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Indiana defensive back Jamari Sharpe (22) and defensive lineman Daniel Ndukwe (17) react after scoring a safety against Northwestern during the first half of an NCAA college football game on Friday, Sept. 25 in Bloomington, Ind.

Beebe’s 203 yards help No. 4 Indiana survive Northwestern

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana running back Lee Beebe Jr. waited a whole year for an opportunity like the one he got Friday night.

And with starting running back Turbo Richard out with an injury, Beebe gladly showed everyone what he could do.

On a night the Hoosiers looked nothing like the defending national champs, Beebe carried 24 times for 203 yards, scored one touchdown and his late 70-yard burst set up Josh Hoover's game-sealing 1-yard score with 1:56 to go as No. 5 Indiana held on for a 29-23 victory over Northwestern. Beebe was so good, he even earned the highest praise from coach Curt Cignetti.

“That guy’s got a lot of heart,” Cignetti said. “Boy, he’s got as much heart as anyone that’s been in this program the last three years. Not only didn’t he step in, he played and fortunately they couldn’t tackle him. It was all grit and heart.”

The Hoosiers (4-0, 1-0 Big Ten) extended the Football Bowl Subdivision's longest active winning streak to 20 games and the longest home winning streak to 19 — barely.

Northwestern was within 15-13 early in the fourth quarter and had two chances to tie because of a pass-interference call on its first 2-point attempt. But the Hoosiers stopped quarterback Aidan Chiles on a designed run to preserve the lead.

Following a facemask penalty on third-and-19 that gave Indiana a first down, Beebe ripped off a 39-yard run and then ran for a 4-yard TD with 9:39

left to make it a two-score game. After Northwestern cut the deficit to 22-20, Beebe ran 70 yards to the Wildcats 5-yard line. Six plays later, Hoover scored.

Northwestern fell just short of beating a defending national champion for the first time since 1971 and a top five foe for the first time since 1959.

“Our guys kept battling, our coaches kept battling, but the frustrating thing was — I have all the respect for Indiana — but we beat ourselves,” Wildcats coach David Braun said. “We should be coming out of here with the win.”

They certainly had Indiana befuddled in the second half, right down to the final minute.

Jackson Kleather made a 42-yard field goal with 58 seconds left to make it a one-score game, but the Wildcats (2-1, 0-1) couldn't recover the onside kick.

Hoover was 19 of 29 for 201 yards and a touchdown, Charlie Becker had seven catches for 98 yards and Beebe had his second 100-yard game of the season after Turbo Richard left with a lower right leg injury in the first half.

Chiles was 22 of 29 for 293 yards and touchdowns. He also rushed for a score.

The Wildcats opened the game with a goal-line stand, but Chiles fumbled the snap on their first offensive play and Rolijah Hardy tackled him in the end zone for a safety.

Indiana made it 5-0 on Nico Radicic's 43-yard field goal early in the second quarter and extended the margin to 12-0 with Nick Marsh's 8-yard TD catch with 5:04 left in the first half.

But that's all the Hoosiers could muster in a half in which they held Northwestern to 51 total

yards and minus-5 yards on the ground.

THE TAKEAWAY

Northwestern: The Wildcats couldn't get anything right offensively in the first half, but coordinator Chip Kelly turned Chiles loose in the second half and it got them back into the game. The failed 2-point try and the defense's failure to get off the field coast them late.

Indiana: Poll voters penalized the Hoosiers last week, dropping them one spot after a 38-0 rout of Western Kentucky. And this was as vulnerable as Indiana's defense has looked in more than a year. Whether it's an aberration is unclear, but it's likely the Hoosiers will drop in the AP Top 25 again.

INJURY REPORT

Richard appeared to suffer a lower right leg injury when he was tackled out of bounds in the second quarter though no penalty was called. Indiana is also missing RB Khobie Martin with a broken arm. The Hoosiers also lost linebacker Hardy in the second half, and he walked from the field straight to the locker room. Cignetti did not provide any postgame updates.

Northwestern played without injured cornerback Braden Turner and lost cornerback Josh Fussell on the game's first series. He was in street clothes and on crutches before the first quarter ended. Chiles also left for one play after he apparently suffered a dislocated finger on his nonthrowing hand.



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Indiana wide receiver Davion Chandler, front right, is tackled by Northwestern defensive backs Damon Walters (21) and Robert Fitzgerald, left, during the first half of an NCAA college football game on Friday, Sept. 25 in Bloomington, Ind.



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Indiana wide receiver Charlie Becker (80) dives for a pass just out of his reach in the end zone during the first half of an NCAA college football game against Northwestern on Friday, Sept. 25 in Bloomington, Ind.

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	Fund 1 General Fund	Fund2 Special Revenue	Fund 310 Capital Outlay	Fund 320 Building	Fund 360 Construction	Fund 400 Debt Service	Fund 51 Food Service	Fund 52 Day Care	TOTAL
Revenues									
Revenues from local sources									
Taxes									
Property Taxes	11,447,250			4,216,725					15,663,975
Motor vehicle taxes	1,410,000								1,410,000
Utility taxes	1,456,000								1,456,000
Total Taxation revenue	14,313,250			4,216,725					18,529,975
Investment earnings	150,000						8,000		158,000
Tuition								587,000	587,000
School lunch Program	116,000								116,000
Other revenue	104,381						21,000		125,381
Total revenue from local sources	14,567,631			4,216,725			145,000	587,000	19,516,356
Revenue from state sources	12,884,064	2,451,540	313,000	2,159,086			18,000		17,825,690
Revenue from federal sources		2,662,449	342,986				2,283,500		5,288,935
On-Behalf sources	8,980,500						146,000	12,000	9,138,500
Bond Revenue (Saffell & ACMS HVAC)									
Interfund Transfers	1,510,717	141,357				4,077,340			5,729,414
Sale or Compensation for loss of Assets	5,000								5,000
Beginning Balance	4,800,000						250,000	380,000	5,430,000
Total Revenues	42,747,912	5,255,346	313,000	6,375,811		4,420,326	2,842,500	979,000	62,933,894
Expenditures									
Salaries and Benefits									
Instructional	16,644,097	3,056,965							19,701,062
Student Support	684,300	43,095							727,395
Instructional Staff Support	1,097,700	501,215							1,598,915
District Administrative Support	365,100								365,100
School Administrative Support	1,833,400								1,833,400
Business Support	387,800	97,004							484,804
Plant Operations and Maintenance	1,709,300								1,709,300
Transportation	1,563,500								1,563,500
Food Service							1,092,100		1,092,100
Daycare Operations								862,500	862,500
Community Services	232,622								232,622
Total Salaries and Benefits	24,285,197		3,930,902				1,092,100	862,500	30,170,699
Vendor Payments	14,354,031	1,299,177					1,491,884	60,996	17,206,088
Contingency		1,235,471		1,235,471					
Debt Service and Miscellaneous Payments	226,653	19,250				4,420,326	5,700	950	4,672,879
Transfers and on-behalf payments	141,357	6,017	313,000	5,140,340			128,700	20,000	5,749,414
Total Expenditures	39,007,238	5,255,346	313,000	6,375,811		4,420,326	2,718,384	944,446	59,034,551
Net Change in Fund Balance	3,740,674						124,116	34,554	3,899,344