

WEEK NINE  
NOTRE DAME at MICHIGAN

Michigan’s rout in the rain dashes Notre Dame’s playoff hopes

ANN ARBOR, Mich. -- Jim Harbaugh desperately needed a significant victory to change the conversation, at least temporarily, about the job he’s doing at Michigan.

The Wolverines delivered. Zach Charbonnet ran for two touchdowns in the first half, and Shea Patterson threw for two scores in the second half, helping No. 19 Michigan rout No. 8 Notre Dame 45-14 in driving rain on Saturday.

The Wolverines (6-2) ended an eight-game losing streak against top-10 teams under Harbaugh, who needed a signature win in his fifth season, which likely won’t end with the Big Ten title he and college football’s winningest program desperately covet.

“Some of the tests that the team has gone through, you can make a lot of growth from it,” Harbaugh said.

With the lopsided loss, the Fighting Irish (5-2) knocked themselves out of the College Football Playoff picture on a rain-filled night that seemed to affect them much more than Michigan.

“Clearly a very disappointing night for Notre Dame,” coach Brian Kelly acknowledged.

The Irish took advantage of a questionable call on pass interference to set up Ian Book’s 7-yard TD pass to Cole Kmet to pull within 10 points late in the third quarter.

Michigan responded with Patterson’s 8-yard touchdown pass to Donovan Peoples-Jones on the ensuing drive, which got off to a good start with Hassan Haskins’ 49-yard run. The former linebacker finished with a career-high 149 yards on 20 carries.

Charbonnet had 74 yards rushing on 15 carries, giving Michigan a tandem of running backs to control the game behind an offensive line that created huge holes.

Patterson threw his second TD early in the fourth, connecting on a 16-yard pass to Nico Collins, to put Michigan ahead 31-7.

“We played our best game,” Patterson said. “When we do that, we’re a really tough team to beat.”

On a windy and wet night, it was difficult to throw the ball, and Michigan’s defense made it tough for the Irish to run.

Book was 8-of-25 for 73 yards, the senior’s lowest total since last season’s opener, in which he threw just three passes and a TD that averted a shutout.

“We knew once we hit [Book] a couple times, we knew that he was going to be jumpy in the pocket,” Michigan safety Josh Metellus said. “I know what this defense is capable of. We can shut anybody out. If everybody is locked in, doing their job, we can shut out anybody in the country.”

With the game out of reach, Kelly put in sophomore Phil Jurkovec, and he threw a 14-yard TD pass to Javon McKinley late in the game to cut the deficit to 31 points.

Notre Dame’s Tony Jones Jr. was held to 14 yards on eight carries, reminiscent of the game he had in a loss to No. 3 Georgia last month, when he had just 21 yards rushing on nine carries. Jones ran for 100-plus yards in his previous three games before being shut down by the swarming Wolverines and being slowed by an undisclosed injury during the game.

The Irish had just 180 yards of offense.

“It wasn’t necessarily that they threw anything at us that we weren’t ready for. We just didn’t hit our standard of offense,” Kelly said. Metellus seemed to disagree.

“The type of offense that they run, they try to stick to the same type of script, give the same guys the ball,” he said.

THE TAKEAWAY

Notre Dame: It has been a long time since the Irish beat a top-20 team on its home field. Since beating No. 8 Oklahoma on Oct. 27, 2012, they have lost 11 straight true road games against teams ranked among the top 20.

Michigan: A much-needed boost of confidence was earned, setting the team up to potentially close the regular season strong. The Wolverines host rivals Michigan State and Ohio State and play road games against Maryland and Indiana.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Michigan will make a jump in the poll, and Notre Dame will probably plummet.

RIVALRY RENEWED

On the day the schools completed their two-game deal, they announced that Michigan will host Notre Dame in 2033, and the Irish will play the Wolverines at home in 2034.

MISSED TRIP

Notre Dame junior receiver Michael Young, amid reports that he will transfer, didn’t travel to Michigan, and Kelly said there would be a discussion about his status with the team moving forward. Young had six receptions for 21 yards this season and started one game.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
ND	0	0	7	7	14
MICH	3	14	7	21	45

Scoring Summary -----

	ND	MICH
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
MICH FG 5:25 Jake Moody 21 Yd Field Goal		
9 plays, 65 yards, 4:09	0	3
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
MICH TD 13:51 Zach Charbonnet 7 Yd Run (Jake Moody Kick)		
8 plays, 59 yards, 3:24	0	10
MICH TD 9:52 Zach Charbonnet 1 Yd Run (Jake Moody Kick)		
7 plays, 60 yards, 3:05	0	17
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
ND TD 5:27 Cole Kmet 7 Yd pass from Ian Book (Jonathan Doerer Kick)		
7 plays, 57 yards, 2:50	7	17
MICH TD 2:37 Donovan Peoples-Jones 8 Yd pass from Shea Patterson (Jake Moody Kick)		
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:50	7	24
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
MICH TD 11:29 Nico Collins 16 Yd pass from Shea Patterson (Jake Moody Kick)		
4 plays, 64 yards, 1:49	7	31
MICH TD 8:46 Tru Wilson 27 Yd Run (Jake Moody Kick)		
2 plays, 47 yards, 0:27	7	38
MICH TD 4:23 Mike Sainristil 26 Yd pass from Dylan McCaffrey (Jake Moody Kick)		
4 plays, 45 yards, 1:55	7	45
ND TD 3:45 Javon McKinley 14 Yd pass from Phil Jurkovec (Jonathan Doerer Kick)		
3 plays, 75 yards, 0:38	14	45

Team Stats	ND	MICH
First Downs	12	23
Passes for First	6	6
Rushes for First	3	14
Penalties for First	3	3
Third Down Efficiency	3-15	4-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	0-0
Total Yards	180	437
Total Plays	60	71
Avg Gain Per Play	3.0	6.2
Net Yards Rushing	47	303
Rushes	31	57
Yards Per Rush	1.5	5.3
Net Yards Passing	133	134
Comp-Att	11-29	8-14
Yards Per Pass	4.6	9.6
Times Sacked	2	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-6	-20
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	10	7
Punt Average	42.3	38.3
Penalties	7	4
Penalty Yards	62	50
Fumbles	3	3
Fumbles Lost	2	0
Time of Poss	25:23	34:37

Individual Stats

RUSHING

NOTRE DAME	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Jahmir Smith	5	15	3.0	0	7
Tony Jones Jr.	8	14	1.8	0	5
Ian Book	6	13	2.2	0	9
Jafar Armstrong	3	3	1.0	0	2
Avery Davis	2	3	1.5	0	3
Phil Jurkovec	5	2	0.4	0	9
Braden Lenzy	1	1	1.0	0	1
Team	1	-4	-4.0	0	0

MICHIGAN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Hassan Haskins	20	149	7.5	0	49
Zach Charbonnet	15	74	4.9	2	35
Tru Wilson	6	45	7.5	1	27
Christian Turner	4	31	7.8	0	13
Ben VanSumeren	1	2	2.0	0	2
Shea Patterson	11	2	0.2	0	22

PASSING

NOTRE DAME	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Ian Book	8	25	73	2.9	1	0	12.6
Phil Jurkovec	3	4	60	15.0	1	0	13.2
MICHIGAN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Shea Patterson	6	12	100	8.3	2	0	43.4
Dylan McCaffrey	2	2	34	17.0	1	0	99.2

RECEIVING

NOTRE DAME	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Javon McKinley	2	42	21.0	1	28
Chase Claypool	2	42	21.0	0	24
Cole Kmet	2	25	12.5	1	18
Tony Jones Jr.	2	9	4.5	0	5
Jahmir Smith	1	6	6.0	0	6
Tommy Tremble	1	5	5.0	0	5
Jafar Armstrong	1	4	4.0	0	4
MICHIGAN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG

Mike Sainristil	3	73	24.3	1	34
Donovan Peoples-Jones	2	28	14.0	1	20
Nico Collins	1	16	16.0	1	16
Ronnie Bell	1	9	9.0	0	9
Giles Jackson	1	8	8.0	0	8