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MICHIGAN STADIUM ANN ARBOR, MI

QT	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tot
Wisconsin	0	0	7	0	7
Michigan	0	7	0	7	14

M 14

W 7

		WIS	U-M
Second Quarter			
		WIS	MICH
MICH	Hill 1-yard Run (Allen Kick) 14:56 Drive: 11 plays 77 yds 4:41	0	7
Third Quarter			
WIS	Ogunbowale Pass from Hornibrook 17-yards (Endicott Kick) 08:03 Drive: 5 plays 31 yds 2:25	7	7
Fourth Quarter			
MICH	Darboh Pass from Speight 46-yards (Tice Kick) 07:56 Drive: 4 plays 64 yds 1:53	7	14

		WIS	U-M
Total First Downs		8	21
Rushing		4	11
Passing		4	8
Penalty		0	2
Rushing Attempts		28	44
Yards Gained Rushing		100	165
Yards Lost Rushing		29	35
Net Yards Rushing		71	130
Net Yards Passing		88	219
Passes Attempted		25	32
Passes Completed		9	20
Had Intercepted		3	1
Percent Completion		36.0%	62.5%
Yards per Attempt		3.5	6.8
Yards per Completion		9.8	10.9
Total Offensive Plays		53	76
Total Net Yards		159	349
Avg. Gain Per Play		3.0	4.6
Fumbles: No-Lost		1-0	0-0
Penalties: No-Yards		3-30	6-45
Punts: No-Yards		9-321	7-326
Avg. Per Punt		35.7	46.6
Avg. Net Punt		33.6	43.6
Punt Returns: No-Yards		3-21	2-19
Kickoff Returns: No-Yards		1-18	1-14
Interception Returns: No-Yards		1-46	3-9
Fumble Returns: No-Yards		0-0	0-0
Miscellaneous Yards		0	0
Possession Time		24:19	35:41
Third-Down Conversions		4-15	3-15
Percentage		26.7%	20.0%
Fourth-Down Conversions		0-1	0-0
Percentage		0.0%	0.0%
Sacks By: No-Yards		4-32	2-13

MICHIGAN INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Offensive Individual Statistics

Rushing	No	Gain	Lost	Net	Avg	TD	Lg
Smith	17	67	1	66	3.9	0	16
Isaac	8	48	0	48	6.0	0	13
Evans	8	36	2	34	4.2	0	22
Chesson	2	8	0	8	4.0	0	8
Hill	2	2	0	2	1.0	1	1
Morris	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2
Crawford	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
Speight	5	2	32	-30	-6.0	0	2
Total	44	165	35	130	3.0	1	22

Passing	Att	Comp	%	Int	Yds	TD	Lg
Speight	32	20	62.5	1	219	1	46
Total	32	20	62.5	1	219	1	46

Receiving	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Darboh	6	87	1	46
Chesson	5	52	0	24
Butt	3	31	0	23
Perry	2	26	0	20
Evans	1	9	0	9
Smith	2	9	0	5
Poggi	1	5	0	5
Total	20	219	1	46

Field Goals: Allen 0 for 2, Tice 0 for 1.

Punting: Allen 7 (average 46.6, long 56 yds.).

Defensive Individual Statistics

Defense	Tac	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sac	PD	FF	FR
Gedeon	1	5	6	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Glasgow	2	3	5	0.5-4	0.5-4	1	0	0
McCray	1	4	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Godin	3	1	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Lewis	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Thomas	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Wormley	1	3	4	1-5	1-5	0	0	0
Hill	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Peppers	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Charlton	0	2	2	0.5-4	0.5-4	0	0	0
Furbush	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hurst	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Stribling	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	2	0	0
Watson	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Gary	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Speight	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Washington	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Winovich	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

Punt Ret	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Peppers	2	19	0	13
Total	2	19	0	13

Kick Ret	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Peppers	1	14	0	14
Total	1	14	0	14

Interceptions: Stribling 2 for 9 yds, Lewis 1 for 0 yds.

WISCONSIN INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing	No	Gain	Lost	Net	Avg	TD	Lg
Clement	17	68	0	68	4.0	0	19
Peavy	2	23	0	23	11.5	0	17
Ramesh	2	4	0	4	2.0	0	2
Ogunbowale	2	3	0	3	1.5	0	2
Ingold	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2
Team	1	0	13	-13	-13.0	0	0
Hornibrook	3	0	16	-16	-5.3	0	0
Total	28	100	29	71	2.5	0	19

Passing	Att	Comp	%	Int	Yds	TD	Lg
Hornibrook	25	9	36.0	3	88	1	24
Total	25	9	36.0	3	88	1	24

Receiving	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Wheelwright	3	46	0	24
Ogunbowale	3	23	1	17
Fumagalli	2	12	0	7
Peavy	1	7	0	7
Total	9	88	1	24

Field Goals: None.

Punting: Rosowski 4 (average 36.8, long 42) Lotti 5 (average 34.8, long 40).

Returns: Peavy 3 punts for 21 (long 12), Ogunbowale 1 kick for 18 yds.

BY THE NUMBERS

MICHIGAN VS. WISCONSIN QUARTER-BY-QUARTER COMPARISON

Michigan	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
Time of Possession	7:14	8:31	11:35	8:21	15:45	19:56	35:41
3rd-Down Conversions	0-1	1-5	1-4	1-5	1-6	2-9	3-15
4th-Down Conversions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Avg. Field Position	U-M-17	U-M-48	U-M-24	U-M-36	U-M-37	U-M-31	U-M-34
Wisconsin	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Half	2nd Half	Final
Time of Possession	7:46	6:29	3:25	6:39	14:15	10:04	24:19
3rd-Down Conversions	2-4	1-5	1-2	0-4	3-9	1-6	4-15
4th-Down Conversions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	0-0	0-1	0-1
Avg. Field Position	WIS-17	WIS-20	WIS-46	WIS-26	WIS-19	WIS-32	WIS-26

SITUATION TABLES

FIRST AND TEN

	Rushing			Passing			Totals		
	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.
Michigan	19	79	4.2	15	95	6.3	34	174	5.1
Wisconsin	16	69	4.3	4	0	0.0	20	69	3.5

THIRD-DOWN EFFICIENCY

	3rd & 1		3rd & 2-5		3rd & 6-9		3rd & 10+		Totals	
	M/A	Pct.	M/A	Pct.	M/A	Pct.	M/A	Pct.	M/A	Pct.
Michigan	1/1	100.0	1/3	33.3	1/9	11.1	0/2	0.0	3/15	20.0
Wisconsin	1/1	100.0	2/4	50.0	1/5	20.0	0/5	0.0	4/15	26.7

RED ZONE EFFICIENCY (INSIDE 20-YARD LINE)

	Poss.	TDs	FGs	No Score
Michigan	3	1	0	2
Wisconsin	1	1	0	0

PLAY CHART (NO. OF PLAYS)

Yards	U-M	WIS
(-) Yards.....	7	4
0-5 Yards.....	48	38
6-9 Yards.....	9	5
10-19 Yards.....	6	4
20-29 Yards.....	5	2
30-39 Yards.....	0	0
40-49 Yards.....	1	0
50 or more Yards.....	0	0

BIG PLAYS (25 YARDS OR MORE)

MICHIGAN

*1-10 MICH32 Smith rush for 16 yards to the MICH48, PENALTY WIS holding (Sagapolu) 10 yards to the WIS42

*1-10 WIS46 Speight pass complete to Darboh for 46 yards to the WIS0

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MICHIGAN CONTRIBUTORS

OFFENSE — STARTERS

WR	Amara Darboh
TE	Jake Butt
LT	Grant Newsome
LG	Ben Braden
C	Mason Cole
RG	Kyle Kalis
RT	Erik Magnuson
TE	Michael Jocz
WR	Jehu Chesson
QB	Wilton Speight
RB	De'Veon Smith

DEFENSE — STARTERS

DE	Chris Wormley
DT	Matt Godin
DT	Ryan Glasgow
DE	Taco Charlton
LB	Ben Gedeon
LB	Mike McCray
LB	Jabrill Peppers
CB	Channing Stribling
S	Delano Hill
S	Dymonte Thomas
CB	Jourdan Lewis

SPECIAL TEAMS AND RESERVES

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THE SEASON

Game-By-Game Summary	Score	First Downs	Yards Rush	Yards Pass	Passes Com./Att.	Had Int.	Fumbles No./Lost	Penalties No./Yards	Attendance
Hawai'i	3	16	81	151	12/23	2	2/0	8/60	110,222
Michigan	63	26	306	206	17/20	1	0/0	3/33	Home
UCF	14	15	275	56	6/22	0	3/2	9/76	109,295
Michigan	51	23	119	328	27/41	0	2/0	2/20	Home
Colorado	28	15	64	261	18/34	0	1/0	7/46	110,042
Michigan	45	20	168	229	16/30	0	2/1	5/41	Home
Penn State	10	12	70	121	16/27	1	1/1	2/13	110,319
Michigan	49	25	326	189	21/35	0	0/0	7/80	Home
Wisconsin	7	8	71	88	9/25	3	1/0	3/30	111,846
Michigan	14	21	130	219	20/32	1	0/0	6/45	Home

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Recruits React: Michigan Outlasts Wisconsin

Several four and five-star prospects were in attendance for Michigan's 14-7 win over No. 8 Wisconsin.

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Wolverines Clamp Down On Badgers, 14-7

John Borton | Senior Editor

Michigan defused Wisconsin's offense all afternoon long. But the Wolverines needed a bomb to bury the Badgers and dropped it at the perfect time.

Redshirt sophomore quarterback Wilton Speight lit the fuse and fifth-year senior wideout Amara Darboh handled the detonation, hauling in a 46-yard strike for the game-winning score in Michigan's 14-7 win over Wisconsin.

Defenses dominated the hand-to-hand combat between the No. 4 Wolverines (5-0, 2-0) and the No. 8 Badgers (4-1, 1-1), but Michigan unleashed the big play when it counted, with 7:56 remaining in a cliffhanger.

"Pre-snap, Coach [Jedd] Fisch dialed up a good one," Speight (20-of-32 passing, 219 yards, one TD) said. "We all really love that play. It's a play-action where I can take a shot. I saw single high, one-on-one with Darboh. That's probably the best scenario as a quarterback I could see — one-on-one with Amara Darboh.

"I got back to the top of my drop, and I saw he won on his release. It was still solid coverage, so I knew I needed to put it in one spot and one spot only. He made a great play."

"It was perfect," Darboh (six catches, 87 yards) added. "It was one-on-one coverage, and the safety was in the middle. I got inside my guy, and Wilton threw the perfect ball. I just had to run underneath it."

The play stood out like an emaciated Badgers offensive lineman on a day when the defenses — especially Michigan's — dominated.

The Wolverines clamped down defensively, forcing Wisconsin redshirt freshman quarterback Alex Hornibrook — who played admirably in the Badgers' win at Michigan State a week earlier — into an absolutely miserable afternoon.

Hornibrook went 9-of-25 passing for 88 yards and three interceptions, with one touchdown toss. When your offense is netting 71 yards on the ground, that's not going to win many games.

But three missed field goals by the Wolverines kept the Badgers in it until the end. What could have been a relatively comfortable 23-7 victory turned into a nail biter in the fourth quarter, but Michigan's defense proved more than up to the challenge at every turn.

"Defensively, I would say A-plus-plus," Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh said. "No question about it, the defense was a shining star today. That phase of our team was outstand-

ing. Awesome with a capital A."

If it hadn't been for a big turnover, the Badgers might not have scored at all. Still, the Wolverines did what they had to do when they had to do it.

Michigan broke the scoring ice four seconds into the second quarter, redshirt junior fullback Khalid Hill crashing in from a yard out to cap a 77-yard, 11-play touchdown drive. Freshman tailback Chris Evans got things rolling, popping a 22-yard run up the middle, and Speight connected on four of five throws during the drive.

The Wolverines drove right down the field the next time they touched the football as well, but squandered a chance to cash in more points. Speight moved U-M from their own 44 to the Wisconsin 13, but the drive stalled there, and fifth-year senior placekicker Kenny Allen shoved a 31-yard field goal attempt right of the target.

Wisconsin turned the ball right back over after a three-and-out, but Michigan again couldn't take advantage. This time around, Allen overcorrected and missed left on a 43-yarder, keeping the Badgers within a touchdown.

"Obviously, we left nine points off the scoreboard," Harbaugh said. "You've got to put those points on the board. Points on the board are what really matter. We'll have a little kicking competition this week, and it will be a little opportunity for [sophomore] Ryan Tice, and yeah ... we'll see if we can't make them next time."

The visitors' offense remained effective as a cheeseball laxative, barely moving into Michigan territory following their game-opening possession. U-M's kicking woes still left the game up for grabs.

The Badgers finally smashed down the scoring door, boosted by a huge turnover. Michigan had moved to the Wisconsin 25, the drive aided by a Badgers penalty for roughing the snapper on a U-M punt.

But a Badger tipped Speight's pass down the middle, the ball tumbling into the hands of cornerback Derrick Tindal who raced back downfield all the way to Michigan's 31, Speight knocking him out of bounds.

Five plays later, Hornibrook found running back Dare Ogunbowale on the wheel route, churning behind the defense for a 17-yard touchdown reception. Just like that, a game that the Wolverines had dominated in many ways stood dead even at 7-7, at the 8:03 mark of the third quarter.

Scarily for the home crowd, the script remained the same on Michigan's would-be answering possession.

The Wolverines drove it from their own 14 deep into Wisconsin territory, but once again stalled on offense. This time,

Michigan subbed in Tice for Allen, but without reward.

Tice missed a 40-yard field goal, bringing the Wolverines' three-point tally to 0 for 3 on the afternoon. Under increasingly threatening skies, Michigan's special teams effort added to the gloom.

"I never thought it was ideal for Kenny to do the punting, the kickoffs and the field goals," Harbaugh said. "It's a lot. It's probably too much, and this will be an opportunity for Ryan Tice to step up this week and carry that duty. I think he's more than capable of doing it."

Darboh, meanwhile, dropped a big third-down pass, ending the Michigan drive just prior to the go-ahead score. But he more than made up for it on the Wolverines' crucial next series.

Michigan's defense did the rest, thwarting the Badgers on possession after possession. Senior cornerback Jourdan Lewis put the exclamation point on the effort, elevating and hanging in the air for what seemed an eternity to make a mesmerizing, one-handed interception to end Wisconsin's final attempt. That supplemented senior cornerback Channing Stribling's two previous pickoffs and bedeviled Hornibrook.

Michigan now takes its show on the road for the first time all season, heading to Rutgers for a night game next week.

"Two years ago, we went to Rutgers," Speight recalled. "It was a hectic crowd, a blackout night game. We just need to keep our composure and play football."

Top Five Players Of The Game

1. Senior cornerback Channing Stribling — Stribling represented well a host of Michigan play stoppers and playmakers. His two interceptions and two pass breakups contributed mightily to an afternoon Wisconsin quarterback Alex Hornibrook will want to soon forget.

2. Senior cornerback Jourdan Lewis — Lewis secured the aforementioned highlight-reel pickoff, but he remained a thorn in the Badgers paw all day. His tight coverage made it very tough to getting a passing attack going, increasing the pressure on Hornibrook.

3. Fifth-year senior defensive lineman Chris Wormley — Wormley got credited for 1.5 sacks and four tackles, staying strong in a Michigan defensive line that limited the Badgers to 71 yards rushing and delivered four sacks.

4. Redshirt sophomore quarterback Wilton Speight — Speight made one big mistake, throwing an interception on a tipped pass that set up Wisconsin's only touchdown. But in a duel of QBs, he made far fewer mistakes and frequently put the Wolverines in position to enjoy a more comfortable afternoon, had the kickers come through.

5. Fifth-year senior wideout Amara Darboh — Darboh caught the game-winner, a 46-yard touchdown pass that proved the difference. But he also easily out-distanced all other receivers from both teams with a half-dozen grabs for 87 yards.

Michigan Football Report Card: Grading A 14-7 Win Over Wisconsin

Chris Balas | Senior Editor

Grading Michigan after a hard-fought, 14-7 win over Wisconsin.

Rushing Offense: B-

Michigan averaged only 3.0 yards per carry, but the numbers were skewed heavily by sack yardage. Redshirt sophomore quarterback Wilton Speight went down four times for minus-32 yards, bringing the net rushing yardage down from 162 to 130. The Wolverines rushed for 160 yards on 39 designed running plays, or 4.1 yards per carry, against a very stout Wisconsin front seven and only lost three total yards when backs were caught behind the line of scrimmage.

Redshirt junior Ty Isaac came up big in the second half, helping the Wolverines move the chains and gain valuable yardage in what was a field-position game. He finished with 48 yards, 44 in the second half, and averaged 6.0 yards per carry.

Passing Offense: C+

Speight completed 20 of 32 passes for 219 yards with one touchdown and one interception (probably should have been two), and he made the biggest play when it counted. He opted out of a play designed for senior tight end Jake Butt to find fifth-year senior receiver Amara Darboh down the left sideline on a perfectly thrown ball for the 46-yard, game-winning score.

The passing game is about more than just Speight, though — pass protection was sketchy, at best, leading to four sacks and three pressures officially (though it was probably more — that's a subjective statistic), and there was plenty of blame to go around. Senior De'Veon Smith, fifth-year senior right tackle Erik Magnuson and fifth-year senior left guard Ben Braden all had blatant whiffs in pass protection. Darboh also dropped a critical third-and-two pass.

Rushing Defense: A

Michigan owned the trenches on defense, limiting running back Corey Clement to 68 yards on 17 carries, 19 of them coming on one play on which it appeared redshirt junior linebacker Mike McCray was held on the edge and 16 on another in the second half. He managed only 35 yards on his other 15 runs. The Badgers continued to try to run into the heart of the Michigan line on first down, usually to no avail. Eleven of their 15

first-down carries went for three yards or less, and that played a big role in Wisconsin's 4-of-15 third-down conversion success. Down and distance favored the Michigan defense throughout because of how they stopped the run.

Passing Defense: A

Michigan's secondary was one of the primary differences in the game. Senior cornerback Jourdan Lewis showed his athleticism by closing quickly on a first-down run and a third-down pass that forced a punt on one of Wisconsin's late drives, and then he sealed it with his one-handed interception on fourth down. Senior cornerback Channing Stribling was one of the stars of the game with two interceptions, and the safeties were also exceptional in coverage. Badgers quarterback Alex Hornibrook threw for only 88 yards and was picked off three times, sacked twice and pressured (officially) three more times — though again, it was likely more. The Wolverines also broke up five passes.

Special Teams: D

What would have been an "F" due to three missed field goals "improves" to a D because of some good punts and some solid coverage. The field goal misses included two by fifth-year senior Kenny Allen and one by redshirt freshman Ryan Tice. Allen redeemed himself with a couple of booming punts and averaged an impressive 46.6 yards per kick. He also managed two touchbacks on three kickoffs.

Redshirt sophomore punt return man Jabrill Peppers notched a 13-yard return on his two attempts and fair caught three more punts cleanly.

U-M also moved backwards on three different penalties against the punt team, though Harbaugh took exception to all of them.

Offense Notes: Amara Darboh Comes In Clutch

Leland Mitchinson | Intern

Michigan opened the game Saturday with three straight passing plays, although pressure forced junior quarterback Wilton Speight to keep it on his first drop-back of the game. He then completed his first two pass attempts, one of which was a 23-yard connection with senior tight end Jake Butt.

Though the opening drive and initial intent to throw the ball seemed promising for the Wolverines, Michigan was stagnant throughout the game after punching the ball into the end zone on the first play of the second quarter.

Despite the Wisconsin defense making it tough to move the

ball all day for the Wolverines, fifth-year senior Amara Darboh extended his streak of games with a catch to 25.

Late in the fourth quarter with the game on the line, Michigan finally found pay dirt on a 46-yard pass from redshirt sophomore quarterback Wilton Speight to Darboh. The catch was a career long for Darboh and marks his fifth receiving touchdown of the season, matching his season total from 2015. Only 11 players in the country have more touchdowns through the air.

"I got back to the top of my drop, and I saw he won on his release," Speight said. "It was still solid coverage, so I knew I needed to put it in one spot and one spot only. He made a great play."

Added Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh: "We were under center, play-action pass. Really the play's designed to go to Jake Butt, but I saw Wilton wheel and throw it to Amara. [Speight] saw Amara had a step on him or two."

Wisconsin Linebackers Limit Michigan Offense

The Michigan offense totaled a season-high 515 yards a week ago against Penn State, but a strong Wisconsin defense limited the Wolverine offense to 349 total yards Saturday.

Wisconsin ran a 3-4 defensive scheme against Michigan, which allowed a strong linebacking group to flourish.

Despite missing standout linebacker Vince Beigel, who was ruled out in the week leading up to the game, the top three tacklers for Wisconsin were all linebackers. They each had at least 11 tackles on the day.

Wisconsin outside linebacker T.J. Watt was named Walter Camp National Defensive Player of the Week after his 3.5 tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks against Michigan State. He followed that performance up with 11 tackles, two tackles for loss and a sack against the Wolverines.

"It says a lot about our team," Darboh said of the win. "Wisconsin is a very tough football team — very good defense, very good offense. Us beating this team says a lot about our character, says a lot about the players on our team."

Wisconsin's defense led the country in points allowed last year with 13.7 points given up per game. This year, the Badgers came into the game allowing just 11.8 (after the game, they still rank fifth nationally, at 12.2).

Opposing teams had found the end zone just three times all season against the UW defense in the first four games (they had also allowed an interception and punt return for scores), though with two touchdowns Michigan nearly matched that total in a single game.

Miscellaneous Notes

- The win was Michigan's 50th over Wisconsin.
- This was the first top-10 matchup between the two teams.
- The last top-10 matchup in The Big House was the Ohio State game in 2015. Michigan lost that game 42-13.
- Coming into the game Wisconsin was riding an eight-game road-win streak. In their previous 13 games away from home the Badgers had only lost to Ohio State in 2014 and Alabama in 2015. Those teams went on to win the national championship in each of those seasons and both were at neutral sites.
- Head coaches Jim Harbaugh and Paul Chryst came into the game with matching overall and Big Ten records in their first two years with their respective alma maters (14-3, 7-2 Big Ten).
- It had been six years since Michigan and Wisconsin had faced one another. The longest drought in series history was nine years from 1950-1959.
- Junior linebacker Jabrill Peppers saw snaps at quarterback for the first time this season, though he handed the ball off each time.
- Harbaugh actually holds the highest passing yardage high mark for the Wolverines in the series against Wisconsin. The current coach threw for 310 yards against the Badgers in 1986.

Defense Notes: Michigan Turns The Tide With Big Interceptions

Leland Mitchinson | Intern

Starting just his second career game, Wisconsin's quarterback Alex Hornibrook had a daunting task ahead of him, taking on the Michigan defense. The left-handed redshirt freshman made his first start last week in another top-10 matchup against Michigan State, and though he led his team to a victory against the Spartans he was unable to repeat his performance Saturday.

The Michigan defense entered the game with 17 sacks and 45 tackles for loss on the season, good for second and first in the Big Ten, respectively. Against the Badgers the defensive front had another strong day, adding two more in each category — U-M now ties for third nationally with 20 sacks, while its average of 9.4 tackles for loss per contest ranks fifth in the land.

However, it was the defensive backfield that really made life unpleasant for Wisconsin.

Senior cornerback Channing Stribling pulled in two inter-

ceptions, bringing his season total to three. Stribling had a 51-yard interception return for a touchdown against Hawai'i in the team's first game of the season. His second pick of the day came on a crucial defensive series in the fourth quarter, with Wisconsin trying to answer Michigan's second touchdown with a score of its own.

"I think he got his hands on four or five balls during the game and two interceptions," Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh said. "That's outstanding for a corner, and he tackled. I thought he had a heck of a ballgame, as well. Both our corners really played well today."

The last time a Michigan player had two interceptions in a single game was 2013, when Thomas Gordon posted a pair of picks against Indiana. Michigan won that game 63-47.

"We know how good [the defense is], and at any given moment they can make a big play," senior running back Ty Isaac said. "You can just kind of feel it. Sometimes they go on that field and it might be a sack, forced fumble, something. The defense is going to make something happen, and it's huge for us because you get great field position and keep their offense off the field."

Not to be outdone, senior cornerback Jourdan Lewis made a spectacular, diving interception in the fourth quarter to effectively end Wisconsin's hopes of winning the game. The interception is his first of the season and fifth of his career. Despite an outstanding campaign last year, Lewis had just two interceptions in 2015.

"The most impressive thing about it was he jumped a little early," Harbaugh said. "I was a little nervous he was going to come down and the ball was just going to go over his fingertips. But he was able to hang in the air and come down with it and made a spectacular play."

Special Teams Fall Short

Coming into Saturday's game Michigan's special teams play had been a bright spot for the team. Against the Badgers, however, the Wolverines struggled mightily in that phase of the game.

The kicking game, in particular, was a problem for Michigan. Senior Kenny Allen missed his two field goal attempts, from 31 and 43 yards.

Allen also missed two field goals in the team's second game of the season against Colorado, and his four misses so far this season match his total number of misfires all of last year.

"I never thought it was ideal for Kenny to do the punting, the kickoffs and the field goals," Harbaugh said. "It's a lot. It's probably too much, and this will be an opportunity for Ryan Tice to step up this week and carry that duty."

Allen was replaced in the third quarter by Tice, a sophomore. Tice then missed his lone attempt from 40 yards out, though he did make an extra point after Michigan's second touchdown.

Michigan couldn't get a spark from its return game either, which had routinely provided great field position (and sometimes points) so far this season. The Wolverines entered the game leading the conference in punt return average, and individually junior linebacker Jabrill Peppers was No. 1 in the Big Ten and third in the country in that category.

Though Peppers was averaging 22.7 yards per return, he was unable to generate good starting field position for his team, running back two punt returns for a total of just 19 yards.

Miscellaneous Notes

- Wisconsin came into the game averaging 20.3 snaps per game more than its opponents. On Saturday, Wisconsin ran 53 plays to Michigan's 76.

- With six tackles, senior linebacker Ben Gedeon led the Wolverines in stops for the third straight week.

- Michigan held Wisconsin to 71 yards rushing. The Badgers had rushed for at least 120 yards in each of their previous four games.

Wolverine Watch: Defense Shines In A Close One

John Borton | Senior Editor

Alex Hornibrook knew it was going to be tough. He couldn't have imagined it would be this tough.

After all, he'd made his starting debut just a week earlier, in "The Woodshed," so dubbed by Michigan State football personnel. He'd held up pretty well versus the defending Big Ten champions.

He probably wasn't expecting another 30-6 wood shredding by the Badgers, but there's no way he anticipated this backside full of splinters.

Hornibrook completed barely a third of his passes in Wisconsin's 14-7 loss at Michigan. He covered 88 yards on nine completions and hooked up with Wolverines on one-third as many throws as he did his own Badgers.

Michigan sacked him two times, surrendering only one touchdown drive directed by the redshirt freshman. That one covered 31 yards, set up by a long interception return.

On a day when the Wolverines' offense stalled out on touch-

downs and the home team couldn't kick the bucket with Dr. Kevorkian in attendance, U-M's defense wouldn't let a loss happen. When Wisconsin's understated head coach Paul Chryst summed it up, he gave a nod to an old nemesis — Michigan defensive coordinator Don Brown.

"They've got a good defense," Chryst said. "I've always had a lot of respect [when] going up against Coach Brown. It's a good scheme, with really good players. It presents some challenges. They played us a ton of man. How many did we win? Not enough."

Not nearly enough. Not enough to cover one length of the field in an afternoon's worth of throws. Not enough to make 160 yards of total offense. Not enough to keep Michigan's defensive backs from a trio of interceptions, just like the Badgers pulled off on MSU quarterback Tyler O'Connor a week earlier.

One of those goes into the all-time highlight vault. With the Wolverines clinging to a one-touchdown lead and the final moments ticking away, Hornibrook unloaded a hope and a prayer. For a split second, it appeared far more than that.

Wisconsin wideout George Rushing didn't enjoy much separation at all from U-M All-American senior cornerback Jourdan Lewis. But anything can happen on a 50-50 ball, including a swing and a miss by the defensive back and a breakaway touchdown to tie the game.

"No. No. NO," Lewis insisted, waving off the notion like it involved a meteor hitting Michigan Stadium to intervene. "You have to react. I knew I was going to get my hand on the ball, so why not go up there and try to snatch it down?"

Snatch it he did. Lewis elevated — make that levitated — for what seemed several seconds, then one-handed the pickoff, bringing it into his body while crashing to the turf.

"It was me reacting," Lewis said. "I caught a one-handed interception in practice, but I wasn't in the air that long. It was crazy. It was definitely crazy."

Never mind that had he merely knocked it down, Michigan would have taken over inside Wisconsin's 10 on the fourth-down play. This represented sheer athletic brilliance, a midair Rudolf Nureyev act with a little Willie Mays thrown in for good measure.

"I've seen [New York Giants wideout] Odell Beckham Jr. do that," Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh marvelled. "It looked like that kind of play. The most impressive thing about it was he jumped a little early. I was a little nervous he was going to come down, and the ball was just going to go over his fingertips. But he was able to hang in the air and come down with it and made a spectacular play.

"Then I was thinking, it was fourth down. It would have been better had he not intercepted it. But I'm really happy he did

because it was a spectacular, spectacular football play, athletic play and really unbelievable.”

It marked the signature capper on a game tape worthy of a ceremonial burning by offense-minded Wisconsin fans.

Make no mistake, the No. 4 Wolverines come away from this showdown with issues. They weren't exactly unstoppable in the red zone, going 1 for 3 on TDs. They went 0 for 3 on field goals, and they're conducting kicking tryouts this week.

Worst of all, they lost their starting left tackle, sophomore Grant Newsome, to an injury Harbaugh acknowledged will require surgery.

But at 5-0, with an on-field bye (Rutgers) next week, an actual bye the week after and a defense telling QBs bye-bye week by week, Michigan isn't cracking anytime soon.

Everyone was looking by a statement game by the Wolverines in a showdown between top-10 teams. The defense made one, and intends to just keep talking.

What They're Saying: Michigan 14, Wisconsin 7

Austin Fox | Contributor

Michigan defeated No. 8 Wisconsin on Saturday in The Big House, 14-7, in an old-fashioned, grind-it-out Big Ten showdown. Michigan's defense dominated Wisconsin, holding the Badgers to 159 yards of offense, including just 71 on the ground.

The Maize and Blue's offense stalled throughout much of the game, though, as three missed field goals nearly doomed the Wolverines. However, redshirt sophomore quarterback Wilton Speight stepped up when the Wolverines needed him most, tossing a perfectly thrown 46-yard touchdown pass to fifth-year senior receiver Amara Darboh with just 7:56 left in the game.

Senior cornerback Jourdan Lewis proceeded to make an incredible one-handed interception on Wisconsin's final possession to seal the victory. Find out what they're saying about the win here:

Garrett Fishaw, Bleacher Report: Wisconsin vs. Michigan: Game Grades, Analysis for the Wolverines

“Offense: C-

“Coming into the game, Michigan was averaging 52 points per game. That was not the case Saturday as Wisconsin's stout defense played extremely well, stifling the Wolverines throughout the game. That was especially the case for the offensive

line, which struggled to open up holes in the running game and pass protect on 3rd-and-long plays, and Wilton Speight, who had trouble with his accuracy once again.

“While struggles were happening all over the place, including drops from receivers, Speight and Amara Darboh connected twice in the fourth quarter. The first pass was a beautiful slant route to pick up a third down, and then the two connected on a 46-yard touchdown to put the Wolverines up for good.

“There are plenty of questions to be answered moving forward as the offense never got into a rhythm against its first real test. But, a win's a win.”

Anthony Broome, Maize N Brew: Takeaways from Michigan's 14-7 win over Wisconsin

“A win is a win is a win...”

“That statement is true, but Michigan gave up a lot of opportunities to extend their lead and really put a stamp on this one. Kenny Allen missed a pair of field goals and Ryan Tice missed one of his own.

“Wilton Speight threw his first interception since the first snap of the season and had a few errant throws throughout the day. Penalties also became an issue.

“At the end of the day, people are going to be worried about what they saw, but this all occurred against one of the best teams in college football and the Wolverines got it done.

“A road trip to Rutgers awaits and then there is a bye week before they come home to play Illinois. There is a lot of time to fix the fixable things and get better and what they already do.”

Bill Bender, Sporting News: No. 4 Michigan 14, No. 8 Wisconsin 7: Five things we learned

“Michigan won a big game, OK?”

“Through all those mistakes, the Wolverines still proved something with the victory against the Badgers. Michigan had lost its past 10 games against Top 10 opponents, the last victory coming on Sept. 27, 2008, in a 27-25 comeback win against none other than Wisconsin. That should silence some of the critics, but Michigan's biggest tests the rest of the way will still come on the road. The Wolverines have had five straight home games heading into next week's trip to Rutgers. The road games at Michigan State, Iowa and Ohio State still loom. There's work to do before catching No. 2 Ohio State, but the Wolverines are 5-0 and finally won a “big game.” That's a start.”

Larry Lage, Kenosha News: No. 4 Michigan stifles No. 8 Wisconsin 14-7

“The takeaway

“Wisconsin:

“The Badgers never led. They were coming off a 30-6 win against then-No. 8 Michigan State on the road following a season-opening victory against then-No. 5 LSU.

“They could not overcome the turnovers made by Hornibrook and failed to establish their running game, getting held to just 71 yards on the ground.

“You look at yourself and areas that you can do better,” Chryst said. “And yet, you still have to give the opponent credit and I think that’s what today was.”

“Michigan:

“The Wolverines suddenly have some serious woes on special teams. Allen’s misses dropped him to 4 of 8 on field goals this season. The Wolverines were also plagued by penalties on punts.”

Jim Polzin, Wisconsin State Journal: Badgers football: Quick analysis of Wisconsin’s 14-7 loss at Michigan

“GAME BALL

“Channing Stribling: The Michigan senior cornerback had two interceptions and helped limit UW’s leading receiver, Jazz Peavy, to one catch for seven yards.

“THUMBS UP

“T.J. Watt: Even without his tag-team partner Vince Biegel in the lineup, Watt was still a menace. The junior outside linebacker finished with 11 tackles overall, including two for loss, and upped his season sack total to 5½.

“THUMBS DOWN

“UW’s offensive line: Michigan’s defensive line controlled the line of scrimmage most of the game. Not only did the Badgers have a tough time opening up holes in the running game, quarterback Alex Hornibrook was under constant pressure.”

Big Ten Recap: Week Five

Austin Fox | Contributor

Illinois (1-3, 0-1 Big Ten)

Illinois lost at No. 15 Nebraska, 31-16 ... The Illini led 13-10 at halftime, but were outscored 21-3 in the second half ... Fifth-year senior quarterback Wes Lunt had a sub-par day, com-

pleting just 13 of 22 passes for 133 yards and no touchdowns ... Illinois won the turnover battle, 2-0.

Indiana (3-1, 1-0 Big Ten)

Indiana defeated No. 17 Michigan State, 24-21, in an overtime thriller Saturday night ... Junior running back Devine Redding rushed for 100 yards and averaged 5.3 yards per carry ... That was the Hoosiers’ first win over Michigan State since 2006 ... Indiana missed a field goal in its overtime possession, but a leaping penalty against the Spartans gave the Hoosiers a second opportunity, which led to the game-winning kick.

Iowa (3-2, 1-1 Big Ten)

Iowa was upset at home by Northwestern, 38-31 ... Fifth-year senior receiver Riley McCarron caught eight passes for 78 yards and a touchdown ... Redshirt junior linebacker Josey Jewell led the Iowa defense with 16 tackles ... The Hawkeye offense only racked up 283 total yards.

Maryland (4-0, 1-0 Big Ten)

Maryland destroyed Purdue in impressive fashion on Saturday, 50-7 ... Sophomore running back Ty Johnson had an amazing day on the ground, rushing for 204 yards and two touchdowns, while averaging 29.1 yards per carry ... The Terps had the game in hand by halftime, leading 29-0 ... Maryland’s defense held Purdue to just 10 rushing yards.

No. 17 Michigan State (2-2, 0-2 Big Ten)

No. 17 Michigan State dropped an overtime heartbreaker at Indiana, 24-21 ... The Spartans outgained the Hoosiers by one yard, 438-437 ... Senior receiver R.J. Shelton hauled in 141 receiving yards, averaging 20.1 yards per catch ... Standout junior defensive lineman Malik McDowell was ejected for targeting late in the fourth quarter.

Minnesota (3-1, 0-1 Big Ten)

Minnesota fell in overtime at Penn State, 29-26 ... Redshirt sophomore running back Rodney Smith rushed for 104 yards, while sophomore Shannon Brooks ran for 100 ... Redshirt junior receiver Brian Smith hauled in seven passes for 101 yards ... The Gophers kicked a field goal in their sole overtime possession, but the defense then gave up a game-winning, 25-yard touchdown run to Penn State sophomore running back Saquon Barkley.

No. 15 Nebraska (5-0, 2-0 Big Ten)

No. 15 Nebraska defeated Illinois, 31-16, in a game that was closer than the final score suggests ... Senior running back Terrell Newby had an outstanding day on the ground, rushing for 140 yards and two touchdowns ... The Cornhuskers outscored the Illini 21-0 in the fourth quarter ... Nebraska outgained Illinois, 423-270.

Northwestern (2-3, 1-1 Big Ten)

Northwestern picked up its first conference victory, winning at Iowa, 38-31 ... Redshirt sophomore quarterback Clayton Thorson only threw for 164 yards, but he tossed three touchdown passes to fifth-year senior Austin Carr ... Junior running back Justin Jackson ran for 171 yards and averaged 6.6 yards per carry ... Fifth-year senior defensive lineman Ifeadi Odenigbo recorded four sacks for the Wildcat defense.

No. 2 Ohio State (4-0, 1-0 Big Ten)

No. 2 Ohio State demolished Rutgers, 58-0 ... Redshirt junior quarterback J.T. Barrett completed 21 of 29 passes for 238 yards and four touchdowns ... Redshirt freshman running back Mike Weber compiled 144 yards on the ground, while freshman DeMario McCall ran for 85 ... The Buckeyes outgained the Scarlet Knights, 669-116.

Penn State (3-2, 1-1 Big Ten)

Penn State picked up a much-needed win, defeating Minnesota, 29-26, in overtime ... Redshirt sophomore quarterback Trace McSorley threw for 335 yards and rushed for another 73 ... Junior receiver Chris Godwin racked up 97 yards through the air, while redshirt freshman Irvin Charles hauled in 80 on just one reception ... Junior safety Marcus Allen led the defense with 22 tackles, more than double the stop total of anybody else in the game.

Purdue (2-2, 0-1 Big Ten)

Purdue was blown out at Maryland, 50-7 ... Sophomore running back Markell Jones was held to 23 yards on 12 carries ... Redshirt sophomore quarterback David Blough only completed 18 of 41 passes for 132 yards ... The Boilermakers were held to 0.4 yards per carry on 27 attempts.

Rutgers (2-3, 0-2 Big Ten)

Rutgers was demolished at No. 2 Ohio State, 58-0 ... Redshirt junior quarterback Chris Laviano completed only three of 12 passes for 33 yards ... Redshirt freshman receiver Jawuan Harris hauled in three catches and was actually the only Scarlet Knight to record a reception on the day ... Senior safety Anthony Cioffi was able to intercept one of OSU junior quarterback J.T. Barrett's passes.

No. 8 Wisconsin (4-1, 1-1 Big Ten)

No. 8 Wisconsin lost a tightly-contested battle at No. 4 Michigan, 14-7 ... In his second career start, redshirt freshman quarterback Alex Hornibrook completed just nine of 25 passes with three interceptions ... The Badgers held the Wolverines to 3 of 15 on third-down conversions ... The loss was Wisconsin's first in an away game since Oct. 4, 2014, when it lost at Northwestern, 20-14.

Results for Oct. 1

- Northwestern 38, Iowa 31
- No. 2 Ohio State 58, Rutgers 0
- Maryland 50, Purdue 7
- *No. 4 Michigan 14, No. 8 Wisconsin 7*
- No. 15 Nebraska 31, Illinois 16
- Penn State 29, Minnesota 26
- Indiana 24, No. 17 Michigan State 21



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