

WEEK ONE
FLORIDA ATLANTIC at OHIO ST

Fields' Day: New QB helps Ohio State roll over FAU 45-21

COLUMBUS, Ohio -- Justin Fields threw four touchdown passes and ran for a score in his first game for Ohio State and the fifth-ranked Buckeyes rolled over FAU 45-21 on Saturday in the season opener.

Fields, the five-star transfer from Georgia, made it look easy early, engineering touchdowns on Ohio State's first four drives. Despite some occasional rookie mistakes that caused the Buckeyes' offense to sputter in the second and third quarters, Fields finished 18 for 25 for 234 yards and a 51-yard touchdown run.

Tight end Jeremy Ruckert caught two touchdown passes, and Binjimen Victor and Chris Olave also had scoring grabs.

"I thought we came out to a great start early on, kind of clicking on both sides of the ball," Ohio State's Ryan Day, in his first season as Buckeyes' head coach. "We hit a little bit of a lull there, but overall a great start. We wanted to play clean."

Meanwhile, Florida Atlantic had trouble generating anything good until putting together a 75-yard drive in the fourth quarter for its first touchdown of the game.

Chris Robison finished 22 for 34 for 178 yards for the Owls. FAU was held to just 22 yards on the ground by a revamped Ohio State defense that was coming off a down season.

"If you play a top-five team like that, you have to do everything right just to have a chance," FAU coach Lane Kiffin said.

THE TAKEAWAY

FAU: The Owls had trouble keeping up with Ohio State's better athletes but mustered enough momentum for a couple of long fourth-quarter scoring drives after the game was already out of hand.

Ohio State: Fields' numbers look great, but he made his share of gaffes that led to the offense getting stuck. The first-team defense was excellent, holding FAU to a total of minus-14 yards in the first half. But against this opponent, it was hard to tell how good the Buckeyes really are.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

By doing what they were expected to do against a weaker team, Ohio State likely won't budge in the poll.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
FAU	0	3	3	15	21
OSU	28	0	7	10	45

Scoring Summary -----

	FAU	OSU
FIRST QUARTER		
OSU TD 13:07 Justin Fields 51 Yd Run (Blake Haubeil Kick)	0	7
4 plays, 70 yards, 1:53		
OSU TD 11:05 Jeremy Ruckert 25 Yd pass from Justin Fields (Blake Haubeil Kick)	0	14
2 plays, 26 yards, 0:36		
OSU TD 9:12 Binjimen Victor 32 Yd pass from Justin Fields (Blake Haubeil Kick)	0	21
3 plays, 58 yards, 0:37		
OSU TD 6:50 Chris Olave 29 Yd pass from Justin Fields (Blake Haubeil Kick)	0	28
4 plays, 46 yards, 1:02		
SECOND QUARTER		
FAU FG 0:33 Vladimir Rivas 28 Yd Field Goal	3	28
6 plays, 15 yards, 1:06		
THIRD QUARTER		
FAU FG 12:20 Vladimir Rivas 28 Yd Field Goal	6	28
10 plays, 65 yards, 2:40		
OSU TD 2:37 Jeremy Ruckert 3 Yd pass from Justin Fields (Blake Haubeil Kick)	6	35
10 plays, 52 yards, 3:27		
FOURTH QUARTER		
FAU TD 13:23 Larry McCammon III 3 Yd Run (Chris Robison Pass to John Mitchell for Two-Point Conversion)	14	35
15 plays, 75 yards, 4:14		
OSU TD 10:43 J.K. Dobbins 1 Yd Run (Blake Haubeil Kick)	14	42
7 plays, 40 yards, 2:40		
FAU TD 8:16 John Raine 2 Yd pass from Chris Robison (Vladimir Rivas Kick)	21	42
8 plays, 76 yards, 2:27		
OSU FG 2:59 Blake Haubeil 46 Yd Field Goal	21	45
9 plays, 45 yards, 5:17		

Team Stats	FAU	OSU
First Downs	17	24
Passes for First	12	9
Rushes for First	4	14
Penalties for First	1	1
Third Down Efficiency	5-17	7-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-1	0-0
Total Yards	228	469
Total Plays	73	74
Avg Gain Per Play	3.1	6.3
Net Yards Rushing	22	237
Rushes	33	48
Yards Per Rush	0.7	4.9
Net Yards Passing	206	232
Comp-Att	26-40	19-26
Yards Per Pass	5.2	8.9
Times Sacked	4	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-43	-6
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	9	4
Punt Average	47.2	43.8
Penalties	5	7
Penalty Yards	35	62
Fumbles	2	2
Fumbles Lost	0	2
Time of Poss	27:57	32:03

Individual Stats

RUSHING

FLORIDA ATLANTIC	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
James Charles	10	25	2.5	0	9
Larry McCammon III	11	22	2.0	1	6
BJ Emmons	1	1	1.0	0	1
Willie Wright	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Malcolm Davidson	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
Chris Robison	9	-24	-2.7	0	9

OHIO ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
J.K. Dobbins	21	91	4.3	1	17
Justin Fields	12	61	5.1	1	51
Master Teague III	8	49	6.1	0	21
Marcus Crowley	4	27	6.8	0	8
Demario McCall	2	11	5.5	0	6

PASSING

FLORIDA ATLANTIC	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Chris Robison	22	34	178	5.2	1	0	13.2
Justin Agner	3	5	30	6.0	0	1	39.3
James Charles	1	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	8.8

OHIO ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Justin Fields	18	25	234	9.4	4	0	96.1
Chris Chugunov	1	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	12.5

RECEIVING

FLORIDA ATLANTIC	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Harrison Bryant	6	79	13.2	0	26
Tavaris Harrison	4	57	14.3	0	38
John Raine	6	29	4.8	1	14
Dante Cousart	2	18	9.0	0	17
Larry McCammon III	3	15	5.0	0	12
John Mitchell	1	12	12.0	0	12
James Charles	1	8	8.0	0	8
BJ Emmons	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Willie Wright	2	-10	-5.0	0	0

OHIO ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Chris Olave	5	68	13.6	1	29
Binjimen Victor	2	65	32.5	1	33
Jeremy Ruckert	4	38	9.5	2	25
Austin Mack	2	21	10.5	0	12
K.J. Hill	3	21	7.0	0	11
J.K. Dobbins	1	14	14.0	0	14
Demario McCall	1	7	7.0	0	7
Jaelen Gill	1	-2	-2.0	0	0