

WEEK THIRTEEN
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No. 2 Ohio State tested but tops No. 9 Penn State 28-17

COLUMBUS, Ohio -- J.K. Dobbins rushed for 157 yards and two touchdowns and No. 2 Ohio State locked up the Big Ten East title Saturday, surviving its first real test of the season with a 28-17 victory over No. 9 Penn State.

The Buckeyes held on after Penn State (9-2, 7-2 Big Ten) took advantage of two second-half turnovers to climb back into the game in the third quarter after trailing 21-0. This was a far different scenario for Ohio State, which blew out its first 10 opponents.

"From the beginning to the end, you couldn't take a deep breath at all," Ohio State coach Ryan Day said.

The Buckeyes (10-0, 8-0 Big Ten) were clinging to a 21-17 lead early in the fourth quarter when Justin Fields threw a 28-yard touchdown pass to Chris Olave to create some space.

The Ohio State defense, with Chase Young back from a two-game suspension, then shut down two late Penn State drives on fourth down. The last drive included back-to-back sacks of backup quarterback Will Levis by Young and linebacker Baron Browning.

Fields fumbled away the ball twice, once as he was crossing the goal line for an apparent touchdown. But he got critical yards on the ground, rushing for 68 yards on 21 carries and threw beautiful second half touchdown passes to K.J. Hill and Olave.

"The biggest difference was the quarterback's legs, the running game," Penn State coach James Franklin said.

Dobbins was responsible for both first-half touchdowns, a 4-yard plunge in the first quarter and a 2-yard plunge on fourth-and-goal with 2 minutes left in the half. He finished the first half with 89 rushing yards.

With three sacks, Young now has 16.5 for the season.

THE TAKEAWAY

Penn State: Backup quarterback Levis provided a spark when he entered for the injured Sean Clifford, running for a 1-yard touchdown in the third quarter to pull his team within a touchdown. Statistically, the Nittany Lions were beaten soundly but managed to hang around until late. Journey Brown ran the ball 11 time for 64 yards.

Ohio State: The Buckeyes outgained the Nittany Lions 417-227 but were stricken by uncharacteristic turnovers.

POLL IMPLICATIONS

Buckeyes should stay put. Nittany Lions could drop but not much after playing Ohio State tough.

Final	1	2	3	4	T
PSU	0	0	17	0	17
OSU	7	7	7	7	28

Scoring Summary -----

	PSU	OSU
FIRST QUARTER		
OSU TD 7:08 J.K. Dobbins 4 Yd Run (Blake Haubeil Kick)	0	7
13 plays, 91 yards, 5:04		
SECOND QUARTER		
OSU TD 2:00 J.K. Dobbins 1 Yd Run (Blake Haubeil Kick)	0	14
11 plays, 48 yards, 5:29		
THIRD QUARTER		
OSU TD 11:31 K.J. Hill 24 Yd pass from Justin Fields (Blake Haubeil Kick)	0	21
10 plays, 75 yards, 3:29		
PSU TD 8:19 Journey Brown 18 Yd Run (Jake Pinegar Kick)	7	21
9 plays, 75 yards, 3:12		
PSU TD 7:54 Will Levis 1 Yd Run (Jake Pinegar Kick)	14	21
2 plays, 12 yards, 0:16		
PSU FG 4:22 Jake Pinegar 42 Yd Field Goal		21
8 plays, 11 yards, 2:42		
FOURTH QUARTER		
OSU TD 13:18 Chris Olave 28 Yd pass from Justin Fields (Blake Haubeil Kick)	17	28
5 plays, 44 yards, 1:35		

Team Stats	PSU	OSU
First Downs	15	27
Passes for First	6	10
Rushes for First	9	16
Penalties for First	0	1
Third Down Efficiency	6-15	7-13
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-2	2-3
Total Yards	227	417
Total Plays	65	83
Avg Gain Per Play	3.5	5.0
Net Yards Rushing	99	229
Rushes	37	61
Yards Per Rush	2.7	3.8
Net Yards Passing	128	188
Comp-Att	16-28	16-22
Yards Per Pass	4.6	8.5
Times Sacked	6	3
Yds Lost To Sacks	-28	-28
Interceptions	1	0
Punts	6	3
Punt Average	34.0	41.3
Penalties	5	4
Penalty Yards	32	25
Fumbles	2	4
Fumbles Lost	0	3
Time of Poss	25:45	34:15

Individual Stats

RUSHING

	Rush	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
PENN ST					
Journey Brown	11	64	5.8	1	18
Will Levis	18	34	1.9	1	10
Noah Cain	1	1	1.0	0	1
Sean Clifford	6	0	0.0	0	5
OHIO ST					
J.K. Dobbins	36	157	4.4	2	22
Justin Fields	21	68	3.2	0	22
Master Teague III	2	7	3.5	0	8
Team	2	-3	-1.5	0	0

PASSING

	Comp	Att	Yds	Y/A	TD	Int	QBRat
PENN ST							
Sean Clifford	10	17	71	4.2	0	0	22.5
Will Levis	6	11	57	5.2	0	1	13.5
OHIO ST							
Justin Fields	16	22	188	8.5	2	0	82.8

RECEIVING

	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LONG
PENN ST					
KJ Hamler	3	45	15.0	0	22
Pat Freiermuth	6	40	6.7	0	11
Justin Shorter	3	28	9.3	0	18
Nick Bowers	1	12	12.0	0	12
Jahan Dotson	1	6	6.0	0	6
Journey Brown	2	-3	-1.5	0	0
OHIO ST					
K.J. Hill	4	46	11.5	1	24
Chris Olave	2	44	22.0	1	28
Austin Mack	2	27	13.5	0	14
Binjimen Victor	2	21	10.5	0	11
Garrett Wilson	2	21	10.5	0	16
Jeremy Ruckert	2	13	6.5	0	7
J.K. Dobbins	1	11	11.0	0	11
Master Teague III	1	5	5.0	0	5