

WEEK 1  
Oregon State at Ohio State

Urban-less Ohio State routs Oregon St 77-31 in opener

Ohio State came into the opener with a stand-in coach and a new starting quarterback after a truly bizarre preseason that led to a three-game suspension for coach Urban Meyer.

The day worked out OK for the offensively prolific No. 5 Buckeyes, though their defense might still be more of a work in progress than expected.

New starter Dwayne Haskins Jr. threw for a record five touchdowns as Ohio State scored on five of its first six possessions and cruised to a 77-31 rout of overmatched Oregon State on Saturday.

The Buckeyes shook off Meyer's first absence from the sideline in six years, piling up 721 yards and tying the record for points scored in an opener. Meyer will be allowed to return to practice on Monday, although his suspension by the university will last for two more games. He was sanctioned after an investigation showed he mismanaged former assistant Zach Smith, who was accused of domestic violence and other bad behavior.

The scandal has dogged the program for the past month. Acting coach Ryan Day wasn't surprised the Buckeyes started strong, jumping ahead 21-7 in the first quarter and going ahead 42-14 at halftime.

"There was a quiet confidence about this team all along," said Day, the co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Haskins, who took the keys from four-year starter J.T. Barrett, was 22 for 30 for 313 yards. The five touchdowns and yards gained are records for a first-time Ohio State starter.

Day coached from the sideline, with co-offensive coordinator Kevin Wilson in the press box. "I didn't notice anything different," Haskins said. "Just having coach Wilson on the field vs. coach Day, they both did a great job giving advice, communicating with me after the drives. There wasn't any stress with that."

**BRIGHT SPOTS FOR BEAVERS**

Oregon State was able to exploit the Ohio State defense, just not enough.

Quarterback Conor Blount, forced into duty when starter Jake Luton went out with a possible concussion on the game's sixth play, found plenty of cracks, throwing for 169 yards and two touchdowns. But he also was sacked five times in the first half, twice by All-American defensive end Nick Bosa.

Running back Artavis Pierce slashed the Ohio State secondary for touchdowns of 80 and 78 yards on two of the Beavers' first three plays from scrimmage in the second half. Oregon State piled up 392 offensive yards.

"Obviously, falling short isn't fun, but when you go out and put 31 points on a defense like that, I think it says there's a bright future here," Blount said.

**RUNNING BY COMMITTEE**

One of the questions in training camp was how Ohio State was going to use talented backs Mike Weber and J.K. Dobbins. Day platooned the pair Saturday until the backups took over in the second half.

Weber was the star, showing the form he displayed two seasons ago when he rushed for over 1,000 yards. A leg injury slowed him last year and that allowed true freshman Dobbins to grab the limelight.

Weber had 20 carries for 186 yards and three touchdowns. Dobbins had 15 for 74 yards.

"We talked about it, think about it a lot," Weber said. "It's the reason I came back. We knew that we were going to split carries. But splitting carries is actually good on the bodies for both of us."

**THE TAKEAWAY**

Oregon State: Showed some fight and big-play ability, but the Beavers made too many mistakes and couldn't slow down Ohio State's more talented offensive players.

"There's lots of things to learn from, and be encouraged by," first-year Oregon State coach Jonathan Smith said. "We were in position to make some plays, we didn't tackle all that well."

Ohio State: Shook off all the disruptive off-the-field events of the preseason, scored a lot early and did what it was expected to do, albeit with some holes in the defense. The Buckeyes have another tuneup game next weekend before getting a test against TCU in Dallas in two weeks. Haskins looks like the real deal.

FRST	7	7	17	0	31
OSU	21	21	14	21	77

**Scoring Summary** -----

	ORST	OSU
first Quarter		
OSU TD 11:17 Terry McLaurin 2 Yd pass from Dwayne Haskins (Sean Nuernberger Kick) 5 plays, 57 yards, 1:13	0	7
ORST TD 10:35 Trevon Bradford 49 Yd pass from Conor Blount (Jordan Choukair Kick) 3 plays, 75 yards, 0:42	7	7
OSU TD 8:20 Mike Weber 16 Yd Run (Sean Nuernberger Kick)		
8 plays, 65 yards, 2:15	7	14
OSU TD 3:41 Rashod Berry 6 Yd pass from Dwayne Haskins (Sean Nuernberger Kick) 8 plays, 75 yards, 2:04	7	21
second Quarter	ORST	OSU
OSU TD 12:25Mike Weber 49 Yd Run (Sean Nuernberger Kick)		
6 plays, 75 yards, 1:56	7	28
OSU TD 7:58 Mike Weber 3 Yd pass from Dwayne Haskins (Sean Nuernberger Kick) 10 plays, 59 yards, 2:53	7	35
OSU TD 4:30 Nick Bosa 0 Yd Fumble Return (Sean Nuernberger Kick) 2 plays, -3 yards, 0:45	7	42
ORST TD 0:19 Trevon Bradford 7 Yd pass from Conor Blount (Jordan Choukair Kick) 11 plays, 75 yards, 4:11	14	42
third Quarter	ORST	OSU
OSU TD 14:45 Terry McLaurin 75 Yd pass from Dwayne Haskins (Sean Nuernberger Kick) 1 play, 75 yards, 0:15	14	49
ORST TD 14:26 Artavis Pierce 80 Yd Run (Jordan Choukair Kick) 1 play, 80 yards, 0:19	21	49
OSU TD 11:55 Parris Campbell 8 Yd pass from Dwayne Haskins (Sean Nuernberger Kick) 10 plays, 75 yards, 2:31	21	56
ORST TD 11:06 Artavis Pierce 78 Yd Run (Jordan Choukair Kick) 2 plays, 76 yards, 0:49	28	56
ORST FG 5:25 Jordan Choukair 23 Yd Field Goal		
6 plays, 14 yards, 1:51	31	56
fourth Quarter	ORST	OSU
OSU TD 14:25Mike Weber 4 Yd Run (Sean Nuernberger Kick)		
11 plays, 79 yards, 6:00	31	63
OSU TD 9:26 Brian Snead 2 Yd Run (Sean Nuernberger Kick)		
8 plays, 46 yards, 3:06	31	70
OSU TD 3:50 Master Teague 33 Yd Run (Sean Nuernberger Kick)		
7 plays, 71 yards, 3:34	31	77

**Team Stats**

	ORST	OSU
First Downs	25	23
Total Yards	392	721
Total Plays	63	87
Avg Gain Per Play	6.2	8.3
Net Yards Rushing	196	375
Rushes	39	53
Yards Per Rush	5.0	7.1
Net Yards Passing	196	346
Comp-Att	14-24	25-34
Yards Per Pass	8.2	10.2
Times Sacked	0	5
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-43
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	6	1
Punt Average	40.7	65.0
Penalties	5	6
Penalty Yards	49	50
Fumbles	5	1
Fumbles Lost	2	1
<b>Possession</b>	<b>28:44</b>	<b>31:16</b>

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

Oregon St.	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Artavis Pierce	11	168	15.3	80	2
Jermar Jefferson	8	47	5.9	31	0
Trevon Bradford	3	23	7.7	13	0
Jack Colletto	4	14	3.5	6	0
B.J. Baylor	2	7	3.5	5	0
Kase Rogers	2	2	1.0	2	0
Jake Luton	1	-5	-5.0	0	0
Conor Blount	6	-43	-7.2	0	0
Oregon St.	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Mike Weber	20	186	9.3	49	3
J.K. Dobbins	15	74	4.9	10	0
Master Teague	6	56	9.3	33	1
Brian Snead	7	25	3.6	5	1
Dwayne Haskins	2	24	12.0	17	0
Tate Martell	2	4	2.0	4	0
Demario McCall	0	0	-	-	0

**Passing**

Oregon St.	Comp	Att	Pct	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Conor Blount	12	19	63.2	169	8.9	2	0	172.6
Jake Luton	1	1	100.0	25	25.0	0	0	310.0
Jack Colletto	1	4	25.0	2	0.5	0	0	29.2
Oregon St.	Comp	Att	Pct	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Dwayne Haskins	22	30	73.3	313	10.4	5	1	209.3
Tate Martell	3	4	75.0	33	8.3	0	0	144.3

**RECEIVING**

Oregon St.	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Trevon Bradford	6	104	17.3	49	2
Artavis Pierce	3	41	13.7	26	0
17 Isaiah Hodgins	2	40	20.0	27	0
18 Timmy Hernandez	2	6	3.0	4	0
22 Jermar Jefferson	1	5	5.0	5	0
16 Champ Flemings	0	0	-	-	0
Oregon St.	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Terry McLaurin	4	121	30.3	75	2
K.J. Hill	6	82	13.7	27	0
Austin Mack	5	69	13.8	21	0
Parris Campbell	4	22	5.5	8	1
Jaylen Harris	1	15	15.0	15	0
Jeremy Ruckert	1	13	13.0	13	0
Johnnie Dixon	1	10	10.0	10	0
Rashod Berry	1	6	6.0	6	1
Chris Olave	1	5	5.0	5	0
Mike Weber	1	3	3.0	3	1
C.J. Saunders					