

**WEEK TEN**  
**OHIO ST AT MICHIGAN ST**

EAST LANSING, Mich. -- Drue Chrisman kept Michigan State pinned back with a sensational second half of punting, and eighth-ranked Ohio State eventually pulled away for a 26-6 victory over the 24th-ranked Spartans on Saturday.

In a tight defensive struggle, the Buckeyes (9-1, 6-1 Big Ten, No. 10 CFP) enjoyed a huge advantage in field position during the second half. Chrisman's punts forced Michigan State (6-4, 4-3, No. 18) to start its first five drives after halftime from its own 5, 6, 3, 1 and 2-yard line.

On the fourth of those possessions, the Spartans had to punt from their own end zone. They took a safety that appeared intentional, giving Ohio State a 9-6 lead, but that did little to help flip the field position. The ensuing free kick went out of bounds, giving the Buckeyes the ball at the 50, and then Chrisman pinned Michigan State back again.

Ohio State capitalized on that punt when a shotgun snap by Michigan State hit the man in motion. Dre'Mont Jones recovered the fumble for the Buckeyes in the end zone, giving Ohio State a 16-6 advantage.

"We just kept playing the field-position game," Buckeyes coach Urban Meyer said. "We always talk about the offense's job in a game like this -- get two first downs, get the ball to midfield and let's get the ball down inside the 10-yard line."

Both offenses found the going tough. Michigan State was 2 for 16 on third down. The Spartans used both Brian Lewerke and Rocky Lombardi at quarterback but never reached the end zone.

"It's not easy to call plays off the goal line," Michigan State coach Mark Dantonio said.

Chrisman's day actually started in embarrassing fashion when his first punt went for only 4 yards, but Michigan State couldn't take advantage. Ohio State opened the scoring late in the second quarter on a 1-yard pass from Dwayne Haskins to Parris Campbell. It was 7-3 at halftime.

The Spartans had a third-quarter touchdown called back for a penalty. They settled for a field goal on that drive to make it 7-6, but that was as close as they got.

**THE TAKEAWAY**

Ohio State: This was likely the Buckeyes' toughest remaining challenge before a late-November showdown with Michigan. Ohio State remains very much in contention for the Big Ten title after shutting down Michigan State's offense and winning the special teams battle. The Buckeyes have won seven straight road games in this series.

Michigan State: Lombardi appeared to give the Spartans a spark late in the first half, but Michigan State's offense couldn't sustain any momentum, thanks in part to all the bad field position. The Spartans' top-ranked run defense looked the part, but they weren't able to move the ball well enough.

**POLL IMPLICATIONS**

Michigan State will likely drop out of the Top 25, while Ohio State will hope a solid win on the road will impress the voters and the playoff committee.

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OSU	0	7	2	17	26
MSU	0	3	3	0	6

**Scoring Summary -----**

	OSU	MSU
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
OSU TD 1:29		
Parris Campbell 1 Yd pass from Dwayne Haskins (Blake Haubeil Kick)	7	0
11 plays, 55 yards, 4:26		
MSU FG 0:30		
Matt Coghlin 44 Yd Field Goal		3
7 plays, 49 yards, 0:59	7	3
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
MSU FG 5:35		
Matt Coghlin 38 Yd Field Goal		6
8 plays, 74 yards, 2:45	7	6
OSU SF 0:42		
Team Safety		6
4 plays, -1 yard, 0:14	9	6
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
OSU TD 14:03		
Dre'Mont Jones 0 Yd Fumble Return (Blake Haubeil Kick)		6
1 play, -2 yards, 0:09	16	6
OSU FG 12:22		
Blake Haubeil 35 Yd Field Goal		6
4 plays, -3 yards, 1:34	19	6
OSU TD 1:12		
Mike Weber 2 Yd Run (Blake Haubeil Kick)		6
9 plays, 42 yards, 3:59	26	6

Team Stats	OSU	MSU
First Downs	21	12
Total Yards	347	274
Total Plays	84	66
Avg Gain Per Play	4.1	4.2
Net Yards Rushing	120	54
Rushes	45	18
Yards Per Rush	2.7	3.0
Net Yards Passing	227	220
Comp-Att	24-39	18-48
Yards Per Pass	5.8	4.6
Times Sacked	2	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-11	0
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	9	8
Punt Average	37.8	40.3
Penalties	4	7
Penalty Yards	30	46
Fumbles	1	4
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Possession	37:29	22:31

**Individual Stats**

**RUSHING**

OSU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Mike Weber	22	104	4.7	1	18
J.K. Dobbins	14	28	2.0	0	8
Parris Campbell	2	9	4.5	0	7
Tate Martell	1	5	5.0	0	5
Dwayne Haskins	3	-11	-3.7	0	0
Team	3	-15	-5.0	0	0

MSU	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Rocky Lombardi	3	49	16.3	0	47
La'Darius Jefferson	2	4	2.0	0	4
Brian Lewerke	6	4	0.7	0	4
Connor Heyward	4	1	0.3	0	5
Team	3	-4	-1.3	0	0

**PASSING**

OSU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Dwayne Haskins	24	39	227	5.8	1	0	118.9

MSU	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Brian Lewerke	11	28	128	4.6	0	1	70.5
Rocky Lombardi	7	20	92	4.6	0	0	77.5

**RECEIVING**

OSU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Terry McLaurin	5	63	12.6	0	21
Parris Campbell	6	42	7.0	1	10
Chris Olave	2	41	20.5	0	25
K.J. Hill	6	38	6.3	0	17
Rashod Berry	2	26	13.0	0	15
Luke Farrell	1	10	10.0	0	10
J.K. Dobbins	1	9	9.0	0	9
Mike Weber	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

MSU	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Cody White	8	115	14.4	0	27
Darrell Stewart Jr.	4	42	10.5	0	18
Cam Chambers	3	30	10.0	0	18
Brandon Sowards	1	12	12.0	0	12
Matt Dotson	1	12	12.0	0	12
Connor Heyward	1	9	9.0	0	9