

WEEK NINE  
 BALL STATE AT OHIO

Ohio runs for 411 yards, overpowers Ball State 52-14

ATHENS, Ohio -- Nathan Rourke threw a touchdown pass and ran for two scores and Ohio gained 411 yards on the ground in the Bobcats' 52-14 victory over Ball State on Thursday night.

Ohio (5-3, 3-1 Mid-American Conference), averaging 208 yards on the ground, rushed for 208 yards and three touchdowns in the first half to help build a 31-7 lead. The Bobcats extended it to 52-7 with three rushing touchdowns in the third.

Ohio had its first 400-yard rushing game since 2005. The Bobcats have won five straight MAC home games,

Ohio capitalized on a Ball State fumble as A.J. Ouellette capped a 40-yard drive with a powerful run up the middle for a 17-7 lead. Rourke made it 24-7 on a 2-yard sneak with 1:23 left in the half and he connected with Andrew Meyer from 21 yards on their next drive.

Riley Neal threw a touchdown pass for Ball State (3-6, 2-3), and backup quarterback Drew Plitt had a rushing score.

<b>Final</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>T</b>
<b>BALL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>OHIO</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>52</b>

**Scoring Summary** -----

	BALL	OHIO
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
BALL TD 4:06 Riley Miller 18 Yd pass from Riley Neal (Morgan Hagee Kick)	7	0
<b>second Quarter</b>		
OHIO TD 14:54 Maleek Irons 6 Yd Run (Louie Zervos Kick)	7	7
OHIO FG 9:54 Louie Zervos 23 Yd Field Goal	7	10
OHIO TD 7:08 A.J. Ouellette 9 Yd Run (Louie Zervos Kick)	7	17
OHIO TD 1:23 Nathan Rourke 2 Yd Run (Louie Zervos Kick)	7	24
OHIO TD 0:02 Andrew Meyer 21 Yd pass from Nathan Rourke (Louie Zervos Kick)	7	31
<b>third Quarter</b>		
OHIO TD 9:42 Nathan Rourke 3 Yd Run (Louie Zervos Kick)	7	38
OHIO TD 8:15 A.J. Ouellette 44 Yd Run (Louie Zervos Kick)	7	45
OHIO TD 4:47 Maleek Irons 1 Yd Run (Louie Zervos Kick)	7	52
<b>fourth Quarter</b>		
BALL TD 2:53 Drew Plitt 8 Yd Run (Morgan Hagee Kick)	14	52

Team Stats	BALL	OHIO
First Downs	11	30
Total Yards	242	554
Total Plays	55	79
Avg Gain Per Play	4.4	7.0
Net Yards Rushing	80	411
Rushes	23	57
Yards Per Rush	3.5	7.2
Net Yards Passing	162	143
Comp-Att	16-32	12-22
Yards Per Pass	5.1	6.5
Times Sacked	2	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-11	0
Interceptions	1	1
Punts	8	1
Punt Average	37.8	43.0
Penalties	6	3
Penalty Yards	54	20
Fumbles	3	1
Fumbles Lost	2	0
<b>Possession</b>	<b>21:09</b>	<b>38:51</b>

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
<b>BALL</b>					
34 James Gilbert	9	52	5.8	16	0
15 Riley Neal	3	20	6.7	19	0
9 Drew Plitt	6	5	0.8	8	1
4 Malik Dunner	2	4	2.0	4	0
24 Markice Hurt Jr.	3	-1	-0.3	1	0
<b>OHIO</b>					
45 A.J. Ouellette	13	135	10.4	44	2
21 Maleek Irons	16	102	6.4	22	2
12 Nathan Rourke	8	77	9.6	37	2
22 David Burroughs	7	50	7.1	14	0
27 Jake Neatherton	10	38	3.8	9	0
7 Quinton Maxwell	3	9	3.0	9	0

**PASSING**

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
<b>BALL</b>							
9 Drew Plitt	9	17	86	5.1	0	1	83.7
15 Riley Neal	7	15	76	5.1	1	0	111.2
<b>OHIO</b>							
12 Nathan Rourke	11	19	127	6.7	1	1	120.9
7 Quinton Maxwell	1	3	16	5.3	0	0	78.1

**RECEIVING**

	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
<b>BALL</b>					
12 Justin Hall	4	42	10.5	32	0
84 Trevor Hohlt	3	33	11.0	20	0
85 Yo'Heinz Tyler	1	31	31.0	31	0
86 Riley Miller	2	30	15.0	18	1
19 Devin Reece	2	22	11.0	21	0
34 James Gilbert	2	7	3.5	7	0
89 Keyan Williams	1	5	5.0	5	0
4 Malik Dunner	1	-8	-8.0	0	0
<b>OHIO</b>					
9 Andrew Meyer	4	50	12.5	21	1
4 Papi White	3	35	11.7	23	0
6 Isiah Cox	1	24	24.0	24	0
45 A.J. Ouellette	2	18	9.0	9	0
3 Cameron Odom	2	16	8.0	8	0