

WEEK FIVE
INDIANA at MICHIGAN ST

No. 25 Michigan State outlasts Indiana 40-31

EAST LANSING, Mich. -- Matt Coghlin made a tie-breaking 21-yard field goal with 5 seconds remaining, and No. 25 Michigan State beat Indiana 40-31 on Saturday.

After Coghlin's kick gave the Spartans (4-1, 2-0 Big Ten) a 34-31 lead, Indiana tried to lateral its way down the field on its final offensive play, but that resulted in a fumble that Michigan State recovered for a touchdown.

Brian Lewerke threw for 300 yards and three touchdowns for the Spartans, who held off the upset-minded Hoosiers (3-2, 0-2) on a rare day when Michigan State's defense struggled. Michael Penix Jr. returned for Indiana after missing the previous two games with an undisclosed injury -- and he gave the Spartans fits, completing 20 passes in a row during one stretch.

Penix threw for three touchdowns, including an 11-yarder to Whop Philyor that tied the game at 31 with 2:00 remaining. Lewerke immediately led the Spartans back down the field. Darrell Stewart outfought defensive back Jaylin Williams for a 44-yard reception, then Lewerke broke free for a 30-yard run that put the ball at the 1.

Rather than try to score right away, the Spartans ran the clock down and set up Coghlin's kick.

Elijah Collins gave Michigan State a 7-0 lead with a 4-yard scoring run, but Indiana answered late in the first quarter with a 28-yard TD pass from Penix to Philyor.

Lewerke put the Spartans back ahead with a 5-yard touchdown pass to Stewart in the second, but Penix scored on a 2-yard run to tie it at 14.

Lewerke found Stewart for a 26-yard TD with 33 seconds left in the half.

Penix completed his last seven pass attempts of the first half and his first 13 of the second, but Michigan State held the Hoosiers to a field goal in the red zone to start the third quarter.

Indiana went ahead 24-21 with 14:52 remaining in the fourth on a 12-yard touchdown pass from Penix to Donovan Hale, who appeared to make the catch with one hand while cornerback Josiah Scott was draped all over him.

Michigan State went back ahead 28-24 with 12:12 remaining when Lewerke threw a 10-yard scoring pass to Matt Seybert.

THE TAKEAWAY

Indiana: The Hoosiers had an impressive game plan, throwing quick, short passes and largely negating Michigan State's pass rush. It wasn't enough for a win, but Penix is a redshirt freshman and seems to have a bright future.

Michigan State: The Spartans' offense has been deservedly criticized this year, but this is now back-to-back games with more than 30 points. Lewerke and Co. responded under pressure late in this one.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

The Spartans were barely in the Top 25, and this wasn't an especially convincing win -- but unlike in their previous home game against Arizona State, they were able to prevail in the end.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
IND	7	7	3	14	31
MSU	7	14	0	19	40

Scoring Summary -----

	IND	MSU
FIRST QUARTER		
MSU TD 8:04 Elijah Collins 4 Yd Run (Matt Coghlin Kick)	0	7
6 plays, 71 yards, 2:11		
IND TD 1:35 Whop Philyor 28 Yd pass from Michael Penix Jr. (Logan Justus Kick)	7	7
6 plays, 68 yards, 2:04		
SECOND QUARTER		
MSU TD 12:55 Darrell Stewart Jr. 5 Yd pass from Brian Lewerke (Matt Coghlin Kick)	7	14
10 plays, 75 yards, 3:40		
IND TD 4:07 Michael Penix Jr. 2 Yd Run (Logan Justus Kick)	14	14
10 plays, 80 yards, 5:38		
MSU TD 0:33 Darrell Stewart Jr. 26 Yd pass from Brian Lewerke (Matt Coghlin Kick)	14	21
5 plays, 56 yards, 0:46		
THIRD QUARTER		
IND FG 8:23 Logan Justus 26 Yd Field Goal	17	21
12 plays, 81 yards, 6:32		
FOURTH QUARTER		
IND TD 14:52 Donovan Hale 12 Yd pass from Michael Penix Jr. (Logan Justus Kick)	24	21
13 plays, 80 yards, 6:36		
MSU TD 12:12 Matt Seybert 10 Yd pass from Brian Lewerke (Matt Coghlin Kick)	24	28
2 plays, 26 yards, 0:30		
MSU FG 3:33 Matt Coghlin 44 Yd Field Goal	24	31
13 plays, 54 yards, 6:25		
IND TD 2:00 Whop Philyor 11 Yd pass from Michael Penix Jr. (Logan Justus Kick)	31	31
6 plays, 78 yards, 1:27		
MSU FG 0:05 Matt Coghlin 21 Yd Field Goal	31	34
5 plays, 72 yards, 1:55		
MSU TD 0:00 Michael Dowell 0 Yd Fumble Return	31	40
1 play, -25 yards, 0:05		

Team Stats	IND	MSU
First Downs	26	23
Passes for First	16	12
Rushes for First	5	9
Penalties for First	5	2
Third Down Efficiency	6-13	5-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	1-2
Total Yards	356	442
Total Plays	70	70
Avg Gain Per Play	5.1	6.3
Net Yards Rushing	70	142
Rushes	28	34
Yards Per Rush	2.5	4.2
Net Yards Passing	286	300
Comp-Att	33-42	18-36
Yards Per Pass	6.8	8.3
Times Sacked	1	0
Yds Lost To Sacks	-6	0
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	5	4
Punt Average	45.8	54.3
Penalties	9	6
Penalty Yards	85	61
Fumbles	1	0
Fumbles Lost	1	0
Time of Poss	34:20	25:40

Individual Stats

RUSHING

INDIANA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Stevie Scott III	18	66	3.7	0	19
Ronnie Walker Jr.	4	11	2.8	0	6
Whop Philyor	1	6	6.0	0	6
Team	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Michael Penix Jr.	2	-4	-2.0	1	2
Sampson James	2	-7	-3.5	0	0
MICHIGAN ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Brian Lewerke	12	78	6.5	0	30
Elijah Collins	17	56	3.3	1	19
Laress Nelson	1	5	5.0	0	5
La'Darius Jefferson	2	4	2.0	0	5
Anthony Williams Jr.	1	2	2.0	0	2
Team	1	-3	-3.0	0	0

PASSING

INDIANA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Michael Penix Jr.	33	42	286	6.8	3	0	
MICHIGAN ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Brian Lewerke	18	36	300	8.3	3	0	

RECEIVING

INDIANA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Whop Philyor	14	142	10.1	2	28
Donavan Hale	7	99	14.1	1	28
Stevie Scott III	4	28	7.0	0	13
Ty Fryfogle	3	25	8.3	0	16
Peyton Hendershot	2	8	4.0	0	5
David Ellis	1	7	7.0	0	7
Nick Westbrook	2	3	1.5	0	5
Michael Penix Jr.	0	-26	0.0	0	0
MICHIGAN ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Darrell Stewart Jr.	5	117	23.4	2	44
Cody White	4	67	16.8	0	30
Matt Seybert	3	43	14.3	1	25
C.J. Hayes	3	38	12.7	0	20
Elijah Collins	1	16	16.0	0	16
Trenton Gillison	1	12	12.0	0	12
Matt Dotson	1	7	7.0	0	7