

WEEK TEN  
IOWA at WISCONSIN

Taylor helps No. 16 Wisconsin outlast No. 18 Iowa 24-22

MADISON, Wis. -- The best players close out games, and that's what Jonathan Taylor did Saturday night.

Taylor rushed for 130 of his season-high 250 yards in the fourth quarter, and Danny Davis ran for a touchdown and caught another as No. 16 Wisconsin outlasted No. 18 Iowa 24-22.

Taylor became the first running back this season to rush for more than 100 yards against Iowa as Wisconsin (7-2, 4-2 Big Ten, No. 13 College Football Playoff) held on to the Heartland Trophy, given each year to the winner of this game. The Badgers have beaten Iowa four straight times.

"Jonathan has been great all season, but I think he holds himself to a high standard," teammate Quintez Cephus said. "He wanted to come out here and do what he did today. He told us he was going to be better, and he did it. Props to him."

Taylor's 250 yards on 31 carries are the most ever by a Wisconsin player against Iowa, surpassing the previous high of 216 by Ron Dayne in 1999.

"We wanted it a lot, together as a whole team," Taylor said. "It's essential, it's a Big Ten West game and we have four (games) lined up. So we've got to make sure we're on. It's November and everyone is going to try to be at their best, and you've got to make sure that you're able to play for 60 minutes."

Cephus caught five passes for 94 yards and his fourth touchdown of the season to help Wisconsin stay in contention for the Big Ten West crown.

Davis' two scores -- a 17-yard run and a 4-yard reception -- helped the Badgers take a 14-6 lead at halftime.

"It felt good," Davis said. "Getting the chance to contribute to this team, and scoring, it's a big opportunity. I think receivers did a good job of stepping up. Of course, JT (Taylor) went for 250, so, we'll take some of the credit with the blocking game. It was a great game all around."

After a 27-yard touchdown to Cephus from Jack Coan made it 21-6 at the end of the third quarter, the Hawkeyes (6-3, 3-3, No. 18 CFP) outscored the Badgers 16-3 in the fourth but couldn't come all the way back. Iowa quarterback Nate Stanley was stopped short of the goal line on a potential game-tying two-point conversion attempt with 3:12 remaining.

"I saw that it was draw and I was kind of second hat to the draw," Wisconsin outside linebacker Zack Baun said. "The collision that Chris (Orr) had with that dude (Stanley) really symbolizes what this rivalry is: mano (a) mano, strength on strength. Chris from Wisconsin won that one. We said the more physical team would win, and that play in itself kind of resembled that."

Iowa's rally included a nine-play, 75-yard drive capped by a 3-yard touchdown from Stanley to Nico Ragaini that made it 21-13 with just over 14 minutes to play. After Matt Hankins picked off a Coan pass, Keith Duncan's 39-yard field goal cut Wisconsin's lead to 21-16 with 9:27 to play.

Collin Larsh's 29-yard field goal extended Wisconsin's lead to 24-16 with 3:29 left. Stanley found Tyrone Tracy for a 75-yard score 17 seconds later, but Wisconsin stopped Iowa on the two-point conversion attempt.

"I'm proud of our guys, how they fought and stayed in it when at times it looked like it might get away from us," Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz said. "They just kept fighting and gave us a chance to win in the fourth quarter. Unfortunately, we came up short."

"It's certainly disappointing. It's going to be a tough bus ride home for us."

Stanley finished 17 of 28 for 208 yards and two scores. Tracy accounted for 130 of those yards.

THE TAKEAWAY

Iowa: The Hawkeyes entered the day allowing only 10.1 points per game, the lowest average in Ferentz's 21 seasons at Iowa. But the Hawkeyes allowed a season high in points and were outgained 473-295. Iowa fell to 0-3 this season against ranked teams. The Hawkeyes also lost to Michigan and Penn State earlier in the year.

Wisconsin: The Badgers got back on track in the friendly confines of Camp Randall Stadium after back-to-back road losses at Illinois and Ohio State. Wisconsin's defense held Iowa to just 87 yards rushing, marking the seventh time in nine games the Badgers have held their opponent below 100 yards on the ground. Matt Henningsen led the way for the Badgers defensively, recording his third sack of the season.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Iowa could find itself on the outside of the AP Top 25 and CFP rankings next week. Wisconsin positions itself nicely with winnable games against Nebraska and Purdue remaining and a showdown at No. 13 Minnesota (No. 17 CFP) on Nov. 30.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
IOWA	3	3	0	16	22
WIS	0	14	7	3	24

Scoring Summary -----

	IOWA	WIS
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
IOWA FG 7:38 Keith Duncan 24 Yd Field Goal		
4 plays, 10 yards, 1:02	3	0
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
WIS TD 9:44 Danny Davis III 17 Yd Run (Collin Larsh Kick)		
7 plays, 59 yards, 4:02	3	7
IOWA FG 6:31 Keith Duncan 40 Yd Field Goal		
8 plays, 53 yards, 3:13	6	7
WIS TD 0:14 Danny Davis III 4 Yd pass from Jack Coan (Collin Larsh Kick)		
13 plays, 76 yards, 6:17	6	14
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
WIS TD 2:16 Quintez Cephus 27 Yd pass from Jack Coan (Collin Larsh Kick)		
4 plays, 86 yards, 2:08	6	21
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
IOWA TD 14:06 Nico Ragaini 3 Yd pass from Nate Stanley (Keith Duncan Kick)		
9 plays, 75 yards, 3:10	13	21
IOWA FG 9:27 Keith Duncan 39 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 26 yards, 3:15	16	21
WIS FG 3:29 Collin Larsh 29 Yd Field Goal		
10 plays, 64 yards, 5:58	16	24
IOWA TD 3:12 Tyrone Tracy Jr. 75 Yd pass from Nate Stanley (Two-Point Run Conversion Failed)		
1 play, 75 yards, 0:17	22	24

Team Stats	IOWA	WIS
First Downs	15	24
Passes for First	8	8
Rushes for First	4	15
Penalties for First	3	1
Third Down Efficiency	1-9	8-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	0-0
Total Yards	295	473
Total Plays	51	71
Avg Gain Per Play	5.8	6.7
Net Yards Rushing	87	300
Rushes	23	46
Yards Per Rush	3.8	6.5
Net Yards Passing	208	173
Comp-Att	17-28	16-25
Yards Per Pass	7.4	6.9
Times Sacked	1	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-8	-5
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	4	3
Punt Average	41.3	34.3
Penalties	3	8
Penalty Yards	25	63
Fumbles	1	1
Fumbles Lost	1	1
Time of Poss	22:36	37:24

Individual Stats

RUSHING					
<b>IOWA</b>	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Toren Young	9	44	4.9	0	12
Tyler Goodson	5	26	5.2	0	21
Mekhi Sargent	4	21	5.3	0	9
Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Nate Stanley	4	-3	-0.8	0	3
<b>WISCONSIN</b>	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Jonathan Taylor	31	250	8.1	0	42
Nakia Watson	6	32	5.3	0	12
Danny Davis III	1	17	17.0	1	17
Mason Stokke	1	3	3.0	0	3
Jack Coan	5	0	0.0	0	2
Team	2	-2	-1.0	0	0

PASSING							
<b>IOWA</b>	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Nate Stanley	17	28	208	7.4	2	0	34.6
<b>WISCONSIN</b>	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Jack Coan	16	25	173	6.9	2	1	33.6

RECEIVING					
<b>IOWA</b>	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Tyrone Tracy Jr.	5	130	26.0	1	75
Nico Ragaini	6	32	5.3	1	10
Ihmir Smith-Marsette	3	27	9.0	0	17
Sam LaPorta	1	16	16.0	0	16
Tyler Goodson	1	6	6.0	0	6
Max Cooper	1	-3	-3.0	0	0
<b>WISCONSIN</b>	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Quintez Cephus	5	94	18.8	1	52
Danny Davis III	4	19	4.8	1	7
Jake Ferguson	2	19	9.5	0	14
Garrett Groshek	2	16	8.0	0	11
Kendric Pryor	1	12	12.0	0	12
Jonathan Taylor	1	8	8.0	0	8
A.J. Taylor	1	5	5.0	0	5