

WEEK FOUR
WISCONSIN AT IOWA

IOWA CITY, Iowa -- With their season on the line in late September, Wisconsin showed that the Big Ten West will likely run through Madison yet again.

Alex Hornibrook threw a 17-yard TD pass to A.J. Taylor with 57 seconds left and No. 18 Wisconsin bounced back from last week's loss by rallying past Iowa 28-17 on Saturday night.

Jonathan Taylor had 113 yards rushing and Alec Ingold ran for a 33-yard score with 22 seconds left for the Badgers (3-1, 1-0 Big Ten), who also got a major leg up on the Hawkeyes -- perhaps their biggest threat in their quest for a third straight West title -- in the league opener.

"It wasn't a perfect game by any means, but it was a great team win," Wisconsin coach Paul Chryst said. "They stepped up and made plays when they had to."

Wisconsin marched 88 yards in 10 plays on the game-deciding drive, capped when Hornibrook found an open Taylor for his third touchdown of the game.

Hornibrook finished 17 of 22 passing for 205 yards, and his three TDs were a season high.

The Badgers took advantage of a short field caused by an Iowa fumble to go up 14-10 on Hornibrook's 12-yard TD pass to Danny Davis. The Hawkeyes responded with Nate Stanley's second touchdown throw to Noah Fant, from a yard out, to make it 17-14 with 1:37 left in the third quarter.

Iowa (3-1, 0-1) seemed to have the Badgers pinned, but Wisconsin overcame one of the nation's best defenses in winning its fifth straight in Iowa City.

Stanley threw for 222 yards on 14 of 23 passing, but he was picked off on a deflected ball with 38 seconds left. Ingold then broke free, making the final margin seem a lot bigger.

"They had a good blitz dialed up against us ... it was just a tough play and they capitalized on it," Stanley said of his pick.

THE TAKEAWAY

Wisconsin: Don't count Wisconsin out of the playoff yet, though after losing last week to BYU 24-21 the Badgers are still way, way out of the picture. Beating Iowa in Iowa City isn't easy to do -- just ask Michigan in 2016 and Ohio State in 2017 -- and with road games left against Michigan and Penn State, the opportunity is there for Wisconsin to build a solid postseason resume. The Badgers just can't lose again.

Iowa: The Hawkeyes blew a golden opportunity to move to 4-0, join the Top 25 and start thinking about a special season. But the schedule sets up nicely for the Hawkeyes to end up 9-3 or maybe even 10-2, despite playing four of their next five on the road.

THE NUMBERS

T.J. Hockenson had three catches for 108 yards for Iowa. ...Jake Ferguson caught four passes for 58 yards, and his 6-yard TD grab completed a 95-yard drive that opened the scoring. ...Iowa lost a pair of fumbles and had a turnover margin of minus-3, very unusual for a program that prides itself on protecting the ball. ...Wisconsin had eight penalties for 68 yards.

PIVOTAL MOMENT

On a 3rd-down-and-5 in the middle of Wisconsin's 88-yard drive late in the fourth, Hornibrook found Garrett Groshek for a 5-yard catch that gave the Badgers a first down by barely the nose of the ball. Hornibrook found A.J. Taylor waiting over a fallen Iowa defender three plays later. "I was proud of the way guys stayed in it. We needed to be to give ourselves a chance," Chryst said.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Wisconsin might move up a few spots by winning at night at Kinnick Stadium.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
WIS	0	7	7	14	28
IOWA	0	7	10	0	17

Scoring Summary -----

SECOND QUARTER		WIS	IOWA
WIS	TD 14:31		
A. Hornibrook pass,to J. Ferguson for 6 yds for a TD, (R. Gaglianone KICK)			
	11 plays, 95 yards, 5:10	7	0
IOWA	TD 5:15		
N. Stanley pass,to N. Fant for 20 yds for a TD, (M. Recinos KICK)			
	4 plays, 77 yards, 1:27	7	7
THIRD QUARTER		WIS	IOWA
IOWA	FG 10:12		
M. Recinos 24 yd FG GOOD			
	10 plays, 69 yards, 4:48	7	10
WIS	TD 5:12		
A. Hornibrook pass,to D. Davis III for 12 yds for a TD, (R. Gaglianone KICK)			
	3 plays, 10 yards, 1:33	14	10
IOWA	TD 1:37		
N. Stanley pass,to N. Fant for 1 yd for a TD, (M. Recinos KICK)			
	8 plays, 75 yards, 3:35	14	17
FOURTH QUARTER		WIS	IOWA
WIS	TD 0:57		
A. Hornibrook pass,to A. Taylor for 17 yds for a TD, (R. Gaglianone KICK)			
	10 plays, 88 yards, 4:43	21	17
WIS	TD 0:22		
A. Ingold run for 33 yds for a TD, (R. Gaglianone KICK)			
	3 plays, 37 yards, 0:16	28	17

Team Stats	WIS	IOWA
First Downs	19	19
Total Yards	415	404
Total Plays	66	54
Avg Gain Per Play	6.3	7.5
Net Yards Rushing	210	148
Rushes	44	31
Yards Per Rush	4.8	4.8
Net Yards Passing	205	256
Comp-Att	17-22	14-23
Yards Per Pass	9.3	11.1
Times Sacked	1	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-13	0
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	7	3
Punt Average	37.1	38.0
Penalties	8	1
Penalty Yards	68	5
Fumbles	0	2
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Possession	35:13	24:47

Individual Stats

RUSHING

WIS	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jonathan Taylor	25	113	4.5	0	17
Taiwan Deal	6	42	7.0	0	14
Alec Ingold	2	37	18.5	1	33
Garrett Groshek	8	33	4.1	0	9
Kendric Pryor	1	-4	-4.0	0	0
Alex Hornibrook	2	-11	-5.5	0	2

IOWA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Ivory Kelly-Martin	14	72	5.1	0	19
Toren Young	6	34	5.7	0	10
Ihmir Smith-Marsette	1	20	20.0	0	20
Mekhi Sargent	6	14	2.3	0	5
Brady Ross	1	3	3.0	0	3
Kyle Groeneweg	1	3	3.0	0	3
Nate Stanley	2	2	1.0	0	2

PASSING

WIS	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Alex Hornibrook	17	22	205	9.3	3	0	200.5
IOWA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Nate Stanley	14	23	256	11.1	2	1	174.4

RECEIVING

WIS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Jake Ferguson	4	58	14.5	1	23
A.J. Taylor	3	44	14.7	1	18
Alec Ingold	1	33	33.0	0	33
Kendric Pryor	3	33	11.0	0	28
Garrett Groshek	3	19	6.3	0	7
Danny Davis III	1	12	12.0	1	12
Jonathan Taylor	2	6	3.0	0	5

IOWA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
T.J. Hockenson	3	125	41.7	0	46
Ihmir Smith-Marsette	3	58	19.3	0	13
Noah Fant	3	29	9.7	2	20
Brandon Smith	2	24	12.0	0	14
Nick Easley	1	14	14.0	0	22
Brady Ross	1	11	11.0	0	11
Ivory Kelly-Martin	1	7	7.0	0	7
Mekhi Sargent	0	1	0.0	0	0
Nate Stanley	0	-13	0.0	0	0