

In a game that featured 0 touchdowns it was the North Dakota State defense that was the difference at the Fargo Dome to lead the Bison to a 9-3 victory over Illinois State in the FCS Quarterfinals.

The Bison offense was held without a touchdown for the first time since 2014 against Northern Iowa, but the NDSU defense held ISU to 194 total yards and just a field goal.

It was 3 field goals by Griffin Crosa that was the difference for North Dakota State along with 7 receptions for 107 yards for Bison receiver Christian Watson.

Trey Lance was held in check in the passing game throwing for 135 yards on 10 of 21 passing. Lance lead NDSU with 58 rushing yards on 11 carries.

James Robinson rushed for 108 yards on 24 carries in the loss for the Redbirds.

North Dakota State moves on to face Montana State in the FCS Semifinals on Saturday.