

KALAMAZOO, Mich. (AP) Nathan Rourke threw three touchdown passes, rushed for two scores and Ohio used six turnovers to ease past Western Michigan 59-14 on Thursday night.

Ohio led 45-0 at halftime after Western Michigan turned it over five times. Rourke scored on a 6-yard sneak and he found Papi White in the back of the end zone less than three minutes later. DL Knock blocked a punt and Alvin Floyd returned it 13 yards for a 21-0 first-quarter lead.

In the second quarter, Jarren Hampton's interception led to Rourke's 13-yard rush for a 28-0 lead. Western Michigan fumbled it on its next two possessions, leading to a field goal and Rourke's 8-yard TD pass to Adam Luehrman. After Western Michigan's four-and-out, Rourke passed it to Isiah Cox for a 10-yard score with 47 seconds left in the half.

Rourke was 12-of-14 passing for 149 yards and he carried it nine times for 68 yards for Ohio (6-3, 4-1 Mid-American Conference), which is bowl eligible for the 10th straight season.

Western Michigan (6-4, 4-2) was held to 119 yards in the first half, with four fumbles and an interception.

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OHIO	21	24	7	7	59
WMU	0	0	7	7	14

  

Scoring Summary -----		OHIO	WMU
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>			
OHIO TD 7:18			
Nathan Rourke 6 Yd Run (Louie Zervos Kick)			
9 plays, 78 yards, 4:52	7		0
OHIO TD 4:26			
Papi White 8 Yd pass from Nathan Rourke (Louie Zervos Kick)			
3 plays, 19 yards, 1:31	14		0
OHIO TD 2:49			
Alvin Floyd 13 Yd Return of Blocked Punt (Louie Zervos Kick)			
3 plays, 8 yards, 1:37	21		0
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>			
OHIO TD 7:16			
Nathan Rourke 13 Yd Run (Louie Zervos Kick)			
3 plays, 64 yards, 1:09	28		0
OHIO FG 4:42			
Louie Zervos 30 Yd Field Goal			
5 plays, -4 yards, 2:29	31		0
OHIO TD 4:01			
Adam Luehrman 8 Yd pass from Nathan Rourke (Louie Zervos Kick)			
2 plays, 11 yards, 0:41	38		0
OHIO TD 0:47			
Isiah Cox 10 Yd pass from Nathan Rourke (Louie Zervos Kick)			
5 plays, 44 yards, 1:52	45		0
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>			
WMU TD 8:50			
Jamauri Bogan 1 Yd Run (Gavin Peddie Kick)			
11 plays, 65 yards, 5:14	45		7
OHIO TD 5:14			
A.J. Ouellette 17 Yd Run (Louie Zervos Kick)			
2 plays, 49 yards, 0:30	52		7
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>			
WMU TD 10:36			
Jaylen Hall 26 Yd pass from Kaleb Eleby (Gavin Peddie Kick)			
8 plays, 80 yards, 4:10	52		14
OHIO TD 6:49			
Quinton Maxwell 18 Yd Run (Louie Zervos Kick)			
6 plays, 50 yards, 3:47	59		14

Team Stats	OHIO	WMU
First Downs	24	13
Total Yards	420	270
Total Plays	60	59
Avg Gain Per Play	7.0	4.6
Net Yards Rushing	256	118
Rushes	41	40
Yards Per Rush	6.2	3.0
Net Yards Passing	164	152
Comp-Att	13-19	10-19
Yards Per Pass	8.6	8.0
Times Sacked	0	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	0	-8
Interceptions	0	2
Punts	4	5
Punt Average	40.3	32.2
Penalties	8	6
Penalty Yards	75	51
Fumbles	0	4
Fumbles Lost	0	4
Possession	30:56	29:04

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

OHIO	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
45 A.J. Ouellette	8	71	8.9	32	1
12 Nathan Rourke	9	68	7.6	17	2
21 Maleek Irons	8	49	6.1	18	0
22 David Burroughs	5	35	7.0	10	0
28 O'Shaan Allison	7	24	3.4	7	0
7 Quinton Maxwell	2	18	9.0	18	1
4 Papi White	1	-7	-7.0	0	0
WMU	Rush	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
28 Chase Brown	15	52	3.5	18	0
2 LeVante Bellamy	9	42	4.7	14	0
22 Davon Tucker	5	19	3.8	8	0
32 Jamauri Bogan	9	10	1.1	6	1
9 Kaleb Eleby	2	-5	-2.5	0	0

**PASSING**

OHIO	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
12 Nathan Rourke	12	14	149	10.6	3	0	245.8
7 Quinton Maxwell	1	5	15	3.0	0	0	45.2
WMU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
9 Kaleb Eleby	10	19	152	8.0	1	2	116.1

**RECEIVING**

OHIO	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
9 Andrew Meyer	4	65	16.3	33	0
4 Papi White	4	39	9.8	15	1
6 Isiah Cox	3	39	13.0	15	1
3 Cameron Odom	1	13	13.0	13	0
44 Adam Luehrman	1	8	8.0	8	1
WMU	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
7 D'Wayne Eskridge	3	50	16.7	21	0
13 Keishawn Watson	1	40	40.0	40	0
11 Jaylen Hall	1	26	26.0	26	1
87 Jayden Reed	2	13	6.5	8	0
38 Odell Miller	1	12	12.0	12	0
6 Drake Harris	1	6	6.0	6	0
15 Giovanni Ricci	1	5	5.0	5	0