

# THE WOLVERINE OCT. 22, 2017

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10/21/2017 • ATTENDANCE 110,823  
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| QT         | 1st | 2nd | 3rd | 4th | Tot |
|------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Michigan   | 0   | 13  | 0   | 0   | 13  |
| Penn State | 14  | 7   | 7   | 14  | 42  |



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|                       |  | U-M | PSU |  |  | U-M                                   | PSU         |
|-----------------------|--|-----|-----|--|--|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>First Quarter</b>  |  |     |     |  |  |                                       |             |
| PSU                   | Barkley 69-yard Run<br>(Davis Kick) 14:17<br><b>Drive:</b> 2 plays 75 yds 0:43                 | 0   | 7   |  |  | <b>Total First Downs</b>              | 16 25       |
| PSU                   | Barkley 15-yard Run<br>(Davis Kick) 10:11<br><b>Drive:</b> 4 plays 78 yds 2:05                 | 0   | 14  |  |  | Rushing                               | 8 10        |
| <b>Second Quarter</b> |  |     |     |  |  |                                       |             |
| MICH                  | Higdon 1-yard Run<br>(Nordin Kick Failed) 12:53<br><b>Drive:</b> 11 plays 59 yds 5:28          | 6   | 14  |  |  | Passing                               | 8 12        |
| MICH                  | Isaac 6-yard Run<br>(Nordin Kick) 01:45<br><b>Drive:</b> 8 plays 67 yds 3:20                   | 13  | 14  |  |  | Penalty                               | 0 3         |
| PSU                   | McSorley 3-yard Run<br>(Davis Kick) 00:53<br><b>Drive:</b> 7 plays 75 yds 0:52                 | 13  | 21  |  |  | <b>Rushing Attempts</b>               | 42 35       |
| <b>Third Quarter</b>  |  |     |     |  |  |                                       |             |
| PSU                   | McSorley 13-yard Run<br>(Davis Kick) 05:13<br><b>Drive:</b> 9 plays 80 yds 5:24                | 13  | 28  |  |  | <b>Yards Gained Rushing</b>           | 152 253     |
| <b>Fourth Quarter</b> |  |     |     |  |  |                                       |             |
| PSU                   | Barkley Pass from McSorley 42-yards<br>(Davis Kick) 13:11<br><b>Drive:</b> 2 plays 46 yds 0:32 | 13  | 35  |  |  | <b>Yards Lost Rushing</b>             | 49 29       |
| PSU                   | McSorley 9-yard Run<br>(Davis Kick) 07:53<br><b>Drive:</b> 4 plays 48 yds 1:57                 | 13  | 42  |  |  | <b>Net Yards Rushing</b>              | 103 224     |
| <b>Game Totals</b>    |  |     |     |  |  |                                       |             |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | <b>Net Yards Passing</b>              | 166 282     |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | Passes Attempted                      | 28 26       |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | Passes Completed                      | 16 17       |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | Had Intercepted                       | 0 1         |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | Percent Completion                    | 57.1% 65.4% |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | Yards per Attempt                     | 5.9 10.8    |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | Yards per Completion                  | 10.4 16.6   |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | <b>Total Offensive Plays</b>          | 70 61       |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | <b>Total Net Yards</b>                | 269 506     |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | Avg. Gain Per Play                    | 3.8 8.3     |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | <b>Fumbles: No-Lost</b>               | 2-1 0-0     |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | <b>Penalties: No-Yards</b>            | 6-59 1-10   |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | <b>Punts: No-Yards</b>                | 6-233 2-99  |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | Avg. Per Punt                         | 38.8 49.5   |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | Avg. Net Punt                         | 35.5 50.5   |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | <b>Punt Returns: No-Yards</b>         | 1-2 2-20    |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | <b>Kickoff Returns: No-Yards</b>      | 5-113 1-15  |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | <b>Interception Returns: No-Yards</b> | 1-25 0-0    |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | <b>Fumble Returns: No-Yards</b>       | 0-0 0-0     |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | <b>Miscellaneous Yards</b>            | 0 0         |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | <b>Possession Time</b>                | 32:56 27:04 |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | <b>Third-Down Conversions</b>         | 6-16 4-7    |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | Percentage                            | 37.5% 57.1% |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | <b>Fourth-Down Conversions</b>        | 2-4 0-1     |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | Percentage                            | 50.0% 0.0%  |
|                       |  |     |     |  |  | <b>Sacks By: No-Yards</b>             | 2-11 7-49   |

## MICHIGAN INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### Offensive Individual Statistics

| Rushing      | No        | Gain       | Lost      | Net        | Avg        | TD       | Lg        |
|--------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Higdon       | 15        | 45         | 0         | 45         | 3.0        | 1        | 11        |
| Isaac        | 6         | 36         | 0         | 36         | 6.0        | 1        | 9         |
| Evans        | 4         | 17         | 0         | 17         | 4.2        | 0        | 9         |
| McDoom       | 1         | 8          | 0         | 8          | 8.0        | 0        | 8         |
| Hill         | 2         | 0          | 0         | 0          | 0.0        | 0        | 0         |
| O'Korn       | 14        | 46         | 49        | -3         | -0.2       | 0        | 14        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>42</b> | <b>152</b> | <b>49</b> | <b>103</b> | <b>2.5</b> | <b>2</b> | <b>14</b> |

| Passing      | Att       | Comp      | %           | Int      | Yds        | TD       | Lg        |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| O'Korn       | 28        | 16        | 57.1        | 0        | 166        | 0        | 24        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>28</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>57.1</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>166</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>24</b> |

| Receiving    | No        | Yds        | TD       | Lg        |
|--------------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Perry        | 3         | 46         | 0        | 24        |
| Peoples-j    | 3         | 43         | 0        | 18        |
| McDoom       | 3         | 29         | 0        | 14        |
| Crawford     | 1         | 23         | 0        | 23        |
| Hill         | 2         | 12         | 0        | 8         |
| McKeon       | 3         | 11         | 0        | 12        |
| Evans        | 1         | 2          | 0        | 2         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>16</b> | <b>166</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>24</b> |

Field Goals: none

Punting: Robbins 6 (average 38.8, long 48).

### Defensive Individual Statistics

| Defense  | Tac | Ast | Tot | TFL   | Sac   | PD | FF | FR |
|----------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|----|----|----|
| Hill     | 3   | 4   | 7   | 0.5-2 | 0-0   | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| Hudson   | 4   | 3   | 7   | 1-4   | 0-0   | 1  | 0  | 0  |
| Kinnel   | 4   | 3   | 7   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| McCray   | 3   | 3   | 6   | 1.5-5 | 0.5-3 | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Bush     | 1   | 3   | 4   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Winovich | 2   | 2   | 4   | 1-3   | 0-0   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Metellus | 3   | 0   | 3   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Paye     | 0   | 3   | 3   | 1-5   | 0.5-3 | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Dwumfour | 0   | 2   | 2   | 0.5-2 | 0-0   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Furbush  | 1   | 1   | 2   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Gary     | 1   | 1   | 2   | 0.5-2 | 0-0   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Hawkins  | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Hurst    | 1   | 0   | 1   | 1-5   | 1-5   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Kemp     | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Long     | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| McDoom   | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Solomon  | 0   | 1   | 1   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Wangler  | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Watson   | 1   | 0   | 1   | 0-0   | 0-0   | 0  | 0  | 0  |

| Punt Ret      | No | Yds | TD | Lg |
|---------------|----|-----|----|----|
| Peoples-Jones | 1  | -2  | 0  | 0  |

| Kick Ret     | No       | Yds        | TD       | Lg        |
|--------------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Thomas       | 3        | 87         | 0        | 43        |
| Hawkins      | 2        | 26         | 0        | 14        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>113</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>43</b> |

Interceptions: Long 1 for 25

## PENN STATE INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

| Rushing      | No        | Gain       | Lost      | Net        | Avg        | TD       | Lg        |
|--------------|-----------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Barkley      | 15        | 121        | 13        | 108        | 7.2        | 2        | 69        |
| McSorley     | 11        | 87         | 11        | 76         | 6.9        | 3        | 23        |
| Sanders      | 6         | 29         | 4         | 25         | 4.2        | 0        | 9         |
| Stevens      | 1         | 11         | 0         | 11         | 11.0       | 0        | 11        |
| Allen        | 1         | 5          | 0         | 5          | 5.0        | 0        | 5         |
| TEAM         | 1         | 0          | 1         | -1         | -1.0       | 0        | 0         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>35</b> | <b>253</b> | <b>29</b> | <b>224</b> | <b>6.4</b> | <b>5</b> | <b>69</b> |

| Passing      | Att       | Comp      | %           | Int      | Yds        | TD       | Lg        |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| McSorley     | 26        | 17        | 65.4        | 1        | 282        | 1        | 42        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>26</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>65.4</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>282</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>42</b> |

| Receiving    | No        | Yds        | TD       | Lg        |
|--------------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Hamilton     | 6         | 115        | 0        | 36        |
| Barkley      | 3         | 53         | 1        | 42        |
| Gesicki      | 2         | 52         | 0        | 35        |
| Johnson      | 3         | 30         | 0        | 12        |
| Polk         | 1         | 23         | 0        | 23        |
| Robinson     | 1         | 5          | 0        | 5         |
| Blacknall    | 1         | 4          | 0        | 4         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>17</b> | <b>282</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>42</b> |

Field Goals: Oakes 2 for 3 (long 46)

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

Returns: Barkley 1 kick for 15, Thompkins 2 punts for 20 (long 18).



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## BY THE NUMBERS

### MICHIGAN VS. PENN STATE QUARTER-BY-QUARTER COMPARISON

| Indiana              | 1st Qtr. | 2nd Qtr. | 3rd Qtr. | 4th Qtr. | 1st Half | 2nd Half | Total  |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| Time of Possession   | 7:21     | 7:23     | 6:47     | 6:07     | 14:44    | 12:54    | 27:38  |
| 3rd-Down Conversions | 1-1      | 2-4      | 1-2      | 0-0      | 3-5      | 1-2      | 4-7    |
| 4th-Down Conversions | 0-0      | 0-1      | 0-0      | 0-0      | 0-1      | 0-0      | 0-1    |
| Avg. Field Position  | PSU-23   | PSU-25   | PSU-26   | U-M-47   | PSU-24   | PSU-42   | PSU-32 |

  

| Michigan             | 1st Qtr. | 2nd Qtr. | 3rd Qtr. | 4th Qtr. | 1st Half | 2nd Half | Final  |
|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| Time of Possession   | 7:39     | 7:37     | 8:13     | 8:53     | 15:16    | 17:06    | 32:22  |
| 3rd-Down Conversions | 0-2      | 1-4      | 3-5      | 2-5      | 1-6      | 5-10     | 6-16   |
| 4th-Down Conversions | 0-0      | 1-1      | 0-0      | 1-3      | 1-1      | 1-3      | 2-4    |
| Avg. Field Position  | U-M-36   | U-M-31   | U-M-23   | U-M-22   | U-M-33   | U-M-23   | U-M-28 |

### SITUATION TABLES

#### FIRST AND TEN

|            | Rushing |       |      | Passing |       |      | Totals |       |      |
|------------|---------|-------|------|---------|-------|------|--------|-------|------|
|            | Plays   | Yards | Avg. | Plays   | Yards | Avg. | Plays  | Yards | Avg. |
| Penn State | 22      | 108   | 4.9  | 11      | 127   | 11.5 | 33     | 235   | 7.1  |
| Michigan   | 15      | 25    | 1.7  | 12      | 55    | 4.6  | 27     | 80    | 3.0  |

#### 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. |
| Penn State | 0/0     | -    | 3/3       | 100.0 | 1/3       | 33.3 | 0/1       | 0.0  | 4/7    | 57.1 |
| Michigan   | 0/2     | 0.0  | 3/4       | 75.0  | 2/6       | 33.3 | 1/4       | 25.0 | 6/16   | 37.5 |

#### RED ZONE EFFICIENCY (INSIDE 20-YARD LINE)

|            | Poss. | TDs | FGs | No Score |
|------------|-------|-----|-----|----------|
| Penn State | 5     | 4   | 0   | 1        |
| Michigan   | 2     | 2   | 0   | 0        |

#### PLAY CHART (NO. OF PLAYS)

| Yards .....           | PSU | U-M |
|-----------------------|-----|-----|
| (-) Yards.....        | 8   | 7   |
| 0-5 Yards.....        | 27  | 43  |
| 6-9 Yards.....        | 9   | 9   |
| 10-19 Yards.....      | 9   | 8   |
| 20-29 Yards.....      | 4   | 3   |
| 30-39 Yards.....      | 2   | 0   |
| 40-49 Yards.....      | 1   | 0   |
| 50 or more Yards..... | 1   | 0   |

#### BIG PLAYS (25 YARDS OR MORE)

##### Penn State

- \*2-4 PSU31 Barkley rush for 69 yards to the U-M0
- \*1-10 50 McSorley pass complete to Gesicki for 35 yards to the U-M15
- \*3-8 PSU27 McSorley pass complete to Hamilton for 27 yards to the U-M46
- \*1-10 PSU37 McSorley pass complete to Hamilton for 36 yards to the U-M27
- \*2-8 PSU22 McSorley pass complete to Hamilton for 26 yards to the PSU48
- \*2-6 U-M42 McSorley pass complete to Barkley for 42 yards to the U-M0

##### Michigan

none

## MICHIGAN CONTRIBUTORS

### OFFENSE — STARTERS

|    |                       |
|----|-----------------------|
| WR | Nate Schoenle         |
| LT | Mason Cole            |
| LG | Ben Bredeson          |
| C  | Patrick Kugler        |
| RG | Michael Onwenu        |
| RT | Juwann Bushell-Beatty |
| QB | John O’Korn           |
| RB | Karan Higdon          |
| FB | Khalid Hill           |
| TE | Sean McKeon           |
| TE | Zach Gentry           |

### DEFENSE — STARTERS

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

### SPECIAL TEAMS AND RESERVES

Jaylen Kelly-Powell, Ambry Thomas, Josh Ross, Brad Hawkins, Carlo Kemp, Quinn Nordin, Brad Robbins, Michael Dwumfour, Aubrey Solomon, Donovan Peoples-Jones, Chris Evans, Eddie McDoom, Tyrone Wheatley, Henry Poggi, Benjamin St-Juste, J’Marick Woods, Joe Hewlett, Brandon Watson, Jordan Glasgow, James Foug, Ty Isaac, Camaron Cheeseman, Devin Gil, Jared Wangler, Ben Mason, Mike Wroblewski, Cesar Ruiz, Nolan Ulizio, Stephen Spanellis, Grant Perry, Lawrence Marshall, Kwity Paye, Josh Uche, Garrett Moores, Khaleke Hudson, Nico Collins, Reuben Jones, Ian Bunting, Kekoa Crawford

## 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        |
| <b>Michigan</b>      | <b>33</b> | <b>19</b>   | <b>215</b> | <b>218</b> | <b>12/26</b>     | <b>2</b> | <b>0/0</b>       | <b>7/55</b>         | <b>75,802</b>  |
| 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           |
| <b>Michigan</b>      | <b>29</b> | <b>17</b>   | <b>190</b> | <b>169</b> | <b>14/23</b>     | <b>0</b> | <b>2/1</b>       | <b>7/72</b>         | <b>111,387</b> |
| 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           |
| <b>Michigan</b>      | <b>28</b> | <b>24</b>   | <b>139</b> | <b>284</b> | <b>21/31</b>     | <b>1</b> | <b>1/1</b>       | <b>7/57</b>         | <b>60,042</b>  |
| <b>Michigan</b>      | <b>14</b> | <b>17</b>   | <b>102</b> | <b>198</b> | <b>16/35</b>     | <b>3</b> | <b>2/2</b>       | <b>7/53</b>         | <b>112,432</b> |
| 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           |
| <b>Michigan</b>      | <b>27</b> | <b>17</b>   | <b>271</b> | <b>58</b>  | <b>10/20</b>     | <b>0</b> | <b>0/0</b>       | <b>16/141</b>       | <b>52,929</b>  |
| Penn State           | 42        | 25          | 224        | 282        | 17/26            | 1        | 0/0              | 1/10                | Away           |
| <b>Michigan</b>      | <b>13</b> | <b>16</b>   | <b>103</b> | <b>166</b> | <b>16/28</b>     | <b>0</b> | <b>2/1</b>       | <b>6/59</b>         | <b>110,823</b> |

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# Penn State Is White Hot In A Whiteout, 42-13

John Borton | Senior Editor

Michigan's hope against a deafening Beaver Stadium whiteout and a revenge-minded, No. 2 Penn State team looked clear cut — keep the Nittany Lions in check with the nation's No. 1 total defense and find ways to score.

That hope lasted roughly five minutes. The 42-13 pummeling that followed seemed to last forever, Michigan (5-2, 2-2 Big Ten) simply lacking the weapons to stay with Penn State (7-0, 4-0).

"I thought their offense played extremely well," Michigan head coach Jim Harbaugh said. "That's an understatement. They were hitting on all cylinders. Their back was really good, as advertised, and their quarterback, [Trace] McSorley, played really well.

"The quarterback was hot; the receivers made plays downfield. It was impressive."

The Nittany Lions rolled on offense, tailback Saquon Barkley rushing 15 times for 108 yards and two touchdowns while adding three catches for 53 yards and another TD. McSorley proved a dual threat himself, going 17 of 26 through the air for 282 yards and one touchdown while keeping the ball 11 times for 76 yards and three more TDs.

The Wolverines matched their worst beating since Harbaugh came to town (Ohio State in 2015), Penn State demonstrating all the mercy a wolf would an injured fawn. PSU head coach James Franklin came in 0-3 against the Wolverines and didn't plan on leaving 0-4.

Michigan managed 269 total yards to Penn State's 506, fifth-year senior quarterback John O'Korn going 16-of-28 passing for 166 yards. But aside from a second-quarter rally to briefly reignite hopes, the Wolverines were in for a whiteout wipeout in a valley that was all too happy for the locals.

Penn State showed some swagger before it ever touched the football, winning the toss and electing to receive. Forty-three seconds later, everyone underscored why.

Barkley took a direct snap from center, burst off the left side of the line and raced 69 yards untouched for the opening score. All the talk about Michigan needing to not fall behind and stay in the game via the defense seemed to evaporate like a sweat drop in the sizzling skillet that was Beaver Stadium.

"I wouldn't say shocked," fifth-year senior captain and linebacker Mike McCray said, when asked to describe his emotions. "Disappointed in ourselves. We gave up a lot of points, a lot of yards. It was just one of those days ... it wasn't our day."

The Nittany Lions regained the ball on a three-and-out and immediately doubled down. McSorley ripped off a 23-yard run, bombed a jump ball to tight end Mike Gesicki for 35 and pitched

to Barkley for the final 15 yards of a four-play, 78-yard touchdown drive.

In the opening 4:49, Penn State went up 14-0, putting nearly as many points on the board as Michigan's defense gave up on average over the first six games.

"They made the big plays, and we didn't," O'Korn said. "They picked up huge chunks of yards on third down, and that was huge for them. We weren't able to match that."

The Nittany Lions looked ready to make it 21-0 on three possessions, before sophomore cornerback David Long sliced in to pick off a McSorley pass in Michigan territory. He returned it 25 yards to the Michigan 41, and jammed a finger in the whiteout dike.

The Wolverines drove 69 yards in 11 plays and nearly couldn't go the final few inches. But after Penn State stonewalled fifth-year senior fullback Khalid Hill on two straight plays, junior running back Karan Higdon (15 carries, 45 yards, one TD) took a pitch and beat the PSU defense to the pylon for a one-yard touchdown.

Yet even that huge turnaround arrived with the reminder of the uphill climb Michigan faced.

The all-time-record Beaver Stadium crowd of 110,823 rained down boos on redshirt freshman placekicker Quinn Nordin, who originally committed to Penn State before switching to Michigan. Nordin missed the extra point, making it only 14-6 at the 12:53 mark of the second quarter.

The Wolverines settled down anyway, sophomore corner Lavert Hill executing a nice pass breakup of a deep ball on fourth-and-seven, after Penn State had driven to the U-M 35. O'Korn responded by directing an eight-play, 67-yard touchdown drive.

O'Korn scrambled out for 14 yards, then hit freshman wideout Donovan Peoples-Jones for 18, igniting the march. He lofted a 23-yard sideline toss on which sophomore wideout Kekoa Crawford made a strong over-the-shoulder catch to set the Wolverines up at the PSU 6.

Fifth-year senior tailback Ty Isaac rumbled in the final six yards for the touchdown. With 1:45 remaining in the half, Michigan had pulled within one, 14-13, a stunning turnaround after the start.

Just when it looked like Michigan would escape the half down just one point, though, McSorley cranked up the downfield attack again. He connected on throws of 12, 36 and 17 yards on the way to his own three-yard touchdown run with 53 ticks left before intermission.

Penn State went to the locker room up 21-13, putting more points on the board in a half than the Wolverines had surrendered all season.

Soon enough, it got worse.

McSorley drove Penn State 80 yards in nine plays on its first possession of the second half. He connected on passes of 26, eight,

11 and nine yards before scoring himself by bolting up the middle, cutting to his left and out-running U-M's defense 13 yards to the pylon.

With 5:13 remaining in the third quarter, U-M again faced a two-touchdown deficit, at 28-13.

One thing Michigan hadn't done to fuel the Nittany Lions involved turning the ball over. That changed when the Wolverines opened the fourth quarter with O'Korn coughing it up on a sack and Penn State pouncing on it at the Michigan 46.

U-M paid two plays later, McSorley unloading a 42-yard touchdown bomb to Barkley. Barkley broke free on a wheel route, bobbled the pass high in the air, then secured it to apply the choke hold at 35-13 with 13:11 remaining.

McSorley added a nine-yard touchdown run to cap a 48-yard drive, after Michigan made a last-ditch attempt to move the chains on fourth down near midfield.

The Wolverines offered no second-half answers, but acknowledged they'll need to find some in the second half of the season.

"We've got a great group of guys," Higdon said. "I wouldn't trade this for the world. I've been here three years, and we've won a lot of games. We've lost two this year. We played a great team today, and we got punched in the mouth.

"We've just got to regroup and keep going. That's what it's all about — the next game."

## Top Five Players Of The Game

**1. Penn State running back Saquon Barkley:** Barkley is one of the Big Ten's best backs ever and fully showed it off in front of the home crowd. His 108 yards rushing, 53 receiving and three touchdowns are the bottom line, but his 69-yard TD bolt before some settled into their seats set the tone.

**2. Penn State quarterback Trace McSorley:** McSorley torched the Wolverines with his arm and his legs, throwing for 282 yards and running for 76 more while accounting for four total TDs. He owned the QBs match-up on a night when the Nittany Lions held the title to most everything.

**3. Penn State wide receiver DaeSean Hamilton:** Hamilton seemed to be there every time McSorley needed to make something happen. He hauled in six catches for 115 yards and gave the U-M secondary — which had held up all year long — its first serious black eye.

**4. Penn State linebacker Jason Cabinda:** Cabinda was all over the field for the Nittany Lions, making a sack and a tackle for loss among his 13 overall stops. He also forced a fumble for a Penn State defense that won a match-up within a match-up.

**5. Sophomore cornerback Lavert Hill:** Hill held his own on a night when few Michigan defensive players could say the same. His fourth-down pass breakup set up the drive that brought Michi-

gan within a point, and he wound up with half a TFL among seven stops.

## Michigan Football Report Card: Grading A 42-13 Loss At Penn State

Chris Balas | Senior Editor

Grading Michigan after a 42-13 loss at Penn State, one that drops U-M to 5-2:

### Rushing Offense: C

The Penn State defense crowded the line of scrimmage, as expected, and made it tough sledding for the Michigan running backs. Fifth-year senior quarterback John O'Korn had the most positive yards from scrimmage, gaining 46 (though he lost 49 due to seven sacks), and the Wolverines managed only 25 yards on 11 first-down carries through three quarters, when the game was still in doubt.

Michigan junior Karan Higdon averaged 3.0 yards per carry and fifth-year senior Ty Isaac 6.0 (though he carried only six times), but neither broke a big run. Higdon's long was 11 and Isaac's was nine. The team averaged 2.5 yards a tote en route to 103 yards and two touchdowns.

### Passing Offense: D

O'Korn wasn't perfect, but he wasn't the problem Saturday night, though some will still want to make him the scapegoat. He completed 16 of 28 passes, scrambled for 49 more yards (and didn't bail too early most of the time, taking what was there), had four balls dropped and was solid enough to win. His receivers, however, still have a hard time gaining separation, and that was partially responsible for the seven sacks against.

The other part was shoddy pass protection once again. Head coach Jim Harbaugh lamented the pressure from around the edges, and the running backs struggled again to pick up blitzes. The line had problems with simple twists. Seven sacks against is ridiculous.

### Rushing Defense: D

Penn State caught the defense off guard with a direct snap to elite back Saquon Barkley for a 69-yard touchdown early, and though he was held in check somewhat from that point (14 carries for 39 yards and a TD), he was always a threat. Quarterback Trace McSorley benefited from fakes to him before keeping to run for 76 yards and three scores, racking up 6.9 yards per carry.

PSU managed 134 rushing yards in the first quarter alone on the way to a net of 224 yards and five touchdowns on the ground.

## Passing Defense: D

Sophomore cornerback David Long changed the tenor of the game with a first-quarter interception returned 25 yards, which allowed the Wolverines to get back into the game. But that's where the good news ends. Receiver DaeSean Hamilton did most of his damage (six receptions, 115 yards) when matched up against Michigan's safeties, and Barkley scored on a 42-yard wheel route ... he'd have had another long one had he not dropped it.

PSU registered completions of 42, 36, 35 and a couple of 23-yarders in torching the Michigan secondary. McSorley was only sacked twice, usually getting the ball off quickly as part of the game plan.

## Special Teams: B –

Michigan redshirt freshman kicker Quinn Nordin missed an extra point, freshman punter Brad Robbins averaged only 38.8 yards per punt — PSU's DeAndre Thompkins had a return of 18 yards — and the punt return game continues to struggle. Freshman Donovan Peoples-Jones managed one punt runback for minus-two yards.

Redshirt junior kicker James Foug put two of his three kick-offs into the end zone, and Barkley managed only 15 yards on his lone return. Michigan freshman Ambry Thomas notched a 43-yard runback among his three kickoff returns. He shows great burst and promise.

## Offense Notes: Costly Sacks Sink Michigan In Blowout At Penn State

Andrew Vaillencourt | Staff Writer

After scoring 13 points in the second quarter, Michigan's offense wasn't able to put any points on the board in the second half in front of a raucous crowd on the road, ultimately dooming the Wolverines' comeback hopes.

No. 19 Michigan fell to No. 2 Penn State 42-13 at Beaver Stadium in Happy Valley in front of a record crowd of 110,823 people.

It was an up-and-down first 30 minutes of play for the U-M offense. Michigan was unable to match Penn State's quick start on offense, going three-and-out on its first two possessions while losing five yards. The Nittany Lions are the only team in the country to have not allowed any points in the first quarter, outscoring their competition 90-0 in the opening frame.

However, trailing by two touchdowns, U-M scored on two of its next three drives to bring the score back to 14-13.

Junior running back Karan Higdon took a toss play to the left into the end zone on fourth-and-goal from just inches out for Michigan's first touchdown. It was Higdon's sixth touchdown of the season. Redshirt freshman kicker Quinn Nordin missed his first career extra point; it was Michigan's first misfired PAT since the 2011 season.

Later in the second quarter, fifth-year senior running back Ty Isaac plowed into the end zone for the team's second score of the game and his second touchdown of the season. The situation appeared to be looking up for the Wolverines with under two minutes to play in the first half.

"Early on, especially on the first two drives, we put our defense in a little bit of a hole," Michigan fifth-year senior quarterback John O'Korn said. "We were finally able to get things rolling. Halftime came and we were in position, getting the ball coming out of halftime."

The second half featured five Michigan drives. The first two resulted in punts, the middle possession ended in a fumble and the final two finished with turnovers on downs. The Wolverines had just 105 total yards in the second half, compared to their 164 in the first half. For comparison, Penn State racked up 506 yards on offense.

The passing game was better statistically than last week against Indiana — O'Korn finished the game 16-of-28 passing for 166 yards, no touchdowns and no picks. He did fumble, but it came on a strip sack.

O'Korn was sacked seven times — the most Michigan has allowed all season, and the most allowed in the Jim Harbaugh era. It marked Penn State's most in a Big Ten game since the 2011 season (seven against Northwestern).

"They made it really hard on us to get open, something we saw on film," O'Korn said. "All year long, they made it really tough on opposing teams' receivers to get open. We had some success, but through the entire game as a whole, they were able to get a lot of coverage sacks."

Penn State entered the game allowing 167.8 yards through the air and 117.3 yards on the ground per game. Michigan hit the passing yardage mark almost exactly, and came up just short on the ground with 103 yards on 42 carries (2.5-yard average). Higdon was the team's leading rusher with 15 carries for 45 yards, but was never able to break a big play. The longest run posted by the Wolverines was a 14-yard scramble from O'Korn.

"They made the big plays, and we didn't," O'Korn said. "They picked up huge chunks of yards on third down, and that was huge for them. We weren't able to match that."

The Wolverine's quarterback played the entire game and praised the Nittany Lions defense after the contest.

"I've got to give the credit to their defense," O'Korn said.

“They showed some looks we weren’t expecting. They just continued to get after it all game. We’ll look at the film, and I’m sure there were some things we could have done better, but I don’t think it will be as bad as the score showed.”

#### Miscellaneous Notes:

- Freshman wide receiver Nico Collins made his first career appearance. He didn’t record any catches.
- Freshman wide receiver Donovan Peoples-Jones caught multiple passes for the first time in his career. He finished the game with three catches for 43 yards. He also had one drop.
- Michigan was 2 for 2 in the red zone, with two touchdowns.
- O’Korn gained 46 yards rushing, but finished with minus-3 net rushing yards due to 49 yards lost on sacks. Without that sack yardage, O’Korn would have been Michigan’s leading rusher.
- Michigan’s seven sacks allowed are the most the school has given up since it gave up seven in back-to-back games against Michigan State and Nebraska in 2013.
- The loss snaps Michigan’s three-game winning streak against Penn State.

## Defense/ST Notes: Worst Defensive Performance By Michigan Under Don Brown

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It was a night to forget for Michigan’s vaunted defense.

Entering the game as the top-ranked defense in the country, the Wolverines allowed 506 total yards to Penn State in the team’s 42-13 loss on the road. U-M had allowed an average of just 224 yards per game.

That is the most yards and points a Don Brown-coached defense has allowed at Michigan. It also equals the highest number of points allowed (2015 vs. Ohio State) by U-M under head coach Jim Harbaugh.

Penn State junior running back Saquon Barkley ran all over the Wolverines, going for 108 yards and two touchdowns on 15 carries — including a 69-yard touchdown burst that came on the second play from scrimmage and marks the longest play allowed by the Wolverines this season. That set the tone early, and Michigan’s defense was never able to recover.

Barkley also caught three passes for 53 yards and another score.

“They got a pretty good back in Saquon, a quarterback who is really nice. They’ve got a group of receivers that’s pretty smooth, too,” Michigan sophomore cornerback Lavert Hill said. “They’ve got it all. We just lost.”

It wasn’t just Barkley tearing up the Wolverines, redshirt junior quarterback Trace McSorley completed 17 of 26 passes for 282 yards, one touchdown and one interception. He also ran 11 times for 76 yards and three touchdowns; it was the first multi-rushing touchdown game of his career.

Sophomore cornerback David Long had one of the only highlight plays on defense, nabbing an interception, which he returned 25 yards and stopped Penn State from going up 21-0 in the first quarter. It was the first pick of his career.

Sophomore linebacker Khaleke Hudson had a chance for a second Michigan interception on a first-half blitz, but the ball slipped out of his hands in the end zone on what would have been a pick-six, instead forcing Penn State to punt.

Michigan was unable to stop Penn State senior wide receiver DaeSean Hamilton in the slot. He caught six passes for 115 yards. Michigan’s secondary was beaten on deep balls throughout the game as well, with senior tight end Mike Gesicki hauling in two long passes that totaled 52 yards. Barkley’s receiving touchdown was a long ball as well, going for 42 yards.

Michigan did post two sacks of its own. Fifth-year senior defensive tackle Maurice Hurst Jr. had one, while freshman defensive end Kwity Paye and fifth-year senior linebacker Mike McCray combined for another.

It was Paye’s first career sack. He got more playing time than normal because redshirt junior defensive end Chase Winovich left briefly with an injury before returning to the game.

“We’ve just got to learn from today, learn from our mistakes and move on,” McCray said. “We’ve got to come together even closer now. Got to win out to have a chance at a Big Ten championship.”

On special teams, redshirt freshman kicker Quinn Nordin missed an extra point for the first time in his career. The former Nittany Lion commit was booed heavily each time he was on the field by the Penn State crowd.

Freshman cornerback Ambry Thomas was a bright spot on kick returns. He returned three kicks for a total of 87 yards and had a long of 43. Michigan forced just two punts in the entire game.

#### Miscellaneous Notes:

- The last time Michigan allowed over 500 yards of total offense was on Nov. 14, 2015 against Indiana, when the Wolverines allowed 527 yards to the Hoosiers in a game that went to double overtime.

· Penn State was 4 for 7 on third down — the best percentage (.571) an opponent has recorded against Michigan this season.

· Junior safety Tyree Kinnel, Hudson and Hill all had seven tackles to lead the team.

· Hudson now has five pass breakups on the season.

· Michigan is now 0-2 in night games this season. The first was a loss to Michigan State at home.

## Wolverine Watch: Fake Love And A Real Response

John Borton | Senior Editor

There wasn't a whole lot to say after Penn State applied whiteout to Michigan's penciled-in hopes for challenging in the Big Ten race this season.

The most gut-honest statement occurred within Michigan's own locker room, from the head coach. After a 42-13 battering, he challenged his players to understand their situation, regarding those who fall away in tough times.

"The fake love is gone," fifth-year senior quarterback John O'Korn responded, when asked about Jim Harbaugh's post-game message. "There's no bandwagon. It's us. That's what we want. Whether we're doing great or doing bad, it's all about us. From here on out, that's what it's going to be about, it's us as a team, the guys inside Schembechler Hall. Nobody else.

"We'll find out a lot about this team and this program over the next few weeks. We've got a great group of guys. I don't expect anybody to quit or give up."

That's inside the building. There were more than a few casual observers bailing by the middle of the third quarter on Saturday night, and not just because of the night game.

Penn State's 42-13 smackdown underscored a host of Michigan's issues right now, and left little doubt about the difference between the No. 2 team in the nation and a former top-10 squad that wasn't ready to remain.

The Nittany Lions beat the Wolverines in every way possible. They practically doubled Michigan's offensive output, 506-269, running off big play after big play. They not only put more firepower on the field, with the likes of quarterback Trace McSorley, running back Saquon Barkley and a host of talented receivers, they demonstrated a cleverly devised approach that had the Wolverines scrambling from the first direct snap.

That one went to Barkley, and the budding All-American raced to the house. He churned sixty-nine yards for a touch-

down, and what Michigan hoped would be a defensive battle turned into a whitewater tsunami.

Penn State smothered Michigan's receivers, often leaving O'Korn no option other than to absorb one of his seven sacks on the night or throw it up for grabs. He'd clearly gotten instructions not to do the latter, and Penn State's blue and white rubbed off on him as black and blue.

"They have a great team, a great defense, and they made it really tough on us to be successful offensively," O'Korn said.

Michigan's defense has been very good over the first half of the season. Playing against an offense at Penn State's level — which might not happen the rest of the year — showed there's plenty of room on the whiteboard in the weeks to come.

The Wolverines couldn't handle the quarterback run-outs and struggled to stay with the Nittany Lions' receivers all game long. The pregame narrative — given the nation's No. 1 total defense (Michigan) matched against the nation's No. 1 scoring defense (Penn State) — went something like this: first team to 20 wins.

Technically, that happened. But the first and only team to 20 didn't stop there.

"I think everybody saw the flow of the game," Harbaugh said. "I thought they were really executing well, and we had our difficulties scoring, moving the ball and getting them stopped."

The question becomes, where does Michigan go from here?

It's not just the "fake love" that's gone. It's also the hope masquerading as reasonable expectation. Maybe it was reasonable back in August, with a returning starting quarterback and the chance for improvement along the way.

Maybe it wasn't.

But the Wolverines need to be particularly tunnel-visioned at this point to avoid any hint of a mental slide.

Some will say, Michigan's Big Ten hopes are finished. Why not roll with a younger quarterback and build for next year, rather than a sub who won't be here in 2018?

Michigan's players aren't going there.

"Some of us were talking about it on the sideline at the end of the game," O'Korn said. "Last year at this point ... I thought that was one of the worst Penn State teams I've ever seen. They went on and should have won the Rose Bowl.

"We can be as good as we want to be. We're going to need some help now, if we're going to accomplish all of our goals. It's up to us. It's in our four walls, to make a decision to make this season what we want it to be."

They're right. Nobody outside the walls sees an ending that rosy. There's still plenty to be gained, though, by staying together, by improving in all the areas exposed by the whitewash.

They're not expecting love at this point, even fake love. But there's some respect to reestablish, even in the midst of misery.

## What They're Saying: Penn State 42, Michigan 13

Austin Fox | Staff Writer

Penn State handled Michigan on Saturday night in Happy Valley, 42-13.

The Wolverine defense was surprisingly ineffective for much of the game, allowing the Nittany Lions offense to rack up 506 yards.

Michigan's offense, on the other hand, showed signs of life throughout the game, but was never able to sustain drives or get in any kind of rhythm.

Now at 5-2 and 2-2 in Big Ten play, the Wolverines will look to regroup next week against Rutgers.

Find out what they're saying about the loss here:

**Andrew Rubin, *The Daily Collegian*: TAKEAWAYS | Three thoughts from Penn State football's 42-13 win over Michigan**

"13 months is a long time in college football

"Penn State took a beatdown from the Maize and Blue 13 months ago. In late September at The Big House, the Nittany Lions were embarrassed 49-10. The programs were miles apart.

"On Saturday night at Beaver Stadium, they were miles apart once again.

"As the record Beaver Stadium crowd of 110,823 filed out, the scoreboard showed another blowout — but it was reversed.

"Penn State 42.

"Michigan 13

"The Nittany Lions abused the first top-25 team they faced in 2017 and proved their undefeated record against a soft schedule wasn't a fluke.

"Some people had been doubting Penn State's offense so far this season. On Saturday night, Joe Moorhead and Co. put those doubts to rest. The Nittany Lions crossed the 500-yard mark against a defense that hadn't given up 300 yards all season. The

Wolverines had the No. 1 total defense in college football heading into the contest."

**Anthony Broome, *Maize N Brew*: Takeaways from Michigan's blowout loss at Penn State**

"Don Brown's worst game at Michigan

"This was a game where Michigan had to pack its defense to pull off an upset and they simply did not do enough. Going down 14-0 early was extremely disappointing and then once the team got within one point, the defense crumbled again and let Penn State walk right down the field before the half.

"Perhaps the most egregious error of the night was continuing to match Mike McCray, Michigan's least athletic linebacker, up on Barkley. He was burned a few times and it cost the Wolverines.

"The Wolverines had problems against the best team they have played this season by far and it showed in the end on the scoreboard. This is a young unit and one would expect them to learn from this moving forward.

"Don Brown is a great coach, but his team had its worst night under him in this contest."

**Nick Baumgardner, *Detroit Free Press*: Observations: Michigan has too many problems, not enough answers vs. Penn State**

"Pass protection woes: [Fifth-year senior quarterback] John O'Korn wasn't the reason why Michigan lost this football game. He wasn't outstanding, but he wasn't a total mess either.

"His pass protection, however, continued to be a wreck as the Wolverines allowed seven more sacks and pressured Michigan's quarterback all game long.

"Michigan [redshirt junior] right tackle Juwann Bushell-Beatty struggled with Penn State defensive end Shareef Miller.

"But, really, it was everyone. Running backs struggled with pass protection. The offensive line struggled with pass protection. And Michigan's offense — as it has all season — struggled to move the ball consistently because of it."

**Bill Bender, *SportingNews*: Penn State 42, Michigan 13: Five things we learned in Nittany Lions' statement win**

"What now, U-M?"

"The loss is going to turn up the heat on Harbaugh now that the Wolverines appear to be out of the running in the Big Ten East race with five games to play in the regular season. It's easy fodder, but the Wolverines simply don't make the plays on offense behind O'Korn to support a defense that was stressed early.

"Michigan can build confidence with games against Rutgers, Minnesota and Maryland before finishing the season at Wisconsin and home against Ohio State. A third straight 10-3 season under Harbaugh seems like a best-case scenario. A third straight third-place finish in the Big Ten East is questionable. That's going to sting for a while, and it should."

Scott DeCamp, MLive: 5 things being talked about after Michigan's blowout loss at Penn State

"What does Michigan do with the QB spot?"

"Is it time for [redshirt freshman] Brandon Peters yet? Remember, the backup quarterback is always the most popular player on the team for fans."

"When [redshirt junior] Wilton Speight struggled out of the gate this season, fans howled for John O'Korn. Now that O'Korn is struggling, those same fans are howling for Peters."

"With Speight injured, O'Korn was given an opportunity to seize the starting QB job. O'Korn has been under the microscope as Michigan's offense has floundered. He wasn't the primary reason the Wolverines lost to Penn State (16-of-28 passing for 166 yards with no touchdowns and no interceptions), but fans believe Michigan has nothing to lose at this point."

"While Harbaugh has not been ready to hand over the reins to Peters, you wonder how much longer he can go without giving the young QB a look."

## Big Ten Recap: Week Eight

Austin Fox | Staff Writer

The Wolverine recaps Big Ten action from the eighth week of the college football season.

### Illinois (2-5, 0-4 Big Ten)

Illinois' disastrous season continued on Saturday, when it lost at Minnesota, 24-17 ... The Illini knotted the score at 7-7 in the first quarter and 10-10 in the fourth, but were never able to grab a lead ... Redshirt sophomore quarterback Jeff George had an outstanding day, completing 18 of 23 passes for 128 yards and a touchdown ... The defeat extends Illinois' losing streak to five games.

### Indiana (3-4, 0-4 Big Ten)

Indiana lost a tight one at No. 18 Michigan State, 17-9 ... The Hoosiers led 9-3 with just 5:58 left in the game, but then surrendered a touchdown to go down 10-9 ... Indiana has now lost its last eight games to ranked opponents ... After defeating Michigan State last season, the Hoosiers were hoping to land

consecutive victories over the Spartans for the first time since 1993-94.

### Iowa (4-3, 1-3 Big Ten)

Iowa dropped an overtime thriller at Northwestern, 17-10 ... With the Hawkeyes trailing 10-7, redshirt junior kicker Miguel Recinos nailed a 48-yard field goal with just 1:30 left in the fourth quarter to send the game into overtime ... Trailing by seven in the extra session, sophomore quarterback Nathan Stanley's fourth-down pass to sophomore tight end Noah Fant from the 18-yard line fell incomplete, ending the game ... Fifth-year senior linebacker Josey Jewell and redshirt junior safety Brandon Snyder both missed the game with injury.

### Maryland (3-4, 1-3 Big Ten)

Maryland was blown out at No. 5 Wisconsin, 38-13 ... The Terrapins trailed 21-3 at halftime and were never able to get any closer than 15 points after that ... Sophomore quarterback Max Bortenschlager entered the game with a streak of 83 consecutive passes without an interception, but that came to an end with 12:18 left in the first quarter when Wisconsin redshirt junior linebacker T.J. Edwards picked him off ... Junior running back Ty Johnson rushed for 83 yards, while sophomore running back Lorenzo Harrison added 64.

### No. 18 Michigan State (6-1, 4-0 Big Ten)

No. 18 Michigan State escaped against Indiana on Saturday, 17-9 ... The Spartans didn't grab their first lead until there was just 5:59 left in the fourth quarter, when junior receiver Felton Davis hauled in a 10-yard touchdown pass ... Despite being arrested during the week for driving with an invalid license, junior running back LJ Scott played and rushed for 87 yards and a touchdown ... Fifth-year senior running back Gerald Holmes missed his second straight game with an injury.

### Minnesota (4-3, 1-3 Big Ten)

Minnesota grabbed its first conference win on Saturday when it defeated Illinois, 24-17 ... Although the Illini scored with just 23 seconds remaining in the game, senior linebacker Jonathan Celestin's 31-yard interception return for a touchdown with 4:11 left in the fourth quarter pushed the Gopher lead to 24-10, and all but sealed the victory ... Redshirt sophomore quarterback Demry Croft started the first game of his career, but only completed 5 of his 15 passes with two picks ... Junior running back Shannon Brooks missed the game with injury ... Senior running back Kobe McCrary rushed for 153 yards, while redshirt junior Rodney Smith added 103.

### Northwestern (4-3, 2-2 Big Ten)

Northwestern defeated Iowa in overtime, 17-10 ... The Wildcats didn't grab their first lead of the game until there was just 8:07 left in the fourth quarter, when freshman kicker Charlie Kuhbander nailed a 30-yard field goal to give them a 10-7 ad-

vantage ... Redshirt junior quarterback Clayton Thorson's one-yard score in overtime wound up being the game-winning play, because the Wildcat defense then stopped Iowa on downs.

### **No. 2 Penn State (7-0, 5-0 Big Ten)**

No. 2 Penn State handled No. 19 Michigan, 42-13 ... The Nittany Lions held just a 21-13 lead at half, but went ahead 35-13 just three minutes into the fourth quarter ... Penn State out-gained the Wolverines, 506-269 ... Junior running back Saquon Barkley rushed for 108 yards and two touchdowns, and he also hauled in 53 receiving yards and a score ... Beaver Stadium's attendance of 110,823 set a new stadium record, surpassing the previous record of 110,753 set in 2002 against Nebraska.

### **Purdue (3-4, 1-3 Big Ten)**

Purdue fell in thrilling fashion at Rutgers, 14-12 ... Trailing 14-6 with just 25 seconds left in the game, senior receiver Anthony Mahoungou hauled in a 10-yard touchdown pass to cut the Scarlet Knights' lead to two, but the ensuing two-point conversion attempt failed ... Purdue outplayed Rutgers, outgaining it 474-217 in yards and 25-8 in first downs, but were doomed by two picks from redshirt sophomore quarterback Elijah Sindelar and eight penalties ... The Boilermakers never led in the contest.

### **Rutgers (3-4, 2-2 Big Ten)**

After its win at Illinois last week, Rutgers came home and defeated Purdue, 14-12 ... The victory gave the Scarlet Knights consecutive Big Ten wins for the first time ever ... Redshirt junior Giovanni Rescigno made his second consecutive start at quarterback, but only completed 9 of 18 passes for 87 yards ... Fifth-year senior running back Gus Edwards ran for 94 yards and a touchdown on just 14 carries.

### **No. 5 Wisconsin (7-0, 5-0 Big Ten)**

No. 5 Wisconsin rolled through Maryland, 38-13 ... An 18-yard touchdown catch by sophomore receiver A.J. Taylor just under four minutes into the third quarter gave the Badgers a 28-3 lead and all but ended the game ... After rushing for 126 yards to give him over 1,112 on the year, Jonathan Taylor became just the sixth freshman running back in college football history to rush for 1,000 yards in his first seven games ... The Badgers featured a very balanced offensive attack, rushing for 215 yards and passing for 225.

## **Schedule**

### **Saturday, Oct. 21**

— No. 5 Wisconsin 38, Maryland 13

— Northwestern 17, Iowa 10

— Rutgers 14, Purdue 12

— No. 18 Michigan State 17, Indiana 9

— Minnesota 24, Illinois 17

— **No. 2 Penn State 42, No. 19 Michigan 13**

*Bye: Nebraska, No. 6 Ohio State*