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QT	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Tot
Michigan	3	10	0	7	7	27
Indiana	0	3	7	10	0	20

		U-M	IND			U-M	IND
First Quarter							
U-M	Nordin 40-yard Field Goal 06:35 Drive: 13 plays 49 yds 6:17	3	0			Total First Downs	17 14
Second Quarter							
U-M	Nordin 38-yard Field Goal 14:54 Drive: 4 plays 7 yds 2:06	6	0			Rushing	12 3
U-M	Higdon 12-yard Run (Nordin Kick) 10:19 Drive: 7 plays 80 yds 2:46	13	0			Passing	3 8
IND	Oakes 32-yard Field Goal 01:46 Drive: 11 plays 61 yds 3:21	13	3			Penalty	2 3
Third Quarter							
IND	Ellison 8-yard Run (Oakes Kick) 12:06 Drive: 6 plays 64 yds 1:24	13	10			Rushing Attempts	44 29
Fourth Quarter							
U-M	Higdon 59-yard Run (Nordin Kick) 10:25 Drive: 5 plays 84 yds 2:08	20	10			Yards Gained Rushing	290 105
IND	Philyor Pass from Ramsey 8-yards (Oakes Kick) 03:27 Drive: 6 plays 20 yds 0:39	20	17			Yards Lost Rushing	19 25
IND	Oakes 46-yard Field Goal 00:00 Drive: 6 plays 42 yds 1:05	20	20			Net Yards Rushing	271 80
Overtime							
U-M	Higdon 25-yard Run (Nordin Kick) 15:00 Drive: 1 plays 25 yds 0:00	27	20			Net Yards Passing	58 198
Game Totals							
						Passes Attempted	20 43
						Passes Completed	10 21
						Had Intercepted	0 2
						Percent Completion	50.0% 48.8%
						Yards per Attempt	2.9 4.6
						Yards per Completion	5.8 9.4
						Total Offensive Plays	64 72
						Total Net Yards	329 278
						Avg. Gain Per Play	5.1 3.9
						Fumbles: No-Lost	0-0 0-0
						Penalties: No-Yards	16-141 5-55
						Punts: No-Yards	9-367 8-354
						Avg. Per Punt	40.8 44.2
						Avg. Net Punt	30.3 43.6
						Punt Returns: No-Yards	5-5 3-74
						Kickoff Returns: No-Yards	0-0 3-29
						Interception Returns: No-Yards	2-0 0-0
						Fumble Returns: No-Yards	0-0 0-0
						Miscellaneous Yards	40 0
						Possession Time	35:09 24:51
						Third-Down Conversions	2-13 5-17
						Percentage	15.4% 29.4%
						Fourth-Down Conversions	0-0 0-1
						Percentage	0.0% 0.0%
						Sacks By: No-Yards	2-20 0-0

MICHIGAN INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Offensive Individual Statistics

Rushing	No	Gain	Lost	Net	Avg	TD	Lg
Higdon	25	203	3	200	8.0	3	59
Isaac	7	38	0	38	5.4	0	13
McDoom	1	12	0	12	12.0	0	12
O'Korn	2	8	0	8	4.0	0	4
Walker	1	8	0	8	8.0	0	8
Evans	8	21	16	5	0.6	0	10
Total	44	290	19	271	6.2	3	59

Passing	Att	Comp	%	Int	Yds	TD	Lg
O'Korn	20	10	50.0	0	58	0	17
Total	20	10	50.0	0	58	0	17

Receiving	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Peoples-Jones	4	34	0	17
Gentry	2	15	0	9
Wheatley	1	4	0	4
Crawford	2	3	0	5
McKeon	1	2	0	2
Total	10	58	0	17

Field Goals: Nordin 2 for 2 (long 40).

Punting: Robbins 9 (average 40.8, long 49).

Defensive Individual Statistics

Defense	Tac	Ast	Tot	TFL	Sac	PD	FF	FR
Bush	3	5	8	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Gary	3	4	7	2.5-13	1-10	0	0	0
Hurst	4	2	6	1.5-5	0.5-3	0	0	0
Kinnel	4	2	6	1-3	0-0	1	0	0
Metellus	4	2	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Winovich	5	1	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hudson	4	1	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
McCray	4	0	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Furbush	1	1	2	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hill	2	0	2	1-4	0-0	0	0	0
Long	1	1	2	0.5-7	0.5-7	1	0	0
Gil	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Hewlett	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Higdon	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0
Marshall	0	1	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Mason	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Poggi	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Solomon	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Thomas	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Uche	1	0	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

Punt Ret	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Peoples-Jones	5	5	0	6

Kick Ret	No	Yds	TD	Lg
none				

Interceptions: Hill 1 for 0 yds, Kinnel 1 for 0 yds.

INDIANA INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing	No	Gain	Lost	Net	Avg	TD	Lg
Ellison	14	70	2	68	4.9	1	31
Ramsey	14	35	21	14	1.0	0	9
Majette	1	0	2	-2	-2.0	0	0
Total	29	105	25	80	2.8	1	31

Passing	Att	Comp	%	Int	Yds	TD	Lg
Ramsey	41	20	48.8	2	178	1	24
Lagow	1	1	100.0	0	20	0	20
Majette	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Total	43	21	48.8	2	198	1	24

Receiving	No	Yds	TD	Lg
Timian	7	95	0	24
Majette	5	49	0	20
Cobbs	4	39	0	14
Philyor	3	13	1	8
Thomas	1	6	0	6
Harris	1	-4	0	0
Total	21	198	1	24

Field Goals: Oakes 2 for 3 (long 46)

Punting: Whitehead 8 (average 44.2, long 48).

Returns: Williams 3 kicks for 29 (long 16), Harris 3 punts for 74 (long 53).



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BY THE NUMBERS

MICHIGAN VS. INDIANA QUARTER-BY-QUARTER COMPARISON

Indiana	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Half	2nd Half	Total
Time of Possession	6:43	6:19	5:17	6:32	13:02	11:49	24:51
3rd-Down Conversions	2-4	0-3	1-4	2-5	2-7	3-9	5-16
4th-Down Conversions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Avg. Field Position	IND-14	IND-22	IND-19	IND-39	IND-19	IND-30	IND-26
Michigan	1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	1st Half	2nd Half	Final
Time of Possession	8:17	8:41	9:43	8:28	16:58	18:11	35:09
3rd-Down Conversions	1-3	1-2	0-4	0-4	2-5	0-8	2-13
4th-Down Conversions	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Avg. Field Position	IND-49	U-M-24	U-M-31	U-M-31	U-M-34	U-M-31	U-M-32

SITUATION TABLES

FIRST AND TEN

	Rushing			Passing			Totals		
	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.	Plays	Yards	Avg.
Indiana	13	32	2.5	15	54	3.6	28	86	3.1
Michigan	22	196	8.9	7	11	1.6	29	207	7.1

THIRD-DOWN EFFICIENCY

	3rd & 1		3rd & 2-5		3rd & 6-9		3rd & 10+		Totals	
	M/A	Pct.	M/A	Pct.	M/A	Pct.	M/A	Pct.	M/A	Pct.
Indiana	0/2	0.0	2/5	40.0	2/5	40.0	1/5	20.0	5/17	29.4
Michigan	0/0	-	0/1	0.0	2/7	28.6	0/5	0.0	2/13	15.4

RED ZONE EFFICIENCY (INSIDE 20-YARD LINE)

	Poss.	TDs	FGs	No Score
Indiana	4	2	1	1
Michigan	3	1	2	0

PLAY CHART (NO. OF PLAYS)

Yards	IND	MICH
(-) Yards.....	8	6
0-5 Yards.....	41	36
6-9 Yards.....	13	9
10-19 Yards.....	7	11
20-29 Yards.....	2	1
30-39 Yards.....	1	0
40-49 Yards.....	0	0
50 or more Yards.....	0	1

BIG PLAYS (25 YARDS OR MORE)

Indiana

*2-10 IND36 Ellison rush for 31 yards to the U-M33

Michigan

*1-10 U-M41 Higdon rush for 59 yards to the IND0

*1-10 IND25 Higdon rush for 25 yards to the IND0

MICHIGAN CONTRIBUTORS

OFFENSE — STARTERS

WR	Donovan Peoples-Jones
LT	Mason Cole
LG	Ben Bredeson
C	Patrick Kugler
RG	Michael Onwenu
RT	Juwann Bushell-Beatty
QB	John O’Korn
RB	Karan Higdon
FB	Henry Poggi
TE	Sean McKeon
TE	Zach Gentry

DEFENSE — STARTERS

DE	Rashan Gary
DT	Maurice Hurst
DE	Chase Winovich
LB	Devin Bush
LB	Mike McCray
LB	Khaleke Hudson
LB	Noah Furbush
CB	Lavert Hill
SS	Josh Metellus
FS	Tyree Kinnel
CB	David Long

SPECIAL TEAMS AND RESERVES

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THE SEASON

Game-By-Game Summary	Score	First Downs	Yards Rush	Yards Pass	Passes Com./Att.	Had Int.	Fumbles No./Lost	Penalties No./Yards	Attendance
Florida	17	9	11	181	14/26	0	5/3	5/45	Neutral
Michigan	33	19	215	218	12/26	2	0/0	7/55	75,802
Michigan	36	16	193	221	17/29	0	3/2	7/68	111,384
Cincinnati	14	13	68	132	15/40	2	1/0	4/30	Home
Michigan	29	17	190	169	14/23	0	2/1	7/72	111,387
Air Force	13	15	168	64	1/9	1	1/0	3/29	Home
Purdue	10	9	30	159	13/30	0	3/1	10/82	Away
Michigan	28	24	139	284	21/31	1	1/1	7/57	60,042
Michigan	14	17	102	198	16/35	3	2/2	7/53	112,432
Michigan State	10	13	158	94	11/22	0	2/0	11/81	Home
Indiana	20	14	80	198	21/43	2	0/0	5/55	Away
Michigan	27	17	271	58	10/20	0	0/0	16/141	52,929

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Wolverines Win An Overtime Thriller, 27-20

John Borton | Senior Editor

Karan Higdon knew he had to make something happen. That something allowed No. 17 Michigan to dodge a road bullet at Indiana.

The junior tailback's 25-yard overtime cutback touchdown run put the Wolverines over the top at Indiana, 27-20, in an overtime hair-raiser. Higdon capped his 25-carry, 200-yard, three-TD day by running into a brick wall on the right side of Michigan's line, bolting back left and outrunning all 11 pursuing Hoosiers.

"I got the ball, saw the hole was clogged, and I needed to make something happen. So I bounced it, saw the defense over-pursued, and it was off to the races," Higdon said.

Fifth-year senior center Pat Kugler admitted going the wrong way on the game-winning play.

"I knew it, but you can't stop in the middle of a play," Higdon said with a grin. "It's football, so you've got to make something happen."

The Wolverines made something happen, following Indiana's 10-point rally in the final 3:27 to send the game to overtime. Even after Higdon scored, Indiana had a chance to tie it and extend an already nerve-fraying afternoon.

The Hoosiers didn't, although they came beating on the door. They drove to the Michigan 1-yard line, where they were thrown back twice before harried quarterback Peyton Ramsey heaved a final throw into the end zone that junior safety Tyree Kinnel picked off.

The survival pushed Michigan to 5-1 overall and 2-1 in the Big Ten, while dropping Indiana to 3-3, 0-3 in the conference.

"We asked them to find a way," head coach Jim Harbaugh said. "We were going to have to dig down deep to do it. The goal-line stand was great — an opportunity to keep them out of the end zone and win the ballgame."

Sophomore defensive end Rashan Gary stoned Indiana's top rusher, tailback Morgan Ellison (14 carries for 68 yards, 1 TD), for a two-yard loss when the Hoosiers stood a mere yard away from the end zone. Two plays later, Gary and redshirt junior outside linebacker Noah Furbush blasted Ramsey (20-of-41 passing for 178 yards, one TD, two interceptions) for a one-yard loss, before the crucial pickoff.

"I was just happy we won," sophomore cornerback Lavert Hill offered. "I just trusted my brothers."

Indiana placekicker Griffin Oakes' 46-yard field goal sent the game to overtime, completing a comeback by the Hoosiers from a 20-10 deficit in those waning moments.

The Wolverines, who out-gained the Hoosiers, 329 yards-278, and out-rushed them, 271-80, appeared to have the game in hand. It almost slipped away.

Michigan opened the first-quarter scoring on redshirt freshman placekicker Quinn Nordin's 40-yard field goal, following a 48-yard drive. Fifth-year senior John O'Korn (10 of 20 for 58 yards passing) fired a potential touchdown pass, but it went off the hands of junior wideout Grant Perry, bringing on Nordin at the 6:35 mark.

Nordin made it 6-0 on the first play of the second quarter, booting a 38-yard field goal after the Wolverines survived more flags than seen on an Independence Day parade in Bloomington. Michigan ended up with 16 penalties for 141 yards, the flags giving IU a huge lift.

Just before Nordin's second field goal, the Hoosiers drove from their own 13 to the Michigan 33, boosted by three defensive penalties, but fifth-year senior defensive tackle Maurice Hurst Jr. turned that scoring opportunity away. He blocked a Griffin Oakes field goal attempt, Hill scooping it up and returning it 35 yards to the Indiana 27.

A hold and a false start nixed a touchdown opportunity, but Nordin cashed in to make it 6-0.

The Wolverines then put together a touchdown drive that might have seen its genesis in the dirt of O'Korn's childhood backyard. On third-and-seven from his own 23, O'Korn scrambled to his right under heavy pressure, heaved a looping throw to in-traffic wideout Donovan Peoples-Jones, and saw the freshman come away with the football 17 yards downfield.

Harbaugh called it a "Houdini" play, one of the few successful Michigan aerial strikes.

That sandlot scorcher jump-started a drive that quickly covered the remaining 40 yards. Indiana drilled O'Korn late on another scramble, and after the penalty walkoff, Higdon ripped off runs of 16 and 12 yards for the touchdown.

At 13-0 with 10:19 remaining in the first half, U-M found more first-half breathing room than it had since Big Ten play opened.

Indiana finally got on the board with 1:46 left in the half. Oakes nailed a 32 yard-field goal, after Michigan penalties — including three separate flags on one play — fueled a 61-yard drive.

The Hoosiers then woke up their fans on their first possession of the second half, driving 64 yards for the touchdown to make it 13-10. Ellison ripped off a 31-yard run that jump-started the march, and then finished it off with an eight-yard scamper up the middle.

Suddenly, a game the Wolverines had controlled defensively hung perilously in the balance. The score remained the same into the fourth quarter, Michigan going three-and-out on three of four third-down series.

Like a bolt out of the blue, Higdon changed all that.

He burst through a hole up the middle, leaving Hoosiers scattered in his wake, on a 59-yard touchdown sprint. The desperately needed big play allowed Higdon to cover 74 of Michigan's 84 yards on the drive and put the Wolverines up 20-10 at 10:25 of the fourth.

"I knew, at some point in time, something was going to bust," Higdon said. "That was just the time. We weren't doing anything different than we always do."

Michigan's defense got put to the test down the stretch. Hill made a spectacular leaping interception on a Ramsey bomb down the sideline to thwart one potential drive.

But a 57-yard punt return by Indiana's J-Shun Harris II set the Hoosiers up on the Michigan 20. Six plays later, Ramsey found wideout Whop Philyor on an eight-yard TD toss, pulling the Hoosiers within three, 20-17, with 3:37 remaining.

The scramble got wild from there. In the end, Michigan's defense wouldn't give an extra yard.

"You try to punch it in there with running the football a couple of times," said Indiana head coach Tom Allen. "It's tough to convert against those guys, for sure. They whipped us up front with those last couple of runs, and as we rolled out on those last couple, trying to create some space, we couldn't convert."

Five Best Players Of The Game

1. Junior tailback Karan Higdon: Higdon delivered the best performance of his career for the Wolverines, serving up an even 200 yards rushing and three touchdowns on 25 tries. On a day when Michigan was determined to run the football, Higdon provided the legs.

2. Sophomore defensive end Rashan Gary: Gary secured seven tackles, among them a sack and 2.5 tackles for loss. He proved biggest in the most crucial moments, getting in on a pair of TFLs with the Hoosiers inside Michigan's 5 in overtime.

3. Fifth-year senior defensive tackle Maurice Hurst Jr.: Hurst totaled six tackles, including a half-sack among 1.5 tackles for loss. He also blocked an Indiana field goal attempt and proved disruptive all day long for the Hoosiers' offensive line.

4. Junior safety Tyree Kinnel: Another overtime loomed if the right deflection took place on a final throw. It never happened, with Kinnel securing the game-clinching interception. He also made six stops, with a tackle for loss and a pass breakup.

5. Indiana wide receiver Luke Timian: The Hoosiers couldn't run the ball much, but Timian helped keep them in the game. His seven catches for 95 yards proved a thorn in Michigan's side, right down to the last drive in regulation, when his 24-yard breakout reception got Indiana going.

Michigan Football Report Card: Grading A 27-20 Win At Indiana

Chris Balas | Senior Editor

Grading Michigan in all phases of a 27-20 overtime win over Indiana:

Rushing Offense: A

Indiana knew Michigan couldn't throw, played straight up on the receivers and to stop the run, and still relinquished 271 yards on the ground, including 200 to junior running back Karan Higdon. U-M abandoned a lot of the zone principles and got back to isolation and power football, and with great success. Higdon averaged 8.0 yards per carry and the Wolverines averaged 6.2 yards per run as a team.

The Wolverines ran 10 times for 74 yards on first down in the first half, controlling the line of scrimmage even when the Hoosiers were expecting run.

Passing Offense: D-

Fifth-year senior John O'Korn completed only 10 of 20 passes for 58 yards with a long of only 17, missing freshman Donovan Peoples-Jones on sure, long touchdown early, having one pass nearly picked, one pick called back and throwing high in the flats. He also had three balls dropped.

The Wolverines essentially abandoned the passing game in the second half, throwing only nine times. The long pass, 17 yards to Peoples-Jones, was almost by accident after O'Korn eluded a heavy rush and dropped one just over a defender.

This group needs a lot of work.

Rushing Defense: A-

The defense gave up only one solid gainer in the running game, a 31-yard scamper by Morgan Ellison early in the third quarter. He managed only 37 yards on his other 13 carries. The Wolverines held dual-threat quarterback Peyton Ramsey in check, allowing only nine yards on nine carries, and gave up only 80 yards on 29 carries overall, aided by negative 20 in sack yardage.

Passing Defense: B

Sophomore cornerback Lavert Hill continues to play at an All-Big Ten level. His fourth-quarter pick should have secured a win in regulation, and he read it and timed it perfectly. He finished with a tackle for loss on an open-field screen, had another pick called back on a questionable call and blanketed his receivers throughout.

U-M's fourth-quarter pass defense was a disappointment. The Hoosiers drove the field for the tying field goal when it appeared the Wolverines became less aggressive — 47 of IU's 198 passing yards came on that final drive in regulation, most to the center of the field.

Special Teams: B –

Quinn Nordin continues to impress. Michigan's redshirt freshman kicker made both of his field goals, no doubters from 40 and 38 yards, to open a 6-0 lead, while walk-on James Foug's deep, high kickoffs allowed for great coverage (three returns for 26 yards).

Freshman punter Brad Robbins made a critical mistake and gave the Hoosiers life by kicking to the center of the field. J'Shun Harris' 53-yard return set up a fourth-quarter touchdown, when a punt left would have all but ended the game. U-M didn't defend it well, either, but credit sophomore Josh Metellus for making the touchdown-saving tackle.

Peoples-Jones managed only five yards on five punt returns.

Offense Notes: Karan Higdon's Career Day Leads Michigan To Victory

Andrew Vaillencourt | Staff Writer

Michigan junior running back Karan Higdon had a career day on the ground to lead U-M to its fifth win of the season.

The Wolverines called his number 25 times on Saturday against Indiana, and the junior turned that into 200 yards rushing and three touchdowns — including the game winner for 25 yards on the first play of overtime.

No. 17 Michigan (5-1) avoided its second straight loss by escaping Indiana in overtime at Memorial Stadium in Bloomington, Ind.

After the game both Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh and fifth-year senior quarterback John O'Korn said the game plan was to go more run heavy.

Six different players carried the ball for a total of 271 yards on 44 attempts, but it was Higdon that stole the show — highlighted by several long runs.

"He was phenomenal," Harbaugh said. "I don't know how many yards he got after contact, but they were tough yards. Plays that looked like they were going to be tackles for loss, one yard gain or no gain, found a way to get four or five out of it. More than a few."

Higdon set new career highs in carries, yards and touchdowns and nearly doubled his season total in yards. Entering Saturday, he had 45 carries for 201 yards and two scores on the year. He's now second on the team in rushing — just two yards behind fifth-year senior running back Ty Isaac, who has two yards more than Hig-

don with 403 yards on two fewer carries.

"We went with the run game a little more today which is fantastic for all of us [running backs]," Higdon said. "We all played together as always, and we just trusted it. We had a salty taste in our mouth from last week."

Isaac and sophomore running back Chris Evans were both held in check by the Hoosier defense. Isaac had 35 yards on seven carries, while Evans rushed eight times for five yards in his return to his home-state.

Freshman running back Kareem Walker also had one carry for eight yards in the first half. Harbaugh said Walker will start to receive more carries as the season goes on. This season, he has four carries for 15 yards.

Higdon's 59-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter was Michigan's longest rush of the season and is the longest run Indiana has given up this season. U-M's previous long was a 53-yarder by Isaac against Cincinnati. It's also a career high for Higdon. Indiana had only allowed one rush longer than 30 yards entering the game.

He's also the first Michigan player to run for 200 yards since Denard Robinson had 235 in 2012 against Purdue. He's the first Michigan running back to reach 200 yards since Mike Hart, who's now Indiana's running back's coach, did so against Eastern Michigan with 215 in 2007.

"It's amazing what can happen when all the guys do their job," Higdon said. "It's amazing even more when a running back can trust his fullback and line. I trust them 110 percent no matter if it's a good game or bad game."

Indiana had allowed an average of 152.4 rushing yards per game prior to Saturday, which was good for No. 54 in the country. Ohio State ran for 292 yards and Penn State rushed for 39 yards against the Hoosiers.

Passing Attack Records Five Yards In Second Half

Michigan made it clear it had an emphasis on the run in the game plan, and O'Korn completed just 10-of-20 passes for 58 total yards — the fewest number of passing yards Michigan has had this season and lowest since last year's Indiana game.

In the second half, O'Korn was 3-of-9 for five yards.

After the game, O'Korn said he didn't think anything was wrong with the passing game and that the team simply stuck with the run game because it was working so well. Eight of Michigan's nine punts came in the second half.

Harbaugh said he didn't want to make any comments on the specifics of O'Korn's game until he had a chance to watch the film.

Last year against Indiana, O'Korn completed 7-of-16 passes for 59 yards in his first start with the Wolverines.

Miscellaneous Notes:

- Isaac has now run for more than 1,000 yards as a Wolverine, reaching the mark on a second quarter carry. He has 1,223 yards in his career.
- Both of Harbaugh's games against Indiana in Bloomington have gone to overtime. U-M is 2-0.
- O'Korn's 5.8 yards per completion is the third-lowest in Michigan history (minimum five attempts).
- Michigan is now 6-for-18 on converting red zone trips into touchdowns this season. It was 1-for-3 in that area Saturday, kicking field goals the first two times it reached the red zone.
- Michigan has won 22 straight over Indiana, and 37 of the last 38.
- Michigan had 16 penalties for 141 against Indiana, which is a new single-game school record. The previous high was 15 against UCLA in 1981. There are at least two other games where Michigan has been penalized for more yards. The 1981 UCLA game and the 1985 game against South Carolina.
- Michigan did not turn the ball over in a game for the first time all season.
- 271 yards rushing is a season high for the Wolverines.
- Michigan went 2-for-13 on third down, the worst percentage of the season. Its previous low was 5-for-17 against Michigan State.
- No Michigan player has caught a pass in all six games.

Defense/Special Teams Notes: Goal-Line Stand Preserves Michigan Win In OT

Andrew Vailliencourt | Staff Writer

Michigan set a record against Indiana that it definitely isn't proud of.

The Wolverines picked up a school-record 16 penalties in their 27-20 overtime win against the Hoosiers in Bloomington, Ind.

Michigan could have had even more, except on one defensive play alone, it recorded three fouls and two were declined.

Despite the mistakes, the Michigan defense held Indiana to its season low in total yards — 278. Its previous lowest output was 308 yards at Virginia. The last time Indiana had that few yards was

against Michigan in 2016 (255).

Redshirt freshman quarterback Peyton Ramsey was hounded by Michigan's front seven all game, even leaving the contest briefly due to injury, and finished 20-of-41 passing for 178 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions. He was sacked twice and hurried four times.

Both interceptions proved to be crucial, with the first coming in the fourth quarter by sophomore cornerback Lavert Hill. The second, however, sealed the victory for the Wolverines in overtime.

Indiana faced fourth-and-goal from the 4-yard line trailing by seven. Ramsey rolled out to the left and had to throw the ball up in the end zone so he wouldn't be sacked, and Michigan junior safety Tyree Kinnel came down with the pick, ending the game.

"The goal-line stand was great, [it was] an opportunity for us to keep them out of the end zone, win the ball game," Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh said. "Responded with the tackle for loss, incomple- tion, interception, the quarterback option run up the middle. It was a great four plays for us."

The defensive stand came after allowing the Hoosiers to drive down the field in the final minute and kick a 46-yard game-tying field goal, courtesy of fifth-year senior kicker Griffin Oakes.

It was a flip from what the defense has done all season. Entering the game, Michigan hadn't allowed a single fourth-quarter point all season, but gave up 10 to Indiana. Instead, Michigan nearly shut out the Hoosiers in the first half — allowing only a field goal in the final minutes of the second quarter.

"We knew what we were in for," Harbaugh said. "We really did. We knew we were in for a football fight. Last time we were down here went to double overtime. This time it goes to overtime. Indiana's got a veteran ball club and played very well, like they always do."

Ups And Downs On Special Teams

Michigan's star redshirt freshman kicker Quinn Nordin made both of his field goals attempts for the Wolverines and is now 14 for 16 on the season. That's good enough to tie him for 14th-most made field goals in a season at Michigan. He's still on pace (for 28) to top Remy Hamilton, whose 25 field goals in 1994 is a school season record.

With his 40-yarder Saturday, he also becomes one of just 13 kickers in program history to have made four kicks from that distance or longer in a single season. The last was Matt Wile, when he made five such kicks, in 2014. Surpassing 15 career tries also qualifies Nordin for the school's career record, and although he has plenty more attempts to come his 87.5-percent success rate would break the program mark of 82.9, held by Bob Bergeron (1981-84).

The Wolverines came up big on special teams on a couple plays, including blocking an Oakes' field goal attempt in the first half.

No play was bigger than getting the ball back after an Indiana onside kick appeared to be recovered by IU redshirt junior wide receiver Simmie Cobbs — who also nearly burned Michigan for a 62-yard gain on offense before being overturned. The replay showed that Cobbs didn't have possession of the kickoff before stepping out of bounds, thus giving Michigan the football with 3:27 left to play in the game.

Michigan also allowed dangerous IU punt returner and redshirt junior J-Shun Harris to nearly take one back to the house, but was caught inside the red zone. The 53-yard return is the longest against the Wolverines this season, and Indiana would score several plays later.

Miscellaneous Notes:

- Michigan sophomore cornerback Lavert Hill had his second interception of the season, picking off Ramsey in the fourth quarter. He had another called back due to pass interference earlier in the game. Michigan had two interceptions in a game for the second time this season, the first time coming against Cincinnati.

- Sophomore linebacker Devin Bush Jr. led Michigan in tackles with eight. He leads the team in tackles on the year with a total of 49.

- Fifth-year senior defensive tackle Maurice Hurst Jr. recorded half of a sack. It's his first of the season. Sophomore cornerback David Long also had his first half-sack of the year.

- Sophomore defensive lineman Rashan Gary had his second sack of the season. He also briefly left Saturday's game with an injury, but returned.

- Indiana's 278 yards were the most Michigan has allowed all season. The previous high allowed by U-M was 252 by Michigan State.

- Indiana was just 5 for 17 (29.4 percent) on third down against the Wolverines. The Hoosiers were more successful compared to what other teams have averaged against Michigan's defense on third down (18.2 percent).

The Wolverines forced seven three-and-outs.

Wolverine Watch: Not Crying Over Spilled Milk

John Borton | Senior Editor

I tell my 6-year-old not to spill the milk. And gosh darn, the next thing that happens, they spill the milk.

— Jim Harbaugh

Gosh darn, that leaking lactose almost cost Michigan a second

straight football game. But Indiana proved U-M defense intolerant at just the right time, and it didn't happen.

There are two ways to look at Michigan's at-times torturous 27-20 overtime win at Indiana. The first is full of thundercloud fury and righteous disbelief.

How can they struggle this much? Fifty-eight yards passing? Sixteen penalties? Overtime, against a team Ohio State smoked by 28 and Penn State by 31? Whoo, boy, this is uglier than a bellicose Buckeye with Copenhagen-stained teeth.

There's plenty to worry about, no doubt. Michigan can't throw the football much these days, and just decided not to try against the Hoosiers, creating 58 yards through the air. Seventeen of those came on fifth-year senior quarterback John O'Korn's playground heave while running for his life.

The Wolverines played nearly 35 minutes of football with 10 points on the board, against a defense that short-circuits the scoreboard against teams with an offense. And 16 penalties — whether you're playing in Bloomington, Columbus or Antarctica — are a clear sign that the you'd better keep these milk spillers away from the new carpet.

Worries? Oh, there are worries. Nail-biting Wolverine fans might be gnawed to the elbow come next Saturday's game in Happy Valley. Others might not even look in, fearing the Wolverines' photos showing up on milk cartons.

Jim Harbaugh can't afford to pursue that type of panic. And he isn't. He's got a 5-1 ball club that's fighting for its life, a too-young collection of considerable talent that isn't scaring any Big Ten foes at this point.

Harbaugh sees the big picture — and he remembers.

He thinks about his freshman year, and redshirt freshman year, and redshirt sophomore year. He wasn't what he became, and he's seeing players trying to get there.

"I wasn't a finished product, by any means," Harbaugh recalled. "I don't think I could have even gone out there as a true freshman, like some of these guys are. But they've got something special.

"If you can dig down, dig deep, and stay in the moment, not look for a soft shoulder, crying, or an excuse to be made ... that's something special.

Michigan's defense has been stout all season, but surrendered late scores to Indiana and allowed 10 points in the final 3:27 of regulation.

"We can grow. Our best people will be on it — our players and our coaches — and we'll forge ahead."

Harbaugh isn't trying to shine up Michigan's shortcomings. He sees them, and he's all over them in practice. The Sour 16 penal-

ties will draw all sorts of scrutiny in the film room. The lack of a consistent offense and a passing game that got all but ignored in Bloomington will continue to demand work.

Even the defense — which saved the Wolverines time and time again in this half season — will draw plenty of scrutiny for its Flag Day contributions and late breakdowns that allowed 10 points in the final 3:27 of regulation.

The big boss isn't whistling past the puddle of Borden's best on the kitchen floor. He's mopping it up and understanding that nobody's drowned in it.

"It's a process," Harbaugh insisted. "They like being around each other, I can tell you that. They like practicing hard, and they like playing hard. They like leaving it all out there on the field. Those are all good things to have. We'll keep forging on.

"I've been around young ball clubs before. We've got to become a more disciplined football team. We know it. We see it. We're coaching it. We're talking about it. We keep taking strides.

"When guys dig down, you feel like you've got a heck of a chance."

They've also got a heck of a challenge over the next six weeks. Penn State on the road? Wisconsin at Camp Randall? Ohio State in The Big House?

On paper, those are sour setbacks you couldn't sweeten up by filling Michigan Stadium to the brim with strawberry milkshake.

Everybody insisted, Michigan couldn't come off a second straight 10-win season, flood the NFL with Wolverines and not stumble a bit. They were right — and at the time, they weren't factoring in losing a starting quarterback.

That's where Harbaugh's crew stands. It's not like there aren't plusses — a better-than-expected defense, junior tailback Karan Higdon putting 200 yards rushing on the board, flashes from young performers all over.

But it's not going to be easy. More often than not, the Wolverines will be hanging on by their fingernails against the Indianas of the Big Ten and taking spills versus the big boys.

"It doesn't have to be that way," Harbaugh noted. "We can grow, and we can learn. We will."

In the meantime, a few rolls of paper towels in the travel bags are advisable.

What They're Saying: Michigan 27, Indiana 20

Austin Fox | Staff Writer

Michigan defeated Indiana in overtime, 27-20, on Saturday in Bloomington. It certainly wasn't pretty, but the Wolverines found a way to get the job done.

The defense was dominant — as usual — and junior running back Karan Higdon's 200 yards and three touchdowns paced the offense.

Michigan's passing game was nonexistent once again, though, as fifth-year senior quarterback John O'Korn only completed 10 of his 20 passes for 58 yards.

Penalties were also a major issue for the Maize and Blue, racking up a school-record 16 against the Hoosiers.

Find out what they're saying about the offense's struggles, the defense's dominance and much more here:

Trevor Woods, Maize N Brew: Takeaways from Michigan's 27-20 win over Indiana

"Offensive line was impressive

"This was by far the best game for Michigan's offensive line. The unit gave John O'Korn time to throw for most of his attempts and excelled in run blocking, providing big holes for Karan Higdon and Ty Issac to navigate through. Tim Drevno had this unit prepared and focused after less than stellar showings to this point in the season.

"A very positive development for Michigan, as an offensive line drastically impacts whether a team can be a championship contender or not. Steady as she goes, but the performance was one that should leave the team and fans optimistic that they can be a force to be reckoned with, not bludgeoned."

Shawn Windsor, Detroit Free Press: Michigan football 3 takeaways: John O'Korn isn't as bad as you think

"2. John O'Korn is not as bad as you think.

"Sure, he is still too jittery in the pocket. And he might miss a couple of reads here and there.

"But, for the most part, this is what his life is like on passing plays: drop back, immediately face pressure, try to sidestep that pressure, scramble to the left or right to avoid that pressure, whip the ball downfield to a covered receiver.

"Even when O'Korn has time — and he rarely does — U-M's receivers are not creating enough separation. Forcing him to throw into these tight windows would be tough for Tom Brady.

"This is not to say that O'Korn brings All-America talent to the huddle. He does not. He does, however, bring toughness, a solid arm and good mobility."

Jesse Smith, SaturdayBlitz.com: Michigan Football: 3 Takeaways from win over Indiana

"Everywhere Jim Harbaugh has coached, he has made an immediate change in the culture and ultimately they start winning: San Diego State, Stanford, San Francisco (NFL) and Michigan. He won and is currently winning, but honeymoons don't last. Harbaugh is 24-7 overall and has gotten his team to a bowl game both full years during this tenure in Michigan (he is currently in his third season).

"His team was 6-2 in 2015, but losses to Michigan State and Ohio State soured the success. In 2016, the Wolverines had a conference record of 7-2, but a huge loss to Ohio State at the end of the season put a slight diaper on the team's success. On a positive note they knocked off Michigan State last season, but in his first two seasons against teams major rivals he was 1-3. It takes time to right the ship, but when you win people expect it come to fruition a lot faster.

"Two 10-win seasons are nothing to sneeze at, but after losing to Michigan State at home last Saturday, Michigan Twitter was pretty [upset], maybe irrational, but it happened and now a 27-20 win in overtime against Indiana may have added gasoline."

Ryan Zuke, MLive: 5 things being talked about after Michigan's OT win over Indiana

"22 straight

"Saturday's win was the Wolverines' 22nd straight over Indiana and their 37th in the past 38 meetings. Nevertheless, five of the past seven games have been decided by 10 points or fewer, including the last three.

"Penalties

"Michigan entered Saturday as one of the most penalized teams in the Big Ten, and it was flagged 16 more times for 141 yards against Indiana.

"The Wolverines had 11 penalties in the first half, including a holding call on cornerback David Long late in the second quarter that kept the drive alive.

"Maurice Hurst was flagged for roughing the passer later on the drive on third-and-10 from the Michigan 29. Indiana had to settle for a field goal, but the Wolverines had opportunities to get off the field earlier on that drive.

"The offense also had several costly penalties, most notably an unsportsmanlike conduct call on receiver Keko Crawford in the second quarter. The Wolverines were pushed back 15 yards to their own 42, and they had to punt four plays later."

Adam Biggers, FanRagSports: What we learned in Michigan's escape from Indiana

"Defense bends but holds on

"Prior to Saturday, Michigan hadn't allowed one point during any fourth quarter. The Hoosiers answered with 10 in the final frame, forcing overtime.

"Prior to Saturday, Michigan had allowed just two rushing touchdowns and one big run. Indiana freshman Morgan Ellison scored an eight-yard touchdown — the third allowed by Michigan this year — after busting off a 31-yard carry. Madre London had a 50-yard gain during Michigan State's 14-10 win this past Saturday over Michigan, the first gashing rush against the Wolverines in 2017.

"Tyree Kinnel's interception in overtime sealed the deal, and he had a critical pass breakup with 7:33 to play in the third quarter, forcing Indiana into another 3-and-out while trailing 13-10."

Big Ten Recap: Week Seven

Austin Fox | Staff Writer

The Wolverine recaps all of this weekend's action from around the Big Ten:

Illinois (2-4, 0-3 Big Ten)

Illinois put on an embarrassing performance in its 35-24 home loss to Rutgers ... The Illini actually outgained the Scarlet Knights, 394-376, but were turned away by three turnovers ... Freshman receiver Ricky Smalling hauled in 111 yards and a touchdown.

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

Indiana dropped a 27-20 overtime heartbreaker to No. 17 Michigan ... Fifth-year senior kicker Griffin Oakes' 46-yard field goal as time expired sent the game into overtime ... Trailing by seven in the extra session, the Hoosiers attempted to tie the game, but redshirt freshman quarterback Peyton Ramsey's fourth-down pass was intercepted in the end zone by Wolverine junior safety Tyree Kinnel ... Indiana's secondary held Michigan's passing attack to just 58 yards.

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

Maryland dropped a disappointing home game to Northwestern on Saturday, 37-21 ... Junior receiver D.J. Moore had a spectacular game, totaling 210 yards and two touchdowns ... After Maryland cut Northwestern's lead to 27-21 with 4:33 left in the third quarter, the Wildcats ended the game on a 10-0 run.

No. 21 Michigan State (5-1, 3-0 Big Ten)

No. 21 Michigan State held off a late rally from Minnesota on Saturday night to win 30-27 ... The Spartans led 23-6 heading into the fourth quarter, but gave up 21 points in the game's final session ... After missing last week's game with injury, junior running back LJ Scott returned to rush for 194 yards and two touchdowns ... Fifth-year senior running back Gerald Holmes did not play after

injuring his ankle last week.

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

Minnesota lost a tight one to No. 21 Michigan State, 30-27 ... After scoring two quick touchdowns from the 5:20 to 1:06 mark of the fourth quarter, the Gophers' ensuing onside kick attempt was unsuccessful ... Fifth-year senior quarterback Conor Rhoda struggled mightily during the game and was replaced by redshirt sophomore Demry Croft, who tossed three touchdown passes ... The start of the game was delayed 44 minutes due to lightning.

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

Northwestern picked up its first conference victory on Saturday, winning at Maryland, 37-21 ... The game was tighter than the score would indicate — the Wildcats led by just nine with 1:55 remaining in the game ... With 171 yards on the ground, senior running back Justin Jackson became the school's all-time leading rusher, passing former running back Damien Anderson ... Northwestern featured a very balanced offensive attack, throwing for 293 yards and rushing for 238.

No. 9 Ohio State (6-1, 4-0 Big Ten)

No. 9 Ohio State destroyed Nebraska in Lincoln, 56-14 ... The game was all but over just over two minutes into the second quarter, with the Buckeyes jumping out to a 21-0 lead ... Ohio State put up 633 yards and 41 first downs on the Cornhusker defense ... Fifth-year senior quarterback J.T. Barrett played a near perfect game, completing 27 of 33 passes for 325 yards with five touchdowns and no picks.

Nebraska (3-4, 2-2 Big Ten)

Nebraska was blown away at home by No. 9 Ohio State, 56-14 ... Redshirt junior quarterback Tanner Lee torched the Buckeye secondary, throwing for 303 yards and two touchdowns ... Redshirt freshman receiver J.D. Spielman compiled 200 yards through the air on 11 catches ... The 42-point home loss was Nebraska's worst since a 48-0 blanking by Oklahoma in 1949.

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

Purdue dropped a hard-fought battle at No. 7 Wisconsin, 17-9 ... The Boilermakers crept into Badger territory late in the fourth quarter, but their attempt to tie the game was thwarted when redshirt sophomore quarterback Elijah Sindelar threw an interception that all but ended the contest ... Head coach Jeff Brohm had been using a two-quarterback system the entire year, but redshirt junior David Blough did not attempt a pass Saturday ... Purdue gave up 17 first-half points, but held Wisconsin scoreless in the second stanza.

Rutgers (2-4, 1-2 Big Ten)

Rutgers picked up its first conference victory since 2015 (Indiana) when it won at Illinois on Saturday, 35-24 ... The Scarlet Knights dominated the contest, leading 21-10 at halftime and 28-10 at the end of the third quarter ... Redshirt junior quarterback Giovanni Rescigno started in place of fifth-year senior Kyle Bolin and only completed 5 of his 10 passes for 89 yards ... Fifth-year senior running back Gus Edwards rushed for 91 yards, while freshman running back Raheem Blackshear racked up 87 yards; Rutgers rushed for 274 yards as a team.

No. 7 Wisconsin (6-0, 3-0 Big Ten)

No. 7 Wisconsin received a tougher-than-expected test from Purdue on Saturday, before prevailing 17-9 ... The Badgers out-gained the Boilermakers, 494-221, but let them hang around by committing three turnovers ... Freshman running back Jonathan Taylor carried for 219 yards, becoming the first Big Ten freshman running back to rush for 200 or more yards in consecutive games since Michigan's Mike Hart in 2004 ... Fifth-year senior linebacker Leon Jacobs helped seal the Badger victory when he intercepted Purdue's Elijah Sindelar late in the fourth quarter.

Schedule

Saturday, Oct. 14

- No. 17 Michigan 27, Indiana 20
- Rutgers 35, Illinois 24
- Northwestern 37, Maryland 21
- No. 7 Wisconsin 17, Purdue 9
- No. 9 Ohio State 56, Nebraska 14
- Michigan State 30, Minnesota 27

Bye: Iowa, No. 3 Penn State