

WEEK TWELVE

INDIANA AT MICHIGAN

No. 4 Michigan tops Indiana 31-20, aims for No. 8 Ohio State

ANN ARBOR, Mich. -- □□□ The Michigan Wolverines looked like they were peeking ahead to playing Ohio State, turning an expected rout into a closely contested game.

Karan Higdon ran for a go-ahead touchdown early in the third quarter and Jake Moody set a school record with six field goals, helping No. 4 Michigan beat Indiana 31-20 Saturday.

"When you're in playoff mode -- that's our mindset right -- play-off wins are big," coach Jim Harbaugh said. "Wins against Big Ten teams in late November are huge."

The next one would be bigger if Michigan can pull it off.

The Wolverines (10-1, 8-0 Big Ten, No. 4 CFP) close the regular season against the ninth-ranked Buckeyes, needing a win to reach the Big Ten championship game for the first time. If Michigan can win a road game in the series for the first time since 2000, it will be another victory away from likely earning a spot in the College Football Playoff.

"We understand the tradition and the meaning behind it," said quarterback Shea Patterson, who will make his debut in the rivalry on Saturday in the Horseshoe.

The Hoosiers (5-6, 2-6) were competitive against Michigan as they have been lately, losing in overtime twice in the previous three meetings, but came up short again.

"Went toe to toe with them and it was a one-possession game in fourth quarter," coach Tom Allen said. "That's really all you can ask for. You just got to find a way to finish these out."

Indiana led 17-15 at halftime and finished with more yards (385) than anyone has had against Michigan's top-ranked defense this season. The Hoosiers also forced Michigan's offense to stall in the red zone and settle for field goals.

Patterson was 16 of 28 for 250 yards with one touchdown, a 41-yard throw to Nick Eubanks in the second quarter. He threw his first interception in more than a month and had nine carries for 68 yards.

"Their quarterback is a difference-maker," Allen said.

Indiana's Peyton Ramsey was 16 of 35 for 195 yards with a touchdown and an interception. Ramsey also ran for 51 yards. Stevie Scott had 30 carries for 139 yards scored a touchdown -- extending his single-season, school-record total to nine -- and lost a fumble for the Hoosiers. Scott has 1,033 yards rushing, the most by a true freshman at Indiana.

"This performance definitely showed to the nation that we can compete with anybody," Scott said. "We've got the talent here. We just have to finish strong."

THE TAKEAWAY

Indiana: After a strong performance against a team that has been winning big, the Hoosiers should feel better about their chances of beating Purdue to become bowl eligible.

"I'm proud of our team's fight," Allen said.

Michigan: An injury may be a factor against the rival Buckeyes. Michigan defensive end Chase Winovich left the game midway through the third quarter after appearing to hurt his left shoulder. Harbaugh said Winovich's X-rays and CAT scans were negative.

Harbaugh said Berkley Edwards, who primarily plays on special teams, had a concussion. Edwards was put on a backboard and taken off the field on a cart after being hit by Cam Jones, who was ejected for targeting. Harbaugh said Edwards was taken to a hospital as a precaution, adding he was able to talk, respond and move.

READY, KID?

Moody had only handled kickoffs before finding out just before the game he would be replacing Quinn Nordin, who wasn't feeling well. The freshman made all six of his attempts, converting on field goals from 29 to 33 yards.

"It was an incredible experience," Moody said. "The guys out there made it really easy for me with the snaps and the hold."

RED ZONE WOES

Moody had an opportunity to set a school record because Michigan's offense often stalled in the red zone. The Wolverines scored only one touchdown in eight drives that went inside the Indiana 20, settling for six field goals and having the first half end before being able to stop the clock for another snap.

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IND	7	10	0	3	20
MICH	3	12	10	6	31

Scoring Summary -----

	IND	MICH
FIRST QUARTER		
MICH FG 10:41 Jake Moody 32 Yd Field Goal		3
10 plays, 61 yards, 4:19	0	
IND TD 4:14 Stevie Scott 13 Yd Run (Logan Justus Kick)	7	3
6 plays, 80 yards, 1:37	7	
second Quarter		
MICH FG 14:15 Jake Moody 30 Yd Field Goal		6
10 plays, 52 yards, 4:59	7	
MICH FG 9:56 Jake Moody 31 Yd Field Goal		9
8 plays, 47 yards, 2:26	7	
IND FG 7:39 Logan Justus 41 Yd Field Goal		9
7 plays, 52 yards, 2:17	10	
MICH TD 4:46 Nick Eubanks 41 Yd pass from Shea Patterson (Two-Point Pass Conversion Failed)6 plays, 65 yards, 2:53	10	15
IND TD 1:33 Ty Fryfogle 7 Yd pass from Peyton Ramsey (Logan Justus Kick)9 plays, 75 yards, 3:13	17	15
third Quarter		
MICH TD 9:44 Karan Higdon 2 Yd Run (Jake Moody Kick)		22
11 plays, 67 yards, 4:41	17	
MICH FG 2:08 Jake Moody 33 Yd Field Goal		25
9 plays, 65 yards, 3:07	17	
fourth Quarter		
MICH FG 9:55 Jake Moody 23 Yd Field Goal		28
9 plays, 51 yards, 4:53	17	
IND FG 6:10 Logan Justus 36 Yd Field Goal		28
10 plays, 56 yards, 3:45	20	
MICH FG 2:37 Jake Moody 29 Yd Field Goal		31
8 plays, 36 yards, 3:33	20	

Team Stats	IND	MICH
First Downs	21	25
Total Yards	385	507
Total Plays	75	78
Avg Gain Per Play	5.1	6.5
Net Yards Rushing	190	257
Rushes	40	50
Yards Per Rush	4.8	5.1
Net Yards Passing	195	250
Comp-Att	16-35	16-28
Yards Per Pass	5.6	8.9
Times Sacked	2	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-17	0
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	3	1
Punt Average	38.3	35.0
Penalties	7	4
Penalty Yards	62	45
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	24:06	35:54

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
IND	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
21 Stevie Scott	30	139	4.6	35	1		
12 Peyton Ramsey	7	51	7.3	29	0		
42 Marcelino Ball	1	3	3.0	3	0		
23 Ronnie Walker Jr.	2	-3	-1.5	0	0		
MICH	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
22 Karan Higdon	21	101	4.8	14	1		
2 Shea Patterson	9	68	7.6	19	0		
12 Chris Evans	10	44	4.4	8	0		
13 Tru Wilson	6	42	7.0	15	0		
42 Ben Mason	2	5	2.5	4	0		
PASSING							
IND	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
12 Peyton Ramsey	16	35	195	5.6	1	1	96.2
MICH	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
2 Shea Patterson	16	28	250	8.9	1	1	136.8
RECEIVING							
IND	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
15 Nick Westbrook	4	84	21.0	41	0		
25 Luke Timian	6	62	10.3	30	0		
2 Reese Taylor	1	22	22.0	22	0		
3 Ty Fryfogle	2	13	6.5	7	1		
21 Stevie Scott	1	8	8.0	8	0		
24 Mike Majette	1	4	4.0	4	0		
6 Donavan Hale	1	2	2.0	2	0		
MICH	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD		
83 Zach Gentry	2	83	41.5	42	0		
82 Nick Eubanks	1	41	41.0	41	1		
4 Nico Collins	3	32	10.7	14	0		
8 Ronnie Bell	1	31	31.0	31	0		
Donovan Peoples-Jones	2	30	15.0	16	0		
88 Grant Perry	2	12	6.0	9	0		
22 Karan Higdon	1	6	6.0	6	0		
7 Tarik Black	1	5	5.0	5	0		
32 Berkley Edwards	1	5	5.0	5	0		
12 Chris Evans	1	4	4.0	4	0		
84 Sean McKeon	1	1	1.0	1	0		