Huge rally lifts Central Michigan over Ball State 45-44

MUNCIE, Ind. -- Jonathan Ward rushed for 105 yards and four touch-downs, Tommy Lazaro ran for two fourth-quarter touchdowns, the second coming from the 2-yard line with 61 seconds left in the game, and Central Michigan overcame a big deficit and beat Ball State 45-44 on Saturday.

The Chippewas (7-4, 5-2 Mid-American Conference) trailed 27-11 at halftime and 41-31 heading into the final quarter. Central Michigan led 3-0 early and then didn't lead again until its final drive.

Ward ran for his first TD in the second quarter from 1 yard out and then added scoring runs of 6, 9 and 1 yard in the third quarter to get the Chippewas within 10 points.

Quinten Dormady completed 27 of 38 passes for 356 yards and one interception for the Chippewas. Tyrone Scott had four catches for 95 yards.

Drew Plitt finished 14-of-25 passing for 268 yards with three TDs and a pick for the Cardinals (4-6, 3-3). Justin Hall had four catches for 95 yards and two scores. Riley Miller caught the other scoring pass for Ball State. Walter Fletcher led the Cardinals' ground attack with 115 yards on 15 carries. Huntley added 106 yards rushing with a TD on 24 totes.

Final CMU	1 3	2 8	3 20	4 14		r 5	
BALL	3	24	14	3		4	
Scoring Summary	¥						
FIRST QUARTER CMU FG 8:03 Ryan					СМU		BALL
10 plays, 47 yard BALL FG 4:37 Ryan	n Rimmler	42 Yd	Field G	oal	3		0
8 plays, 50 yards SECOND QUARTER			(5		3 СМU		3 BALL
BALL TD 9:26 Dann 6 plays, 32 yards	s, 2:26				3		10
BALL TD 6:12 Cale 5 plays, 26 yards	5, 2:07	_			ler Ki 3	ск)	17
BALL FG 2:01 Ryan 8 plays, 52 yards CMU TD 1:10 Jonat	s, 4:00	25 Ya	Field G	ioal	3	-	20
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7 plays, 75 yards BALL TD 0:21 Just	5, 0:51 tin Hall	11 Yd p	ass fro	m Drew 1	11 Plitt	(Ryan	20 Rimmler
Kick) 4 plays, 63 yards	s, 0:43				11		27
THIRD QUARTER CMU TD 9:21 Jonat	than Ward	6 Yd R	un (Two	-Point 1	CMU Run Co	nvers	BALL ion Failed)
12 plays, 80 yard BALL TD 7:39 Just	tin Hall	64 Yd p	ass fro	m Drew 1	Plitt	(Ryan	Rimmler
Kick) 3 plays, 65 yards CMU TD 5:23 Jonat	s, 1:33	0 14 0		n Mine I	17		34
7 plays, 35 yards	s, 2:15				24	(34 n Dimmlor
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8 plays, 72 yards CMU TD 1:04 Jonat	than Ward	1 Yd R	un (Rya	n Tice 1			41
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Team Stats			CMU		BALL		
First Downs Passes for First			33 18		22 10		
Rushes for First Penalties for 1			10 5		10 2		
Third Down Efficiency7-127-15Fourth Down Efficiency1-10-2							
Total Yards	rerency		496		499		
Total Plays Avg Gain Per Pl Net Yards Rush	lay		79 6.3		72 6.9		
Net Yards Rush: Rushes	ing		139 41		231 47		
Yards Per Rush Net Yards Pass	ing		3.4 357		4.9 268		
Comp-Att	IIIg		27-38		14-2	5	
Yards Per Pass Times Sacked			9.4 1		10.7 1		
Yds Lost To Sac Interceptions	cks		-4 1		-10 1		
Punts Punt Average			20.0		3 0.0		
Penalties			4		8		
Penalty Yards Fumbles			40 2		101 0		
Fumbles Lost Time of Poss			2 29:31		0 30:2	9	
Individual Stat							
RUSHING CENTRAL MICHIGAN Jonathan Ward Kobe Lewis Tommy Lazzaro Quinten Dormady Team BALL ST Walter Fletcher Caleb Huntley Justin Hall Danny Pinter Drew Plitt PASSING	Rush	Yds	Avg		ED 4	LON 17	G
Kobe Lewis	27 9 2	34 7	3.8		0	15	
Quinten Dormady Team	∠ 3 3	-1 -6	-0.3	3	0	5 0	
BALL ST Walter Fletcher	Rush	-0 Yds 115	Avg		PD	LON	G
Caleb Huntley	24 3	106	4.4		1	32 10	
Danny Pinter Drew Plitt	1 4	5	5.0)	1 0	5 1	
PASSING CENTRAL MICHIGAN	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	OBRat
CENTRAL MICHIGAN Quinten Dormady BALL ST Drew Plitt	27 Comp	38 Att	356 Yds	9.4 Y/A	0 TD	1 Int	83.1 OBRat
Drew Plitt RECEIVING	14	25	268	10.7	3	1	66.6
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Tony Poljan Jonathan Ward	3 4	59 30	19.7 7.5	0 0		27 18	
Bernhard Raimann Kobe Lewis	1 1	4 -2	4.0	0 0		4 0	
BALL ST Justin Hall	Rec 4	Yds 95	Avg 23.8	TD 2	:	LONG 64	
Riley Miller Walter Fletcher	3	67 39	22.3 19.5	1 0		42 39	
Antwan Davis Yo'Heinz Tyler	2 2	35 30	17.5	0 0		18 22	
Caleb Huntley	1	2	2.0	0		2	