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OFFENSE	Michigan	Penn State
Points per game	23.0	30.5
First downs	85	123
Rushing yards	675	850
Rushing attempts	176	209
Average yards per rush	3.8	4.1
Rushing yards per game	135.0	141.7
Passing yards	904	1507
Passing completions-attempts-int.	69-117-4	115-182-3
Average yards per catch	13.1	13.1
Passing yards per game	180.8	251.2
Total offense yards	1579	2357
Average yards per game	315.8	392.8
Kickoff return average	22.0	19.8
Punt return average	43	10.9
Third-down conversions	24-59	30-82
Third-down conversion percentage	41%	37%
Fourth-down conversions	4-6	8-11
Fourth-down conversion percentage	67%	73%

DEFENSE	Michigan	Penn State
Points allowed per game	15.8	18.5
First downs allowed	76	106
Rushing yards allowed	473	995
Opponent rushing attempts	171	210
Average yards allowed per rush	2.8	4.7
Rushing yards allowed per game	94.6	165.8
Passing yards allowed	734	899
Opp. passing completions-attempts-int.	80-129-4	91-160-5
Average yards per catch allowed	9.2	9.9
Passing yards per game allowed	146.8	149.8
Total offense yards allowed	1207	1894
Average yards per game allowed	261.4	315.7
Kickoff return average allowed	33.7	16.6
Punt return average allowed	3.4	26.0
Third-down conversions	23-71	20-75
Third-down conversion percentage	32%	27%
Fourth-down conversions	2-5	7-9
Fourth-down conversion percentage	40%	78%

PENN STATE STATISTICAL LEADERS

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Yds.	TD	INT
Rocco Becht	104	166	1397	11	3
Alex Manske	9	14	102	0	0

Rushing	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
James Peoples	52	232	4.5	2	16
Carson Hansen	57	227	4.0	3	16
Quinton Martin	29	158	5.4	1	61
Cam Wallace	22	125	5.7	2	59
Rocco Becht	37	52	1.4	1	19
Koby Howard	2	24	12.0	1	20

Receiving	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
Chase Sowell	23	359	15.6	2	47
Brett Eskildsen	19	198	10.4	1	25
Benjamin Brahmer	17	182	10.7	3	23
Andrew Rappleyea	17	146	8.6	2	20
Koby Howard	12	344	28.7	2	70
Zay Robinson	8	122	15.3	1	39
Gabe Burkle	4	33	8.3	0	13

Tackles	UT	AT	Tot.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.
Tony Rojas	25	19	44	8.5-26	4-17
Kooper Ebel	14	19	33	2-11	1-10
Jamison Patton	10	11	21	0-0	0-0
Cael Brezina	11	10	21	0-0	0-0
Jeremiah Cooper	10	9	19	0-0	0-0
Marcus Neal	12	7	19	0-0	0-0
Zion Tracy	14	4	18	0.5-2	0-0
Caleb Bacon	13	4	17	4-16	1-3
Keanu Williams	6	8	14	0-0	0-0
Josiah Zayas	10	3	13	2-7	0-0
Siale Taupaki	7	6	13	1.5-1	0-0

Interceptions	No.	Yds.	TD
Tony Rojas	2	13	0
Daryus Dixon	1	24	0
Bryson Williams	1	0	0
Josiah Zayas	1	51	1

Kicking	PAT	FG	LG
Ryan Barker	20-20	10-12	48

Punting	No.	Avg.	I20	LG
Nathan Tiyce	26	41.7	10	60

Score By Qtrs	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total	Avg.
Michigan	21	37	31	26	—	115	23.0
Penn State	44	65	44	30	—	183	30.5

Turnovers	Gained	Lost	+/-
Michigan	5	9	-4
Penn State	9	4	+5

MICHIGAN (3-2, 0-2)
VS. PENN STATE (3-3, 0-3)
SATURDAY, OCT. 17, 2026

LOCATION: Michigan Stadium (107,601) • Ann Arbor

TIME: 3:30 p.m. ET

TV: CBS will broadcast the game nationally, with Brad Nessler (play-by-play), Charles Davis (color) and Jenny Dell (sideline) on the call.

RADIO: LEARFIELD Michigan Sports Network, anchored by WCSX (94.7 FM) in Detroit, with Doug Karsch (play-by-play), Jon Jansen (color) and Jason Avant (sideline) on the call.

SERIES FACTS: It is Homecoming for Michigan. U-M leads the all-time series against the Nittany Lions 17-10, and holds a 9-4 record against PSU at Michigan Stadium. The Wolverines are on a three-game winning streak against PSU, including a 24-15 victory in 2023 in State College and a 41-17 win in 2022 in Ann Arbor. Penn State coach Matt Campbell has never coached against Michigan, while Michigan's Kyle Whittingham is 0-1 all time coaching against Penn State. Whittingham's Utah Utes lost to PSU 35-21 in the 2023 Rose Bowl.

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Staff Predictions: Michigan vs. Penn State - by Chris Balas

Michigan and Penn State are a combined 0-5 in Big Ten play, probably (almost certainly) the first time that's been the case since the Nittany Lions joined the Big Ten in 1993. Back then, fans of the Fighting Paternos were so convinced they'd dominate the conference that they didn't even take a second to mourn the loss of great rivalries like Temple and Syracuse.

It hasn't played out that way, of course. They finally traded James Franklin in for a "culture guy" in Matt Campbell, and he ... well, brought Iowa State football to Happy Valley, as many expected.

Now, you can't judge a guy after five games (a note for Michigan fans, too, though yeah, we believe the Wolverines should be much better, and there are warning signs). Both coaches seem to be following Rich Rodriguez' playbook here in intimating, "Our problems were not created overnight, and they won't be solved overnight" (yuck).

"I said it since January. I said it in July, August. I kind of said it as we kind of got in here. Adversity is going to hit," Campbell said this week. "Are we tough enough to work through really hard things? I don't think that is just a 'now' thing. I think it is a reality. As you build a culture, you build a program, there's got to be standard and expectations."

And they've got an opportunity to get on the right track with a win at Michigan Saturday. It's certainly possible, and they'd probably celebrate it like they just beat the 1985 Bears (the way Minnesota did before being embarrassed the following week).

One thing Jim Harbaugh did, even in his first six years, was usually beat the teams he should beat (minus the asterisk Covid season) — Rodriguez, Brady Hoke, and so far under Kyle Whittingham, beating U-M was like beating an Illinois team wearing Michigan uniforms. Watching bad teams celebrate victories over bad Michigan teams is annoying, and it's happened far too often for our liking.

There's a chance to change the narrative on the season with a couple consecutive home victories, but as our staff picks have shown this year, we truly don't have a clue what to expect from this Michigan team. Going 0-2, 1-1, or 0-2 in the next three ... all are on the table.

Michigan vs. Penn State Staff Predictions

CHRIS BALAS: First one to 20 wins? Maybe. It's been tough picking games this year, to say the least, and we're not sure what to expect this week, either. But we know one thing — Michigan can definitely lose this game if it doesn't come to play.

We're guessing this one will look like a lot of the other ones so far this year — not fun. This time, though, the Wolverines get the job done with a veritable offensive explosion. **Michigan 23, Penn State 16**

JOHN BORTON: Somebody's going to nab their first Big Ten win of the season. Somebody's going to leave The Big House worrying more about losing out than hopeful regarding winning out. It says here the home team digs in ... just enough. **Michigan 20, Penn State 13**

CLAYTON SAYFIE: Penn State fans have checked out on the season after its third-straight Big Ten loss. Michigan fans are on the brink of doing so if it suffers yet another one. The Wolverines are in desperate need of their first victory since Sept. 19.

Michigan is nearly a touchdown favorite and has a much better roster than its opponent. Sound familiar? That was the case against Iowa and Minnesota, and the Wolverines lost both games. The Wolverines are at home, and that will make the difference. Offensive adjustments had to be made coming out of the loss to the Golden Gophers, and Michigan had ample time to do so during the bye week. **Michigan 20, Penn State 13**

ANTHONY BROOME: These two teams have a combined five-game losing streak coming into this one. A win for either stops the bleeding on seasons that are not going the way many thought they would. It's hard to give Michigan the benefit of the doubt, but they'll be the more rested team and have the home crowd behind them. The bye week did little to quiet the noise around the offense, and the Wolverines seem to be doubling down on all that has ailed them so far.

It's another game that winds up being closer than it needs to be, but also is the first win in nearly a month. **Michigan 20, Penn State 14**

DOUG SKENE: A week off and Michigan's offense is still offensive to think about when remembering what it looked like two weeks ago in Minnesota. That same Minnesota team went on to get manhandled by Purdue this last weekend. There is no telling if we will see the Michigan offense we watched against Iowa, which looked decent but couldn't score points or the Michigan offense we watched at Minnesota.

Penn State is suffering through their own season entering this game with an offense that is slightly less bad that Michigan's. Michigan enters with the No. 3 defense in all of college football and those guys are fun to watch. Here's to hoping that the defense can score at least one touchdown, and we see Tommy Carr get a chance to run this offense. **Michigan 20, Penn State 17**

ETHAN MCDOWELL: Michigan's matchup with Penn State feels like a significant pivot point for both first-year head coaches. A tense energy surrounded the Wolverines for the past couple of weeks, but the vibes are not much better around the 3-3 Nittany Lions. Back on its home turf, Michigan should be able to pick up a win here with some post-bye week adjustments. Penn State kept things close against USC at home, so expect a battle, but the Wolverines will get this done and set up a very intriguing matchup with a Top 10 Indiana squad next week. **Michigan 20, Penn State 17**

TEAM STATISTICS

Scoring by Quarters:	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Michigan	21	37	31	26	0	115
Opponents	24	10	10	35	0	79

	U-M	OPP
Total First Downs	85	76
Rushing	36	29
Passing	42	35
Penalty	7	12
Total Net Yards	1579	1207
Total Plays	293	300
Yards Per Play	5.4	4.0
Yards Per Game	315.8	241.4
Rushing Attempts-Yards	176-675	171-473
Yards Per Attempt	3.8	2.8
Yards Per Game	135.0	94.6
Pass Att.-Comp.-Int.	117-69-4	129-80-4

	U-M	OPP
Passing Yards	904	734
Yards Per Completion	13.1	9.2
Yards Per Game	180.8	146.8
Punting: No.-Avg.	24-43.2	28-40.3
Fumbles-Lost	7-5	6-1
Penalties-Yards	38-332	24-180
Sacks By-Yds. Lost	12-65	8-41
Third-Down Conversions	24-59	23-71
Conversion Pct.	40.7	32.4
Fourth-Down Conversions	4-6	2-5
Conversion Pct.	66.7	40.0
Avg. Time Of Possession	28:20	31:40

2026 MICHIGAN FOOTBALL CUMULATIVE STATISTICS

RUSHING	G	ATT.	GAIN	LOST	NET	AVG.	TD	LONG	YDS./G
Marshall, Jordan	5	55	246	2	244	4.4	3	17	48.8
Underwood, Bryce	5	57	256	44	212	3.7	2	38	42.4
Hiter, Savion	5	46	161	16	145	3.2	2	15	29.0
Kuzdzal, Bryson	5	9	31	0	31	3.4	0	7	6.2
Carr, Tommy	1	2	18	0	18	9.0	0	12	18.0
Marsh, Andrew	5	1	15	0	15	15.0	0	15	3.0
Owens, Eli	5	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7	1.4
O'Meara, Tomas	5	1	5	0	5	5.0	0	5	1.0
Johnson, Travis	5	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2	0.4
Moa, Salesi	5	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.2
TEAM	5	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	-0.2
Johnson, Donovan	1	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0	-2.0
Total	**5**	**176**	**741**	**66**	**675**	**3.8**	**7**	**38**	**135.0**
Opponent	**5**	**171**	**592**	**119**	**473**	**2.8**	**1**	**31**	**94.6**

PASSING	G	ATT.	COM.	PCT.	INT.	YARDS	TD	LONG	YDS./G
Underwood, Bryce	5	113	67	59.3	4	881	5	49	176.2
Carr, Tommy	1	2	2	100.0	0	23	1	19	23.0
TEAM	5	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Total	**5**	**117**	**69**	**59.0**	**4**	**904**	**6**	**49**	**180.8**
Opponent	**5**	**129**	**80**	**62.0**	**4**	**734**	**6**	**45**	**146.8**

RECEIVING	G	REC.	YARDS	AVG.	TD	LONG	YDS./G
Buchanan, JJ	5	24	446	18.6	4	49	89.2
Marsh, Andrew	5	25	268	10.7	1	34	53.6
Hiter, Savion	5	5	59	11.8	0	19	11.8
Hansen, Hogan	3	5	35	7.0	0	13	11.7
Marshall, Jordan	5	3	33	11.0	0	16	6.6
Hoffman, Jalen	5	3	25	8.3	0	13	5.0
Moa, Salesi	5	2	23	11.5	1	19	4.6
Johnson, Travis	5	1	10	10.0	0	10	2.0
Owens, Eli	5	1	5	5.0	0	5	1.0
Total	**5**	**69**	**904**	**13.1**	**6**	**49**	**180.8**
Opponent	**5**	**80**	**734**	**9.2**	**6**	**45**	**146.8**

TOTAL OFFENSE	G	RUSH	PASS	TOTAL	YDS./G
Underwood, Bryce	5	212	881	1093	218.6
Marshall, Jordan	5	244	0	244	48.8
Hiter, Savion	5	145	0	145	29.0
Carr, Tommy	1	18	23	41	41.0
Kuzdzal, Bryson	5	31	0	31	6.2
Marsh, Andrew	5	15	0	15	3.0
Owens, Eli	5	7	0	7	1.4
O'Meara, Tomas	5	5	0	5	1.0
Johnson, Travis	5	2	0	2	0.4
Moa, Salesi	5	-1	0	-1	-0.2
TEAM	5	-1	0	-1	-0.2
Johnson, Donovan	1	-2	0	-2	-2.0
Total	**5**	**675**	**904**	**1579**	**315.8**
Opponent	**5**	**473**	**734**	**1207**	**241.4**

ALL-PURPOSE	G	RUSH	REC	PR	KR	IR	TOTAL	YDS./G
Buchanan, JJ	5	0	446	0	0	0	446	89.2
Marsh, Andrew	5	15	268	30	0	0	313	62.6
Marshall, Jordan	5	244	33	0	0	0	277	55.4
Underwood, Bryce	5	212	0	0	0	0	212	42.4
Hiter, Savion	5	145	59	0	0	0	204	40.8
Kuzdzal, Bryson	5	31	0	0	154	0	185	37.0
Staehling, Nathaniel	5	0	0	0	0	79	79	15.8
Hansen, Hogan	3	0	35	0	0	0	35	11.7
Hoffman, Jalen	5	0	25	0	0	0	25	5.0
Hill, Jyaire	5	0	0	0	0	24	24	4.8
Moa, Salesi	5	-1	23	0	0	0	22	4.4
Carr, Tommy	1	18	0	0	0	0	18	18.0
Johnson, Travis	5	2	10	0	0	0	12	2.4
Owens, Eli	5	7	5	0	0	0	12	2.4
Lea'ea, Jonah	5	0	0	0	0	9	9	1.8
O'Meara, Tomas	5	5	0	0	0	0	5	1.0
Snowden, Smith	5	0	0	0	0	3	3	0.6
TEAM	5	-1	0	0	0	0	-1	-0.2
Johnson, Donovan	1	-2	0	0	0	0	-2	-2.0
Total	**5**	**675**	**904**	**30**	**154**	**115**	**1878**	**375.6**
Opponent	**5**	**473**	**734**	**24**	**202**	**4**	**1437**	**287.4**

PUNT RETURNS	G	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD	LONG	YDS./G
Marsh, Andrew	5	7	30	4.3	0	10	6.0
Total	**5**	**7**	**30**	**4.3**	**0**	**10**	**6.0**
Opponent	**5**	**7**	**24**	**3.4**	**0**	**12**	**4.8**

KICK RETURNS	G	NO.	YARDS	AVG.	TD	LONG	YDS./G
Kuzdzal, Bryson	5	7	154	22.0	0	36	30.8
Total	**5**	**7**	**154**	**22.0**	**0**	**36**	**30.8**
Opponent	**5**	**6**	**202**	**33.7**	**1**	**99**	**40.4**

PUNTING	G	NO.	AVG.	LONG	BLK.	TB	FC	50+	I20
Brown, Cam	5	24	43.2	52	0	2	12	4	11
Total	**5**	**24**	**43.2**	**52**	**0**	**2**	**12**	**4**	**11**
Opponent	**5**	**28**	**40.3**	**62**	**2**	**1**	**7**	**6**	**13**

FIELD GOALS	G	MADE	ATT.	LONG	BLK.
Butkowski, Trey	5	4	4	49	0
Total	**5**	**4**	**4**	**49**	**0**
Opponent	**5**	**9**	**8**	**52**	**0**

DEFENSE	G	SOLO	ASSIST	TOTAL	TFL-YDS.	SACK-YDS.	PD	FF	FR
Bowles, Troy	5	21	19	40	4.5-13	0-0	0	0	1
Hill, Jyaire	5	14	11	25	1-3	0-0	0	0	0
Staehling, Nathaniel	5	11	14	25	2.5-6	0-0	0	0	0
Bracy, Chris	5	12	11	23	0-0	0-0	1	1	0
Moore, Rod	5	12	10	22	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Daley, John Henry	5	6	10	16	4.5-19	3-17	0	0	0
Etta, Enow	5	7	8	15	2-1	0.5-0	0	0	0
Nichols, Dominic	5	6	9	15	5-18	2.5-12	0	0	0
Taylor, Chase	5	6	9	15	1.5-4	1-3	1	0	0
Berry, Zeke	5	8	6	14	1-1	0-0	2	0	0
Snowden, Smith	5	12	2	14	1-1	0-0	2	0	0
Moa, Aisea	5	7	6	13	0.5-1	0-0	1	0	0
Pierce, Trey	5	8	5	13	1-1	0-0	0	0	0
Lea'ea, Jonah	5	4	6	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Marshall, Nate	5	3	7	10	2.5-18	2-17	0	0	0
Boney, Tariq	5	5	2	7	2.5-11	2-11	0	0	0
Patterson, Benny	4	0	7	7	2-7	0.5-4	0	0	0
Owusu-Boateng, N.	5	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Alford, Max	5	2	3	5	1-6	0-0	0	0	0
Curtis, Mason	5	2	1	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Kanka, Bobby	5	1	2	3	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0	0
Young, Jordan	5	3	0	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Andrighetto, Nico	5	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Bell, Kendrick	5	2	0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Brandt, Cameron	5	0	2	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Oden, Jacob	1	2	0	2	1-3	0-0	0	0	0
Palepale, Deyvid	4	1	1	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Dabney, Markel	1	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Earls, Shamari	5	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Goodwin, Channing	5	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hammond, Ted	4	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Meadows, Carter	2	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Tonielli, Deakon	4	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Edokpayi, Lugard	4	0	0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

INT. RETURNS	G	NO	YDS	AVG.	TD	LG	YDS./G
Staehling, Nathaniel	5	1	79	79.0	1	79	15.8
Hill, Jyaire	5	1	24	24.0	0	24	4.8
Lea'ea, Jonah	5	1	9	9.0	1	9	1.8
Snowden, Smith	5	1	3	3.0	0	3	0.6
Total	**5**	**4**	**115**	**28.8**	**2**	**79**	**23.0**
Opponent	**5**	**4**	**4**	**1.0**	**0**	**4**	**0.8**

SCORING	G	TD	FG	SAF	PAT-1	PAT-2	TOTAL	PG
Butkowski, Trey	5	0	4	0	13	0	25	5.0
Buchanan, JJ	5	4	0	0	0	0	24	4.8
Marshall, Jordan	5	3	0	0	0	0	18	3.6
Hiter, Savion	5	2	0	0	0	0	12	2.4
Underwood, Bryce	5	2	0	0	0	0	12	2.4
Lea'ea, Jonah	5	1	0	0	0	0	6	1.2
Marsh, Andrew	5	1	0	0	0	0	6	1.2
Moa, Salesi	5	1	0	0	0	0	6	1.2
Staehling, Nathaniel	5	1	0	0	0	0	6	1.2
Total	**5**	**15**	**4**	**0**	**13**	**0**	**115**	**23.0**
Opponent	**5**	**8**	**8**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**79**	**15.8**