

WEEK SIX
KENT ST at WISCONSIN

Taylor scores 5 TDs to lead No. 8 Wisconsin past Kent State

MADISON, Wis. -- Jonathan Taylor had four rushing touchdowns and caught a TD pass, Zack Baun had a career-high three sacks, and the eighth-ranked Badgers coasted to a 48-0 win over Kent State on Saturday.

Taylor had 19 rushes for 186 yards, eclipsing the 100-yard mark for the 27th time in 32 career games with the Badgers (5-0).

Baun's three sacks led a Wisconsin defense that pitched its third shutout of the season. The Badgers, who entered the day with the nation's top-ranked defense, held Kent State (2-3) to 124 yards of total offense. Chris Orr, the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week for his efforts against Northwestern, added two sacks for a unit that has allowed four touchdowns through five games.

Dustin Crum and Woody Barrett combined for just 64 yards on 10-of-17 passing. Most of those yards came on a 28-yard completion to receiver Raymond James.

The Golden Flashes, coached by former Wisconsin quarterback and tight end Sean Lewis, have played two ranked opponents this season and been outscored 103-16 in those matchups. Kent State lost to then-No. 8 Auburn 55-16 on Sept. 14.

Taylor scored from 6 yards on the opening drive. The junior running back now has a touchdown on each of the Badgers' five opening drives this season. Wisconsin is the only team in the FBS to open each game with a touchdown.

Taylor scored four first-half touchdowns before the Golden Flashes had their third first down. Taylor also crossed the goal line on 19-, 4- and 48-yard runs. Taylor and quarterback Jack Coan linked up for an 18-yard score that made it 28-0 at halftime.

Caon, who won his seventh straight start, finished 12 for 15 with 134 yards and two touchdowns. Tight end Jake Ferguson was on the receiving end of the junior's other touchdown. Their 2-yard score made it 41-0 with 8:01 left in the third quarter. Receiver Jack Dunn added the final score on a 3-yard run in the fourth.

THE TAKEAWAY

With 4,916 career yards rushing, Taylor is now in third place on Wisconsin's all-time rushing list. Montee Ball (2009-12) is second with 5,140 yards. Taylor still has a way to go before catching the 7,125 yards posted by Ron Dayne (1996-99). Taylor continues to show why he deserves to be near the top of the list of Heisman Trophy contenders. The 2018 Doak Walker Award winner already has 16 touchdowns this season. That's the most by any FBS player in his team's first five games since Ricky Williams had 20 for Texas in 1998. Williams won the Heisman that season.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Minimal. The Badgers were a 36-point favorite against the Golden Flashes. Wisconsin did what it was supposed to do against an inferior Mid-American Conference opponent.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
KENT	0	0	0	0	0
WIS	7	21	13	7	48

Scoring Summary -----

	KENT	WIS
FIRST QUARTER		
WIS TD 9:10 Jonathan Taylor 6 Yd Run (Collin Larsh Kick)		
9 plays, 68 yards, 4:26	0	7
SECOND QUARTER		
WIS TD 14:15 Jonathan Taylor 19 Yd Run (Collin Larsh Kick)		
11 plays, 80 yards, 5:46	0	14
WIS TD 3:31 Jonathan Taylor 4 Yd Run (Collin Larsh Kick)		
17 plays, 74 yards, 9:12	0	21
WIS TD 1:23 Jonathan Taylor 18 Yd pass from Jack Coan (Collin Larsh Kick)		
4 plays, 67 yards, 1:14	0	28
THIRD QUARTER		
WIS TD 14:20 Jonathan Taylor 48 Yd Run (Collin Larsh Kick)		
2 plays, 60 yards, 0:40	0	35
WIS TD 8:01 Jake Ferguson 2 Yd pass from Jack Coan (Collin Larsh PAT failed)		
7 plays, 70 yards, 4:20	0	41
FOURTH QUARTER		
WIS TD 14:57 Jack Dunn 3 Yd Run (Collin Larsh Kick)		
11 plays, 65 yards, 6:03	0	48

Team Stats	KENT	WIS
First Downs	10	29
Passes for First	2	8
Rushes for First	6	20
Penalties for First	2	1
Third Down Efficiency	2-11	11-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-0	1-1
Total Yards	124	520
Total Plays	45	75
Avg Gain Per Play	2.8	6.9
Net Yards Rushing	60	348
Rushes	28	55
Yards Per Rush	2.1	6.3
Net Yards Passing	64	172
Comp-Att	10-17	17-20
Yards Per Pass	3.8	8.6
Times Sacked	9	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-47	-4
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	7	1
Punt Average	46.0	37.0
Penalties	3	3
Penalty Yards	25	31
Fumbles	1	3
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Time of Poss	19:34	40:26

Individual Stats

RUSHING							
KENT ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Joachim Bangda	4	32	8.0	0	14		
Jo-El Shaw	6	20	3.3	0	9		
Woody Barrett	6	13	2.2	0	19		
Xavier Williams	1	3	3.0	0	3		
Dustin Crum	11	-8	-0.7	0	19		
WISCONSIN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Jonathan Taylor	19	186	9.8	4	48		
Nakia Watson	12	63	5.3	0	12		
John Chenal	4	24	6.0	0	11		
Brady Schipper	6	21	3.5	0	8		
Bradrick Shaw	3	10	3.3	0	4		
Mason Stokke	2	9	4.5	0	5		
Jack Coan	1	7	7.0	0	7		
Garrett Groshek	2	7	3.5	0	4		
Kendric Pryor	1	6	6.0	0	6		
Aron Cruickshank	2	6	3.0	0	5		
Graham Mertz	2	6	3.0	0	10		
Jack Dunn	1	3	3.0	1	3		

PASSING							
KENT ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Woody Barrett	4	9	36	4.0	0	0	22.1
Dustin Crum	6	8	28	3.5	0	0	10.4
WISCONSIN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jack Coan	12	15	134	8.9	2	0	94.6
Graham Mertz	5	5	38	7.6	0	0	95.2

RECEIVING					
KENT ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Raymond James	1	28	28.0	0	28
Antwan Dixon	2	14	7.0	0	7
Isaiah McKoy	3	13	4.3	0	6
Adam Dulka	2	8	4.0	0	5
Keshunn Abram	1	4	4.0	0	4
Joachim Bangda	1	-3	-3.0	0	0
WISCONSIN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Kendric Pryor	1	33	33.0	0	33
Jonathan Taylor	3	29	9.7	1	18
Quintez Cephus	3	28	9.3	0	13
A.J. Taylor	2	27	13.5	0	21
Adam Krumholz	2	20	10.0	0	14
Aron Cruickshank	2	10	5.0	0	5
Garrett Groshek	1	9	9.0	0	9
Jack Dunn	1	8	8.0	0	8
Nakia Watson	1	6	6.0	0	6
Jake Ferguson	1	2	2.0	1	2