

Back with another weekly summary of Big Ten football....and you thought *last* week's games dragged down the league's rep....

Big Ten teams went 6-6 in non-conference action last weekend, but when the two teams thought to be the worst in their respective divisions, Indiana and Minnesota, register two of the league's six victories, the reality is even worse than the appearance. Of the day's conference losers, only Purdue (No. 20 Notre Dame) and Nebraska (No 22 UCLA) were playing ranked opponents, and there are very few remaining non-conference contests against good teams in which to regain some respectability. So be it. To the games....

Minnesota 44 - New Hampshire 7

The Gophers scored 40 points for the first time in five years as they rolled to an easy victory over FCS foe New Hampshire. Winning against lower division teams hasn't been easy for Minnesota in recent years, but Marqueis Gray and the Gophers only had to throw the ball eight times in the game, pushing to a 30-7 halftime lead and adding two second half touchdowns in the rout. Gray led the Gophers on the ground with 109 yards rushing for a 6.4 yd average, and Donnell Kirkwood chipped in with another 70 and a TD. Recap - (Minnesota 2-0, Next game: 9/15 vs Western Michigan)

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