

WEEK ONE  
MIDDLE TENNESSEE at MICHIGAN

Sluggish No. 7 Michigan beats Middle Tennessee 40-21

ANN ARBOR, Mich. -- Shea Patterson threw three touchdown passes and No. 7 Michigan easily won its season-opening game.

However, the dual-threat senior quarterback wasn't in a mood to celebrate.

Patterson lost a fumble on the first play of the game and put the ball on the turf again later in the game, casting a shadow on his perspective of the Wolverines' 40-21 win over Middle Tennessee on Saturday night.

"Obviously, didn't get off to a good start," Patterson said. "I've got to take care of the football."

Michigan unveiled its no-huddle, spread offense and it was plagued by mental and physical mistakes.

"We shot ourselves in the foot at times with pre-snap penalties and mishandling the ball," coach Jim Harbaugh said.

The Blue Raiders took advantage of two turnovers, scoring TDs after recovering both fumbles.

Asher O'Hara ran for an 18-yard TD after Patterson lost a fumble on a run to give the Blue Raiders a 7-0 lead. O'Hara threw a 2-yard pass for a score to Jarrin Pierce after Lavert Hill fumbled on a punt return to pull them within 10 points late in the first half.

"We didn't back down," coach Rick Stockstill said. "We didn't flinch, but we didn't play good enough to beat the No. 7 team in the country."

O'Hara was 22 of 32 for 217 yards with two TDs, an interception and a score on the ground.

"The stage didn't really affect me at all," he said.

Michigan pulled away in the second half, leading 40-14 after Dylan McCaffrey's 6-yard run late in the third quarter and Ben Van Sumner's 1-yard run with 6:37 left.

Patterson was 17 of 29 for 203 yards with TD passes to Tarik Black, Nico Collins and Sean McKeon. McCaffrey completed both of his passes for 17 yards and ran for 42 yards along with a score.

Michigan's Zach Charbonnet ran for 90 yards on eight carries in his college debut.

"I thought he played really well in protecting, seeing the holes, making the cuts, protecting the ball," Harbaugh said. "Looked like a very experienced back to me. The stage wasn't too big for him."

#### THE TAKEAWAY

Middle Tennessee: The Blue Raiders should good about being competitive in a game they were expected to lose by about five touchdowns.

"We fought for four quarters, nobody threw in the towel," linebacker DQ Thomas said. "We scored in the last 30 seconds. We had a late goal-line stop."

Michigan: New offensive coordinator Josh Gattis won't have a hard time finding teaching points following his debut after his quarterbacks combined to fumble three times.

"I got the ball in my hands every single play and I've got to take care of it," Patterson said.

#### BOUNCING BACK

Michigan cornerback Ambry Thomas, who was diagnosed with colitis this summer, had an interception and fumble recovery a little more than a week after being cleared to practice.

#### INJURY REPORT

Michigan running back Tru Wilson left the game with a hand injury after blocking a blitzing linebacker, giving Patterson time to throw a go-ahead, 36-yard TD pass to Black late in the first quarter. Black left the game in the first half with cramps, but was able to return. Defensive lineman Michael Dwumfour went to the sideline early in the game, dangling his right arm in pain.

Harbaugh said receiver Donovan Peoples-Jones and offensive tackle Jon Runyan may be able to play next week after missing the opener with undisclosed injuries.

#### BACK IN THE BOOTH

Matt Millen returned to the broadcast booth for Big Ten Network, coming back to work as an analyst after having heart transplant surgery.

#### POLL IMPLICATIONS

Michigan may not move much, up or down, after winning a game by a lopsided margin against an overmatched opponent.

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MTSU	7	7	0	7	21
MICH	10	17	6	7	40

#### Scoring Summary -----

	MTSU	MICH
<b>FIRST QUARTER</b>		
MTSU TD 12:52 Asher O'Hara 18 Yd Run (Crews Holt Kick)		
4 plays, 42 yards, 1:53	7	0
MICH FG 7:37 Jake Moody 34 Yd Field Goal		
12 plays, 57 yards, 5:15	7	3
MICH TD 0:21 Tarik Black 36 Yd pass from Shea Patterson (Quinn Nordin Kick)		
2 plays, 39 yards, 0:41	7	10
<b>SECOND QUARTER</b>		
MICH TD 12:54 Nico Collins 28 Yd pass from Shea Patterson (Quinn Nordin Kick)		
4 plays, 67 yards, 1:14	7	17
MICH TD 7:08 Sean McKeon 28 Yd pass from Shea Patterson (Quinn Nordin Kick)		
2 plays, 28 yards, 0:11	7	24
MTSU TD 2:12 Jarrin Pierce 2 Yd pass from Asher O'Hara (Crews Holt Kick)		
8 plays, 33 yards, 2:51	14	24
MICH FG 0:05 Jake Moody 27 Yd Field Goal		
12 plays, 52 yards, 2:07	14	27
<b>THIRD QUARTER</b>		
MICH TD 0:53 Dylan McCaffrey 6 Yd Run (Two-Point Run Conversion Failed)		
5 plays, 44 yards, 2:47	14	33
<b>FOURTH QUARTER</b>		
MICH TD 6:37 Ben VanSumeren 1 Yd Run (Quinn Nordin Kick)		
5 plays, 15 yards, 2:11	14	40
MTSU TD 1:06 Jimmy Marshall 59 Yd pass from Asher O'Hara (Crews Holt Kick)		
3 plays, 80 yards, 0:54	21	40

Team Stats	MTSU	MICH
First Downs	16	26
Passes for First	12	12
Rushes for First	3	10
Penalties for First	1	4
Third Down Efficiency	4-15	5-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	0-1
Total Yards	301	453
Total Plays	69	78
Avg Gain Per Play	4.4	5.8
Net Yards Rushing	67	233
Rushes	28	45
Yards Per Rush	2.4	5.2
Stat Name		
Net Yards Passing	234	220
Comp-Att	26-41	19-33
Yards Per Pass	5.7	6.7
Times Sacked	2	2
Yds Lost To Sacks	-12	-19
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	9	5
Punt Average	37.9	41.6
Penalties	8	8
Penalty Yards	54	55
Fumbles	2	4
Fumbles Lost	1	2
Time of Poss	26:44	33:16

#### Individual Stats

RUSHING							
MIDDLE TENN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Asher O'Hara	13	32	2.5	1	18		
Jayy McDonald	4	13	3.3	0	9		
Zack Dobson	3	12	4.0	0	5		
Terelle West	2	4	2.0	0	4		
DJ England-Chisolm	1	3	3.0	0	3		
Chaton Mobley	5	3	0.6	0	2		
MICHIGAN	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Zach Charbonnet	8	90	11.3	0	41		
Christian Turner	11	49	4.5	0	11		
Dylan McCaffrey	8	42	5.3	1	10		
Shea Patterson	9	28	3.1	0	15		
Joe Milton	1	9	9.0	0	9		
Tru Wilson	2	8	4.0	0	5		
Ben VanSumeren	4	7	1.8	1	3		
Hassan Haskins	2	0	0.0	0	1		
PASSING							
MIDDLE TENN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Asher O'Hara	22	32	217	6.8	2	1	41.7
Chase Cunningham	4	9	17	1.9	0	0	7.0
MICHIGAN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Shea Patterson	17	29	203	7.0	3	0	53.3
Dylan McCaffrey	2	2	17	8.5	0	0	46.5
Team	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	--
Joe Milton	0	1	0	0.0	0	0	9.5
RECEIVING							
MIDDLE TENN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Jimmy Marshall	1	59	59.0	1	59		
Ty Lee	4	52	13.0	0	18		
Jarrin Pierce	3	26	8.7	1	20		
Ruben Garnett	3	26	8.7	0	10		
Terelle West	2	16	8.0	0	9		
Brad Anderson	2	15	7.5	0	11		
Chaton Mobley	3	14	4.7	0	7		
CJ Windham	1	12	12.0	0	12		
Zack Dobson	1	10	10.0	0	10		
Jocquez Bruce	1	7	7.0	0	7		
Jayy McDonald	1	1	1.0	0	1		
Dalton Frantz	2	0	0.0	0	0		
Tyrese Johnson	1	-1	-1.0	0	0		
DJ England-Chisolm	1	-3	-3.0	0	0		
MICHIGAN	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Tarik Black	4	80	20.0	1	36		
Nico Collins	3	49	16.3	1	28		
Sean McKeon	2	37	18.5	1	28		
Cornelius Johnson	2	19	9.5	0	10		
Ronnie Bell	2	18	9.0	0	12		
Zach Charbonnet	2	9	4.5	0	5		
Nick Eubanks	2	5	2.5	0	5		
Christian Turner	1	2	2.0	0	2		
Dylan McCaffrey	1	1	1.0	0	1		