

WEEK TWELVE
INDIANA at PENN ST

Clifford sends No. 9 Penn State past No. 24 Indiana 34-27

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. -- Quarterback Sean Clifford scored three touchdowns Saturday, leading No. 9 Penn State past No. 24 Indiana 34-27 to keep its playoff hopes alive.

Penn State (9-1, 6-1 Big Ten, No. 9 CFP) next week plays at No. 2 Ohio State, where the top spot in the Big Ten East will be on the line.

Clifford also completed 11 of 23 passes for 179 yards and ran for 55 yards. Journey Brown rushed 21 times for 100 yards and added a score. With Penn State ahead by a field goal with 10:45 to play, Clifford led an 18-play, 75-yard drive that ate 9:01 and ended when he plunged in from a yard out to put the game out of reach.

Tight end Nick Bowers caught a 12-yard touchdown pass for the Nittany Lions

Peyton Ramsey completed 31 of 41 passes for 371 yards and a touchdown and ran for two more for the Hoosiers (7-3, 4-3) who outgained Penn State 462 to 371.

After going three-and-out to start the game, the Nittany Lions recovered a muffed punt and scored on a 12-yard touchdown pass from Clifford to Bowers. Ramsey took advantage of a safety blitz on Indiana's next possession and hit an open Ty Fryfogle for 38 yards to make it 7-7.

Jake Pinegar kicked a 47-yard field goal to put Penn State up 10-7, but Indiana took the lead when Ramsey capped a 63-yard drive with a 1-yard run less than three minutes later.

Clifford put Penn State up 17-14 with 1:03 left in the first quarter when he sprinted up the middle for a 38-yard score. Pinegar added a 27-yard field goal to give Penn State a 20-14 halftime lead.

Brown turned another Indiana turnover into a score when he raced 35 yards early in the third. Ramsey scored on another 1-yard run early in the fourth and Logan Justice kicked two field goals for the Hoosiers.

Both players lost their star receivers in the first half. KJ Hamler left in the first quarter after he returned a kickoff but didn't appear shaken up as he walked off.

Indiana's Whop Philyor had to be helped to the locker room after he was sandwiched between Penn State defenders, taking helmet-to-helmet contact from both and fumbling away the ball in the process.

THE TAKEAWAY

Indiana: The Hoosiers kept Penn State's offense off-balance most of the way. They also got stops on defense until they needed one most late in the fourth quarter.

Penn State: The Nittany Lions, who hadn't allowed a first-quarter touchdown all season before last week, have now allowed four over their last two games. They continued to give up big plays but made enough adjustments at halftime.

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IND	14	0	3	10	27
PSU	17	3	7	7	34

Scoring Summary -----				
FIRST QUARTER				
			IND	PSU
PSU TD 12:04 Nick Bowers 12 Yd pass from Sean Clifford (Jake Pinegar Kick)				
5 plays, 27 yards, 1:46			0	7
IND TD 9:31 Ty Fryfogle 38 Yd pass from Peyton Ramsey (Logan Justus Kick)				
6 plays, 75 yards, 2:33			7	7
PSU FG 6:22 Jake Pinegar 47 Yd Field Goal				
7 plays, 58 yards, 3:09			7	10
IND TD 3:27 Peyton Ramsey 1 Yd Run (Logan Justus Kick)				
7 plays, 63 yards, 2:55			14	10
PSU TD 1:03 Sean Clifford 38 Yd Run (Jake Pinegar Kick)				
5 plays, 72 yards, 2:24			14	17
SECOND QUARTER				
			IND	PSU
PSU FG 3:03 Jake Pinegar 27 Yd Field Goal				
9 plays, 50 yards, 3:44			14	20
THIRD QUARTER				
			IND	PSU
PSU TD 10:24 Journey Brown 35 Yd Run (Jake Pinegar Kick)				
2 plays, 40 yards, 0:28			14	27
IND FG 3:04 Logan Justus 25 Yd Field Goal				
14 plays, 68 yards, 7:20			17	27
FOURTH QUARTER				
			IND	PSU
IND TD 10:45 Peyton Ramsey 1 Yd Run (Logan Justus Kick)				
11 plays, 91 yards, 5:22			24	27
PSU TD 1:44 Sean Clifford 1 Yd Run (Jake Pinegar Kick)				
18 plays, 75 yards, 9:01			24	34
IND FG 0:13 Logan Justus 27 Yd Field Goal				
9 plays, 66 yards, 1:31			27	34

Team Stats	IND	PSU
First Downs	23	21
Passes for First	16	10
Rushes for First	7	10
Penalties for First	0	1
Third Down Efficiency	7-13	7-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	1-2	2-2
Total Yards	462	371
Total Plays	72	68
Avg Gain Per Play	6.4	5.5
Net Yards Rushing	91	192
Rushes	31	45
Yards Per Rush	2.9	4.3
Net Yards Passing	371	179
Comp-Att	31-41	11-23
Yards Per Pass	9.0	7.8
Times Sacked	2	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-11	-19
Interceptions	0	0
Punts	3	3
Punt Average	34.3	42.7
Penalties	5	1
Penalty Yards	27	0
Fumbles	3	2
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Time of Poss	32:06	27:54

Individual Stats							
RUSHING							
INDIANA	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Stevie Scott III	17	54	3.2	0	14		
Peyton Ramsey	12	31	2.6	2	11		
Whop Philyor	1	10	10.0	0	10		
Peyton Hendershot	1	-4	-4.0	0	0		
PENN ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Journey Brown	21	100	4.8	1	35		
Sean Clifford	10	55	5.5	2	38		
Devyn Ford	8	38	4.8	0	19		
Will Levis	3	5	1.7	0	3		
Ricky Slade	1	1	1.0	0	1		
Team	2	-7	-3.5	0	0		
PASSING							
INDIANA	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Peyton Ramsey	31	41	371	9.0	1	0	83.5
PENN ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Sean Clifford	11	23	179	7.8	1	0	89.4
RECEIVING							
INDIANA	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
Ty Fryfogle	5	131	26.2	1	46		
David Ellis	7	85	12.1	0	39		
Peyton Hendershot	7	51	7.3	0	12		
Whop Philyor	2	50	25.0	0	42		
Nick Westbrook	5	34	6.8	0	11		
Donavan Hale	1	11	11.0	0	11		
Stevie Scott III	2	4	2.0	0	2		
Ronnie Walker Jr.	1	3	3.0	0	3		
Matt Bjorson	1	2	2.0	0	2		
PENN ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG		
KJ Hamler	2	52	26.0	0	41		
Pat Freiermuth	2	32	16.0	0	15		
Jahan Dotson	2	30	15.0	0	21		
Journey Brown	2	20	10.0	0	14		
Ricky Slade	1	18	18.0	0	18		
Mac Hippenhammer	1	15	15.0	0	15		
Nick Bowers	1	12	12.0	1	12		