

WEEK FOUR
MICHIGAN AT NORTHWESTERN

EVANSTON, Ill. -- Karan Higdon ran for 115 yards and two touchdowns, Shea Patterson threw 196 yards and No. 14 Michigan overcame a 17-point deficit to beat Northwestern 20-17 on Saturday.

Higdon gave the Wolverines (4-1, 2-0 Big Ten) the lead with a 5-yard run with 4:06 remaining. Higdon averaged 3.8 yards on 30 carries, and Patterson completed 15 of 24 passes to help Michigan win its fourth straight.

Michigan held Northwestern to 97 yards of total offense in the final three quarters and had six sacks for the game. Defensive end Chase Winovich had a team-high eight solo tackles and a sack.

It was Michigan's biggest comeback since 2011 against Notre Dame (also 17 points) and Jim Harbaugh's largest comeback as a college coach.

"I talked about it at halftime. We are being tested and it's time to find out what we're made of," Harbaugh said. "Our guys really responded."

Clayton Thorson completed 16 of 27 passes for 174 yards for Northwestern (1-3, 1-1) in the Wildcats' third straight loss.

John Moten IV had 36 yards on 13 rushes and a touchdown in his first start for Northwestern. He took over for Jeremy Larkin after Larkin retired this week because of a spinal condition.

Michigan has won seven straight games at Ryan Field.

A 14 1/2-point underdog, Northwestern jumped out to a 17-0 lead early in the second quarter on short TD runs by Thorson and Moten and a career-high 45-yard field goal by Charlie Kuhbander.

Michigan, which had minus-2 yards on its first two possessions, pulled to 17-7 on Higdon's 4-yard run in the second quarter. The Wolverines made it 17-13 in the third on Quinn Nordin's two field goals.

Neither team could generate much offense in the fourth until Higdon's second TD capped an 11-play, 67-yard drive. The key play in the drive was a 22-yard pass from Patterson to Zach Gentry for first-and-goal at the 6.

"Offensively, it just seemed like the plays we made in the first half, we went 0-fer in the second half," Wildcats coach Pat Fitzgerald said. "I thought Michigan's front dominated the second half, and that was the difference in the game."

THE TAKEAWAY

Michigan: It certainly wasn't pretty -- particularly on the offensive side -- but the defense stepped up to shut down the Wildcats following a fast start.

Northwestern: After being on a pitch count in the first three games, Thorson went the distance and eliminated the mistakes that led to the loss against Akron two weeks ago. But again, the offense bogged down after a fast start and struggled to gain first downs in the second half.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
MICH	0	7	6	7	20
NW	10	7	0	0	17

Scoring Summary -----

QUARTER	TIME	TEAM	PLAY	YARDS	SCORE
FIRST QUARTER					
NW TD 10:18					
		Clayton Thorson	1 Yd Run (Charlie Kuhbander Kick)		0-7
			6 plays, 56 yards, 2:23		
NW FG 3:58					
		Charlie Kuhbander	45 Yd Field Goal		0-10
			10 plays, 37 yards, 5:06		
SECOND QUARTER					
NW TD 12:56					
		John Moten IV	3 Yd Run (Charlie Kuhbander Kick)		0-17
			9 plays, 52 yards, 3:25		
MICH TD 9:14					
		Karan Higdon	4 Yd Run (Quinn Nordin Kick)		7-17
			7 plays, 79 yards, 3:35		
THIRD QUARTER					
MICH FG 7:40					
		Quinn Nordin	23 Yd Field Goal		10-17
			11 plays, 69 yards, 4:43		
MICH FG 0:00					
		Quinn Nordin	24 Yd Field Goal		13-17
			11 plays, 56 yards, 5:28		
FOURTH QUARTER					
MICH TD 4:06					
		Karan Higdon	5 Yd Run (Quinn Nordin Kick)		20-17
			11 plays, 67 yards, 5:59		

Team Stats	MICH	NW
First Downs	18	15
Total Yards	376	202
Total Plays	66	63
Avg Gain Per Play	5.7	3.2
Net Yards Rushing	180	28
Rushes	42	34
Yards Per Rush	4.3	0.8
Net Yards Passing	196	174
Comp-Att	15-24	16-29
Yards Per Pass	8.2	6.0
Times Sacked	1	6
Yds Lost To Sacks	-4	-43
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	6	7
Punt Average	51.0	39.3
Penalties	11	2
Penalty Yards	100	25
Fumbles	0	0
Fumbles Lost	0	0
Possession	34:41	25:19

Individual Stats

RUSHING

TEAM	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
MICH					
Karan Higdon	30	115	3.8	2	30
Shea Patterson	7	31	4.4	0	12
Donovan Peoples-Jones	1	25	25.0	0	25
Tru Wilson	1	6	6.0	0	6
Ben Mason	2	5	2.5	0	3
Ronnie Bell	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
NW					
John Moten IV	13	36	2.8	1	9
Solomon Vault	7	18	2.6	0	9
Riley Lees	2	8	4.0	0	4
Isaiah Bowser	1	2	2.0	0	2
Clayton Thorson	11	-36	-3.3	1	6

PASSING

TEAM	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
MICH							
Shea Patterson	15	24	196	8.2	0	0	78.6
NW							
Clayton Thorson	16	27	174	6.4	0	0	34.6
Team	0	2	0	0.0	0	0	--

RECEIVING

TEAM	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
MICH					
Nico Collins	6	73	12.2	0	36
Zach Gentry	3	46	15.3	0	22
Nick Eubanks	2	45	22.5	0	24
Donovan Peoples-Jones	2	14	7.0	0	9
Jared Wangler	1	9	9.0	0	9
Karan Higdon	1	9	9.0	0	9
NW					
Flynn Nagel	6	65	10.8	0	15
JJ Jefferson	1	36	36.0	0	36
Bennett Skowronek	3	25	8.3	0	10
Ramaud Chiaokhiao-Bowman	4	24	6.0	0	8
Kyric McGowan	1	15	15.0	0	15
John Moten IV	1	9	9.0	0	9