

WEEK TWELVE
OHIO ST at RUTGERS

Fields 4 TD passes, No. 2 Ohio State beats Rutgers 56-21

PISCATAWAY, N.J. -- Justin Fields threw for a career-high 305 yards and matched his best with four touchdown passes to lead No. 2 Ohio State to a workmanlike 56-21 win over Rutgers on Saturday.

Favored by a whopping 51 points, the Buckeyes (10-0, 7-0 Big Ten) rolled to their 16th straight win over the past two seasons. J.K. Dobbins ran for two touchdowns and cornerback Shaun Wade set up two early TDs with an interception and a forced fumble.

Isaih Pacheco scored on a 26-yard run, Johnny Langan threw a 45-yard scoring pass to Bo Melton and ran a yard for another touchdown with 1:09 left for Rutgers (2-8, 0-7). The loss was the 19th straight conference game for Rutgers, which fired coach Chris Ash in late September.

Playing just over a half, Fields finished 15 of 19 in topping his previous best of 234 yards against Florida Atlantic in the season opener. His touchdown passes covered 11 and 24 yards to Binjimen Victor, 35 yards to K.J. Hill and 14 yards to Luke Farrell on the opening series of the second half. The Georgia transfer has thrown 31 touchdowns and one interception in his first season as the Buckeyes' starter.

Rutgers took the opening kickoff and turned the ball over twice in his first four plays from scrimmage, helping stake Ohio State to a 14-0 lead.

Wade intercepted Langan (12 of 26 for 121) on the second play from scrimmage, giving the Buckeyes the ball at their 40. Four plays later, Dobbins scored on an 18-yard run.

Wade forced receiver Isaiah Washington to fumble after a 6-yard catch on the second play of the next series and safety Jordan Fuller recovered at the Rutgers 33. Three plays later, Fields found Victor in the back of the end zone for a 14-0 lead 3:36 after the opening kickoff.

An 8-yard run by Dobbins pushed the lead to 21 points on the Buckeyes' next series.

Rutgers scored after Garrett Wilson muffed a punt and Lawrence Stevens caught the ball in midair. Pacheco, who had 56 yards on 17 carries, broke through the line on a quick opener and ran 26 yards into the corner of the end zone.

Fields threw for three more touchdowns to stretch the lead to 42-7. New Jersey resident Chris Chugunov replaced him and added two more TD tosses, a 4-yarder to Jake Hausmann and a 32-yarder to Jaelen Gill.

Langan split those touchdown throws with a scoring pass to Melton late in the third quarter. His late TD run needed a lengthy review to overturn a lost fumble call.

THE TAKEAWAY

Ohio State: Seemingly came out of the game healthy and it is ready for tough closing stretch against No. 9 Penn State and No. 14 Michigan.

Rutgers: Not a bad effort. Scored three touchdowns against a team that had only given up eight all season. Had a goal-line stand in the second in the second quarter to force a change of possession and even forced a couple of punts.

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OSU	21	14	14	7	56
RUTG	7	0	7	7	21

Scoring Summary -----

	OSU	RUTG
FIRST QUARTER		
OSU TD 12:59 J.K. Dobbins 18 Yd Run (Blake Haubeil Kick)		0
4 plays, 60 yards, 1:23	7	
OSU TD 11:24 Binjimen Victor 11 Yd pass from Justin Fields (Blake Haubeil Kick)		0
3 plays, 33 yards, 0:55	14	
OSU TD 6:00 J.K. Dobbins 8 Yd Run (Blake Haubeil Kick)		0
7 plays, 91 yards, 2:28	21	
RUTG TD 1:18 Isaih Pacheco 26 Yd Run (Justin Davidovicz Kick)		7
3 plays, 33 yards, 1:13	21	7
SECOND QUARTER		
OSU TD 14:54 K.J. Hill 35 Yd pass from Justin Fields (Blake Haubeil Kick)		7
5 plays, 65 yards, 1:24	28	
OSU TD 1:03 Binjimen Victor 24 Yd pass from Justin Fields (Blake Haubeil Kick)		7
3 plays, 50 yards, 0:31	35	7
THIRD QUARTER		
OSU TD 13:33 Luke Farrell 14 Yd pass from Justin Fields (Blake Haubeil Kick)		7
5 plays, 82 yards, 1:27	42	
OSU TD 8:33 Jake Hausmann 4 Yd pass from Chris Chugunov (Blake Haubeil Kick)		7
6 plays, 25 yards, 2:09	49	
RUTG TD 1:00 Bo Melton 45 Yd pass from Johnny Langan (Justin Davidovicz Kick)		14
8 plays, 83 yards, 3:31	49	14
FOURTH QUARTER		
OSU TD 8:19 Jaelen Gill 32 Yd pass from Chris Chugunov (Blake Haubeil Kick)		14
10 plays, 72 yards, 4:29	56	
RUTG TD 1:09 Johnny Langan 1 Yd Run (Justin Davidovicz Kick)		21
5 plays, 20 yards, 2:20	56	21

Team Stats	OSU	RUTG
First Downs	31	10
Passes for First	17	3
Rushes for First	12	5
Penalties for First	2	2
Third Down Efficiency	8-13	6-17
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	0-0
Total Yards	594	231
Total Plays	78	66
Avg Gain Per Play	7.6	3.5
Net Yards Rushing	217	110
Rushes	44	40
Yards Per Rush	4.9	2.8
Net Yards Passing	377	121
Comp-Att	21-34	12-26
Yards Per Pass	11.1	4.7
Times Sacked	1	1
Yds Lost To Sacks	-4	-8
Interceptions	0	2
Punts	4	10
Punt Average	35.0	40.3
Penalties	6	5
Penalty Yards	54	55
Fumbles	2	1
Fumbles Lost	2	1
Time of Poss	28:34	31:26

Individual Stats

RUSHING

OHIO ST	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
J.K. Dobbins	17	89	5.2	2	18
Steele Chambers	9	56	6.2	0	11
Master Teague III	10	45	4.5	0	11
Justin Fields	3	30	10.0	0	13
Gunnar Hoak	3	1	0.3	0	3
Team	2	-4	-2.0	0	0
RUTGERS	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Isaih Pacheco	17	56	3.3	1	26
Johnny Langan	9	36	4.0	1	21
Kay'Ron Adams	8	17	2.1	0	9
Aaron Young	5	3	0.6	0	4
Bo Melton	1	-2	-2.0	0	0

PASSING

OHIO ST	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Justin Fields	15	19	305	16.1	4	0	99.3
Chris Chugunov	5	14	61	4.4	2	0	43.8
Gunnar Hoak	1	1	11	11.0	0	0	4.0
RUTGERS	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
Johnny Langan	12	26	121	4.7	1	2	27.0

RECEIVING

OHIO ST	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Chris Olave	4	139	34.8	0	58
Binjimen Victor	5	68	13.6	2	24
K.J. Hill	4	62	15.5	1	35
Jaelen Gill	2	38	19.0	1	32
Luke Farrell	2	36	18.0	1	22
Garrett Wilson	1	13	13.0	0	13
Sam Wiglusz	1	11	11.0	0	11
Demario McCall	1	6	6.0	0	6
Jake Hausmann	1	4	4.0	1	4
RUTGERS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
Bo Melton	3	57	19.0	1	45
Kay'Ron Adams	1	41	41.0	0	41
Shameen Jones	1	7	7.0	0	7
Isaih Pacheco	1	6	6.0	0	6
Isaiah Washington	1	6	6.0	0	6
Mohamed Jabbie	1	3	3.0	0	3
Aaron Young	3	2	0.7	0	2
Paul Woods	1	-1	-1.0	0	0