

WEEK SIX
PURDUE at PENN ST

Clifford leads No. 12 Penn State past Purdue 35-7

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. -- Sean Clifford threw for 264 yards with three touchdowns and ran for another score as No. 12 Penn State routed Purdue 35-7 on Saturday.

The Nittany Lions (5-0, 2-0 Big Ten) were dominant on defense, with 10 sacks, one shy of the school single-game record. The Boilermakers were held to 104 yards.

Playing without starting quarterback Elijah Sindelar and star receiver Rondale Moore, the Boilermakers didn't cross midfield until their sixth possession midway through the second.

Penn State jumped out fast, scoring on its first four drives, none lasting longer than 3:41.

KJ Hamler beat single coverage for a 23-yard touchdown catch to open the scoring and Clifford added a 3-yard touchdown run to cap Penn State's second possession. The Nittany Lions turned a three-and-out by Purdue into an easy score immediately after when Jahan Dotson caught a pass over the middle and raced 72 yards, getting a good block from Hamler on the way to the end zone.

Penn State finished another quick drive with a 7-yard pass from Clifford to tight end Pat Freiermuth early in the second quarter. Noah Cain finished with 105 yards on 12 carries and added a 2-yard rushing touchdown in the fourth.

Yetur Gross-Matos and Shaka Toney combined for five sacks for Penn State. Clifford completed 20 of his 29 passes.

Purdue finally broke Penn State's seven-quarter shutout streak dating to Week 3 when Plummer connected with Amad Anderson Jr. on a 15-yard touchdown pass. Anderson's catch made it 28-7 in the second quarter.

Plummer finished with 119 yards on 13-for-27 passing. He was sacked on two of Purdue's final three plays of the first half before slowly pulling himself up and wobbling into the locker room. He was replaced later with Aidan O'Connell.

THE TAKEAWAY

Purdue: The banged-up Boilermakers were overmatched early but settled down and held Penn State's multi-headed offense off for much of the second half. Getting Moore back at some point should help, but he's not going to help a defense that entered the day allowing 451 yards and 33 points per game.

Penn State: The Nittany Lions built a big lead off explosive plays and were able to play the second half close to the vest. They opted to chew clock rather than air it out, mindful that a much tougher tests awaits in Iowa City next week.

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PUR	0	7	0	0	7
PSU	21	7	0	7	35

Scoring Summary -----

	PUR	PSU
FIRST QUARTER		
PSU TD 10:22 KJ Hamler 23 Yd pass from Sean Clifford (Jake Pinegar Kick)		7
6 plays, 56 yards, 2:35	0	
PSU TD 7:04 Sean Clifford 3 Yd Run (Jake Pinegar Kick)		14
5 plays, 33 yards, 2:14	0	
PSU TD 5:20 Jahan Dotson 72 Yd pass from Sean Clifford (Jake Pinegar Kick)		21
2 plays, 71 yards, 1:01	0	
SECOND QUARTER		
PSU TD 14:17 Pat Freiermuth 7 Yd pass from Sean Clifford (Jake Pinegar Kick)		28
7 plays, 65 yards, 3:41	0	
PUR TD 7:18 Amad Anderson Jr. 15 Yd pass from Jack Plummer (J.D. Delinger Kick)		28
5 plays, 62 yards, 2:34	7	
FOURTH QUARTER		
PSU TD 5:44 Noah Cain 2 Yd Run (Jake Pinegar Kick)		35
7 plays, 87 yards, 2:09	7	

Team Stats	PUR	PSU
First Downs	8	24
Passes for First	4	10
Rushes for First	3	11
Penalties for First	1	3
Third Down Efficiency	1-14	8-15
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	1-1
Total Yards	104	460
Total Plays	56	75
Avg Gain Per Play	1.9	6.1
Net Yards Rushing	-19	196
Rushes	28	46
Yards Per Rush	-0.7	4.3
Net Yards Passing	123	264
Comp-Att	14-28	20-29
Yards Per Pass	4.4	9.1
Times Sacked	10	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-86	-10
Interceptions	0	1
Punts	12	5
Punt Average	38.6	39.2
Penalties	7	4
Penalty Yards	37	49
Fumbles	2	3
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Time of Poss	26:22	33:38

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
PURDUE					
King Doerue	11	26	2.4	0	14
Jackson Anthrop	2	20	10.0	0	7
Zander Horvath	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jack Plummer	14	-65	-4.6	0	11
PENN ST					
Noah Cain	12	105	8.8	1	27
Devyn Ford	7	38	5.4	0	20
Sean Clifford	11	33	3.0	1	16
Journey Brown	5	21	4.2	0	6
Will Levis	2	7	3.5	0	7
Jahan Dotson	1	4	4.0	0	4
Ricky Slade	4	2	0.5	0	4
Team	2	-5	-2.5	0	0
KJ Hamler	2	-9	-4.5	0	0

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
PURDUE							
Jack Plummer	13	27	119	4.4	1	0	
Aidan O'Connell	1	4	4.0	0	0		
PENN ST							
Sean Clifford	20	29	264	9.1	3	1	

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
PURDUE					
David Bell	3	56	18.7	0	43
Jackson Anthrop	7	41	5.9	0	14
Amad Anderson Jr.	1	15	15.0	1	15
Payne Durham	1	8	8.0	0	8
Brycen Hopkins	1	3	3.0	0	3
Alfred Armour	1	0	0.0	0	0
PENN ST					
Jahan Dotson	2	79	39.5	1	72
Nick Bowers	3	66	22.0	0	48
KJ Hamler	3	41	13.7	1	23
Daniel George	2	31	15.5	0	22
Noah Cain	3	25	8.3	0	20
Pat Freiermuth	3	16	5.3	1	7
Dan Chisena	1	6	6.0	0	6
Journey Brown	2	1	0.5	0	1
Ricky Slade	1	-1	-1.0	0	0