

PINSTRIPES BOWL
MIAMI, FL VS WISCONSIN

NEW YORK -- Jonathan Taylor played tour guide for his Wisconsin teammates who had never visited New York. They hit the usual landmarks with trips to Lincoln Center and Times Square. Taylor even gave his buds a taste of the luxe life with a window-shopping jaunt along Fifth Avenue.

"It's real fun to see those guys looking at all those sights," said Taylor, a New Jersey native. "New York has a lot to offer."

Taylor gave the Badgers one more dazzling sight to see, and the nation's leading rusher heads home with his own sweet souvenir -- an MVP trophy.

Taylor ran for 205 yards and a touchdown and topped the 2,000-yard season mark to help Wisconsin rout Miami 35-3 in a chilly Pinstripe Bowl on Thursday night.

"We've got the best back in the country," Wisconsin coach Paul Chryst said after he accepted the Pinstripe trophy from Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner.

There are few in football who would argue that point. Taylor, just a sophomore, ripped off runs of 39 and 41 yards at Yankee Stadium and combined with a defense that forced five turnovers to help a Wisconsin (8-5) team ranked fourth in the first AP Top 25 poll salvage its fifth straight bowl victory. The loss had to seem like a rerun for Miami: Taylor ran for 130 yards in Wisconsin's 34-24 win over the Hurricanes last season in the Orange Bowl.

"Definitely playing them last year, it helped out a lot," Taylor said.

Taylor, who finished with 2,194 yards rushing and 16 TDs, has been a bright spot for a team that failed to come close to lofty expectations.

"What JT's done, it's as good as there is," Chryst said.

Both teams were ranked inside the top 15 last December. A year later, Wisconsin and Miami (7-6) both showed at times why two teams that opened the season inside the top 10 were stuck playing in a ho-hum bowl game with temperatures in the 30s and a sparse crowd in the Bronx. Miami's Malik Rosier threw three interceptions before he was replaced late in the third quarter; Wisconsin's Rafael Gaglianone whiffed on two field goals.

The Badgers, certainly used to the cold, came out swinging for the fences -- they scored two touchdowns just 3 1/2 minutes into the game and seemingly knocked the will out of Miami. Jack Coan made the most of his start for injured Alex Hornibrook (concussion) and hit Kendrick Taylor for a 35-yard TD on the first drive. Rosier's first pass of the game was intercepted and Taylor capitalized with a 7-yard score to make it 14-0.

Coan is a Long Island native and needed nearly 50 tickets for friends and family. He ran right for a 7-yard touchdown in the fourth for a 28-3 lead that made it worth the trip for the thousands of fans in red -- an unseemly sight in June at Yankee Stadium -- that stuck it out to the end. Coan made his fifth appearance this season and burned his eligibility to take a redshirt year.

It sure seemed worth it for Wisconsin.

Coan was the home state star but Taylor put a final exclamation point on a season that made one of college football's top stars.

Taylor had 117 yards rushing at halftime and finished with his fifth 200-yard game this season, not bad for a running back that averaged 165.8 yards per game. He joined Ron Dayne and Melvin Gordon as Wisconsin's 2,000-yard rushers.

"The thing I've appreciated as much as anything is how he's done it, the way that he works, the teammate that he is," Chryst said.

Rosier got the start over N'Kosi Perry, who had a rocky season and faced heat for two questionable Snapchat posts, in a move that was quickly second-guessed. His third interception of the game was turned into Alex Ingold's 2-yard touchdown and a 21-3 lead. Perry eventually checked into the game -- but Taylor and Coan had long turned this one into a rout and the Hurricanes offense again was a sore spot (169 total yards).

"Things have got to get fixed," coach Mark Richt said. "That will be the No. 1 priority".

BLOWN AWAY

The Hurricanes played without center Tyler Gauthier (academics) and punter Zach Feagles (leaving the program).

ROOTING QBs

Former Wisconsin star Russell Wilson sent a videotaped message of support and former Miami QB Jim Kelly, who is battling cancer, appeared at midfield for the coin toss. Kelly also presented Taylor with the MVP trophy.

TAKEAWAY

Miami defensive coordinator Manny Diaz's final game before he leaves for Temple was a dud. The Badgers had 406 total yards.

Wisconsin needs to put a better team around Taylor to become a threat in the Big 10.

HE SAID IT

"They might get worried or they might see opportunity. We'll see," Richt said of potential recruits.

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MIAMI	3	0	0	0	3
WIS	14	0	7	14	35

Scoring Summary -----

	MIAMI	WIS
FIRST QUARTER		
WIS TD 11:56		
Kendric Pryor 35 Yd pass from Jack Coan (Rafael Gaglianone Kick)	0	7
6 plays, 65 yards, 3:0		
WIS TD 11:30		
Jonathan Taylor 7 Yd Run (Rafael Gaglianone Kick)	0	14
1 play, 7 yards, 0:07		
MIAMI FG 1:15		
Bubba Baxa 33 Yd Field Goal	3	14
6 plays, 76 yards, 2:23		
THIRD QUARTER		
WIS TD 3:36		
Alec Ingold 2 Yd Run (Rafael Gaglianone Kick)		21
4 plays, 59 yards, 1:42		
FOURTH QUARTER		
WIS TD 9:59		
Jack Coan 7 Yd Run (Rafael Gaglianone Kick)	3	28
5 plays, 34 yards, 2:18		
WIS TD 0:08		
Taiwan Deal 1 Yd Run (Rafael Gaglianone Kick)	3	35
10 plays, 53 yards, 7:12		

	MIAMI	WIS
Team Stats		
First Downs	6	20
Total Yards	169	406
Total Plays	40	69
Avg Gain Per Play	4.2	5.9
Net Yards Rushing	121	333
Rushes	23	58
Yards Per Rush	5.3	5.7
Net Yards Passing	48	73
Comp-Att	6-17	6-11
Yards Per Pass	2.8	6.6
Times Sacked	1	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-8	-9
Interceptions	4	1
Punts	5	4
Punt Average	41.0	34.8
Penalties	1	1
Penalty Yards	5	15
Fumbles	2	1
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Possession	20:13	39:47

Individual Stats

RUSHING

MIAMI	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
12 Malik Rosier	3	90	30.0	62	0
24 Travis Homer	10	16	1.6	8	0
5 N'Kosi Perry	4	11	2.8	16	0
13 DeeJay Dallas	4	8	2.0	5	0
23 Cam'ron Davis	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
WIS	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
23 Jonathan Taylor	27	205	7.6	41	1
28 Taiwan Deal	10	52	5.2	14	1
5 Chris James	5	26	5.2	8	0
37 Garrett Groshek	3	15	5.0	9	0
1 Aron Cruickshank	1	14	14.0	14	0
45 Alec Ingold	5	11	2.2	5	1
17 Jack Coan	7	10	1.4	9	1

PASSING

MIAMI	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
12 Malik Rosier	5	12	46	3.8	0	3	23.9
5 N'Kosi Perry	1	5	2	0.4	0	1	-16.6

WIS	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
17 Jack Coan	6	11	73	6.6	1	1	122.1

RECEIVING

MIAMI	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
18 Lawrence Cager	1	22	22.0	22	0
24 Travis Homer	3	14	4.7	12	0
9 Brevin Jordan	2	12	6.0	10	0
WIS	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
3 Kendrick Pryor	1	35	35.0	35	1
84 Jake Ferguson	2	15	7.5	10	0
4 A.J. Taylor	2	13	6.5	7	0
37 Garrett Groshek	1	10	10.0	10	0