

NORTHWESTERN WILDCATS



2004 RECORD: 6-6 (5-6-1 ATS)

CONF: Big 10 (5-3, 4th)

COACH: Randy Walker (7th Year)

STADIUM: Ryan Field

RETURNING STARTERS: O: 6 D: 6

2004 RESULTS

Opponent	Line	Score	W/L
at TCU	+6	45-48 ^{2OT}	W
Arizona St	-2	21-30	L
Kansas	-2'	20-17	W
at Minnesota	+14'	17-43	L
Ohio St	+11	33-27 ^{OT}	W
Indiana	-11	31-24 ^{2OT}	L
at Wisconsin	+12	12-24	T
Purdue	+10	13-10	W
at Penn St	+3'	14-7	W
at Michigan	+14	20-42	L
Illinois	-12'	28-21 ^{OT}	L
at Hawaii	-6	41-49	L

The Cats were 5-3 in Big 10 play last year and have constantly pulled surprises in league play, amazingly owning 3 Big 10 Titles in the last 10 years, the same amount as Ohio St. Upon closer inspection, NU did have 5 close wins in Big 10 play that could easily have gone the other way, including 3 in OT. In fact, they were outscored by 30 points in Big 10 play LY. They have just 12 starters back, which is the 2nd fewest in the league. They also have a tough schedule with few winnable Big 10 home games, plus they don't get to play Indiana. NU is a dangerous team as they proved last year but it looks like a rebuilding year and a drop in the standings.

2004 STATISTICAL LEADERS (RETURNERS IN BOLD)

RUSHING							PLAYER								
ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG		TKL	SCK	TFL	PBU	INT				
Noah Herron	274	1447	66	1381	14	5.0	Tim McGarigle	151	1	5	4	1			
Terrell Jordan	65	336	21	315	3	4.8	Dominique Price	93	1	4	4	2			
Brett Basanez	83	361	103	258	5	3.1	Nick Roach	83	5	3	3	0			
PASSING							Luis Castillo								
ATT	COMP	PCT	YDS	TD	INT		75	2	7	0	0				
Brett Basanez	460	247	53.7	2838	12	9	Bryan Heinz	67	0	1	1	1			
RECEIVING							Marvin Ward								
REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG			65	0	2	14	3				
Mark Philmore	54	633	11.7	2	52		63	5	1	0	0				
Jonathan Fields	48	560	11.7	4	69		Barry Cofield	52	3.5	2	3	0			
Shaun Herbert	32	465	14.5	1	62		Herschel Henderson	49	0	1	2	0			
Ashton Aikens	32	401	12.5	0	49		Jeff Backes	45	0	0	8	1			
Noah Herron	36	351	9.8	1	35		Colby Clark	39	2.5	2	2	0			
Brandon Horn	24	205	8.5	2	24		Demetrius Eaton	33	0	1	1	0			
Kim Thompson	11	122	11.1	1	24		PUNT RETURNS								
PUNTING							Mark Philmore								
NO	YDS	AVG	FC	NET	BLK	In20	NO	YDS	AVG	TD					
Brian Huffman	53	2074	39.1	10	31.2	1	14	145	10.4	0					
Jeff Backes	10	128	12.8	1											
KICKING							KICK RETURNS								
XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	NO	YDS	AVG	TD					
Brian Huffman	23-24	3-6	1-5	3-6	0-0	7-17	41	17	405	23.8	0				
Joel Howells	9-10	1-1	1-2	2-2	0-0	4-5	46	11	333	30.3	1				

DATE	OPPONENT	TURF	OPEN	LINE	SCORE	W/L	TRENDS
Sep. 3	Ohio	G					The Wildcats are 3-7 ATS in their L10 home openers.
Sep. 10	N Illinois	G					Northwestern is 2-0 ATS vs Northern Illinois.
Sep. 17	at Arizona St	G					Wildcats are 9-3 ATS S/'98 in non-conf away games.
Sep. 24	Penn St	G					Northwestern is 1-4 ATS S/'99 before a bye week.
Oct. 1							
Oct. 8	Wisconsin	G					NU is 6-1-1 ATS the last 8 games vs Wisconsin.
Oct. 15	at Purdue	G					NU is 2-6-1 ATS vs the Boilermakers S/'96.
Oct. 22	at Michigan St	G					The visitor is 6-2 (75%) ATS S/'93 in this series.
Oct. 29	Michigan (HC)	G					Wildcats have gone 6-3 ATS their last 9 meetings.
Nov. 5	Iowa	G					Northwestern is 4-8 ATS since 1993 in home finales.
Nov. 12	at Ohio St	G					Northwestern has covered 5 of the last 7 vs Ohio St.
Nov. 19	at Illinois	A					The dog is 10-5 ATS the last 15 in this series.
Nov. 26							