

WEEK FOUR
OHIO STATE AT PENN STATE

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) Dwayne Haskins threw two touchdown passes in the final seven minutes as No. 4 Ohio State wiped out a 12-point deficit to beat No. 9 Penn State 27-26 Saturday night in another wild game between the Big Ten powerhouses.

Trace McSorley had 461 total yards, including a career-high 175 rushing and threw two touchdown passes, and the Nittany Lions (4-1, 1-1) went up 26-14 with 8:00 left in the fourth quarter on a 1-yard TD plunge by Miles Sanders.

The record-breaking crowd of 110,889 at Beaver Stadium was rocking, singing along to ‘Sweet Caroline’ and ‘Livin’ on a Prayer.’ It looked like the Nittany Lions would get another whiteout win against the Buckeyes (5-0, 2-0).

Instead, for the second straight season, Ohio State made a fourth-quarter rally from a double-digit deficit. Haskins connect with Binjimen Victor, who weaved and slipped through tacklers for a 47-yard touchdown catch and run that cut it to 26-21 with 6:42 left.

Penn State could not put the Buckeyes away with a closing drive but the Nittany Lions buried Haskins and Ohio State at their own 4 with 4:35 left on the clock.

A screen to J.K. Dobbins got 35 and took Ohio State out of the hole. Mixing runs and passes, the Buckeyes worked their way into Penn State territory. Haskins hit K.J. Hill with a quick pass to the outside and the receiver picked up a couple of blocks, broke a tackle and went in for a 24-yard score that made it 27-26 with 2:03 left.

McSorley and Penn State could not come up with a response. On fourth-and-5 from the Ohio State 43, McSorley handed off to Sanders on a read option and his was smothered by Chase Young, who had a huge game at defensive end for Ohio State.

THE TAKEAWAY

Ohio State: Penalties and a propensity to give up long gains had dogged the Buckeyes early this season and both were a problem against Penn State. For the second time in September, the Buckeyes allowed a 93-yard touchdown, this time on a slant pass from McSorley to K.J. Hamler in the second quarter to make it 13-0. The Buckeyes finished with 10 penalties for 105 yard - and still won.

Penn State: The winner of this game has won the Big Ten the past two seasons. The Nittany Lions can still think conference title and College Football Playoff, but their road will be tough with games remaining against No. 21 Michigan State, No. 15 Wisconsin and No. 14 Michigan still left. And no tiebreaker against the Buckeyes.

OBJ-ESQUE

Penn State receiver Juwan Johnson, who has had an issue with drops the first month of the season, made what could go down as one of the best catches of the season in the first half. Conjuring up comparisons to Odell Beckham’s famous one-handed grab against Dallas in 2014, the 6-foot-4 Johnson reached high as he was falling back and made a spectacular right-handed grab for 31 yards down the sideline.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
OSU	0	7	7	13	27
PSU	3	10	0	13	26

Scoring Summary -----

	OSU	PSU
FIRST QUARTER		
PSU FG 4:58		
Jake Pinegar 34 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 63 yards, 3:37	0	3
SECOND QUARTER		
PSU FG 11:18		
Jake Pinegar 39 Yd Field Goal		
4 plays, 7 yards, 1:30	0	6
PSU TD 5:59		
KJ Hamler 93 Yd pass from Trace McSorley (Jake Pinegar Kick)		
3 plays, 98 yards, 1:03	0	13
OSU TD 1:50		
J.K. Dobbins 26 Yd pass from Dwayne Haskins (Sean Nuernberger Kick)		
2 plays, 25 yards, 0:42	7	13
THIRD QUARTER		
OSU TD 10:22		
J.K. Dobbins 4 Yd Run (Sean Nuernberger Kick)		
13 plays, 75 yards, 4:38	14	13
FOURTH QUARTER		
PSU TD 12:22		
Pat Freiermuth 2 Yd pass from Trace McSorley (Jake Pinegar Kick)		
6 plays, 73 yards, 2:22	14	20
PSU TD 8:00		
Miles Sanders 1 Yd Run (Two-Point Run Conversion Failed)		
7 plays, 52 yards, 2:18	14	26
OSU TD 6:42		
Binjimen Victor 47 Yd pass from Dwayne Haskins (Sean Nuernberger Kick)		
3 plays, 75 yards, 1:18	21	26
OSU TD 2:03		
K.J. Hill 24 Yd pass from Dwayne Haskins (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)		
8 plays, 96 yards, 2:32	27	26

Team Stats	OSU	PSU
First Downs	21	22
Total Yards	389	492
Total Plays	76	76
Avg Gain Per Play	5.1	6.5
Net Yards Rushing	119	206
Rushes	37	44
Yards Per Rush	3.2	4.7
Net Yards Passing	270	286
Comp-Att	22-39	16-32
Yards Per Pass	6.9	8.9
Times Sacked	1	4
Yds Lost To Sacks	-2	-18
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	9	8
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	11	7
Penalty Yards	110	63
Fumbles	0	1
Fumbles Lost	0	1
Possession	28:21	31:39

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
OSU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
J.K. Dobbins	17	57	3.4	1	8		
Mike Weber	9	51	5.7	0	13		
Parris Campbell	2	19	9.5	0	18		
Dwayne Haskins	4	8	2.0	0	5		
K.J. Hill	1	-3	-3.0	0	0		
Team	4	-13	-3.3	0	0		
PSU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
Trace McSorley	25	175	7.0	0	51		
Miles Sanders	16	43	2.7	1	12		
Tommy Stevens	3	-12	-4.0	0	2		
PASSING							
OSU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Dwayne Haskins	22	39	270	6.9	3	1	134.8
PSU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Trace McSorley	16	32	286	8.9	2	0	145.7
RECEIVING							
OSU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
J.K. Dobbins	2	61	30.5	1	35		
Parris Campbell	7	60	8.6	0	14		
K.J. Hill	6	59	9.8	1	24		
Binjimen Victor	2	55	27.5	1	47		
Austin Mack	3	25	8.3	0	10		
Mike Weber	1	5	5.0	0	5		
C.J. Saunders	1	5	5.0	0	5		
PSU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long		
KJ Hamler	4	138	34.5	1	93		
Juwan Johnson	5	61	12.2	0	31		
Pat Freiermuth	3	44	14.7	1	27		
Mac Hippenhammer	1	21	21.0	0	21		
Brandon Polk	1	20	20.0	0	20		
Miles Sanders	2	2	1.0	0	5		