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KINNICK STADIUM IOWA CITY, IOWA

QT	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Tot
Michigan	3	7	0	3	13
Iowa	0	8	3	3	14



14 **M** **13**

		U-M	IOWA			U-M	IOWA	
First Quarter								
U-M	Allen 26-yard Field Goal 04:00 Drive: 10 plays 23 yds 3:27	3	0			Total First Downs	14 17	
Second Quarter								
U-M	Isaac 7-yard Run (Allen Kick) 08:56 Drive: 9 plays 72 yds 4:29	10	0			Rushing	5 13	
IOWA	Safety 06:31	10	2			Passing	7 2	
IOWA	Wadley Pass from Beathard 3-yards (Beathard Pass Fail) 01:27 Drive: 7 plays 52 yds 2:47	10	8			Penalty	2 2	
Third Quarter								
IOWA	Duncan 25-yard Field Goal 09:55 Drive: 10 plays 36 yds 5:05	10	11			Rushing Attempts	35 49	
Fourth Quarter								
U-M	Allen 51-yard Field Goal 09:35 Drive: 12 plays 60 yds 5:40	13	11			Yards Gained Rushing	123 196	
IOWA	Duncan 33-yard Field Goal 00:00 Drive: 5 plays 21 yds 1:23	13	14			Yards Lost Rushing	25 32	
Game Summary								
Net Yards Rushing								98 164
Net Yards Passing								103 66
Total Offensive Plays								61 68
Total Net Yards								201 230
Avg. Gain Per Play								3.3 3.4
Fumbles: No-Lost								2-1 0-0
Penalties: No-Yards								5-48 3-24
Punts: No-Yards								6-244 6-282
Avg. Per Punt								40.7 47.0
Avg. Net Punt								37.8 43.8
Punt Returns: No-Yards								1-19 3-17
Kickoff Returns: No-Yards								2-39 4-74
Interception Returns: No-Yards								1-0 1-0
Fumble Returns: No-Yards								0-0 0-0
Miscellaneous Yards								0 0
Possession Time								27:15 32:45
Third-Down Conversions								5-15 4-16
Percentage								33.3% 25.0%
Fourth-Down Conversions								0-0 2-3
Percentage								0.0% 66.7%
Sacks By: No-Yards								3-20 2-10

MICHIGAN INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Offensive Individual Statistics

Rushing	No	Gain	Lost	Net	Avg	TD	Lg
Evans	8	52	0	52	6.5	0	12
Smith	12	33	5	28	2.3	0	7
Peppers	4	12	1	11	2.8	0	7
Isaac	1	7	0	7	7.0	1	7
McDoom	2	6	2	4	2.0	0	6
Hill	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2
Higdon	3	4	7	-3	-1.0	0	4
Speight	4	7	10	-3	-0.8	0	4
Total	35	123	25	98	2.8	1	12

Passing	Att	Comp	%	Int	Yds	TD	Lg
Speight	26	11	42.3	1	103	0	29
Total	26	11	42.3	1	103	0	29

Receiving	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Butt	4	39	0	17
Chesson	2	30	0	29
Poggi	1	12	0	12
Perry	1	10	0	10
Darboh	1	5	0	5
Harris	1	4	0	4
Evans	1	3	0	3
Total	11	103	0	29

Field Goals: Allen 2 for 2 (long 51)..

Punting: Allen 6 (average 40.7, long 52).

Defensive Individual Statistics

Defense	Tac	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sac	PD	FF	FR
Thomas	8	2	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Gedeon	4	5	9	1-1	0-0	0	0	0
McCray	5	2	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Wormley	4	2	6	2-13	1-12	0	0	0
Hurst	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Peppers	5	0	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Charlton	3	1	4	1-2	1-2	0	0	0
Hill	3	1	4	1-3	0-0	1	0	0
Stribling	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Gary	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Glasgow	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Glasgow	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Godin	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Lewis	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Mone	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Furbush	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Harris	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kinnel	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Winovich	1	0	1	1-6	1-6	0	0	0
Punt Ret	No	Yds	TD	Lg				
Peppers	1	19	0	19				
Kick Ret	No	Yds	TD	Lg				
Hill	1	23	0	13				
Peppers	1	16	0	16				
Total	2	39	0	16				

Interceptions: Stribling 1 for 0 yds..

IOWA INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing	No	Gain	Lost	Net	Avg	TD	Lg
Wadley	23	116	1	115	5.0	0	22
Daniels	14	55	1	54	3.9	0	16
Smith	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8
TEAM	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0
Coluzzi	1	0	5	-5	-5.0	0	0
Beathard	9	17	23	-6	-0.7	0	8
Total	49	196	32	164	3.3	0	22

Passing	Att	Comp	%	Int	Yds	TD	Lg
Beathard	19	8	42.1	1	66	1	27
Total	19	8	42.1	1	66	1	27

Receiving	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Wadley	5	52	1	27
Smith	2	10	0	9
McCarron	1	4	0	4
Total	8	66	1	27

Field Goals: Duncan 2 for 2 (long 33), Recinos 0 for 1.

Punting: Coluzzi 6 (average 47.0, long 54).

Returns: King 4 kicks for 74 (long 23), 3 punts for 17 (long 8).



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BY THE NUMBERS

MICHIGAN VS. IOWA QUARTER-BY-QUARTER COMPARISON

Iowa	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
Time of Possession	8:55	8:08	11:34	4:08	17:03	15:42	32:45
3rd-Down Conversions	1-4	0-4	1-5	2-3	1-8	3-8	4-16
4th-Down Conversions	0-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	1-2	1-1	2-3
Avg. Field Position	IOWA-27	IOWA-27	IOWA-30	IOWA-37	IOWA-27	IOWA-33	IOWA-30
Michigan	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Half	2nd Half	Final
Time of Possession	6:05	6:52	3:26	10:52	12:57	14:18	27:15
3rd-Down Conversions	1-3	1-3	0-2	3-7	2-6	3-9	5-15
4th-Down Conversions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Avg. Field Position	U-M-38	U-M-22	U-M-28	U-M-28	U-M-27	U-M-28	U-M-27

SITUATION TABLES

FIRST AND TEN

	Rushing			Passing			Totals		
	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.
Iowa	22	129	5.9	7	34	4.9	29	163	5.6
Michigan	18	72	4.0	7	34	4.9	25	106	4.2

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.
Iowa	3/3	100.0	0/5	0.0	1/4	25.0	0/4	0.0	4/16	25.0
Michigan	1/2	50.0	4/6	66.7	0/5	0.0	0/2	0.0	5/15	33.3

RED ZONE EFFICIENCY (INSIDE 20-YARD LINE)

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

PLAY CHART (NO. OF PLAYS)

Yards	IOWA	U-M
(-) Yards.....	8	8
0-5 Yards.....	43	36
6-9 Yards.....	9	11
10-19 Yards.....	6	5
20-29 Yards.....	2	1
30-39 Yards.....	0	0
40-49 Yards.....	0	0
50 or more Yards.....	0	0

BIG PLAYS (25 YARDS OR MORE)

Iowa

*2-9 IOWA49 [SG]

Michigan

*1-10 IOWA49 Speight pass complete to Chesson for 29 yards to the IOWA20

MICHIGAN CONTRIBUTORS

OFFENSE — STARTERS

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

DEFENSE — STARTERS

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

SPECIAL TEAMS AND RESERVES

Participation — Garrett Moores, Kekoa Crawford, Josh Metellus, AJ Pearson, Devin Asiasi, Tyree Kinnel, Rashan Gary, Grant Perry, Devin Bush, Chris Evans, Eddie McDoom, Drake Harris, Chase Winovich, Tyrone Wheatley, Henry Poggi, Karan Higdon, Lavert Hill, Brandon Watson, Jordan Glasgow, Scott Sypniewski, Ty Isaac, Bobby Henderson, Wyatt Shallman, Michael Wroblewski, Noah Furbush, Maurice Hurst, Khalid Hill, Michael Jocz, Bryan Mone, Kenny Allen, Juwann Bushell-Beatty, Maurcie Ways, Jehu Chesson, Ian Bunting, Lawrence Marshall, Khaleke Hudson

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
Michigan	78	23	481	119	8/16	0	1/1	3/25	Away
Rutgers	0	2	34	5	2/18	0	1/1	7/41	53,292
Illinois	8	6	77	95	4/15	1	2/1	5/45	111,103
Michigan	41	29	270	291	20/28	0	3/1	5/41	Home
Michigan	32	24	192	244	16/25	1	0/0	5/62	Away
Michigan State	23	23	217	184	13/28	1	1/0	7/57	75,802
Maryland	3	19	78	289	17/28	2	0/0	6/46	110,626
Michigan	59	31	273	387	21/27	0	0/0	6/62	Home
Michigan	13	14	98	103	11/26	1	2/1	5/48	Away
Iowa	14	17	164	66	8/19	1	0/0	3/24	70,585

Iowa Stuns Michigan, 14-13

John Borton | Senior Editor

Iowa freshman placekicker Keith Duncan's 33-yard field goal as time expired proved the dagger that slashed away Michigan's undefeated season, giving the Hawkeyes a 14-13 win on a lost night for the Wolverines.

Michigan players and coaches repeated the mantra over and over: we didn't make enough plays.

That gave Duncan a chance to make a really big one – and he didn't miss it.

"It was an incredible feeling, kicking that in front of 70,000 fans," Duncan said. "I can't even speak right now."

The Wolverines could relate to the last statement, but in a much different way. The No. 2 team in the nation coming in, they found themselves leaving at 9-1, 6-1 in the Big Ten, the final kick well placed enough to double them over -- for a night, at least.

"We just didn't get it done tonight," head coach Jim Harbaugh said. "We didn't do enough to make it go our way. That's the way I saw it."

The final moments proved a microcosm of the game itself. Chances galore, turned into empty-handed frustration in the end.

When senior cornerback Channing Stribling picked off a C.J. Beathard pass with 1:54 to play, it looked like the Wolverines had dodged a bullet. They clung to a 13-11 lead, and just needed to kill the clock and thereby the Hawkeyes.

Instead, an offense that came in averaging 48 points a game but hit a stone wall in Iowa City – 201 total yards, 98 of them on the ground – couldn't make a first down. A third-down throw from redshirt sophomore quarterback Wilton Speight (11-for-26, 103 yards, one interception) fell harmlessly out of fifth-year senior Amara Darboh's hands, leading to Iowa's game-winning drive.

Moments earlier, when it appeared the Wolverines might be on their way to a game-clinching score, Speight's sideline pass hit fifth-year senior Jehu Chesson right in the numbers, with his arms wrapped around the football. But Iowa defensive back Manny Rungamba ripped the ball away and intercepted it.

Made plays and missed plays that wound up destroying Michigan's previous invincibility.

"I thought he threw a good ball to Amara, the last one," Harbaugh said of Speight. "He threw a real good one to Jehu as well, the one that got intercepted – the one that got taken away from Jehu."

"The last one, I thought Amara's hand was getting held down. But every little thing doesn't go your way."

Iowa played well enough to win, getting a little assistance on the final drive. After Darboh's drop, Michigan punted, and Iowa's Desmond King returned it eight yards and then gained another 15 on a facemask penalty. That set the Hawkeyes up at the U-M 36, and an eight-yard quarterback draw by Beathard (8-for-19, 66 yards, one touchdown) set up the winning score.

"There's really no excuse," said senior tight end and captain Jake Butt. "There's absolutely no excuse. We've got to be a lot better than what we were today."

Try as they might, the Wolverines spun their wheels all night against an Iowa crew (6-4, 4-3), which hadn't done much to scare anyone all season.

Michigan actually caught the first big break of the game, on a bizarre punt turned somersault act. Iowa punter Ron Coluzzi took a high fourth-down snap in the first quarter, began rolling right as if to deliver a rugby punt, realized it might be blocked and then cut back left to a wide-open field.

He appeared to get a little anxious, stumbling forward and going down head over heels well short of the first down, giving Michigan the ball at the Iowa 31. Freshman linebacker Devin Bush, Jr., drew a targeting flag on the play, getting tossed from the game and moving the ball back to the 46.

Michigan drove to the Iowa 10, but settled for fifth-year senior placekicker Kenny Allen's 26-yard field goal at the 4:00 mark of the first quarter, after officials overturned on review an apparent 18-yard touchdown toss to Darboh.

Colluzi's adventures were far from over. On Iowa's succeeding possession, he drew two consecutive running into the punter penalties, one fourth-and-10 then fourth-and-five to move the chains. The second one involved Colluzi rolling out with it, with Fox officiating analyst Mike Pereira tweeting that he was fair game after moving outside the tackle box.

Nothing ultimately came of it, karma or Harbaugh's death stare causing Duncan's 45-yard field goal attempt to miss.

Michigan not scoring a first-quarter touchdown in 2016 ranks with offensive linemen abstaining from pizza. The Wolverines rectified that situation quickly, though, when the second period began.

They drove 72 yards in nine plays, highlighted by Speight's 29-yard throw down the middle to Chesson. Redshirt junior Ty Isaac powered in from seven yards out, putting U-M up 10-0 with 8:56 remaining in the half.

Colluzi – lonelier than the Maytag repairman on his next punt – hit a doozy, rolling a 54-yarder dead on the Michigan 2. It paid off two plays later, when Iowa's Jaleel Johnson burst through and hammered down senior running back DeVon Smith for a safety.

That's when it all started to turn for the Wolverines, the home team gaining confidence and the visitors inexplicably bogged down.

The Hawkeyes drove 52 yards for a touchdown, beating a heavy Michigan blitz on fourth-and-goal from the three on the TD play. Iowa running back Akrun Wadley (23 carries, 115 yards rushing, five catches, 52 yards and a TD receiving) slipped out of the backfield through the wave of pass rushers, Beathard floating a three-yard touchdown pass to him.

Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz wanted a tie at the half. He'd have gotten it, had wide-open receiver Adrian Falconer not dropped a pass on the slant, leaving it 10-8 at intermission.

The second half couldn't have started any worse for the Wolverines, redshirt junior fullback Khalid Hill fumbling on the kickoff return, Iowa covering the ball at the Michigan 43. The Hawkeyes turned that into Duncan's 25-yard field goal to go ahead, 11-10, setting the sellout Kinnick Stadium crowd (70,585) on fire, just 5:05 into the second half.

Michigan managed a combined nine yards in five second-half possessions entering the fourth quarter, getting turned away repeatedly by the Iowa defense. But the Wolverines scrambled away from their own 7 as the final period began, driving into Iowa territory.

They appeared stopped near midfield, but a roughing-the-center call on a U-M punt gave them life, eventually resulting in a 51-yard Allen field goal. That gave the Wolverines a 13-11 lead with 9:35 remaining.

After that, it became a battle of missed opportunities, and one heartbreaking make at the end, that sent nearly the entire crowd stampeding onto the field.

"We're not happy," Speight assured. "We're not chipper. It stinks, but it's life, it's football and we'll figure it out and figure out how to get back in the win column next week."

Five Best Players Of The Game

1. Iowa running back Akrun Wadley – Wadley proved a Wolverine killer on this ill-fated evening. He rushed for 115 yards, compared to Michigan's 98, and posted 52 of his team's 66 receiving yards. His elusiveness proved about the only offensive spark for either team.

2. Iowa kicker Keith Duncan – It's tough to top a game winner, even if it's only from 33 yards out. One slip, one slight misstep, and the Wolverines are running off the field with an ugly win. Instead, Duncan nailed the big one, after kicking a 25-yarder in the third quarter.

3. Iowa defensive lineman Jaleel Johnson – Johnson posted nine tackles – including a sack among a pair of tackles for loss – for a defense that limited the Wolverines to a mere 201 total yards.

4. Senior safety Dymonte Thomas – Thomas supplied 10 tackles to pace the Wolverines, who held Iowa to 14 points on the night. It just proved to be too many.

5. Fifth-year senior placekicker Kenny Allen – Allen boomed a 51-yard field goal with 9:35 to play, giving Michigan a 13-11 lead that looked like it might hold up. Combined with his 26-yard field goal earlier and an extra point, Allen scored more than half of what the Wolverines put on the board.

-- John Borton

Michigan Football Report Card: Grading A 14-13 Loss At Iowa

Chris Balas | Senior Editor

Rushing Offense: D

Michigan ran eight times for 52 yards on first down while capturing a 10-0 lead early in the second quarter, and it looked as though the Wolverines were going to cruise. They rushed nine times for 28 yards on first down the rest of the game, putting them in down and distance deficiencies for much of the second half. The Wolverines averaged only 2.8 yards per carry, and other than freshman Chris Evans — he finished with 52 yards on only eight carries — and redshirt junior Ty Isaac, who managed a seven-yard touchdown on his only run, the backs were limited.

U-M managed only 12 rushing yards in the third quarter on four carries, and they had 15 on two Evans runs. There was no flow to the offense after senior De'Veon Smith was caught for a two-yard loss and a safety in the second quarter. Iowa finished with eight tackles for loss in controlling the line of scrimmage.

Passing Offense: F

Redshirt sophomore quarterback Wilton Speight struggled through his worst game of the season, completing only 11 of 26 passes for 103 yards, and though he took the blame, it wasn't entirely on him. He did miss several open deep balls that could have been difference-makers, but one he overthrew was the result of bad timing on a poor flea-flicker pitch by Smith. He left the pocket too soon on one fourth-quarter scramble, but he was also under pressure much of the night.

His receivers failed him. At least five passes hit them in the hands but were dropped, including a critical one by fifth-year senior Jehu Chesson in the fourth quarter that was intercepted after it hit him in the chest. Great receivers make big plays in critical road games, but nobody stepped up Saturday night. Fifth-year senior Amara Darboh was limited to one catch for five yards.

Rushing Defense: D

Iowa took a page out of Michigan State's playbook and ran right at the Wolverines in the first half with success. They led 11-10 in the third quarter with back Akrun Wadley having notched 75 yards (5.8 yards per carry) in gashing the Wolverines up front. The Hawkeyes rushed eight times for 56 yards in the first half on first down, and

Wadley finished with 115 yards on the ground (5.0 per carry).

Wadley ran six times for 27 yards in the fourth quarter when the Wolverines knew it was coming. The success in the running game allowed the Hawkeyes to shorten the game and win despite the absence of a downfield passing game.

Passing Defense: B

Michigan's defensive backs were too much for the Iowa receivers, as expected. They caught only three passes for 14 yards, the longest was just nine yards. Running back Wadley was the difference maker, catching five passes out of the backfield for 52 yards and a touchdown.

Iowa's C.J. Beathard was only 8-of-19 passing for 66 yards and threw a pick while he was also sacked three times, but Michigan's defense couldn't get him in enough down-and-distance situations to dare him to beat them. The Hawkeyes ran on 11 first downs in the second half and threw only one pass — and it was a screen to move into field goal territory.

Special Teams: D

This unit helped keep Iowa in the game early and gave the Hawkeyes momentum to start the second half. Two running into the kicker penalties kept a drive alive in the first half — it ended with a missed Iowa field goal, but shortened the game — and redshirt junior Khalid Hill's fumble on a short kickoff to start the second half was a momentum-changer.

Fifth-year senior Kenny Allen was inconsistent punting and kicked short, a 28-yarder, when he had a chance to pin Iowa deep in the third quarter with U-M trailing 11-10, but he was a bright spot. His 51-yard field goal with 9:35 remaining was clutch. The Wolverines only had 10 men on the field for the Hawkeyes' game-winning field goal — head coach Jim Harbaugh will find that unacceptable.

Offense Notes: U-M Sputters In Loss To Iowa

Austin Fox | Contributor

The Michigan offensive attack that had been so dominant this season sputtered in a big way Saturday night in Iowa City. The Wolverines played, by far, their worst offensive game of the year and set numerous season-lows in the process.

Michigan was only able to muster a measly 201 yards on the night, 148 yards fewer than its previous season-low of 349 against then-No. 8 Wisconsin on Oct. 1. Perhaps even more surprising about the offensive implosion is that the Wolverines' offense had been hitting their stride lately, especially in last week's blowout win over Maryland, in which the Maize and Blue scored 59 points and put up 660 yards of offense.

Nothing seemed to be clicking during the loss to the Hawkeyes, though. The game started out fairly promising with a touchdown run by redshirt junior running back Ty Isaac with 8:56 left in the second quarter that gave the Wolverines a 10-0 lead. Just over two minutes later, senior running back De'Veon Smith was tackled in Michigan's own end zone for an Iowa safety, and things seemed to go downhill from there.

One of the main problems was that Michigan's biggest offensive weapons all seemed to simultaneously suffer their worst performances of the year. Redshirt sophomore quarterback Wilton Speight went 11 of 26 through the air with no touchdowns and a pick, marking his poorest performance of the season.

Smith had a dreadful day on the ground, getting tackled in his own end zone for the aforementioned safety while rushing for 28 yards on just 2.3 yards per carry. Fellow running back Karan Higdon, a sophomore, also had his worst performance of the year, rushing for minus-three yards on three carries.

As a whole, the Michigan rushing attack that had been averaging 251.6 yards per game on the ground (15th nationally) only netted 98 yards against a Hawkeye run defense that had been allowing 176.5 per game (72nd nationally).

The Wolverines' passing attack was equally as bad. Fifth-year senior receiver Amara Darboh only caught one pass for a season-low five yards; his previous season-low was 42 yards in the opener against Hawai'i. He did manage to get open deep several times, but Speight was never able to connect with him.

Fifth-year senior receiver Jehu Chesson hauled in 30 yards on the night, but had a pass taken away from him for an interception late in the game by Iowa freshman nickel back Manny Rugamba.

Wolverines Unable To Make Plays

While the offensive play-calling and game plan throughout the game was solid, the execution was lacking. Speight's numerous missed deep passes to Darboh is a perfect example of that.

The throw late in the game that Rugamba ripped away from Chesson would have been a nice catch from the veteran receiver, but it's a play that needed to be made in that situation.

A questionable pitch play on 3rd-and-1 to Karan Higdon in the fourth quarter resulted in a six-yard loss, stalling what had been a promising Michigan drive. The Wolverines wound up getting a field goal.

On Michigan's final offensive possession of the game, the Wolverines needed one first down and then could have basically run out the clock, but were unable to move the ball.

"We've just got to execute and make those plays," senior Jake Butt said. "They're plays we made before. They were plays we made in practice all week. They're plays that nine out of 10 times we're going to make. It comes down to us making plays. There's

really no excuse for it. We don't have a reason for it. We have to make those plays.”

“Especially on the road, in a tough environment — in a game like this, you need to make every play.”

Miscellaneous Notes

- With Isaac's rushing touchdown in the second quarter, the Wolverines have now had at least one touchdown on the ground in every game this season. They have 37 on the year, which are the third-most since 1970, trailing only the 1976 (43) and 1971 squads (47).

- Ty Isaac's one carry on the night was a season-low, although it was a seven-yard touchdown.

- The game marked a homecoming for Amara Darboh, who is from West Des Moines, Iowa.

- Michigan's offense only had 15 yards in the third quarter.

- The loss on the road is U-M's first since Sept. 3, 2015, at Utah, snapping a six-game road winning streak for the Maize and Blue.

- Butt caught a team-high four passes for 39 yards tonight, making it 26 straight games in which the senior tight end has a reception.

- Speight entered the game with more 20-plus yard throws than anybody in the Big Ten (40). He had just one Saturday — a 29-yard connection with Chesson.

Defense And Special Teams Notes: Defense Does Its Part

Austin Fox | Contributor

Michigan's defense turned in a very solid effort during the loss at Iowa, but it wasn't enough to make up for the offense's dismal performance. The defense wasn't able to get a stop when it mattered most, though, allowing Iowa to gain enough yards on its final drive to kick a game-winning field goal.

The Hawkeye offense had been averaging 26.3 points per game coming into the contest, but Michigan held them to 14 (although two of their points came on a safety).

The Wolverines shut down Iowa's passing attack, giving up just 66 yards through the air. Granted, the Hawkeyes had just 19 attempts, but only eight were completions. Michigan's defense had been allowing a national-best 138.9 passing yards per game coming into the night.

The Maize and Blue's rush defense wasn't quite as stout, as Iowa rushed for 164 yards. Redshirt junior running back Akrum

Wadley ran for 115 yards on 23 carries, while senior LeShun Daniels ran for 54 on 14 carries. Wadley also chipped in 52 receiving yards and a touchdown catch, giving him 167 yards from scrimmage — 72.6 percent of Iowa's total and close to Michigan's 201 in the contest.

Iowa's 164 yards on the ground actually surpassed its season average of 152.5 (90th nationally) coming into the game, although its 230 total yards was well below its 335.4 season average (118th nationally).

Michigan's defense racked up six tackles for loss on the night, with two coming from fifth-year senior defensive end Chris Wormley, and one each coming from senior linebacker Ben Gedeon, senior defensive end Taco Charlton, senior safety Delano Hill and redshirt sophomore defensive end Chase Winovich. Iowa fifth-year senior quarterback C.J. Beathard was also sacked three times — Charlton, Wormley and Winovich each recorded a quarterback takedown.

Senior cornerback Channing Stribling made what looked to be the play of the game when he intercepted a Beathard pass with just 1:56 left. Beathard's pass was intended for sophomore receiver Jerminic Smith, but was well underthrown when Charlton tackled him as he released the ball.

“When Strib had that pick, sometimes the crowd is not into it,” Wormley said. “But you've got to fight to the last second.”

Michigan owned the nation's best third-down defense coming into the game and held the Hawkeyes to just 4 of 16 (25 percent) on third down. However, they successfully converted on two of three fourth-down tries.

Special Teams Experience An Up-And-Down Night

There were a number of positives for Michigan's special teams, but also some critical errors committed. Freshman linebacker Devin Bush was ejected with 7:27 left in the first quarter for a targeting call on an Iowa punt. The play was reviewed, but upheld.

Iowa did a good job avoiding redshirt sophomore returner Jabrill Peppers, who had just one kickoff return for 16 yards and a 19-yard punt runback. The Hawkeyes kicked short to open the second half, causing redshirt junior fullback Khalid Hill to field the ball. Hill fumbled, however, and Iowa pounced on it. The turnover was one of two by the Wolverines on the night.

Late in the first quarter, Michigan ran into Iowa's punter, inducing a five-yard penalty and another kick. However, the Wolverines ran into him once again on the very next play, giving Iowa a first down, although they missed the field goal attempt at the end of the extended drive.

On Michigan's final punt of the game, Iowa senior cornerback Desmond King fielded the ball and returned it to his own 49-yard line. However, redshirt junior linebacker Mike McCray was called for a facemask penalty on what was a very questionable call.

Though McCray barely grazed the side of King's facemask, the penalty helped give Iowa great field position on its game-ending drive, starting at the U-M 36. They reached the 15 before trying the winning kick.

As for the positives, fifth-year senior kicker/punter Kenny Allen made two field goals, pushing his string of consecutive makes to eight. Allen also nailed a 51-yarder, which was a career-long — he entered the game 1 of 3 on the year from 40 or more and just 4 of 9 from 40-plus yards in his career (it was his first try from more than 50 out).

“Kenny's been huge for us all year,” head coach Jim Harbaugh said. “He had that one game where people were calling for his head, and he ignored it. He just kept on kicking, doing his job. What, a [51]-yarder tonight? Incredible. We'll need him more for the rest of the year, and he'll still be big for us.”

Miscellaneous Notes

- With this fourth-quarter interception, Channing Stribling now has four picks on the year, tying for second-most in the Big Ten and 12th-most nationally.

- Michigan allowed 14 points or fewer for the eighth time in 10 games this season.

- When Bush was ejected for targeting in the first quarter, it marked the first time a Michigan player has been ejected this year.

- Though they lost, the Wolverines still control their own fate, as they would make the Big Ten Championship if they win their final two regular-season games.

- Freshman safety Josh Metellus was seen wearing No. 14; he had previously sported No. 13.

Wolverine Watch: Sobering Setback Isn't The End

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Finding the good after Michigan's 14-13 shocker of a loss at Iowa is about as tough as digging through a pile of elephant excrement to pull out a diamond ring.

It's not fun, it's not easy, and it stinks. But if you hold your breath and keep plugging, it's in there.

The Wolverines aren't dead, following a perfect-season-killing cavalcade of errors in Iowa. They can still knock off Indiana, bring down the Buckeyes in Columbus, win the Big Ten championship game and head to the College Football Playoff.

They just can't if they play anything like they did in Hawkeville.

Michigan couldn't throw it well enough to win. Redshirt sophomore quarterback Wilton Speight — mentioned by his coach as a Heisman possibility a week earlier — missed several deep heaves, any one of which could have won the game. He wound up with a season-worst effort: 11-of-26 passing for 103 yards, no touchdowns and one interception.

U-M couldn't catch it well enough to win. On a potential game-clinching drive, fifth-year senior wideout Jehu Chesson had a reception bound to his chest with both arms, before it got torn away and intercepted.

The Wolverines didn't run it well enough to win — 98 yards, for a team averaging 251.7 per game.

Most Michigan watchers — and maybe the Wolverines themselves — got lulled into a false sense of security while eviscerating Big Ten opponents with scores like 59-3, 78-0, 49-10, etc. But this is college football, on the road, at night, against a desperate opponent.

They say anything can happen ... and it did.

One week earlier, the Hawkeyes were getting disassembled in Happy Valley, 41-14. The college football world, including most Hawkeye observers, figured they'd get run out of their own stadium against Jim Harbaugh's well-oiled machine.

Then Kirk Ferentz's crew punched a hole in the oil pan.

“We're playing an opponent that's as outstanding as Michigan is,” Ferentz mused amid a victory glow. “You look at the statistics. They're impressive. Their film's even more impressive.”

Not this one. It gets an R rating, for regression.

Iowa's defense brought some heat, no doubt. But don't try convincing the Wolverines that this was all about the Hawkeyes' hidden greatness, coming to the fore in week 10 of the season.

“Their defense did play good, but I don't want to sit here and say their defense was disruptive,” senior captain tight end Jake Butt said. “We missed countless opportunities. I really think it's on us, more than it is on them. I don't want to discredit what they did, but we've got to look at ourselves in the mirror.”

When they do, they'll see some ticked off gladiators staring back.

“We missed blocks, we missed throws, we missed holes, catches, all around the offense,” sophomore running back Karan Higdon said, going down the list.

The mood in the locker room was about what you'd expect, senior safety Dymonte Thomas assured.

“It was upset,” he said. “If you're not upset with a loss, if not upset a lot, then you don't really love the game. And we love the game, love each other, love playing for Coach Harbaugh.”

“So it was a little bit upset, but [senior cornerback] Jourdan [Lewis], Coach Harbaugh and a lot of the older guys said keep your head up. We can’t do anything about it now. The only thing we can do is win out. So that’s what’s on our mind — to win out.”

Doing so isn’t going to be as easy as Michigan’s recent steam-rolling of foes started to make it look. Glossed over in the routs was the fact that opponents have found some creases in Michigan’s seemingly impenetrable defense, from the running game to attacks on the edges with speed, to taking advantage of the Wolverines’ own aggressiveness with screens.

When you lose, 14-13, defense isn’t the primary problem. But when a seemingly invincible offense looks all too ordinary for a night, every wart comes into focus.

The goals are still out there — taking down Ohio State, winning a Big Ten championship and more. That’s all the more reason to dig through the dung and pull out the ring.

“It really doesn’t matter what we feel like,” Butt stressed. “We can only control what we can control — that’s to keep winning. If we keep winning, the rest will take care of itself.”

There it is. Michigan rode the wave for nine weeks, feeling nothing but the wind at its back. That wind shifted sharply in Iowa City, but it’s not the final blow. The Wolverines get it — and they have to get it back, quickly.

What They’re Saying: Iowa 14, Michigan 13

Austin Fox | Contributor

Michigan was upset by Iowa on a day that saw several major upsets in college football. The Wolverines’ offense was never able to get anything going, and redshirt sophomore quarterback Wilton Speight (among others) had the worst start of his career. Various penalties and mental mistakes proved costly for Michigan throughout the game, and eventually became too much to overcome.

Though the Maize and Blue now have a loss on their resume, they still control their own fate. If they win their final two-regular season games, they’ll be in the Big Ten Championship. However, this loss to the Hawkeyes won’t be forgotten any time soon, and there are a plenty of lessons to learn from it. Find out what they’re saying about the loss here

Ace Anbender, Mgloblog: Iowa 14, Michigan 13

“A Murphy’s Law game.

“Any number of individual plays could’ve changed the outcome. Most of the ones that come to mind involve Wilton Speight, who had his worst game of the year, then had injury added to insult at the end.

“Speight wasn’t alone in his struggles, however. Jehu Chesson missed a chance to bail his quarterback out, instead getting a third-down pass ripped from his hands by Manny Rugamba, costing the Wolverines a chance to put the game away. Khalid Hill missed an assignment that led to an early safety and lost a fumble returning the opening kickoff of the second half. Chris Evans was the only running back who could consistently get anything going. The play-calling, personnel usage and late-game clock management will be nitpicked to death this week, and not without justification.

“While the defense played well on the whole, they couldn’t contain Akrum Wadley, who accounted for 167 yards on 28 touches. And, yes, there were multiple questionable calls by the notorious officiating crew led by John O’Neill.

““Not every little thing is going to go our team’s way,” said Jim Harbaugh. “To win, you’ve got to make it go your way. We didn’t.”

“Michigan still has everything to play for, but they’ve lost all margin for error if they want to keep their Big Ten title and playoff dreams alive. Before they even get that far, though, they have to figure out what went wrong tonight. This game should not have been close, let alone a loss, but a number of underwhelming performances occurred in conjunction at the wrong time. There’s no sugarcoating tonight.”

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

“Special Teams: D+”

“Michigan’s special teams was a Jekyll and Hyde on Saturday night. It was the biggest part of the game and was from the very start.

“Iowa’s punter was the MVP of the first half for the Hawkeyes after Michigan ran into him twice in a row to hand Iowa a free first down. But that wasn’t the biggest bonehead play. That went to Khalid Hill as he coughed up the opening kickoff of the second half; it was a huge momentum killer.

“Besides that, Kenny Allen knocked down a 51-yard field goal in the fourth quarter to give Michigan a 13-11 lead. And with Jabrill Peppers not having a big impact in the return game, outside of one nice return, the special teams didn’t have its best day.”

Nick Baumgardner, MLive: Michigan-Iowa observations: Worst game of Harbaugh era, struggles everywhere

“Nothing really worked offensively in this one. The worst day of the year for Michigan’s offense and probably the worst-called game during Jim Harbaugh’s run with the Wolverines. Even Harbaugh’s late-game clock management was questionable. Just a bad day all around.

“• So what went well for Michigan? The Hawkeyes really couldn’t throw the ball Saturday as Michigan’s defense gave C.J. Beathard little to no room to make plays all evening. Chris Worm-

ley had 2 tackles for loss and a sack. But not much else. This was a clunker for the Wolverines in just about every area.

“• Michigan couldn't run the ball either, as Iowa held Michigan to just 98 yards on 35 carries. Again, Michigan had no flow. Everything it tried with Peppers was forced. The offensive line couldn't get any type of push.

“• Far and away the worst game of the Harbaugh era, including last year's blowout against Ohio State. Michigan had much more talent. Was out-played, out-coached.”

Kelly Hall, The Michigan Daily: Iowa shocks undefeated Wolverines, 14-13

“The second half didn't start any better than the first for the Wolverines. On the punt return, fifth-year senior tight end Khalid Hill fumbled the ball on the 15-yard line right in front of the Iowa sideline, and the Hawkeyes were able to take the lead off of a 25-yard field goal.

“For the first time all season, Michigan trailed in the fourth quarter.

““One of the things we had to do was make sure that they didn't score,” said senior safety Dymonte Thomas about the second half's defense. “If they don't score, we win.”

“The Hawkeyes handed the Wolverines their first loss of the season, damaging Michigan's hopes of a College Football Playoff appearance. It may have taken until mid-November, but the Wolverines proved to be mortal.

“After the game, Harbaugh was asked how hard it was to go undefeated.

““It's difficult,” he said. “But not insurmountable.”

“With just two undefeated FBS teams left in the nation, Saturday proved just how difficult it is.”

Mark Snyder, Detroit Free Press: Michigan report card: Ugly offense ruins night vs. Iowa

“Defense: 7 [on a 1-10 scale]

“This was the great fear entering the season, that U-M's defense would produce a strong game and the offense wouldn't do its part. It came true on Saturday. Iowa was held to only one touchdown and really one sustained drive. Iowa quarterback C.J. Beathard was ineffective through the air, throwing for only 66 yards and Channing Stribling (later injured) made what appeared to be the decisive interception in the final minutes. But the inability to contain the run game crept up and bit them. Iowa rushed for 164 yards with tailback Akrum Wadley gaining 115 yards himself. (Wadley also was the leading receiver with 52 yards and the one short touchdown catch). All season, the defense has said it needs hold an opponent without points to win the game. On Saturday, it was probably true.”

Big Ten Recap: Week 11

Zach Libby | Contributor

The Wolverine recaps the Big Ten action from week 11:

Illinois (3-7, 2-5 Big Ten)

Illinois was rolled 48-3 against No. 10 ranked Wisconsin, meaning they will miss a bowl game this year ... Redshirt freshman quarterback Jeff George Jr. was picked off four times, only throwing for 79 yards on 5-of-16 passing... Junior running back Kendrick Foster averaged 5.0 yards per carry, totaling 75 yards on the ground via 15 carries ... The Fighting Illini offense was held to just 11 first downs, in comparison to the Badgers' 23, possessing the ball for less than 18 minutes.

Indiana (5-5, 3-4 Big Ten)

Indiana lost the turnover battle in the 45-31 defeat to Penn State in Bloomington ... Senior wide receiver Mitchell Paige lost two fumbles, while three others committed one each ... Junior quarterback Richard Lagow was 23-of-40 passing for 292 yards and two touchdowns ... Junior running back Devine Redding recorded 23 attempts for 108 yards and touchdowns ... Indiana's wide receivers compiled 344 yards through the air, as eight different playmakers caught at least two passes.

Iowa (6-4, 3-4 Big Ten)

Kicker Keith Duncan was the hero for an Iowa team that upended Michigan's undefeated streak, hitting a 33-yard field goal as time expires to win 14-13 ... Senior quarterback C.J. Beathard had a disappointing outing, finishing with 66 yards passing, one touchdown and one interception ... Junior running back Akrum Wadley rushed for 115 on 23 carries, averaging five yards a carry ... Wadley also caught five passes for 52 yards and a touchdown to lead the receivers ... The last time the Hawkeyes defeated a No. 2-ranked Michigan team was back in 1985 when Jim Harbaugh was the starting quarterback.

Maryland (5-5, 2-5 Big Ten)

Maryland fell at home in an embarrassing fashion to Ohio State, 62-3 ... The Terrapin offense gained just 173 total yards, as senior quarterback Caleb Rowe completed 93 yards on 7-of-13 passing with an interception ... Running backs sophomore Ty Johnson and freshman Tyrrell Pigrome combined for 35 yards rushing on 18 carries ... Senior wide receiver Teldrick Morgan caught seven passes for 56 yards... Maryland's defense gave up 581 yards, including 328 through the air and 253 on the ground.

Michigan State (3-7, 1-6 Big Ten)

Michigan State trumped Rutgers 49-0 at home to snap its six game losing streak, which dated back to Sept. 24 ... Fifth-year senior Tyler O'Connor finished with a 98.1 quarterback rating, throwing for 141 yards and three touchdowns on 10-of-15 passing

... Sophomore running back LJ Scott ran for 122 yards on 20 carries and a touchdown ... Freshman Trishtan Jackson caught two passes for 67 yards to led the receiving corp ... The losing skid was the longest in MSU history in 34 years.

Minnesota (7-3, 4-3 Big Ten)

The Minnesota Golden Gophers failed to secure the potential upset win over No. 19 ranked Nebraska on the road, intercepting the ball on their final drive to end the 24-17 defeat ... Redshirt sophomore running back Rodney Smith had 17 carries for 53 yards and a touchdown ... Senior quarterback Mitch Leidner finished with 180 yards on 18-of-27 passing ... Senior wide receiver Drew Wolitarsky hauled in 90 yards on eight receptions.

No. 19 Nebraska (8-2, 5-2 Big Ten)

An interception from junior safety Kieron Williams late in the fourth quarter sealed the 24-17 win for No. 19 Nebraska at home over Minnesota ... Fifth-year senior quarterback Tommy Armstrong was 19-of-27 passing for 217 yards passing and two touchdowns ... Fifth-year senior wide receiver Jordan Westerkamp led the unit in yards with 50 receiving yards, while Tre Bryant had a touchdown catch ... Freshman running back Tre Bryant totaled 15 carries for 85 yards, while adding a touchdown grab and 35 through the air.

Northwestern (5-5, 4-3 Big Ten)

Northwestern trailed by 10 in the first quarter, but overcame the slow start by compiling over 600 yards of offense in the 45-17 win over Purdue ... Sophomore quarterback Clayton Thorson threw for 352 yards and three touchdowns, adding another score on the ground ... Senior wide receiver Austin Carr hauled in 92 receiving yards and two touchdowns ... Junior running back Justin Jackson finished with 127 yards rushing yards and two touchdowns ... Junior linebacker Anthony Walker recorded 12 tackles to lead the defense.

No. 6 Ohio State (7-1, 4-1 Big Ten)

No. 6 Ohio State scored 45 points in the first half en route to a 62-3 blowout at Maryland ... The Buckeyes offense compiled 581 yards of total offense, as redshirt junior quarterback J.T. Barrett threw for 253 yards and two touchdowns, while rushing for 47 yards and two touchdowns ... Redshirt freshman running back Mike Weber rushed for 93 yards; wide receiver Curtis Samuel had 38 yards and two touchdowns on the ground while catching five passes for 74 yards and two touchdowns ... Four different Ohio State defenders recorded a sack; junior linebacker Raekwon McMillan had one and also notched 10 tackles, including two for a loss.

No. 10 Penn State (8-2, 6-1 Big Ten)

Sophomore quarterback Trace McSorley threw for 332 yards and two touchdowns as the No. 10-ranked Nittany Lions collected a road win over Indiana, 45-31 ... Sophomore running back Sa-

quon Barkley finished with a less-than-stellar outing, carrying the ball 33 times for 88 yards, but he did have two touchdowns ... Five different Penn State defenders recovered a fumble; the unit also recorded three sacks and nine tackles for a loss ... Junior Chris Goodwin hauled in the two touchdown passes, along with 82 yards receiving.

Purdue (3-7, 1-6 Big Ten)

The Purdue defense allowed 31 points in the second half to Northwestern at home in a losing effort, 45-17 ... Sophomore quarterback David Blough completed 21 of 36 passes for 184 yards and a touchdown, but was intercepted four times... The Boilermakers were without their star defenders in Jake Replogle (concussion) and Ja'Whaun Bentley (leg), which showed as they allowed 605 yards of total offense from Northwestern ... Purdue has now lost four straight games under interim head coach Gerad Parker.

Rutgers (2-8, 0-7 Big Ten)

Rutgers continues its seven-game Big Ten losing streak following a 49-0 defeat to Michigan State ... Junior quarterback Giovanni Rescigno was 6-of-16 passing and threw for just 40 yards, tossing a pair of picks ... The Scarlet Knights combined for 109 yards rushing, receiving contributions from four different running backs, including senior Justin Goodwin, who carried the ball 12 times for 40 yards ... The Rutgers defense gave up 277 yards of rushing, while sophomore linebacker Deonte Roberts racked up 17 total tackles.

No. 10 Wisconsin (6-2, 3-2 Big Ten)

No. 10 Wisconsin destroyed Illinois at Camp Randall Stadium, 48-3, holding the Fighting Illini scoreless for the final three quarters ... Redshirt freshman Alex Hornibrook had a quiet night, throwing for 85 yards and a touchdown ... Senior running back Corey Clement ran the ball for 123 yards, finding the end zone on four separate occasions, while fifth-year senior Dare Ogunbowale rushed for 103 on seven carries and freshman Bradrick Shaw had a touchdown and 80 yards rushing... The Badgers defense held Illinois' offense to just 200 yards, in addition to intercepting the ball four times.

Results for Nov. 12

No. 3 Michigan , Iowa

No. 5 Ohio State 62, Maryland 3

No. 7 Wisconsin 48, Illinois 3

No. 10 Penn State 45, Indiana 31

No. 19 Nebraska 24, Minnesota 17

Michigan State 49, Rutgers 0

Northwestern 45, Purdue 17