

No. 14 Michigan rolls past Maryland 38-7 in Big Ten

COLLEGE PARK, Md. -- In a Big Ten matchup between Michigan and Maryland, Giles Jackson and Javon Leake each returned a kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown.

The difference was, Jackson’s dash down the right sideline came on the opening kick, which helped make Leake’s third-quarter jaunt irrelevant to the outcome.

With Jackson getting things started in ideal fashion for No. 14 Michigan, the Wolverines cruised to a 38-7 victory Saturday.

Seeking to build on a 45-14 rout of Notre Dame one week earlier, the Wolverines (7-2, 4-2) went up 21-0 at halftime against the fading Terrapins (3-6, 1-5).

After Maryland won the coin toss and deferred the decision to the second half, Jackson picked his way through the Terrapins to give Michigan the lead for good with exactly 11 seconds elapsed.

“It’s a great way to start a game,” Michigan coach Jim Harbaugh said. “You can’t start any faster than returning the opening kickoff for a touchdown. It was really well-blocked.”

Maryland followed with a three-and-out, and the Wolverines made it 14-0 on the first of two touchdown runs by freshman Zach Charbonnet.

Michigan quarterback Shea Patterson went 13 for 22 for 151 yards. It was hardly his finest performance, but he didn’t have to be great after Jackson went the distance with the opening kick.

“We always try to start fast, and that was a big emphasis coming into this game on the road,” Patterson said. “It was cool to see him take off and set the tone for the game.”

That wasn’t the only fashion in which the Wolverines’ special teams contributed. Michigan used a successful fake punt to set up Charbonnet’s second TD, and a partially blocked punt led to a third-quarter touchdown run by Hassan Haskins for a 35-0 lead.

Leake followed with his second kickoff return for a touchdown this season. It was the most notable play for Maryland among a selection of few.

Wearing throwback uniforms from a far brighter era of Maryland football, the Terrapins absorbed an old-fashioned beatdown on homecoming. Maryland has lost six of seven under first-year coach Michael Locksley.

“Consistency is critical, and we’re still a work in progress,” Locksley said.

Down 14-0, the Terrapins embarked on successive drives that fulfilled Locksley’s quest to burn up the clock and keep the Wolverines off the field. But one march ended with an interception, and the other concluded with a botched 37-yard field goal try.

“When you do that, shorten the game like we tried to do, we’ve got to execute, especially in the red area -- which we didn’t do,” Locksley said.

Give some of the credit to the Michigan defense, which limited Maryland to 233 yards and not a single point.

“It was tremendous,” Harbaugh said. “The pressures came at the right time. The sacks came at the right time. We were able to keep them out of the end zone. They got down into field goal range and missed that.”

Late in the first half, the Wolverines lined up to punt on a fourth-and-1. Michael Barrett took a short snap and ran for 14 yards, Patterson followed with a 51-yard completion to Nico Collins and Charbonnet capped the drive with an 8-yard TD run.

“We needed that fake punt, we needed it pretty badly,” linebacker Josh Uche said. “That kind of killed their spirit.”

Charbonnet has scored four touchdowns in the last two games. His 11 TDs are a Michigan single-season record for a freshman.

THE TAKEAWAY

Michigan: The Wolverines appear to be playing their best football of the season. “Collectively, as a group, we’re playing at our highest level,” Patterson said. “As group right now, we’re hitting our stride.”

Maryland: The Terps are struggling on offense, defense and special teams. Their lone win since Sept. 7 was against woeful Rutgers.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Michigan jumped five spots after beating Notre Dame and should move up a notch or two with this dominating performance.

STREAK OVER

Maryland’s streak of forcing a turnover in 20 straight games ended. It was the longest current run in the FBS and six short of the school record.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
MICH	14	7	14	3	38
MD	0	0	7	0	7

Scoring Summary -----

FIRST QUARTER		MICH	MD
MICH TD 14:49	Giles Jackson 97 Yd Kickoff Return (Jake Moody Kick)		
0 plays, 0 yards, 0:11		7	0
MICH TD 8:42	Zach Charbonnet 2 Yd Run (Jake Moody Kick)		
11 plays, 41 yards, 4:34		14	0
SECOND QUARTER		MICH	MD
MICH TD 1:28	Zach Charbonnet 8 Yd Run (Jake Moody Kick)		
7 plays, 82 yards, 3:01		21	0
THIRD QUARTER		MICH	MD
MICH TD 5:10	Nick Eubanks 5 Yd pass from Shea Patterson (Quinn Nordin Kick)		
12 plays, 60 yards, 4:44		28	0
MICH TD 1:31	Hassan Haskins 14 Yd Run (Quinn Nordin Kick)		
5 plays, 62 yards, 1:37		35	0
MD TD 1:18	Javon Leake 97 Yd Kickoff Return (Joseph Petrino Kick)		
0 plays, 0 yards, 0:13		35	7
FOURTH QUARTER		MICH	MD
MICH FG 9:04	Quinn Nordin 38 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 23 yards, 4:33		38	7

Team Stats	MICH	MD
First Downs	16	16
Passes for First	6	3
Rushes for First	9	13
Penalties for First	1	0
Third Down Efficiency	7-15	4-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-2	2-2
Total Yards	331	233
Total Plays	63	68
Avg Gain Per Play	5.3	3.4
Net Yards Rushing	155	129
Rushes	34	46
Yards Per Rush	4.6	2.8
Net Yards Passing	176	104
Comp-Att	16-29	10-22
Yards Per Pass	6.1	4.7
Times Sacked	0	4
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-31
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	5	8
Punt Average	49.8	34.9
Penalties	4	5
Penalty Yards	30	34
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Time of Poss	28:02	31:58

Individual Stats

RUSHING						
MICHIGAN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG	
Hassan Haskins	13	60	4.6	1	14	
Tru Wilson	5	50	10.0	0	39	
Zach Charbonnet	8	28	3.5	2	8	
Michael Barrett	1	14	14.0	0	14	
Shea Patterson	2	5	2.5	0	3	
Dylan McCaffrey	2	4	2.0	0	5	
Christian Turner	3	-6	-2.0	0	3	
MARYLAND	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG	
Anthony McFarland Jr.	14	60	4.3	0	15	
Lance LeGendre	7	39	5.6	0	16	
Javon Leake	9	38	4.2	0	8	
Tayon Fleet-Davis	7	21	3.0	0	6	
Dontay Demus Jr.	1	4	4.0	0	4	
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	
Josh Jackson	7	-32	-4.6	0	4	

PASSING							
MICHIGAN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Shea Patterson	13	22	151	6.9	1	0	72.4
Dylan McCaffrey	3	7	25	3.6	0	0	18.3
MARYLAND	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Josh Jackson	9	20	97	4.9	0	1	9.4
Lance LeGendre	1	2	7	3.5	0	0	6.1

RECEIVING					
MICHIGAN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Nico Collins	2	65	32.5	0	51
Sean McKeon	1	29	29.0	0	29
Ronnie Bell	2	19	9.5	0	14
Tarik Black	2	16	8.0	0	10
Nick Eubanks	2	12	6.0	1	7
Tru Wilson	1	11	11.0	0	11
Donovan Peoples-Jones	2	11	5.5	0	7
Hassan Haskins	3	9	3.0	0	10
Giles Jackson	1	4	4.0	0	4
MARYLAND	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Brian Cobbs	4	52	13.0	0	24
Chigozie Okonkwo	2	26	13.0	0	22
Anthony McFarland	1	9	9.0	0	9
Tayon Fleet-Davis	1	7	7.0	0	7
Carlos Carriere	1	6	6.0	0	6
Dontay Demus Jr.	1	4	4.0	0	4