

WEEK FOUR
CENTRAL MICHIGAN at MIAMI,FL

Miami barely gets past Central Michigan, 17-12 MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. -- Miami's worst game of the season was good enough to beat Central Michigan.

Jarren Williams passed for 250 yards and a touchdown, DeeJay Dallas ran for another score and Miami -- a 30-point favorite -- needed a takeaway in the final seconds to seal a 17-12 win over Central Michigan. "Tonight was our second win, but probably our fourth-best performance of the four that we've had so far," Miami coach Manny Diaz said. "With all that being said, the only thing we could accomplish here today was beat Central Michigan -- which, after the course of 60 minutes when everything was added up, that's what we got done."

Barely.

The Hurricanes gave up four sacks, committed 13 penalties, allowed a safety, dropped an interception, got a punt blocked, went 1 for 10 on third downs and ran for only 51 yards on 34 attempts -- against a Mid-American Conference team whose only other outing against a Power 5 opponent so far this season resulted in a 61-0 beating at Wisconsin.

And at the end, it took a 59-yard field-changing punt from Miami's Louis Hedley to pin Central Michigan deep in the final minute and an interception with six seconds remaining before Miami (2-2) could finally exhale.

"I'm really proud of those kids in that locker room," said Central Michigan coach Jim McElwain, the former Florida coach whose return to the Sunshine State almost delivered a big upset. "They made a decision and a choice this week to go out and really play hard. And I tell you what, we played hard -- which was great to see."

Brevin Jordan caught three passes for 70 yards for the Hurricanes, who went 85 yards relatively easily for a touchdown on their first drive and then managed a total of only 117 yards and seven points on their next nine possessions. K.J. Osborn had a touchdown catch in the third quarter for Miami.

"We were just really hurting ourselves," Jordan said. "We've just got to execute better. ... We're going to clean it up."

Ryan Tice kicked a career-long 55-yard field goal for Central Michigan (2-2). The Chippewas got within five on David Moore's 1-yard keeper with 3:21 left, capping a 17-play drive that was extended in part by four Miami penalties near the goal line.

"Their quarterback is a dude," Diaz said. "That guy can play."

Moore finished 23 of 50 for 217 yards. Williams completed 17 of 24 passes for Miami.

McElwain said he asked his team for one thing, and it delivered.

"When the game was over, be able to look yourself in the mirror and say 'You know what, I gave everything I had,'" McElwain said. "We had about 63 guys on the trip that gave everything they had."

THE TAKEAWAY

Central Michigan: The Chippewas are now 0-4 all-time in the state of Florida, getting outscored 185-41. The next time they're scheduled to come to Florida is 2024 for a game at FIU. ... Tice's field goal was two yards shy of the CMU school record, that being a 57-yarder by Rade Davich against Ball State in 1975.

Miami: The Hurricanes had a rare 1st-and-1 from the Central Michigan 46 early in the third quarter, after a downfield holding penalty nullified much of a big gain on a screen pass. ... Kicker Bubba Baxa made a 22-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, after a 27-yard miss was wiped out by a penalty. Baxa had missed a kick from 30 yards or less in each of Miami's first three games.

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CMU	0	2	3	7	12
MIAMI	7	0	7	3	17

Scoring Summary -----

Quarter	Time	Team	Score	CMU	MIA
FIRST QUARTER					
MIA	TD 8:32	DeeJay Dallas 1 Yd Run (Bubba Baxa Kick)	0-7	0	7
8 plays, 85 yards, 4:08					
SECOND QUARTER					
CMU	SF 11:06	Team Safety	0-7	2	7
3 plays, -7 yards, 0:50					
THIRD QUARTER					
MIA	TD 10:45	K.J. Osborn 6 Yd pass from Jarren Williams (Bubba Baxa Kick)	0-14	2	14
8 plays, 75 yards, 4:15					
CMU	FG 1:27	Ryan Tice 55 Yd Field Goal	5-14	5	14
4 plays, 3 yards, 1:17					
FOURTH QUARTER					
MIA	FG 11:41	Bubba Baxa 22 Yd Field Goal	5-17	5	17
9 plays, 73 yards, 4:46					
CMU	TD 3:16	David Moore 1 Yd Run (Ryan Tice Kick)	12-17	12	17
17 plays, 55 yards, 8:25					

Team Stats	CMU	MIA
First Downs	21	16
Passes for First	12	9
Rushes for First	2	5
Penalties for First	7	2
Third Down Efficiency	6-18	1-10
Fourth Down Efficiency	2-2	1-2
Total Yards	245	296
Total Plays	78	58
Avg Gain Per Play	3.1	5.1
Net Yards Rushing	31	51
Rushes	27	34
Yards Per Rush	1.1	1.5
Net Yards Passing	214	245
Comp-Att	23-51	17-24
Yards Per Pass	4.2	10.2
Times Sacked	4	4
Yds Lost To Sacks	-30	-37
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	6	5
Punt Average	0.0	0.0
Penalties	9	13
Penalty Yards	60	93
Fumbles	2	2
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Time of Poss	32:46	27:14

Individual Stats

RUSHING					
Team	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
CENTRAL MICH					
Kobe Lewis	15	45	3.0	0	10
Lew Nichols	5	5	1.0	0	4
David Moore	7	-19	-2.7	1	11
MIAMI, FL					
DeeJay Dallas	14	34	2.4	1	12
Cam'Ron Harris	9	20	2.2	0	7
Mike Harley	1	5	5.0	0	5
Jeff Thomas	2	5	2.5	0	10
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Dee Wiggins	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Jarren Williams	6	-9	-1.5	0	11

PASSING							
Team	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
CENTRAL MICH							
David Moore	23	50	217	4.3	0	1	29.8
Tommy Lazzaro	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	17.4
MIAMI, FL							
Jarren Williams	17	24	250	10.4	1	0	57.8

RECEIVING					
Team	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
CENTRAL MICH					
Kalil Pimpleton	11	73	6.6	0	20
Tyrone Scott	3	69	23.0	0	30
JaCorey Sullivan	3	39	13.0	0	22
Kobe Lewis	4	22	5.5	0	13
Tony Poljan	1	13	13.0	0	13
Bernhard Raimann	1	1	1.0	0	1
MIAMI, FL					
Brevin Jordan	3	70	23.3	0	27
Will Mallory	2	59	29.5	0	38
Brian Hightower	3	37	12.3	0	19
Jeff Thomas	3	29	9.7	0	19
Mike Harley	2	24	12.0	0	22
DeeJay Dallas	1	19	19.0	0	19
K.J. Osborn	1	6	6.0	1	6
Cam'Ron Harris	2	6	3.0	0	6