

No. 6 Michigan vs No. 11 Florida State

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Series Facts: The two powerhouse programs have met just twice previously, with each winning once. U-M head coach Jim Harbaugh was the quarterback in the Wolverines' 1986 win ... Friday marks the 16th time Michigan will play a bowl game in Florida; they are 9-6 in such contests ... FSU has played in Hard Rock Stadium seven times since 2006, winning each time. Their last loss at the venue was in the 2005 Orange Bowl. Michigan has played at the stadium just once, posting a victory in the 2000 Orange Bowl over Alabama.

Future First-Rounders Headline Orange Bowl Matchup

Ryan Tice | TheWolverine.com

The Orange Bowl figures to be the last college game for two sure-fire first-rounders in April's NFL Draft: Florida State junior running back Dalvin Cook and Michigan redshirt sophomore linebacker/return specialist (and more) Jabrill Peppers. The two won't be the only high selections from the game in the upcoming NFL Draft, but they are the most important pieces for their respective teams right now.

Cook has been arguably the nation's top running back each of the last two years, despite another running back, Derrick Henry, winning the 2015 Heisman Trophy and Cook not being invited to the trophy presentation as a finalist either season.

The numbers should've earned him at least one trip to New York. His 39 touchdowns over the last two years are the most of any Power Five player (the next-highest total belongs to 2016 Heisman winner Lamar Jackson, with 32 — although he has another 42 passing). Cook set a school record with 1,691 rushing yards a year ago and is 71 away from matching it this season. The Miami native ranked fourth among Power Five workhorses (200 or more rushes this fall) with 6.0 yards per carry en route to 1,620 yards and 18 touchdowns on the ground.

He's also become a more dangerous receiver. A year after

hauling in 24 passes for 244 yards (10.2 yards per catch), he's added another four yards to his clip (30 receptions for 426 yards, 14.2 average). While becoming more well-rounded, Cook has continued to make big plays — he is tied for 10th nationally with six rushes of at least 40 yards. He also ranks third with 63 plays from scrimmage of 10 yards or more, meaning an incredible 21.1 percent of his touches go for double-digit gains.

“He's not a move-the-pile, four-yards-per-carry kind of guy,” Warchant.com managing editor Ira Schoffel said. “It's a little bit more boom or bust. ... It feels like last year he had more of the breakaways — and those are great, but I don't know if you can count on those. This year, he's been great about moving the offense and keeping drives alive.”

The possible meeting of Cook and Peppers on the gridiron is something that FSU fans and players alike are looking forward to, according to Schoffel.

“The FSU guys certainly are impressed by Michigan's team, but their eyes light up when you talk about Peppers — and that's guys on offense and defense, both sides of the ball, and [FSU head coach] Jimbo Fisher raves about him as well,” he noted.

“Dalvin is one of those guys that rarely matches up one-on-one with somebody that can handle him. That's been part of the reason he's had so many of those long runs — if he can get isolated on a linebacker or safety in space, he has a great knack for putting his foot in the ground, changing directions and blowing by people.”

While the FSU offense undoubtedly runs through Cook, redshirt freshman quarterback Deondre Francois might be the key to the offense performing at its best. In the Seminoles' nine victories, he has completed 63.2 percent of his passes and thrown for 16 touchdowns against four interceptions. In his team's three losses, those numbers drop to 51.8 percent and two touchdowns against a pair of picks.

However, Schoffel points out the performances on the lower end of the spectrum aren't completely due to the young signal-caller's play. Although the offensive line has improved after a few mid-season changes, it has been the main offensive culprit in the losses.

“I think the games where he's really struggled, more often than not, have been because the offensive line struggled,” Schoffel said. “When they can give him time, he's pretty good and has gotten better as the year has gone on. ... At one point [early in the year], they were on pace to give up 40-something or 50 sacks, but

in the last four or five games, they've really settled down."

Another key is Fracouis' ground presence. In the nine wins, he netted 238 yards and three touchdowns on the ground. In the three defeats, he has lost a total of 49 yards on the ground and scored just once (although sack yardage is taken out of rushing yards in NCAA stats, so that also reflects the poor offensive line play Schoffel noted).

"When he runs the ball, it does give them a nice extra weapon," Schoffel said. "It's been weird how they've used him — they used him some early, but then they went away from it. I don't know if it was because he was hurt — Jimbo would never say — but more recently, he's been more effective as a runner again. I think most people think they're going to have to do that against Michigan."

Much like the offensive front, the defense struggled early before stabilizing. Part of the early season performance was due to the schedule featuring high-powered offenses with mobile quarterbacks, and part was also attributed to several players, notably in the back seven, stepping into significant roles for the first time. The unit is playing its best ball at the end of the year after a few personnel tweaks and a simplification of the attack.

Consensus All-American DeMarcus Walker, who tied for the national lead with 15 sacks in the regular season, leads the way from his defensive end spot, while the back end is paced by the lockdown cornerbacking duo of sophomore Tarvarus McFadden and senior Marquez White. McFadden is tied for first nationally with eight interceptions, while White is the reason teams continue to throw at McFadden. Schoffel explained not to be fooled by White's paltry statistics (22 tackles, two interceptions, three pass breakups), which seem smaller when compared to his younger teammate, who is more than deserving of the hype.

"McFadden is as good as FSU has had in a while; he's really impressive," the scribe noted. "When the ball is in the air, he has great ball skills."

While many parts of the FSU football team are clicking heading into the final contest of the year, the special teams have moved in the opposite direction and gone through a bit of a regression. After averaging 17.2 yards on nine punt returns in the first nine games, Jesus Wilson was lost for the year with a foot injury. In his place, sophomore Nyqwan Murray has netted a total of two yards on 10 runbacks.

The punt coverage team has also struggled — allowing a clip of 21.5 yards on 13 punt returns, including a touchdown, although some of the blame is on the rookie punter. The kickoff unit has been good, allowing just an average return of 17.9 yards and long of 36, and the Seminoles have blocked four kicks and two punts.

Freshman kicker Ricky Aguayo made 11 of his first 12 attempts, but then went 0 for 3 in a 37-35 loss to North Carolina, missed one of two tries in a 17-6 win over Wake Forest and ended the year by going 1 for 3 against Florida.

All of that — and plenty more — adds up to what should be a competitive game. A few significant plusses on either side wipe out any overall advantage, so execution will be key. But a big-game highlight ESPN can play after the star's name is called on the stage in Philadelphia this April from either headliner certainly would boost his team's chances.

"Michigan's defense is unreal from what I've seen, so I think it's going to be a low-scoring game, and I wouldn't be surprised if it did come down to a play on special teams or a turnover," Schoffel said. "I know that's kind of cliché — whoever wins the turnover battle and on specials team will win — but I really think it's that kind of game. I just don't see either offense having a huge day."

"If Cook can break one, that could be a big deal or if Michigan hits a trick play or two [it would have a similar effect]. I have a hard time seeing either team getting away from the other, and I also think both teams will be really motivated. ... They're two pretty evenly matched teams."

Cook and Peppers will be featured in the national spotlight Dec. 30. They did not meet at the Heisman Trophy ceremony in New York, but will see plenty of each other in Miami while a pair of NFL teams drool over their top pick come April.

Offensive Players To Watch

Junior RB Dalvin Cook: The 5-11, 213-pounder was held under 83 rushing yards just twice this fall. The Noles struggled mightily in both of those outings — he averaged only 3.4 yards per carry in a 63-20 loss at Louisville Sept. 17 and ran 18 times for 65 yards (3.6 yards per carry) with a long of just 14 in a 24-20 win at NC State in which FSU trailed most of the contest. He's capable of making plays on the ground and through the air — only Stanford's Christian McCaffrey accounted for a higher percentage of his team's scrimmage yards among Power Five backs.

Redshirt freshman QB Deondre Francois: The Associated Press' ACC Newcomer of the Year led all rookies nationally in passing, throwing for 3,128 yards and 18 touchdowns against just six picks. He has added four rushing scores, and only two quarterbacks with as many attempts as Francois' 373 have thrown less interceptions.

Junior OT Roderick Johnson: The mammoth 6-7, 311-pounder earned several Freshman All-America laurels in 2014 after starting the final five games at left tackle. He has not relinquished the spot since while adding even more prestigious honors. He was selected as the ACC's top blocker the last two seasons while earning several All-America distinctions. This fall, he earned his first first-team all-America nod from Walter Camp and many more second-team nominations.

Defensive Players To Watch

Senior DE DeMarcus Walker: The 6-4, 280-pounder followed up 2015's breakout campaign (58 tackles, 15.5 TFLs, 10.5

sacks, four forced fumbles) with even better numbers. He paced the squad with 64 stops, including 17.5 behind the line of scrimmage and 15 sacks, with three forced fumbles. He also has a flair for game-changing plays, including the win-clinching blocked extra point against Miami, which was played at the site of the Orange Bowl, Hard Rock Stadium.

Sophomore CB Tarvarus McFadden: In his first season of significant playing time, McFadden emerged as one of the nation's best defensive backs. The 6-2, 198-pounder was listed by ESPN.com as the 13th-best player in the ACC after he ranked fourth nationally with an average of 1.5 passes defended per game. He forms one of the nation's top CB tandems with senior Marquez White.

Freshman DE Brian Burns: The five-star recruit didn't disappoint, although he's listed at just 218 pounds on his 6-5 frame. Despite making only 24 tackles, he recorded 10.5 behind the line of scrimmage, and 9.5 of those were quarterback takedowns, which led all freshmen nationally. He also forced a fumble and blocked a kick while helping FSU rank first nationally with 47 sacks.

Special Teams Player To Watch

Freshman K Ricky Aguayo: The younger brother of 2016 second-round pick Roberto, who finished his FSU career with the third-best field goal percentage in NCAA history, is continuing the family tradition in Tallahassee. Although he is 17 of 24 (70.8 percent) overall, he has not missed from inside of 40 yards and is 6 of 12 from 40-49 yards with a long of 47. Two misses were blocked.

By The Numbers: Florida State

4 Kicks have been blocked this year by the Seminoles to rank them 10th nationally. They've also blocked two punts to rank eighth in the land.

8 Pass catchers have double-digit receptions for FSU, led by junior Travis Rudolph's 53 grabs for 807 yards and seven touchdowns, all of which lead the team. Seven more players have at least 182 receiving yards, including five with between 25 and 33 catches on the year.

16.6 Points allowed per game over the final seven contests by Florida State, which helped them go 6-1 during that span. In the first five games (3-2), the Noles allowed an average of 35.4 points per game — that average increases to 42.3 (against 5-7 Ole Miss, 9-3 Louisville, 10-2 USF and 8-4 North Carolina) if a 52-8 win over Charleston Southern (a 7-4 FCS team) is thrown out.

18.7 Percent of Florida State's runs have gone for a loss or no gain, according to ESPN.com (down from 25 percent last year). That will be tested by Michigan, which ranked second nationally with an average of 9.6 tackles for loss per game. Another strength-on-strength statistic, courtesy again of ESPN.com, is the fact that junior running back Dalvin Cook has moved the chains

on 62 percent of his third-down runs; U-M led the nation by a wide margin in limiting opponents to a 20.9 percent success rate on third-down conversions.

77-17 Is FSU head coach Jimbo Fisher's record since taking over in 2010. His winning percentage of .819 is the third-best of any active head coach (minimum five years). Jim Harbaugh, since returning to the college game, is 20-5 at Michigan (.800). In nine years as a college head coach, Harbaugh is 78-32 (.709).

299 Consecutive PATs have been made by Florida State, the longest streak in NCAA history which dates back to 2012. Freshman Ricky Aguayo is a perfect 48 of 48 so far. Michigan is one of only two other schools with an active streak of at least 200 (283).

426 Receiving yards for Cook, which ranks second on the team. In addition to rushing for 1,000 yards each season on campus, he has eclipsed 20 catches and 200 yards through the air all three years.

Michigan Football Keys To The Game: Florida State

Chris Balas | TheWolverine.com

If there's one thing we know about bowl games under Jim Harbaugh, it's that the Michigan head coach takes them seriously. The Wolverines were all business last year in preparing for Florida in the Citrus Bowl, a 41-7 U-M win, and they're just as into it this season.

These teams are quite similar on paper. The Florida State defense leads the nation in sacks with 47, but the Wolverines aren't far behind at 44. A pair of first-time starting quarterbacks (Michigan's Wilton Speight, FSU's Deondre Francois) exceeded all expectations, the offensive lines were good but not great, and each team boasts a lockdown corner (U-M senior Jourdan Lewis, FSU sophomore Tarvarus McFadden).

This one could come down to "who wants it more?" Will Michigan be up after falling just short of the playoff, losing to Ohio State in a game most felt the Wolverines deserved to win?

If not, it could be a rude awakening.

Here are Michigan's keys to winning Friday night's Orange Bowl:

Protect Wilton Speight: Michigan's redshirt sophomore quarterback threw a pair of costly interceptions in a 30-27 loss to Ohio State, but his arm was hit on one when a blitz got through. That was a game-changing play.

Speight was outstanding when he had time to throw this year, but Florida State's team speed is a different animal. Senior defensive end DeMarcus Walker notched 17.5 tackles for loss

and 15 sacks with three forced fumbles, and he'll be a tough assignment for fifth-year senior tackles Ben Braden and Erik Magnuson.

Michigan allowed 1.5 sacks per game this year, a respectable 29th nationally, but Speight also wiggled out of a number of other pressures. FSU, meanwhile, led the nation with its 47 sacks and has several playmakers up front in addition to Walker, plus corners that make it tough for receivers to get open.

Protecting Speight also means being able to run the ball and keeping him out of unfavorable down-and-distance situations. Florida State is 27th nationally in run defense coming in, allowing 131.3 yards per game on the ground, so it can be done.

Pressure Florida State QB Deondre Francois: Florida State's redshirt freshman was the ACC Rookie of the Year. He made the first start of his career against Ole Miss in the opener, throwing for 419 yards, and started every game for the Seminoles, throwing for 3,128 yards, 18 touchdowns and only six interceptions. He also ran for 187 yards and four touchdowns.

"When Deondre came in and played, it was just as if he was an experienced quarterback," FSU wide receiver Travis Rudolph told the Tallahassee Democrat. "You guys probably think, 'Oh, he's just a redshirt freshman,' but I feel like he played at the level of a junior or a senior."

There were times he had to, given how poorly his line protected him. FSU tied for 108th nationally in sacks allowed (2.83 per game) — the fact that he threw only six picks is a testament to him — and though the Seminoles' blockers were better down the stretch, this Michigan defensive line was a big reason U-M was second nationally in sacks (3.67 per game).

Michigan's offensive line vs. FSU's defensive line should be the game's biggest mismatch — and it needs to be if the Wolverines are going to win.

Control Florida State RB Dalvin Cook: The Wolverines will need to slow the elite running back in order to get Francois into second- and third-and-long, and that's not an easy task. Cook ranks sixth nationally in rushes that gained at least 10 yards, with 47. He's got breakaway speed, as evidenced by his pair of 70-yard touchdown runs — only four players in football had more this year — and he's a threat to take it the distance any time he touches the ball with a little room to move.

Indiana, even Maryland, had success outside the edge of the U-M defense by outrunning the linebackers, and this should be the Wolverines' biggest challenge in the game.

Additionally, Cook caught 30 passes for 426 yards and a score, averaging 14.2 yards per reception. At one point in the season, he ranked fifth nationally for receiving yards among running backs while only being a yard downfield on average when he caught the ball. Head coach Jimbo Fisher has a number of designed plays for him in the passing game, so it's up to the

Michigan defense to know where he is at all times.

The Breakdown: Florida State will be the most athletic team the Wolverines have played all year, and U-M will have to play well to win. Several have tried to compare it to last year's game with Florida, but the Gators essentially quit after falling behind ... that won't be the case with the Seminoles.

Many are predicting a lower-scoring affair, and that could certainly be the case. The defenses are the strength of both these teams. As is usually the case, line play will likely be the determining factor when it comes winning time.

TheWolverine.com Staff Picks

TheWolverine.com Senior Editor Chris Balas: Michigan 27, Florida State 20

The Michigan defensive line will be the difference. Dalvin Cook will get some yardage on the ground, but the Wolverines' pass rush will lead U-M to a win.

The Wolverine Senior Editor John Borton: Michigan 34, Florida State 24

They've missed too much beach time to not close in an ordinary flourish.

TheWolverine.com Recruiting Editor Brandon Brown: Michigan 34, Florida State 23

Florida State poses some problems that Michigan may not have often seen in the form of high-level athletes, but Jim Harbaugh will have his crew ready ... just like he did in Florida last year.

TheWolverine.com Analyst Doug Skene: Michigan 24, Florida State 17

Can Michigan's offense find a way to tough out a victory in the fourth quarter? Yes.

TheWolverine.com Intern Leland Mitchinson: Michigan 28, Florida State 20

The Michigan defense will be too much for Dalvin Cook and the Seminoles to overcome.

Michigan Football News & Views: Offensive Coordinator Tim Drevno

John Borton | TheWolverine.com

Michigan offensive coordinator Tim Drevno spoke with the Orange Bowl media Tuesday. Here are some highlights, his

comments and our take:

News: The challenge for Michigan's offensive line begins Dec. 31, when fifth-year seniors Erik Magnuson, Kyle Kalis and Ben Braden are no longer available, and younger players need to begin stepping up.

Drevno: "That started weeks ago. We understand three guys are graduating. Every day is a challenge. It's not easy to play on the offensive line. It's a formed habit.

"I love the challenge. I love to rebuild. I love to put a new line out there. I embrace it.

"Every day is an opportunity to get better. They understand it. You don't have to say much to them. They understand that three guys are graduating. It's time for them to step up — next man up."

Views: Michigan is developing some players who will echo what freshman linebacker Devin Bush Jr. said regarding the departures from his position. They'll take it as a personal affront that the offseason chatter for some will involve what's going out the door, rather than what's filling the gap.

Drevno grinned broadly when asked whom he'll have to arm wrestle to keep rookie lineman Michael Onwenu, who has played both ways this year, on the offensive side of the football. That's some mountainous raw material with a little experience — "He's a big, earth-moving guy," Drevno said — and he's not the only one who has seen the field.

Plus, Drevno started three true freshmen one year at USC, not so long ago. He'll put three pizzas on the table, invite in eight or 10 big eaters, and tell them not to share.

News: Redshirt junior fullback Khalid Hill is returning to the lineup in 2017, ready to maintain Michigan's high level of success under Jim Harbaugh.

Drevno: "Khalid Hill has unbelievable initial quickness. You see him take that ball and on those dives, he's got great initial quickness. He's very athletic, very light on his feet.

"He's got a natural ability to carry the ball. Those first two steps really help propel him into the end zone."

Views: Fullbacks can be fun, in Harbaugh's world. Hill scored a touchdown for every 3.9 yards gained this season, Michigan's point-blank weapon with 10 plane-breakers.

People forget he also caught 14 passes for 105 yards and another pair of touchdowns. Harbaugh will always be developing battering rams to front his tailbacks, but having one with Hill's skills and experience is another building block beyond Friday night.

News: Kalis entertained the Orange Bowl media on Tues-

day regarding his pro wrestling aspirations, and Drevno played along.

Drevno: "I'd like to go to his first event, if that's possible. Maybe I can be the ring manager. I can escort him out."

Asked about a possible character, Drevno didn't hesitate: "The Tasmanian Devil."

Views: Drevno himself will work his way beyond Michigan at some point, and it won't be as Kalis' corner man. Banter like that just scratches the surface on the relationships he develops with his players, who have consistently credited him with some major moves forward among the veterans.

When Kalis was finishing up his session with the media, Drevno crept up close behind the phalanx of cameras and digital recorders, peering in as if he was just another ink-stained wretch. Kalis spotted him and burst out laughing — a lighter moment on the business trip.

Drevno will get his shot as a head coach at some point. Michigan linemen will tell you, the longer he sticks around Ann Arbor, the better U-M lines will become.

News: Freshman running back Kareem Walker, who is redshirting this fall, garnered several mentions among those looking good in bowl practices.

Drevno: "Kareem is really hitting the hole well, using his vision. He's getting north and south, making some nice cuts out there. He's getting a good feel. It's exciting to see Kareem do that.

"I always knew Kareem had it in there. It's just a process. Everybody has different processes when they come to college. Things move fast. It just takes time to settle in.

"He's going to produce at a high level here at Michigan — he's got the chance to do that. He's gotten bigger — our strength program has done well with him. It's exciting to see what his future holds."

Views: That he has a shot at a Michigan future is already a win. Harbaugh took him out of play early, noting that the frosh had to focus on academics and doing all of what it takes to be a Michigan football player.

Walker responded to that and appears ready to join a fight for carries next year that could go four backs deep once again, or more. He's always carried the physical tools. If the maturity catches up — and Harbaugh will demand it — this could be one of the Wolverines' better turn-around tales.

News: Walker wasn't the only rookie offensive player who caught Drevno's eye in the weeks leading up to the Orange Bowl.

Drevno: “Michael Onwenu is coming along really well. Tight end wise, Sean McKeon has done some good things. The younger receivers keep getting better.

“Eddie McDoom — I know he’s been playing, but he’s a guy for the future where you’re like, ‘Wow.’ Keko Crawford ... you see a lot of them throughout practice, where you say, ‘He’s getting better,’ and it’s exciting for the program. It’s neat.”

Views: This is as good a freshman class as Michigan has brought in for almost two decades. It might be the most confident (borderline cocky) as well.

The latter isn’t a bad thing, if properly played out. The freshmen don’t think they’ve arrived, but they aren’t about to wallow with others in a post-Orange Bowl morass of self-pity about the departed.

They think next year, and the year after that, and the year after that, are going to be something special. They’ve got a coach who believes the same way and works to that end – that makes for a strong combination.

News: Harbaugh just has a way, according to those close to him.

Drevno: “When you walk in every day, you want to be the best at your craft. We’re going to find the best way to coach these guys, to be successful, and he thinks outside the box. He’s non-traditional, he’s creative, and he’s very, very intelligent.

“As a coach, you’re like, ‘Hey, how can we do it better?’ He doesn’t micromanage, but you don’t want to let him down. We’ve all had supervisors or bosses that you don’t want to let this guy down, because he’s given you such a great opportunity.

“He creates a competitive culture of, if you want to be the best then we’d better be the best. You’re going to study other teams and what we want to do offensively, and you’re going to be a man of character.

“You’re going to leave the building, and your car is going to go from point A to point B. It’s not going to stop anywhere. And you’re going to go from point B back to point A.

“Those are the guys who you want coaching your program — guys who are going to be great leaders of men. He presents that. He does a great job of hiring guys and gets a good feel of those types of guys who help us build a great program.”

Views: The record says 20-5 in two years, with four of the losses by a touchdown or less. That’s after a 5-7 mark in Brady Hoke’s final campaign, and six of seven years in the wilderness.

This team needs an Orange Bowl win for a feel-good cap on a near-miss season. But it knows where it’s headed.

Borton's Blog: Wilton Speight Rings In The New Year Early

John Borton | TheWolverine.com

The New Year arrives for all on Sunday. It’s already here for Wilton Speight, Michigan’s biggest cannon against Florida State in the Orange Bowl.

The redshirt sophomore experienced everything in 2016. He fired an interception on his very first throw, followed by weeks of Brinks truck ball security. Speight led a 9-0 Michigan start during which his head coach insisted he belonged in the Heisman discussion.

He tasted the bitter as well — two losses in the final three games, and struggles in both.

“I obviously believed in myself and thought I was going to do well,” Speight noted. “Every game, my goal was to get better and better. There was a point in the season where the trajectory was on a very upward trend.

“I didn’t play that well at Iowa and got banged up, and did all I could versus Ohio State. We performed well as an offense, as a whole. Now it’s basically year two as a starter. This bowl prep has, in my mind, been the start of year two. That’s where I really need to take the biggest leap.”

The numbers appear mighty solid for a first-year starter. Speight threw for 2,375 yards, hitting 62.5 percent of his passes for 17 touchdowns and only six interceptions.

But competitors remember the losses like forest dwellers remember wildfire. Half of those pickoffs occurred in Michigan’s two defeats, including a prickly pair in the final regular-season contest.

Speight and his teammates could be forgiven a ceremonial melting of that videotape. That’s not how he rolls, even wincing over the aftermath of a defeat in which an injury to his non-throwing shoulder made the going tough.

Like he always does, Speight played movie critic, even to a disaster film.

He watched the Ohio State game, cut-up by cut-up. Then he watched it again. The third-year Wolverine insists he’s seeking improvement, not a feel-good story. Even so, the popcorn didn’t go down as easily.

“That’s a bummer, to sit there and watch film,” Speight acknowledged. “That’s tough. I watched that Ohio State game a couple of times that week. About two weeks ago, I watched it again, in terms of finding little things you didn’t see before ... there’s a little pit in your stomach when you watch it.”

The point is to keep pushing. Nobody’s going to wait for

you, or feel sorry, so you may as well not get caught wallowing in what might have been.

For him, it's onward to the Orange Bowl.

"It's a very important game, because it's the next game," Speight insisted. "That's been our mindset all year. Every week is a championship week. This isn't the playoffs, but it's one of the closest bowls to it. That's why it's vital for us to get this win."

What Michigan's quarterback learned along the way could help. Asked what requires tweaking, he responded with the surety of a pinpoint pass on a post route.

"Decision making at all times," Speight offered. "It was sharp most of the year, but there were some mental errors that were easily avoidable on interceptions where I just could have gone somewhere else with the ball or not forced the ball into a tight window.

"I think I was okay at going through my progressions this year, but I want to get even better at that. I watch so much Tom Brady, Ben Roethlisberger, Philip Rivers film with Coach [Jedd] Fisch. Those guys go through all five progressions, almost every play."

He doesn't make much of his injury at Iowa and its lingering effect at Ohio State. But others are glad — for his sake and Michigan's — that he's had some time to heal.

"We're completely different," fifth-year senior wideout Amara Darboh noted, regarding playing behind a healthy Speight. "Wilton is a great leader and a great guy in the huddle, a guy that understands the game. When he's healthy, he delivers. He's a tough guy, too. Even when he's not healthy, he plays well."

"Wilton is outstanding," offensive coordinator Tim Drevno said. "You don't find a guy who throws a better deep ball. His football lens has just opened up. He's a student of the game. He's a team guy, a leader. He loves to compete.

"He has an unbelievable, even-keel balance about him. He doesn't get too high and doesn't get too low. He stays in the moment. He's a real joy to coach — an absolute joy. He's a special one."

He could be the special ingredient to making this year's explosion into the offseason feel like last year's — a Happy New Year come early.

Orange Bowl Notebook: Don Brown On The Present, Future

John Borton | TheWolverine.com

Michigan defensive coordinator Don Brown offers up colorful descriptions along with an aggressive defense. He might need some oxygen on Friday.

Brown is all too aware of Dalvin Cook, the Florida State running back who piled up 1,620 rushing yards and 18 touchdowns over the course of the 2016 season. Michigan's DC knows this much — the Wolverines likely haven't seen anyone better.

"Let me tell you something — every time No. 4 [Cook] has his hands on the ball, I can't breathe," Brown quipped. "I'm 61 years old, and I'm ..."

He let his voice trail off into gasping sounds, then added: "Then we get him on the ground and you move on to the next play, and you start breathing again. He's a very, very good player. If he's not the best, he's one of the top-three players we've played against all year. I have great respect for his toughness as well."

Cook isn't a one-man show, by any means. FSU quarterback Deondre Francois has thrown for 3,128 yards and 18 TDs while completing more than 60 percent of his passes.

"Francois is a really good quarterback," Brown assured. "Obviously, he's got tremendous skill around him."

Brown is no stranger to the Seminoles. He faced the Jameis Winston-led FSU teams as defensive coordinator for Boston College and knows enough to respect what they do.

"Playing against Jameis Winston was always a challenge," Brown said. "We knew we had our hands full. You had to go about your business in different ways.

"Coach [Jimbo] Fisher does an unbelievable job getting those guys to throw the ball to the right guy, based on what coverage you're in and based on what the quarterback is getting. You're not going to fool him. Then it comes down to your techniques, fundamentals and philosophy of how you go about doing your business.

"Dalvin Cook has made it a very difficult challenge, in trying to have the balancing act between how you're going to go about stopping the running game and being solid in the throw game as well. I'm not afraid to pressure anybody. It's just the way I am."

He's not afraid, because he's seen it work. Boston College, under Brown, limited the Seminoles to one offensive touchdown a year ago, in a 14-0 loss.

The veteran coach won't explicitly say so, but he has more raw material with which to work at Michigan. He'll respect an opponent, but he's confident in the defense the Wolverines will put on the field.

"I like our guys," Brown stressed. "We have a style that we

play. We've been on the film for 12 weeks now. There are going to be no easy throws. Every throw you make, you're going to have to earn it. We're going to play the game right here with those guys.

"Don't think we're some slow, Midwest team that's coming in here to play, now. Our guys can play. We'll play with tremendous technique and fundamentals. Our front four is playing at a high level.

"Our linebackers, led by Jabrill Peppers and Ben Gedeon and Mike McCray — we've been able to piece that together, so those guys complement the back end. Our guys have been in the soup a little bit and know how to play."

All that remains is making it happen on game day.

Brown Keeps An Eye To The Future

Michigan defensive coordinator Don Brown underscores the ultimate importance of the Orange Bowl on Friday. That's why the Wolverines are in Miami, he stressed.

That said, he knows there's another task right around the corner — rebuilding a defense that will suffer major personnel losses following the bowl. The Wolverines will have to replace at least nine defensive starters who are in their final year of eligibility.

"It's a balancing act, but that's what we get paid to do," he said. "That's what coaching is. You're multitasking all the time. Eye on the game — but you've got to have an eye on the future as well. You're going to wake up on Saturday morning, and guess what? It's next season. You've got to be ready to go."

One of the most crucial elements for the Wolverines likely involves the Viper (outside linebacker) spot, manned this year by redshirt sophomore Jabrill Peppers, who is considered a prime candidate to jump into the NFL Draft next spring.

While not commenting on whether the third-year Wolverine will stay or go, Brown found some future parts for that piece of the puzzle in bowl practices.

Freshman safety Josh Metellus and sophomore walk-on safety Jordan Glasgow both showed signs of having the ability to jump in at that spot, Brown noted. Both have played sparingly this year on defense, Metellus has nine tackles with a sack, while Glasgow has posted 12 stops with a fumble recovery.

"Josh Metellus — we're really excited about him," Brown said. "He can play safety, and he can be the poor man's Jabrill Peppers. We've got to get him a little bigger, but he can do a lot of the things we ask Jabrill to do.

"I'm not saying he's Jabrill Peppers. I'm saying he's the poor man's Jabrill Peppers. We're excited about him.

"He can play either safety position and is a really intelligent, understands-concepts guy."

Meanwhile, Jordan is the latest Glasgow to prove himself a football player at Michigan. Older brother Graham walked on, started at Michigan and is now starting for the Detroit Lions. Ryan, a fifth-year senior defensive tackle, has served as a stalwart, multi-season starter.

Now the youngest Glasgow has been tearing it up on special teams and made an impression at Viper in bowl practices.

"Jordan Glasgow?" Brown said. "I think we found this guy a home.

"We've kind of fooled with him in it. We're going to be different at the safety position. I don't know if I want to take Josh and pull him out of there fulltime, and turn him into the Viper. But wouldn't it be wonderful if this guy just continues to mature?"

"He's a different guy, but he has those qualities. The beauty is, we still have Noah [Furbush, a redshirt sophomore], who has really practiced extremely well over the last six, seven weeks. And we'll have that Viper guy who can help him out."

Glasgow is definitely one to watch, Brown insisted.

"All of a sudden, we just fooled with him in the bowl practice, and I'm going, 'Damn! This guy is doing things a lot better,'" Brown said. "He can rush it a little bit. I'm sure he's got a little of that going. He can cover a little bit. He's a tough guy.

"He set the edge on a counter play yesterday, and I was like, 'Damn!' This guy is playing pretty good. If you keep fooling around with the soup, and you find things that certain guys can do well, let them do that, and take them out when they've got to do the other things."

Miscellaneous Notes

- Freshman safety Josh Metellus is from Flanagan High School in Pembroke Pines, Fla. Defensive coordinator Don Brown noted Michigan hit the jackpot at that location, with Metellus, freshman linebacker Devin Gil and freshman linebacker Devin Bush Jr. all hailing from there.

"Unbelievable," Brown said. "Really happy. Devin Bush has been a solid No. 2 guy from the day he got on campus. I threw him in there. Unfortunately, he's behind [redshirt junior] Mike McCray, and Mike has played all year, with the exception of maybe 20, 25 snaps.

"He's in a position where this spring, he'll be in a starting role and he's off and running.

"Devin Gil — we've found out who he is. He'll have a chance to be in the two-deep as well, moving forward this spring."

By The Numbers: U-M Has Not Fared Well Recently In Bowl Games

Austin Fox | Contributor

Since 2003, Michigan has made a bowl game in all but three seasons, with 2008, 2009 and 2014 being the postseason-less years. However, the Wolverines have not fared well in their last 10 bowl games, posting a dismal 3-7 record. Granted, four of those came with either Rich Rodriguez or Brady Hoke at the helm, but even Lloyd Carr ended his U-M tenure by losing five of his last seven bowl games.

Head coach Jim Harbaugh has restored the winning tradition at Michigan, though, and that was quite clear in last season's Citrus Bowl, when the Wolverines annihilated the SEC East champion Florida Gators, 41-7. Only time will tell if the Maize and Blue have similar success on Friday when they take on Florida State in the Orange Bowl, but it wasn't long ago that Michigan was playing in lower-tier bowl games.

Here's a look at the Wolverines' last 10 bowl appearances, and how they fared in each game:

Michigan's Last 10 Bowl Games			
Date	Bowl	Opponent	Result
Jan. 1, 2004	Rose	USC	L, 28-14
Jan. 1, 2005	Rose	Texas	L, 38-37
Dec. 28, 2005	Alamo	Nebraska	L, 32-28
Jan. 1, 2007	Rose	USC	L, 32-18
Jan. 1, 2008	Capital One	Florida	W, 41-35
Jan. 1, 2011	Gator	Mississippi State	L, 52-14
Jan. 3, 2012	Sugar	Virginia Tech	W, 23-20 (OT)
Jan. 1, 2013	Outback	South Carolina	L, 33-28
Dec. 28, 2013	Buffalo Wild Wings	Kansas State	L, 31-14
Jan. 1, 2016	Citrus	Florida	W, 41-7

The Maize and Blue made back-to-back Rose Bowl appearances against USC after the 2003 season (L, 28-14) and against Texas after the 2004 season (L, 38-37), but lost both.

After a disappointing 7-4 regular-season finish in 2005, Michigan faced Nebraska in the Alamo Bowl. Trailing by four with no time left, U-M tight end Tyler Ecker appeared to have a path to the end zone for a game-winning score, but was forced out of bounds when numerous members of the sideline came onto the field, thinking the game was already over. The referees did not call a penalty, and the Maize and Blue lost, 32-28, in a game that was infamous for its horrendous officiating.

Michigan returned to the Rose Bowl after the 2006 season

for the third time in four years, but lost to USC once again, 32-18.

After the 2007 regular season (Carr's last in Ann Arbor), the Wolverines faced Florida in the Capital One Bowl. Despite being heavy underdogs heading into the game, the Maize and Blue put on an inspired performance and defeated the Gators (and Heisman Trophy winner Tim Tebow), 41-35, sending Carr out in style.

Michigan missed bowl games in both 2008 and 2009, but made an appearance in the Gator Bowl on Jan. 1, 2011. In the worst bowl loss in school history, the Wolverines were blown out by Mississippi State, 52-14, and as a result, head coach Rich Rodriguez was fired four days later.

In his first season of 2011, Brady Hoke led Michigan to a 10-2 regular-season record and an appearance in the Sugar Bowl. The Maize and Blue defeated Virginia Tech, 23-20, in an overtime thriller, marking the school's first victory in a BCS Bowl since defeating Alabama on Jan. 1, 2000.

Following the 2012 campaign, Michigan faced South Carolina in the Outback Bowl. Leading by one with just 13 seconds left, the Wolverine defense gave up the game-winning touchdown and fell, 33-28.

On Dec. 28, 2013, Michigan lost to Kansas State in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl, 31-14, in a flat, emotionless and uninspiring performance.

Hoke's 2014 team missed a bowl game, but the Maize and Blue returned to the postseason in Harbaugh's first year of 2015. On Jan. 1, 2016, Michigan destroyed Florida in impressive fashion, 41-7, capping off a 10-3 record in Harbaugh's Ann Arbor debut.

The Wolverines will add another chapter to their bowl game legacy on Friday against Florida State and will be looking for back-to-back bowl victories for the first time since 2000-01.

By the Numbers: Michigan vs. Florida State

1st & 14th Is where Michigan (.731) and Florida State (.680) rank in all-time FBS winning percentage, respectively.

2 Previous meetings between the two traditional powerhouses; Michigan defeated Florida State, 20-18, in 1986 (with Jim Harbaugh under center), while the Seminoles beat the Wolverines, 51-31, in 1991.

8 Interceptions for Florida State sophomore cornerback Tarvarus McFadden, which is tied for the most in the country.

15 Sacks for Florida State senior defensive end DeMarcus Walker, which is the second-most in the nation (Boston College defensive end Harold Landry had 1.5 in his bowl game after the two were tied for the national lead at the end of the regular season).

29 & 69 Degrees projected for Ann Arbor and Miami on Friday, respectively (according to weather.com); the Wolverines will surely trade the freezing weather of Ann Arbor for the warm, sunny climate of Miami.

34 Sacks allowed by Florida State's offensive line, which ranks 105th in the country.

47 Sacks recorded by the FSU defense, which is tied for the most in the nation; Michigan's defense has accumulated 44 sacks, which is good for fifth in the land.

135.9 Passing yards allowed per game by Michigan's defense, the fewest in the country; Temple's pass defense is next best, allowing 145.2 per game.

1,620 Rushing yards for Florida State junior running back Dalvin Cook this season, which is the most in the ACC and eighth-most in the country.

Michigan Football: NFL Wolverines, How They Fared — Week 16

Chris Balas | TheWolverine.com

How former Wolverines fared in NFL week 16 play:

Richard Ash, DT

Jacksonville Jaguars

Graduated from U-M and spent his fifth-year senior campaign at Western Michigan. Signed to the 3-12 Jaguars' practice squad for the second straight year and was promoted to the active roster in week eight. He remained there until a week 11 loss to Detroit and was released the following week, before being signed back to the practice squad a week later. Played in one game this year and registered one solo tackle with three assists.

Brennen Beyer, LB

Baltimore Ravens

Signed to the 8-7 Ravens' practice squad for the second straight year and brought up to the active roster in Week 16, but didn't play in a 31-27 loss at Pittsburgh.

Tom Brady, QB

New England Patriots

Completed 17 of 27 passes for 214 yards and three touchdowns in a 41-3 win over the New York Jets. Has connected on 266 of 399 passes (66.7 percent) for 3,278 yards with 25 touchdowns and two picks in 11 games since returning from a four-game suspension resulting from the Deflategate investigation. The Patriots are 13-2 overall, 10-1 with him in the lineup. He ranks second in the league in passer rating (110.7), is fourth in passing yards per game (298) and is tied for 11th in touchdowns despite missing the four games.

Alan Branch, DT

New England Patriots

Started and notched one solo tackle, two assists and a half sack in a 41-3 win over the New York Jets. Has started all 15

games for 13-2 New England and recorded 24 solo tackles, 23 assists, 1.5 sacks, two passes broken up and a forced fumble.

Frank Clark, DE

Seattle Seahawks

Notched two solo tackles and three assists in a 34-31 loss to Arizona. Has recorded 21 solo tackles, 22 assists, 9.0 sacks and one forced fumble in 14 games (five starts) for 9-5-1 Seattle, missing one with injury.

Blake Countess, DB

Los Angeles Rams

Graduated from Michigan and spent his fifth-year senior season at Auburn. Cut by Philadelphia Sept. 3 and signed to the 4-11 Rams' practice squad Sept. 4. Notched eight solo tackles, three assists and one sack in 22-21 loss to San Francisco, his first statistics in four games this year.

Devin Funchess, WR

Carolina Panthers

Caught one pass for nine yards in a 33-16 loss to Atlanta. Has started seven of 15 games in which he's appeared and hauled in 23 passes for 371 yards and four touchdowns for 6-9 Carolina.

Graham Glasgow, OL

Detroit Lions

Started in a Monday night game at Dallas. Has started the last 10 games and played in 14 for the 9-6 Lions, who are tied for first in the NFC North.

Brandon Graham, DE

Philadelphia Eagles

Started and notched two solo tackles and two assists in a 24-19 win over the New York Giants. Has started all 15 games for 6-9 Philadelphia and recorded 39 solo tackles, 18 assists, 5.5 sacks, one pass broken up and two forced fumbles.

Leon Hall, DB

New York Giants

Played but did not record a tackle in a 24-19 loss at Philadelphia. Has played in 11 games this year, starting two, and notched 19 solo tackles, eight assists, one sack, one interception, one forced fumble and two passes broken up for 10-5 New York.

David Harris, LB

New York Jets

Started and recorded four solo tackles and four assists in a 41-3 loss at New England. Has started all 14 games in which he's appeared for 4-11 New York, missing one with injury, and has recorded 58 solo tackles, 29 assists, a half sack and two passes broken up.

Chad Henne, QB

Jacksonville Jaguars

Did not play in Jacksonville's 38-17 win over Tennessee. Has taken one snap this year for the 3-12 Jaguars but has not thrown a pass.

Willie Henry, DL

Baltimore Ravens

Placed on injured reserve Nov. 15. Was activated for one game, but did not play in his rookie season for 8-7 Baltimore.

Joe Kerridge, FB

Green Bay Packers

Played his seventh NFL game in a 38-25 win over Minnesota, but did not carry the ball or catch a pass. Signed to the 9-6

Packers' practice squad Oct. 3 after being released from Washington's and was added to the active roster Nov. 13. Has yet to carry the ball or catch a pass.

Taylor Lewan, OT

Tennessee Titans

Started at left tackle in a 38-17 loss at Jacksonville.. Has started all 15 games this season for 8-7 Tennessee.

Jake Long, OT

Minnesota Vikings

Placed on injured reserve after a week 10 loss to Washington following an Achilles tendon injury. Played in four games and started three this year for the 7-8 Vikings.

Patrick Omameh, OL

Jacksonville Jaguars

Lost for the season and was placed on injured reserve following a leg injury during a 26-19, Week 11 loss at Detroit. Played in 10 games for 3-12 Jacksonville, starting seven.

Thomas Rawls, RB

Seattle Seahawks

Earned his Michigan degree and spent his fifth year at Central Michigan. Carried eight times for eight yards in a 34-31 loss to Arizona. Has carried 101 times for 335 yards and two scores and caught 13 passes for 96 yards in eight games (missing seven with injury), starting six for 9-5-1 Seattle.

Denard Robinson, RB

Jacksonville Jaguars

Did not play in a 38-17 win over Tennessee due to an ankle injury. Has played in 12 games for 3-12 Jacksonville, starting one, and has carried 37 times for 127 yards, while he also caught three passes for 22 yards.

Jake Rudock, QB

Detroit Lions

Signed to the 9-5 Lions' practice squad in his rookie season and was called to the active roster in Week 12. Has yet to throw a pass in his rookie season.

Jake Ryan, LB

Green Bay Packers

Started and registered four solo tackles and two assists in a 38-25 win over Minnesota. Has started 10 of 13 games he has played in for 9-6 Green Bay and has recorded 54 solo tackles, 23 assists and three passes broken up.

Michael Schofield, OL

Denver Broncos

Started at guard in a 33-10 loss at Kansas City. Has started all 15 games for 8-7 Denver.

Fitz Toussaint, RB

Pittsburgh Steelers

Played but did not carry the ball in a 31-27 loss to Cincinnati. Has carried 11 times for 44 yards and caught one pass for nine yards in 14 games played with the 10-5 Steelers.

Jarrold Wilson, DB

Jacksonville Jaguars

Played but did not register a tackle in a 38-17 win over Tennessee. Has played in all 15 games as a rookie and registered six solo tackles and two assists for 3-12 Jacksonville.

The Month In Michigan Recruiting: December

Brandon Brown | Staff Writer

Here's a look back at the recent action involving the Maize and Blue's recruiting efforts:

- Hot Boards are being updated daily and the most recent edition of each can be found linked at the bottom every day. Athlete is the latest position group to be reviewed and there are just a few still looking at the Wolverines.

- Michigan has landed seven commitments in the month of December, moving U-M up to the No. 5 recruiting class in the nation behind Alabama, Ohio State, Georgia and Oklahoma. Log on to TheWolverine.com to learn more about each.

Ambry Thomas, CB

Tarik Black, WR

Donovan Peoples-Jones, WR

Deron Irving-Bey, SDE

Cesar Ruiz, C

Jordan Anthony, ILB

Drew Singleton, OLB

- Earlier this month, four U-M pledges — three-star Connecticut linebacker Ben Mason, four-star Colorado quarterback Dylan McCaffrey, five-star Michigan wide receiver Donovan Peoples-Jones and three-star Rhode Island defensive end Kwity Paye — were named the Gatorade Player of the Year for their home states.

- Michigan still has a real shot with Aledo (Texas) four-star offensive tackle Chuck Filiaga after the big lineman released a top three consisting of U-M, Nebraska and Oklahoma. The 6-6, 335-pounder will make his decision on Jan. 7 at the Army All-American Bowl. He recently broke down all three schools with Rivals.com.

Michigan Football Recruiting: All-America Games Primer

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Christmas is in the rearview and New Year's Day is right around the corner, meaning that it's officially All-American season. The Under Armour game and Army Bowl are the two headlining events, but there are a couple of other postseason all-star games that also have some Michigan flavor.

Under Armour All-America Game • Jan. 1 • Orlando, Fla. • 1 p.m. EST • ESPN

Since 2008, some of the nation's best high school football players have been selected by ESPN Recruiting to participate

in the Under Armour All-America Football Game. This year, six Michigan commits will be in attendance for the game, while several more targets will also be competing.

Plantation (Fla.) American Heritage four-star offensive tackle Kai-Leon Herbert, Detroit Cass Tech three-star safety Jaylen Kelly-Powell, Warwick (R.I.) Bishop Hendricken three-star weakside defensive end Kwity Paye, Bradenton (Fla.) IMG Academy four-star center Cesar Ruiz, Paramus (N.J.) Catholic four-star outside linebacker Drew Singleton and Alexandria (Va.) Episcopal four-star weakside defensive end Luiji Vilain represent Michigan's pledges in Orlando.

Brooklyn (N.Y.) Poly Prep five-star offensive tackle Isaiah Wilson spurned the Wolverines for Georgia, but he'll be in Orlando and might be willing to at least discuss if U-M is still involved.

Phoenix (Ariz.) Mountain Pointe four-star athlete Isaiah Pola-Mao has stuck to his January plan for an official visit to Michigan but nothing has been set yet.

Sacramento (Calif.) Inderkum four-star tight end Josh Falo is still hanging in there among Michigan's tight end targets.

And finally, a pair of Pennsylvania four-stars in Munhall (Penn.) Steel Valley safety Paris Ford and Pittsburgh Central Catholic offensive guard CJ Thorpe will also put their abilities on display in Orlando. Ford is currently committed to Pittsburgh, while Thorpe has verbally pledged to Penn State.

U.S. Army All-American Bowl • Jan. 7 • San Antonio • 1 p.m. EST • NBC

The U.S. Army All-American Bowl is the original premier high school All-American game, featuring the best 90 players in an annual East vs. West matchup. For the last 17 years the game has been played in January in San Antonio's Alamodome.

Four of Michigan's recent commitments in Cheshire (Conn.) Cheshire Academy four-star wide receiver Tarik Black, Flint (Mich.) Southwestern Academy three-star strongside defensive end Deron Irving-Bey, Detroit Cass Tech five-star wide receiver Donovan Peoples-Jones and Detroit Martin Luther King four-star cornerback Ambry Thomas, along with the unofficial face of the program, Highlands Ranch (Colo.) Valor Christian four-star dual-threat quarterback Dylan McCaffrey, will all be in San Antonio starting on New Year's Day.

Many of Michigan's top targets will also be in Texas for the premiere prep all-star game. Aledo (Texas) four-star offensive tackle Chuck Filiaga, Starkville (Miss.) four-star outside linebacker Willie Gay, Antioch (Calif.) five-star running back Najee Harris, Calabasas (Calif.) five-star cornerback Darnay Holmes, Leesburg (Ga.) Lee County five-star defensive tackle Aubrey Solomon and South Jordan (Utah) Bingham four-star defensive tackle Jay Tufele will all be in attendance and will undoubtedly have a few Wolverines in their ears throughout the week. Of

that group, only Harris is currently committed — to Alabama.

Offense-Defense All-American Bowl • Jan. 1 • Atlanta

The 11th Annual Offense-Defense All-American Bowl Week will pit a Michigan running back commit against one of its big-time defenders.

Loganville (Ga.) Grayson three-star running back Kurt Taylor will suit up for Team National, and Toledo (Ohio) Central Catholic four-star strongside defensive tackle James Hudson will be on Team American chasing him around. The two Michigan commits are the only players of Wolverine interest in that game this year.

Polynesian Bowl • Jan. 21 • O'ahu, Hawaii • 6 p.m. HST

The Polynesian Bowl will feature the world's elite high school players of Polynesian heritage, as well as players of other nationalities. The game will be held Jan. 21, 2017 during the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Week in O'ahu, Hawai'i.

For a new game, in Hawaii, that revolves around the Polynesian culture, Michigan has a high amount of commitments in the contest with five.

McCaffrey, Saint Joseph (Mich.) four-star strongside defensive end Corey Malone-Hatcher, Berrien Springs (Mich.) three-star offensive guard/defensive tackle Phillip Paea — who is of Tongan descent, Orchard Lake (Mich.) St. Mary's four-star outside linebacker Joshua Ross and Taylor will all represent Wolverine commits on the island.

Five other Michigan targets will be attendance, and four of them have a Polynesian background.

Pago Pago (American Samoa) Leone four-star athlete Juliano Falaniko is currently committed to USC, but he's mentioned being very intrigued by blazing his own trail at U-M.

Sacramento's Falo is the only uncommitted tight end still being recruited by Michigan.

Filiaga is one of Michigan's top tackle targets, so getting him around five U-M commits for the game in Hawai'i should make for a very positive experience.

Pola-Mao has maintained that he'd like to take an official visit to Michigan. Time spent with several future Wolverines should give him a look at what kind of people are involved with the program.

Last but not least is Iowa City (Iowa) West three-star wide receiver Oliver Martin. He may me a little further down Michigan's wide receiver board than others, but his friendship with McCaffrey could still make for an interesting development as National Signing Day approaches.

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

Offense	U-M	FSU
Points Per Game	41.0	35.2
First Downs	267	306
Rushing Yards	2679	2481
Rushing Yards/Game	223.2	206.8
Rushing Attempts	538	483
Average Yards Per Rush	5.0	5.1
Passing Yards	2593	3211
Passing Yards/Game	216.1	267.6
Passing Attempts	332	394
Average Yards/Catch	12.5	13.7
Total Yards	5272	5692
Average Yards Per Game	439.3	474.3
Average Kickoff Return	18.6	21.2
Average Punt Return	15.6	8.3
Third-Down Conversions	72-163	71-156
Third-Down Conv. Percent	44%	46%
Fourth-Down Conversions	12-18	2-4
Fourth-Down Conv. Percent	67%	50%

Defense	U-M	FSU
Points Allowed Per Game	12.5	24.4
First Downs Allowed	171	229
Rushing Yards Allowed	1401	1575
Rushing Yards Allowed/Game	116.8	131.2
Opponent Rushing Attempts	446	421
Average Yards/Rushing Attempt	3.1	3.7
Passing Yards Allowed	1631	2711
Passing Yards Allowed/Game	135.9	225.9
Opponent Passing Attempts	301	366
Average Yards/Catch Allowed	12.2	13.4
Total Yards Allowed	3032	4286
Average Yards/Game Allowed	252.7	357.2
Average Kickoff Return Allowed	21.0	17.9
Average Punt Return Allowed	7.3	21.5
Third-Down Conversions	34-163	54-160
Third-Down Conv. Percent	21%	34%
Fourth-Down Conversions	10-26	7-16
Fourth-Down Conv. Percent	38%	44%

Class Breakdowns (2016 Depth Chart)				
	Sr.	Jr.	So.	Fr.
U-M Offense	8	8	3	5
U-M Defense	9	2	8	4
U-M Specialists	6	1	2	4
U-M Totals	23	11	13	13
FSU Offense	4	7	12	5
FSU Defense	3	2	3	7
FSU Specialists	2	10	9	7
FSU Totals	9	19	24	19

Score By Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total	Avg.
U-M	115	172	103	92	10	492	41.0
FSU	100	92	135	96	—	423	35.2

Turnovers	Gained	Lost	+/-
U-M	17	11	+6
FSU	22	18	+4

2016 FLORIDA STATE STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	TD	INT
Deondre Francois	226	373	3128	18	6
Sean Maguire	7	12	64	2	1
J.J. Cosentino	2	9	19	1	0

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Dalvin Cook	268	1620	6.0	75	18
Jacques Patrick	60	348	5.8	41	4
Deondre Francois	98	189	1.9	35	4
Freddie Stevenson	12	90	7.5	38	4

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Travis Rudolph	53	807	15.2	58	7
Kermit Whitfield	33	372	11.3	28	1
Dalvin Cook	30	426	14.2	59	1
Jesus Wilson	30	390	13.0	34	1
Auden Tate	25	409	16.4	39	6
Nyqwan Murray	25	337	13.5	40	3

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot.	TFL/Yds.	Sacks/Yds.
DeMarcus Walker	42	22	64	17.5/124	15.0/115
Matthew Thomas	41	21	62	7.5/20	1.0/2
Trey Marshall	37	17	54	2.0/4	0
Ro'Derrick Hoskins	27	18	45	3.5/10	2.5/7
Derrick Nnadi	25	19	44	9.5/33	5.5/27
Josh Sweat	24	14	38	10.0/39	5.5/29

Interceptions	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Tarvarus McFadden	8	16	2.0	0
Marquez White	2	14	7.0	0
Marcus Lewis	1	0	0	0
Derwin James	1	0	0	0
Ermon Lane	1	7	7.0	0
Nate Andrews	1	0	0	0

Kicking	PATM-A	FGM-FGA	LG
Ricky Aguayo	48-48	17-24	47
Logan Tyler	3-3	1-2	53

Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG
Logan Tyler	49	1987	40.6	57
Jack Steed	1	33	33.0	33

2016 MICHIGAN SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Result/Time (ET)
Sept. 3	Hawai'i	W, 63-3
Sept. 10	Central Florida	W, 51-14
Sept. 17	Colorado	W, 45-28
Sep. 24	Penn State	W, 49-10
Oct. 1	Wisconsin	W, 14-7
Oct. 8	at Rutgers	W, 78-0
Oct. 22	Illinois	W, 41-8
Oct. 29	at Michigan State	W, 32-23
Nov. 5	Maryland	W, 59-3
Nov. 12	at Iowa	L, 13-14
Nov. 19	Indiana	W, 20-10
Nov. 25	at Ohio State	L, 27-30 (2 OT)
Dec. 30	Florida State	8:00 p.m.

2016 FLORIDA STATE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Result/Time (ET)
Sep. 5	Mississippi	W, 45-34
Sep. 10	Charleston Southern	W, 52-8
Sep. 17	at Louisville	L, 20-63
Sep. 24	South Florida	W, 55-35
Oct. 1	North Carolina	L, 35-37
Oct. 8	at Miami (FL)	W, 20-19
Oct. 15	Wake Forest	W, 17-6
Oct. 29	Clemson	L, 34-37
Nov. 5	at NC State	W, 24-20
Nov. 11	Boston College	W, 45-7
Nov. 19	at Syracuse	W, 45-14
Nov. 26	Florida	W, 31-13
Dec. 30	Michigan	8:00 p.m.

2016 MICHIGAN WOLVERINES FOOTBALL DEPTH CHART (UNOFFICIAL)

OFFENSE					
Pos. No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	
WR	82 Amara Darboh	6-2	215	5th-Sr.	
	14 Drake Harris	6-4	188	R-Jr.	
LT	71 Ben Braden	6-6	335	5th-Sr.	
	76 Juwann Bushell-Beatty	6-6	311	R-So.	
LG	74 Ben Bredeson	6-5	310	Fr.	
	71 Ben Braden	6-6	335	5th-Sr.	
C	52 Mason Cole	6-5	305	Jr.	
	57 Patrick Kugler	6-5	303	R-Jr.	
RG	67 Kyle Kalis	6-5	305	5th-Sr.	
	74 Ben Bredeson	6-5	310	Fr.	
RT	78 Erik Magnuson	6-6	305	5th-Sr.	
	70 Nolan Ulizio	6-5	291	R-Fr.	
TE	88 Jake Butt	6-6	250	Sr.	
	2 Devin Asiasi	6-3	287	Fr.	
WR	82 Jehu Chesson	6-3	203	5th-Sr.	
	85 Maurice Ways	6-3	217	R-So.	
QB	3 Wilton Speight	6-6	243	R-So.	
or	8 John O'Korn	6-4	215	R-Jr.	
FB	80 Khalid Hill	6-2	263	R-Jr.	
	19 Henry Poggi	6-4	257	R-Jr.	
RB	4 De'Veon Smith	5-11	228	Sr.	
	32 Ty Isaac	6-3	230	R-Jr.	
or	12 Chris Evans	5-11	200	Fr.	
or	22 Karan Higdon	5-10	189	So.	

SPECIALISTS					
Pos. No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	
PK	91 Kenny Allen	6-4	222	5th-Sr.	
	3 Quinn Nordin	6-1	205	Fr.	
P	91 Kenny Allen	6-4	222	5th-Sr.	
	3 Quinn Nordin	6-1	205	Fr.	
KO	91 Kenny Allen	6-4	222	5th-Sr.	
	3 Quinn Nordin	6-1	205	Fr.	
H	15 Garrett Moores	6-5	217	Sr.	
LS	31 Scott Sypniewski	6-1	231	R-Jr.	
	50 Andrew Robinson	6-0	221	R-So.	
KR	26 Jourdan Lewis	5-10	186	Sr.	
	86 Jehu Chesson	6-3	203	5th-Sr.	
PR	5 Jabrill Peppers	6-1	205	R-So.	
	12 Chris Evans	5-11	200	Fr.	

DEFENSE					
Pos. No.	Name	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	
DE	33 Taco Charlton	6-6	285	Sr.	
	15 Chase Winovich	6-3	245	R-So.	
DT	96 Ryan Glasgow	6-4	299	5th-Sr.	
	90 Bryan Mone	6-4	310	R-So.	
DT	99 Matthew Godin	6-6	294	5th-Sr.	
	73 Maurice Hurst	6-2	282	R-Jr.	
DE	43 Chris Wormley	6-6	302	5th-Sr.	
	3 Rashan Gary	6-5	287	Fr.	
SLB	5 Jabrill Peppers	6-1	205	R-So.	
	59 Noah Furbush	6-5	238	R-So.	
ILB	9 Mike McCray	6-4	248	R-Jr.	
	10 Devin Bush Jr.	5-11	232	Fr.	
ILB	42 Ben Gedeon	6-3	247	Sr.	
	52 E. Mbem-Bosse	6-3	215	Fr.	
FS	25 Dymonte Thomas	6-2	199	Sr.	
	23 Tyree Kinnel	5-11	206	So.	
SS	44 Delano Hill	6-1	215	Sr.	
	23 Tyree Kinnel	5-11	206	So.	
CB	8 Channing Stribling	6-2	175	Sr.	
	28 Brandon Watson	5-11	203	R-So.	
or	22 David Long	5-11	187	Fr.	
CB	26 Jourdan Lewis	5-10	186	Sr.	
	28 Brandon Watson	5-11	203	R-So.	

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OFFENSE					
Pos. No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	
QB	12 Deondre Francois	6-2	205	R-Fr.	
	10 Sean Maguire	6-3	232	R-Sr.	
	16 J.J. Cosentino	6-4	230	R-So.	
TB	4 Dalvin Cook	5-11	213	Jr.	
	9 Jacques Patrick	6-2	231	So.	
or	7 Ryan Green	5-11	204	R-Jr.	
FB	23 Freddie Stevenson	6-1	241	Sr.	
	35 Gabe Nabers	6-3	244	Fr.	
or	33 Colton Plante	6-2	236	So.	
WR	15 Travis Rudolph	6-1	192	Jr.	
	89 Keith Gavin	6-3	225	Fr.	
WR	8 Kermit Whitfield	5-8	182	Sr.	
	80 Nyqwan Murray	5-11	176	So.	
LT	77 Roderick Johnson	6-7	311	Jr.	
	62 Ethan Frith	6-7	316	So.	
LG	72 Kareem Are	6-6	325	R-Sr.	
	70 Cole Minshew	6-5	338	R-Fr.	
C	54 Alec Eberle	6-4	294	R-So.	
	60 Andrew Boselli	6-4	303	Fr.	
RG	78 Wilson Bell	6-5	320	R-Jr.	
	74 Derrick Kelly	6-5	323	R-So.	
RT	76 Rick Leonard	6-7	306	Jr.	
or	71 Brock Ruble	6-8	319	R-So.	
TE	81 Ryan Izzo	6-5	245	R-So.	
	88 Mavin Saunders	6-5	257	R-So.	
	85 Jeremy Kerr	6-6	270	R-Jr.	
WR	18 Auden Tate	6-5	225	So.	
	5 Da'Vante Phillips	6-1	206	So.	

SPECIALISTS					
Pos. No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	
PK	23 Ricky Aguayo	6-1	196	Fr.	
	21 Logan Tyler	6-0	201	Fr.	
H	41 Jack Steed	6-5	213	R-Sr.	
DS	47 Stephen Gabbard	6-2	248	Jr.	
	40 Ken Burnham	6-0	203	R-So.	
KO	21 Logan Tyler	6-0	201	Fr.	
	23 Ricky Aguayo	6-1	196	Fr.	
P	21 Logan Tyler	6-0	201	Fr.	
	41 Jack Steed	6-5	213	R-Sr.	
PR	80 Nyqwan Murray	5-11	176	So.	
	1 Levonta Taylor	5-10	169	Fr.	
KR	8 Kermit Whitfield	5-8	182	Sr.	
	89 Keith Gavin	6-3	225	Fr.	
KR	7 Ryan Green	5-11	204	R-Jr.	
	4 Tarvarus McFadden	6-2	198	So.	

DEFENSE					
Pos. No.	Player	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	
DE	44 DeMarcus Walker	6-3	280	Sr.	
	84 Jalen Wilkerson	6-4	273	R-Fr.	
DT	90 Demarcus Christmas	6-4	308	R-So.	
	94 Walvenski Aimé	6-4	300	So.	
NG	91 Derrick Nnadi	6-1	312	Jr.	
	55 Fredrick Jones	6-2	298	R-So.	
BUCK	9 Josh Sweat	6-5	250	So.	
	16 Jacob Pugh	6-4	229	Jr.	
SAM	16 Jacob Pugh	6-4	229	Jr.	
	51 Josh Brown	6-3	216	Fr.	
MIKE	18 Ro'Derrick Hoskins	6-2	240	R-Jr.	
	56 Emmett Rice	6-2	203	Fr.	
WLB	6 Matthew Thomas	6-3	227	R-Jr.	
	5 Dontavious Jackson	6-2	249	Fr.	
	40 Nick Patti	6-1	225	R-So.	
CB	4 Tarvarus McFadden	6-2	198	So.	
	24 Marcus Lewis	6-1	190	So.	
or	1 Levonta Taylor	5-10	169	Fr.	
FS	19 A.J. Westbrook	6-0	186	So.	
	7 Ermon Lane	6-3	209	Jr.	
	15 Carlos Becker III	6-2	183	Fr.	
SS	20 Trey Marshall	6-0	210	Jr.	
or	7 Ermon Lane	6-3	209	Jr.	
	10 Calvin Brewton	6-0	186	So.	
STAR	20 Trey Marshall	6-0	210	Jr.	
	37 Kyle Meyers	6-0	168	Fr.	
CB	27 Marquez White	6-0	184	Sr.	
	28 Malique Jackson	6-0	170	Jr.	

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Rushing	G	No	Gain	Lost	Net	Avg	TD	Lg	Yd/G
Smith, De'Veon	12	165	850	40	810	4.9	10	42	67.5
Evans, Chris	12	80	574	9	565	7.1	3	57	47.1
Higdon, Karan	11	68	439	17	422	6.2	6	45	38.4
Isaac, Ty	12	74	423	6	417	5.6	5	53	34.8
Peppers, J.	12	27	181	14	167	6.2	3	63	13.9
McDoom, Eddie	12	15	166	12	154	10.3	0	33	12.8
Chesson, Jehu	12	11	67	6	61	5.5	1	17	5.1
Hill, Khalid	12	25	39	0	39	1.6	10	4	3.2
Henderson, B.	11	5	37	0	37	7.4	1	13	3.4
O'Korn, John	8	12	42	11	31	2.6	0	30	3.9
Morris, Shane	6	3	19	0	19	6.3	0	14	3.2
Davis, Kingston	2	2	17	0	17	8.5	0	10	8.5
Crawford, Kekoa	12	3	15	0	15	5.0	0	11	1.2
Poggi, Henry	12	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	0.3
Hirsch, Michael	3	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.7
Beneducci, Joe	2	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	0.5
Wilson, T.	1	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	1.0
Hewlett, Joe	3	2	0	1	-1	-0.5	0	0	-0.3
Gedeon, Ben	12	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-0.2
Allen, Kenny	12	1	0	11	-11	-11.0	0	0	-0.9
TEAM	6	11	0	16	-16	-1.5	0	0	-2.7
Speight, Wilton	11	29	58	111	-53	-1.8	1	10	-4.8
Total	12	538	2935	256	2679	5.0	40	63	223.2
Opponent	12	446	1885	484	1401	3.1	7	87	116.8

Receiving	G	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	Yd/G
Darboh, Amara	12	52	826	15.9	7	46	68.8
Butt, Jake	12	43	518	12.0	4	37	43.2
Chesson, Jehu	12	31	469	15.1	2	40	39.1
Perry, Grant	10	13	183	14.1	1	54	18.3
Hill, Khalid	12	14	105	7.5	2	15	8.8
Evans, Chris	12	6	87	14.5	0	56	7.2
McDoom, Eddie	12	5	59	11.8	0	33	4.9
Smith, De'Veon	12	13	59	4.5	0	17	4.9
Crawford, Kekoa	12	4	47	11.8	1	18	3.9
Poggi, Henry	12	6	45	7.5	0	15	3.8
Isaac, Ty	12	2	42	21.0	0	21	3.5
Wheatley, T.	11	2	27	13.5	1	21	2.5
Ways, Maurice	6	2	24	12.0	0	22	4.0
Henderson, B.	11	1	23	23.0	0	23	2.1
Asiasi, Devin	12	2	18	9.0	1	15	1.5
Hirsch, Michael	3	1	15	15.0	0	15	5.0
Jocz, Michael	12	1	12	12.0	0	12	1.0
Harris, Drake	10	2	11	5.5	0	7	1.1
McKeon, Sean	4	2	10	5.0	0	5	2.5
Bunting, Ian	10	2	6	3.0	0	4	0.6
Johnson, Nate	3	1	4	4.0	0	4	1.3
Peppers, J.	12	2	3	1.5	0	5	0.2
Total	12	207	2593	12.5	19	56	216.1
Opponent	12	134	1631	12.2	9	70	135.9

Total Offense	G	Rush	Pass	Total	PG
Speight, Wilton	11	-53	2375	2322	211.1
Smith, De'Veon	12	810	0	810	67.5
Evans, Chris	12	565	0	565	47.1
Higdon, Karan	11	422	0	422	38.4
Isaac, Ty	12	417	0	417	34.8
O'Korn, John	8	31	173	204	25.5
Peppers, J.	12	167	0	167	13.9
McDoom, Eddie	12	154	0	154	12.8
Morris, Shane	6	19	45	64	10.7
Chesson, Jehu	12	61	0	61	5.1
Hill, Khalid	12	39	0	39	3.2
Henderson, B.	11	37	0	37	3.4
Davis, Kingston	2	17	0	17	8.5
Crawford, Kekoa	12	15	0	15	1.2
Poggi, Henry	12	4	0	4	0.3
Hirsch, Michael	3	2	0	2	0.7
Beneducci, Joe	2	1	0	1	0.5
Wilson, T.	1	1	0	1	1.0
Hewlett, Joe	3	-1	0	-1	-0.3
Gedeon, Ben	12	-2	0	-2	-0.2
Allen, Kenny	12	-11	0	-11	-0.9
TEAM	6	-16	0	-16	-2.7
Total	12	2679	2593	5272	439.3
Opponent	12	1401	1631	3032	252.7

Passing	G	Att	Comp	%	Int	Yds	TD	Lg	Yd/G
Speight, Wilton	11	293	183	62.5	6	2375	17	56	215.9
O'Korn, John	8	34	20	58.8	0	173	2	23	21.6
Morris, Shane	6	5	4	80.0	0	45	0	18	7.5
Total	12	332	207	62.3	6	2593	19	56	216.1
Opponent	12	301	134	44.5	12	1631	9	70	135.9

All Purpose	G	Rush	Rec	PR	KR	IR	Total	PG
Smith, De'Veon	12	810	59	0	0	0	869	72.4
Darboh, Amara	12	0	826	0	0	0	826	68.8
Peppers, J.	12	167	3	310	260	11	751	62.6
Evans, Chris	12	565	87	15	26	0	693	57.8
Chesson, Jehu	12	61	469	0	0	0	530	44.2
Butt, Jake	12	0	518	0	0	0	518	43.2
Isaac, Ty	12	417	42	0	0	0	459	38.2
Higdon, Karan	11	422	0	0	0	0	422	38.4
McDoom, Eddie	12	154	59	0	0	0	213	17.8
Perry, Grant	10	0	183	6	0	0	189	18.9
Hill, Khalid	12	39	105	0	28	0	172	14.3
Henderson, B.	11	37	23	0	39	0	99	9.0
Lewis, Jourdan	9	0	0	0	87	0	87	9.7
Crawford, Kekoa	12	15	47	0	0	0	62	5.2
Stribling, C.	12	0	0	0	0	60	60	5.0
Poggi, Henry	12	4	45	0	0	0	49	4.1
Jocz, Michael	12	0	12	27	0	0	39	3.2
Hill, Delano	12	0	0	0	0	36	36	3.0
O'Korn, John	8	31	0	0	0	0	31	3.9
Wheatley, T.	11	0	27	0	0	0	27	2.5
Ways, Maurice	6	0	24	0	0	0	24	4.0
McCray, Mike	12	0	0	0	0	22	22	1.8
Morris, Shane	6	19	0	0	0	0	19	3.2
Asiasi, Devin	12	0	18	0	0	0	18	1.5
Davis, Kingston	2	17	0	0	0	0	17	8.5
Hirsch, Michael	3	2	15	0	0	0	17	5.7
Harris, Drake	10	0	11	0	0	0	11	1.1
McKeon, Sean	4	0	10	0	0	0	10	2.5
Bunting, Ian	10	0	6	0	0	0	6	0.6
Hudson, Khaleke	11	0	0	0	6	0	6	0.5
Johnson, Nate	3	0	4	0	0	0	4	1.3
Thomas, Dymonte	12	0	0	0	0	4	4	0.3
Beneducci, Joe	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.5
Wilson, T.	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.0
Hewlett, Joe	3	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-0.3
Gedeon, Ben	12	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-0.2
Allen, Kenny	12	-11	0	0	0	0	-11	-0.9
TEAM	6	-16	0	0	0	0	-16	-2.7
Speight, Wilton	11	-53	0	0	0	0	-53	-4.8
Total	12	2679	2593	358	446	133	6209	517.4
Opponent	12	1401	1631	131	862	126	4151	345.9

Punt Returns	G	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	Yd/G
Peppers, J.	12	21	310	14.8	1	54	25.8
Jocz, Michael	12	1	27	27.0	0	0	2.2
Evans, Chris	12	1	15	15.0	0	15	1.2
Perry, Grant	10	0	6	0.0	1	6	0.6
Total	12	23	358	15.6	2	54	29.8
Opponent	12	18	131	7.3	0	32	10.9

Kick Returns	G	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	Yd/G
Peppers, J.	12	10	260	26.0	0	55	21.7
Lewis, Jourdan	9	5	87	17.4	0	45	9.7
Henderson, B.	11	3	39	13.0	0	15	3.5
Hill, Khalid	12	3	28	9.3	0	13	2.3
Evans, Chris	12	1	26	26.0	0	26	2.2
Hudson, Khaleke	11	1	6	6.0	0	6	0.5
Bunting, Ian	10	1	0	0.0	0	0	0.0
Total	12	24	446	18.6	0	55	37.2
Opponent	12	41	862	21.0	0	41	71.8

Punting	G	No	Avg	Lg	Blk	TB	FC	50+	In 20
Allen, Kenny	12	46	42.6	67	0	5	8	14	20
Total	12	46	42.6	67	0	5	8	14	20
Opponent	12	82	38.5	67	4	4	22	14	15

Field Goals	G	Att	Made	Lg	Blkd
Allen, Kenny	12	20	16	51	0
TEAM	6	1	0	0	0
Tice, R.	4	1	0	0	0
Total	12	21	16	51	0
Opponent	12	16	8	55	1

Defense	G	Tack	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sack	PD	FF	FR
Gedeon, Ben	12	37	67	104	15.5-68	4.5-33	2	0	0
McCray, Mike	12	36	36	72	12.5-51	4.5-30	7	1	1
Peppers, J.	12	47	25	72	16-65	4-39	0	1	0
Thomas, Dymonte	12	35	28	63	0-0	0-0	7	0	0
Hill, Delano	12	35	13	48	3.5-9	0-0	3	1	0
Glasgow, Ryan	12	14	25	39	9.5-45	4-30	1	1	0
Wormley, Chris	12	17	22	39	9-38	6-34	0	0	0
Charlton, Taco	10	17	21	38	11-48	8.5-43	1	0	0
Winovich, Chase	12	10	24	34	8.5-38	5-29	0	1	0
Hurst, Maurice	11	17	14	31	9.5-44	3.5-20	1	0	1

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Gary, Rashaun.....	12	11	16	27	5-17	1-9	0	0	0
Stribling, C.....	12	18	9	27	3-7	1-1	12	0	0
Godin, Matt.....	12	11	14	25	2-4	1-2	0	0	0
Lewis, Jourdan.....	9	17	6	23	3.5-14	0-0	10	0	0
Kinnel, Tyree.....	12	11	6	17	1-5	0-0	0	1	0
Glasgow, Jordan.....	12	8	4	12	0-0	0-0	0	0	1
Bush, Devin.....	12	6	5	11	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0
Watson, Brandon.....	12	6	5	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Clark, Jeremy.....	4	6	4	10	0-0	0-0	3	0	0
Mone, Bryan.....	9	2	8	10	1-1	0-0	1	0	1
Furbush, Noah.....	9	3	6	9	1-2	0-0	0	0	0
Metellus, Josh.....	7	6	3	9	1-4	1-4	0	0	0
Hudson, Khaleke.....	11	3	5	8	0.5-1	0-0	1	0	0
Pearson, AJ.....	12	2	5	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Marshall, L.....	3	3	2	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Miller, Garrett.....	5	2	3	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Wroblewski, M.....	8	0	4	4	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0
Allen, Kenny.....	12	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
McDoom, Eddie.....	12	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Uche, Josh.....	4	1	2	3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0
Wangler, Jared.....	5	0	3	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Washington, K.....	9	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Crawford, Kekoa.....	12	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Dwumfour, M.....	1	2	0	2	1-1	0-0	0	0	0
Hill, Lavert.....	8	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	1
Jones, Reuben.....	4	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Perry, Grant.....	10	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Chesson, Jehu.....	12	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Cole, Mason.....	12	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Harris, Drake.....	10	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hewlett, Joe.....	3	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Higdon, Karan.....	11	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Smith, De'Veon.....	12	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Speight, Wilton.....	11	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Interception Returns.....	G	No	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg	Yd/G		
Stribling, C.....	12	4	60	15.0	1	51	5.0		
Hill, Delano.....	12	3	36	12.0	1	27	3.0		
Lewis, Jourdan.....	9	2	0	0.0	0	0	0.0		
McCray, Mike.....	12	1	22	22.0	0	22	1.8		
Peppers, J.....	12	1	11	11.0	0	11	0.9		
Thomas, Dymonte.....	12	1	4	4.0	0	4	0.3		
Total.....	12	12	133	11.1	2	51	11.1		
Opponent.....	12	6	126	21.0	1	46	10.5		

Scoring.....	G	TD	FG	SAF	PAT-1	PAT-2	Total	PG
Allen, Kenny.....	12	0	16	0	52	0	100	8.3
Hill, Khalid.....	12	12	0	0	0	0	72	6.0
Smith, De'Veon.....	12	10	0	0	0	0	60	5.0
Darboh, Amara.....	12	7	0	0	0	0	42	3.5
Higdon, Karan.....	11	6	0	0	0	0	36	3.3
Isaac, Ty.....	12	5	0	0	0	0	30	2.5
Butt, Jake.....	12	4	0	0	0	0	24	2.0
Peppers, J.....	12	4	0	0	0	0	24	2.0
Chesson, Jehu.....	12	3	0	0	0	0	18	1.5
Evans, Chris.....	12	3	0	0	0	0	18	1.5
Perry, Grant.....	10	2	0	0	0	0	12	1.2
Tice, R.....	4	0	0	0	7	0	7	1.8
Asiasi, Devin.....	12	1	0	0	0	0	6	0.5
Crawford, Kekoa.....	12	1	0	0	0	0	6	0.5
Henderson, B.....	11	1	0	0	0	0	6	0.5
Hill, Delano.....	12	1	0	0	0	0	6	0.5
Speight, Wilton.....	11	1	0	0	0	0	6	0.5
Stribling, C.....	12	1	0	0	0	0	6	0.5
Wheatley, T.....	11	1	0	0	0	0	6	0.5
Tice, Ryan.....	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	3.0
Moore, Garrett.....	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total.....	12	63	16	0	62	0	488	40.7
Opponent.....	12	18	8	1	14	1	150	12.5

SCORING BY QUARTERS:.....						
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
U-M.....	115	172	103	92	10	492
Opp.....	28	32	37	40	13	150

	U-M	OPP
Total First Downs	267	171
Rushing	138	84
Passing	110	66
Penalty	19	21
Total Net Yards	5272	3032
Total Plays	870	747
Yards Per Play	6.1	4.1
Yards Per Game	439.3	252.7
Rushing Attempts-Yards	538-2679	446-1401
Yards Per Attempt	5.0	3.1
Yards Per Game	223.2	116.8
Pass Att.-Comp.-Int.	332-207-6	301-134-12
Passing Yards	2593	1631
Yards Per Completion	12.5	12.2
Yards Per Game	216.1	135.9
Punting: No.-Avg.	46-42.6	82-38.5
Fumbles-Lost	13-5	13-5
Penalties-Yards	59-556	63-479
Sacks By-Yds. Lost	44-274	18-119
Third-Down Conversions	72-163	34-163
Conversion Pct.	44.2	20.9
Fourth-Down Conversions	12-18	10-26
Conversion Pct.	66.7	38.5
Avg. Time Of Possession	32:57	27:03

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Elig.	Hometown (High School)	No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Elig.	Hometown (High School)
1	Kekoa Crawford	WR	6-2	195	Fr.	Rancho Santa Margarita, CA (Santa Margarita Catholic)	36	Devin Gil	LB	6-2	230	Fr.	Pembroke Pines, Fla. (Flanagan)
1	Nick Eubanks	TE	6-5	236	Fr.	Plantation, Fla. (American Heritage)	36	Taylor Krupp	DB	6-1	186	So.	New Lothrop, Mich. (New Lothrop)
2	Devin Asiasi	TE	6-3	287	Fr.	Shoreview, Calif. (De La Salle)	37	Dane Drobocky	DE	6-3	234	Fr.	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
2	Carlo Kemp	DE	6-3	255	Fr.	Boulder, Colo. (Fairview)	37	Bobby Henderson	FB	6-0	242	5th Sr.	Hopewell Junction, N.Y. (John Jay)
3	Rashan Gary	DE	6-5	287	Fr.	Plainfield, N.J. (Paramus Catholic)	38	Camaron Cheeseman	LS	6-4	225	Fr.	New Albany, Ohio (Gahanna Lincoln)
3	Quinn Nordin	K	6-1	205	Fr.	Rockford, Mich. (Rockford)	38	Bradley Deeg	LS	6-0	176	So.	Plymouth, Mich. (Plymouth)
3	Wilton Speight	QB	6-6	243	Jr.	Richmond, Va. (The Collegiate School)	39	Spencer Dickow	FB	6-0	237	So.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Brother Rice)
4	Reuben Jones	LB	6-4	222	So.	Lakeland, Fla. (Lake Gibson)	40	Wyatt Shallman	LB	6-3	242	Sr.	Hartland, Mich. (Detroit Catholic Central)
4	De'Veon Smith	RB	5-11	228	Sr.	Warren, Ohio (Howland)	40	Kenneth Sloss	WR	5-11	170	Sr.	Monroe, Mich. (Monroe)
5	Jabrill Peppers	LB/DB	6-1	205	Jr.	East Orange, N.J. (Paramus Catholic)	40	Nick Volk	FB	5-11	250	Jr.	Frankenmuth, Mich. (Frankenmuth)
6	Michael Sessa	QB	6-8	205	Fr.	Hinsdale, Ill. (Hinsdale Central)	41	Michael Hirsch	FB	6-1	245	Jr.	Glenview, Ill. (Glenbrook South)
6	Kareem Walker	RB	6-1	207	Fr.	Wayne, N.J. (DePaul Catholic)	41	Ryan Tice	K/P	6-1	170	So.	Saline, Mich. (Saline)
6	Keith Washington	CB	6-2	170	So.	Prattville, Ala. (Prattville)	41	Jacob West	S	6-0	195	So.	Pinckney, Mich. (Pinckney)
7	Khaleke Hudson	S	6-0	205	Fr.	McKeesport, Pa. (McKeesport)	42	Joseph Files	TE	6-4	252	So.	Lake Orion, Mich. (Cranbrook Kingwood)
7	Shelton Johnson	DE	6-5	212	So.	Delray Beach, Fla. (Atlantic Community)	42	Ben Gedeon	LB	6-3	247	Sr.	Hudson, Ohio (Hudson)
7	Shane Morris	QB	6-3	213	Sr.	Hazel Park, Mich. (De La Salle)	43	Chris Wormley	DE	6-6	302	5th Sr.	Toledo, Ohio (Whitmer)
8	John O'Korn	QB	6-4	215	Sr.	Huntingdon, Pa. (St. Thomas Aquinas)	44	Delano Hill	S	6-1	215	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Technical)
8	Channing Stribling	CB	6-2	175	Sr.	Matthews, N.C. (Butler)	46	Michael Wroblewski	LB	6-2	242	Sr.	Saint Clair Shores, Mich. (Detroit Jesuit)
9	Mike McCray	LB	6-4	248	Sr.	Trotwood, Ohio (Trotwood-Madison)	49	Anthony Dalimonte	S	5-9	176	Sr.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Brother Rice)
9	Grant Perry	WR	6-0	196	So.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Brother Rice)	50	Michael Dwumfour	DT	6-2	300	Fr.	Wayne, N.J. (DePaul Catholic)
10	Devin Bush	LB	5-11	232	Fr.	Pembroke Pines, Fla. (Flanagan)	50	Michael Onwenu	OL	6-3	350	Fr.	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Technical)
12	Chris Evans	RB	5-11	200	Fr.	Indianapolis, Ind. (Ben Davis)	50	Andrew Robinson	LS	6-0	221	Jr.	Troy, Mich. (Troy Athens)
12	Alex Malzone	QB	6-2	224	So.	Farmington Hills, Mich. (Brother Rice)	51	Peter Bush	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	Newport Beach, Calif. (Corona Del Mar)
13	Eddie McDoom	WR	6-0	180	Fr.	Winter Garden, Fla. (West Orange)	51	Greg Froelich	OL	6-2	257	Sr.	Maplewood, N.J. (Deerfield Academy)
13	Josh Metellus	S	6-0	204	Fr.	Pembroke Pines, Fla. (Flanagan)	52	Mason Cole	OL	6-5	305	Jr.	Tarpon Springs, Fla. (East Lake)
14	Drake Harris	WR	6-4	188	Jr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. (Grand Rapids Christian)	52	Elysee Mbem-Bosse	LB	6-3	215	Fr.	Ellenwood, Ga. (Cedar Grove)
15	Garrett Moores	QB	6-5	217	Sr.	Northville, Mich. (Detroit Catholic Central)	53	Salim Makki	DT	6-0	264	Jr.	Dearborn, Mich. (Fordson)
15	Chase Winovich	DE	6-3	245	Jr.	Jefferson Hills, Pa. (Thomas Jefferson)	54	Carl Myers	DT	6-3	268	Fr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. (West Catholic)
16	Jack Wangler	WR	6-1	200	Sr.	Royal Oak, Mich. (De La Salle)	55	David Dawson	OL	6-4	325	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Technical)
17	Will Hart	P	6-3	190	Fr.	Hunting Valley, Ohio (University School)	55	Garrett Miller	DT	6-4	271	Sr.	Adrian, Mich. (Sand Creek)
17	Ron Johnson	DE	6-4	245	Fr.	Camden, N.J. (Camden)	56	Jameson Offerdahl	LB	6-2	214	So.	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)
17	Simeon Smith	WR	6-6	210	Fr.	Kalamazoo, Mich. (Loy Norrix)	57	Patrick Kugler	OL	6-5	303	Sr.	Wexford, Pa. (North Allegheny)
17	Tyrone Wheatley	TE	6-6	276	So.	Buffalo, N.Y. (Canisius)	58	Alex Kaminski	LB	5-11	209	Jr.	Ada, Mich. (Lowell)
18	AJ Pearson	S	6-0	197	5th Sr.	Johns Creek, Ga. (Northview)	59	Noah Furbush	LB	6-5	238	Jr.	Kenton, Ohio (Kenton)
18	Brandon Peters	QB	6-5	216	Fr.	Avon, Ind. (Avon)	63	Ben Pliska	OL	6-4	276	5th Sr.	Kirkland, Wash. (Lake Washington)
19	Henry Poggi	FB	6-4	257	Sr.	Baltimore, Md. (Gilman School)	65	Anthony Kay	OL	6-4	275	Fr.	West Bloomfield, Mich. (West Bloomfield)
19	Jared Wangler	LB	6-2	229	Jr.	Royal Oak, Mich. (De La Salle)	67	Kyle Kalis	OL	6-5	305	5th Sr.	Lakewood, Ohio (Saint Edward)
20	Drake Johnson	RB	6-1	201	5th Sr.	Ann Arbor, Mich. (Pioneer)	68	Andrew Vastardis	OL	6-3	305	Fr.	Ashburn, Va. (Stone Bridge)
20	Matt Mitchell	CB	5-10	186	Jr.	Dexter, Mich. (Dexter)	70	Nolan Ulizio	OL	6-5	291	So.	West Chester, Ohio (Lakota West)
22	Karan Higdon	RB	5-10	189	So.	Sarasota, Fla. (Riverview)	71	Ben Braden	OL	6-6	335	5th Sr.	Rockford, Mich. (Rockford)
22	David Long	CB	5-11	187	Fr.	Los Angeles, Calif. (Loyola)	72	Stephen Spanellis	OL	6-6	335	Fr.	Baltimore, Md. (Gilman School)
23	Kingston Davis	RB	6-1	245	Fr.	Prattville, Ala. (Prattville)	73	Maurice Hurst	DT	6-2	282	Sr.	Westwood, Mass. (Xaverian Brothers)
23	Tyree Kinnel	S	5-11	206	So.	Huber Heights, Ohio (Wayne)	74	Ben Bredeson	OL	6-5	310	Fr.	Hartland, Wis. (Arrowhead)
24	Lavert Hill	CB	5-11	168	Fr.	Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King)	75	Jon Runyan	OL	6-4	304	So.	Philadelphia, Pa. (St. Joseph's Prep)
24	Jake Martin	WR	5-11	195	Fr.	Grand Rapids, Mich. (Forest Hills Northern)	76	Juwann Bushell-Beatty	OL	6-6	311	Jr.	Paramus, N.J. (Paramus Catholic)
25	Nate Johnson	WR	5-11	185	Fr.	Thompson's Station, Tenn. (Independence)	77	Grant Newsome	OL	6-7	318	So.	McLean, Va. (The Lawrenceville School, N.J.)
25	Dymonte Thomas	S	6-2	199	Sr.	Alliance, Ohio (Marlington)	78	Erik Magnuson	OL	6-6	305	5th Sr.	Carlsbad, Calif. (La Costa Canyon)
25	Brendan White	WR	6-1	191	So.	Scottsdale, Ariz. (Notre Dame Prep)	79	Greg Robinson	OL	6-6	290	Fr.	Hudson, Ohio (Hudson)
26	Jourdan Lewis	CB	5-11	186	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Technical)	80	Khalid Hill	FB	6-2	263	Sr.	Detroit, Mich. (East English Village Prep Academy)
27	Joe Hewlett	RB	6-0	195	Jr.	Novi, Mich. (Northville)	81	Michael Jocz	TE	6-4	239	5th Sr.	Novi, Mich. (Novi)
27	Tru Wilson	S	5-10	190	Fr.	Warren, Mich. (De La Salle)	81	Dan Jokisch	TE	6-4	240	Fr.	Clarkston, Mich. (Orchard Lake St. Mary's)
28	Austin Brenner	WR	6-2	183	Jr.	Saline, Mich. (Saline)	82	Amara Darboh	WR	6-2	215	5th Sr.	West Des Moines, Iowa (Dowling Catholic)
28	Brandon Watson	CB	5-11	203	Jr.	Wilmington, Del. (Eastern Christian Academy)	83	Zach Gentry	TE	6-7	244	So.	Albuquerque, N.M. (Eldorado)
29	Jordan Glasgow	S	6-1	210	So.	Aurora, Ill. (Marmion Academy)	84	Sean McKeon	TE	6-5	240	Fr.	Dudley, Mass. (Shepherd Hill Regional)
30	Joe Beneducci	FB	5-9	212	Jr.	Far Hills, N.J. (West Morris Mendham)	85	Maurice Ways	WR	6-3	217	Jr.	Beverly Hills, Mich. (Detroit Country Day)
30	Tyler Cochran	S	6-1	190	Fr.	Royal Oak, Mich. (Orchard Lake St. Mary's)	86	Jehu Chesson	WR	6-3	203	5th Sr.	St. Louis, Mo. (Ladue Horton Watkins)
31	James Foug	K/P	5-11	175	So.	Palo Alto, Calif. (Palo Alto)	86	Conner Edmonds	TE	6-5	245	Fr.	Richfield, Wis. (Germantown)
31	Scott Spyniewski	LS	6-1	231	Sr.	Ottawa, Ill. (Marquette)	88	Jake Butt	TE	6-6	250	Sr.	Pickerington, Ohio (Pickerington North)
32	Louis Grodman	DB	5-11	183	So.	Commerce, Mich. (Walled Lake Northern)	88	Jack Dunaway	LB	6-3	222	So.	Bloomfield Hills, Mich. (Brother Rice)
32	Ty Isaac	RB	6-3	230	Sr.	Shorewood, Ill. (Joliet Catholic Academy)	89	Ian Bunting	TE	6-7	252	Jr.	Hinsdale, Ill. (Hinsdale Central)
33	Taco Charlton	DE	6-6	272	Sr.	Pickerington, Ohio (Central)	90	Bryan Mone	DT	6-4	310	Jr.	Salt Lake City, Utah (Highland)
34	Jeremy Clark	CB	6-4	206	5th Sr.	Madisonville, Ky. (Madisonville North Hopkins)	91	Kenny Allen	K/P	6-4	222	5th Sr.	Fenton, Mich. (Fenton)
34	Kenneth Ferris	TE	6-5	237	So.	Fowlerville, Mich. (Fowlerville)	92	Cheyenn Robertson	LB	6-3	238	So.	Union City, N.J. (St. Peter's Prep)
35	Brian Chu	FB	5-10	223	Jr.	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	93	Lawrence Marshall	DE	6-4	268	Jr.	Southfield, Mich. (Southfield)
35	Nate Schoenle	WR	6-2	185	Fr.	Plymouth, Mich. (Gabriel Richard)	96	Ryan Glasgow	DT	6-4	299	5th Sr.	Aurora, Ill. (Marmion Academy)
35	Josh Uche	LB	6-3	217	Fr.	Miami, Fla. (Columbus)	99	Matthew Godin	DT	6-6	294	5th Sr.	Novi, Mich. (Detroit Catholic Central)