first-career touchdown in the second quarter to give the Wildcats a 10-7 lead. Green caught a 1-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Clayton Thorson.
- **Junior superback James Prather** hauled in his first-career reception, a 9-yard pass from Clayton Thorson, to set up Green's touchdown.
- **Junior quarterback Clayton Thorson** finished the game 29-for-45 with 219 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions.
 - The junior matched his career high with three touchdown passes for the first time this season and seventh time in his career.
 - Thorson's three touchdown moved him past Dan Persa (34; 2008-11) into fifth in program history with 36 career passing touchdowns.
 - Thorson's 219 passing yards moved him past Steve Schnur (5,612; 1993-96) and Sandy Schwab (5,679; 1982-85) into seventh in program history with 5,765 career passing yards.
 - His 29 completions moved him past Mike Greenfield (497; 1984-87) and Zak Kustok (507; 1999-01) into sixth in program history with 521 career completions.
- **Senior running back Justin Jackson** finished the game with 25 rushing yards on nine carries. Jackson moved past Jamie Morris (4,392; Michigan) and Javon Ringer (4,398; Michigan State) into 13th in Big Ten history with 4,402 career rushing yards.
- **Ramaud Chiao Khiao-Bowman** hauled in the first touchdown of his career when Thorson found him with a 2-yard pass with 5:08 to go in the fourth quarter.
- Junior wide receiver Flynn Nagel finished with a team-high and season-high five catches for 52 yards. Nagel has caught at least three passes in all four games this season.
- **Senior superback Garrett Dickerson** hauled in four catches for 26 yards, including his first touchdown of the season. The touchdown was the sixth of his career.

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Defensive/Special Teams Notes

- **Sophomore cornerback Trae Williams** forced a fumble for the first time in his career on Badgers first play of the game. Williams also recovered the fumble.
- **First-year defensive end Samdup Miller** recorded his first career sack in the second quarter.
 - Miller finished the game with a season-high three solo tackles. He has posted at least three total tackles in all four games this season.
- **First-year defensive back JR Pace** recorded his first career interception in the second quarter.
- **Senior safety Godwin Igwebuike** intercepted his first pass of the season in the second quarter. Igwebuike has FOUR career interceptions versus the Badgers.
- **Sophomore defensive end Joe Gaziano** recorded his second sack of the season in the second quarter. Gaziano has 6.5 sacks in his career.
- Senior linebacker Brett Walsh finished with a career-high 11 tackles, marking the first career double-digit performance of his career.
- **Sophomore defensive lineman Alex Miller** recorded his third career quarterback hurry in the second quarter.
- **Redshirt first-year linebacker Paddy Fisher** had eight tackles (four solo), a tackle for loss and the first forced fumble of his career. Fisher leads the Wildcats with 37 tackles through the first four games of the season.

Career Highs

- **RB Jeremy Larkin:** Rushing Attempts (7), rushing yards (37), receptions (3)
- **WR Riley Lees:** Receptions (3), Receiving Yards (49), Long Reception (24)
- **SB Cam Green:** Receptions (2; Tied), Receiving Touchdown (1)
- **SB James Prather:** Reception (1), Receiving Yards (9), Long Reception (9)
- **WR Ramaud Chiaokhiao-Bowman:** Reception (1), Receiving Yards (2), Long Reception (2), Receiving Touchdown (1)
- **DB JR Pace:** Interception (1)
- **LB Brett Walsh:** Tackles (11), Solo Tackles (6; Tied), Assisted Tackles (5)
- **LB Paddy Fisher:** TFL (1), Forced Fumble (1)
- **LB Nate Hall:** Pass Breakup (1; Tied)
- **DL Samdup Miller:** Solo Tackles (3), Sack (1), TFL (1),
- **DB Trae Williams:** Forced Fumble (1), Fumble Recovery (1; Tied), TFL (1; Tied)
- **DL Alex Miller:** Quarterback Hurry (1; Tied)
- **S Jared McGee:** Forced Fumble (1)
- **K Charlie Kuhbander:** Field Goal Made (1; Tied)

Team Notes

- Captains Tyler Lancaster, Justin Jackson, Clayton Thorson and Godwin Igwebuike chose heads during the pregame coin toss and won. The Wildcats elected to defer their choice to the second half. Wisconsin chose to receive and defend the north end zone.
- The Wildcats fell to 36-58-5 all time versus Wisconsin. The Badgers have won each of the last two meetings after the Wildcats won back-to-back meetings in 2014 and 2015.
- Northwestern became the first team to score on the Badgers in the second half this season. Wisconsin had outscored opponents 72-0 in the second half prior to Saturday's game.
- The Northwestern defense held Wisconsin to a season-low 304 yards of total offense. Wisconsin entered the game ranked first in the Big Ten and 11th in the country with an average of 511 yards of total offense per game.
- The 'Cats forced a season high three turnovers - all in the first half.
- Northwestern will play No. 4 Penn State next Saturday at Ryan Field. The Wildcats' last win versus a top 10 team came on Nov. 5, 2011 with a 28-25 victory over then No. 9 Nebraska.
- Attendance: 80,584