

2006 GAME RECAPS

INDIANA 39 W Michigan 20 - Indy went [73/7] for a TD but only got off 12 yd punt from its 2 setting up a WM 28 yd FG, 7-3. Indy added a 66 yd IR TD. After a 37 yd IR, Indy went [14/2] for a TD, 20-3 (xp blk'd). WM nailed a 28 yd FG w/2:36 1H & Indy's 4th & 14 pass from WM's 32 was incomplete w/:03 left. Indy ret'd a 3Q punt 86 yds for TD when Bennett handed off to Porter on a reverse. Indy added a 28 yd FG & WM went [17/1] after rec'ing a fmb, 29-13 after 3Q's. Indy added [69/6] & [69/15] TD drives & WM went on a [83/13] drive for a garbage TD with :57 left.

Indiana 24 BALL ST 23 - IU was w/o QB Powers & then 2nd stringer McFarland was inj'd so rFr Lewis played the majority. BSU took their 1st 2 poss [80/10] & [52/4] for TD's. IU went on a [48/8] drive but missed a 25 yd FG. IU had a punt partially blk'd which set up a 52 yd FG for BSU, 17-0. Thigpen got a 100 yd KR TD but w/:35 left 2Q BSU got a 41 yd TD pass, 23-7 (xpng). IU opened the 3Q with a [69/8] TD drive. BSU missed a 46 yd FG & IU drove [72/6] for a TD, 23-21. IU was SOD at BSU41. The Hoosiers drove [66/9] for a 35 yd FG, 24-23 (11:01 left). IU took over at their own 1 w/4:11 left & ran out the clock with 3 FD's.

S Illinois 35 INDIANA 28 - IU was w/o HC Hoepfner (surgery), WR Hardy (susp) & QB Powers (inj). Interim HC Lynch gave QB Lewis the start & he hit 20 of 40 for 238 yds. IU went [67/10] & [52/5] on their first 2 poss for TD's. SI took over w/1:54 left 1H & went [33/7] for a TD, 14-7 (:27 2Q). IU went [40/7] for a TD. SI then went [78/10] & [21/5] (after a fmb) for TD's to tie it at 21. IU was SOD at their own 48 & SI got a TD 7 plays later, 28-21. IU went [72/7] for a TD & SI went [80/7] w/5:50 left to retake the lead 35-28. With 2:17 left IU was sk'd on 4th & 17 from SI's 39. Lewis' 4th & 5 pass from IU's own 34 was incomplete w/:31 left.

Connecticut 14 INDIANA 7 - IU was w/o WR Hardy & HC Hoepfner (in pressbox). UC got a 38 yd IR TD. After an exchange of int's, UC started at the IU 21. Hernandez got hit & fmb'd out of the EZ for a TB. IU got off a 71 yd punt pinning UC at the 1. A 57 yd run by Caulley set up a 30 yd FG which was blk'd. UC had 169-42 yd 1H edge. On 4th & 1 UC got a 35 yd TD run by Allen. IU's Thigpen got an 87 yd KR TD, 14-7. IU drove to the UC 29 but Lewis fmb'd. Lewis was int'd at the 50 and Powers QB'd the last 4 poss with 2 punts and were SOD near midfield twice.

Wisconsin 52 INDIANA 17 - Indy came into this game with a lot of emotion due to Hoepfner's return & WR Hardy also ret'd from suspension but UW dominated with a 390-127 yd edge at the half and led 35-0. It was 52-0 after 3Q's when Indy got a 21 yd FG capping a [77/12] drive to avert the shutout. They then ret'd a fmb'd KO 15 yds for a TD and added a [94/7] drive for a TD with just 3:25 left.

Indiana 34 ILLINOIS 32 - IL led 25-7 early 2Q but Zook went for a 2 pt conv 2x and failed both times and that came back to haunt them. IN went [40/5] and [68/8] for a pair of TD's to make it 25-21 at the half. Indy's Thigpen ret'd the 3Q KO 98 yds for a TD, 28-25. IL pooch punted instead of kicking a 50 yd FG and IN drove [75/11] for a 23 yd FG, 31-25. IL drove [76/3] for a TD, 32-31 after 3Q's. On the 4Q's first 9 poss there was a total of 3 FD's, 8 punts and IN rec'd a muffed punt at the IL35 but missed a 33 yd FG. IN took over at their 20 with 2:31 left and drove [65/10] getting the game winning 33 yd FG on the last play.

INDIANA 31 Iowa 28 - Iowa went on an [32/9] drive but missed a 51 yd FG. Indy fmb'd & Iowa drove [39/7] for a TD. Indy converted on 4th & 10 to the Iowa18 & continued on a [67/9] drive for a TD. Iowa missed a 34 yd FG. Indy fmb'd at their 12 which set Iowa up for a TD, 14-7. Iowa went [51/8] for a TD. After a 21 yd punt, Indy went [33/4] for a TD to cut it to 21-14. With just :41 left 2Q Indy went [50/7] for a 46 yd FG. Iowa went [87/11] but fmb'd at the 12. Indy went [88/10] for a TD & the lead, 24-21. Iowa answered with a [77/14] TD drive, 28-24. Indy went [80/6] for a TD, 31-28. Iowa got to midfield but a personal foul forced a punt (6:56 left). Indy got to the Iowa36 and punted w/3:23 left. Tate was int'd at the Indy15 w/2:53 left & Indy ran out the clock.

OHIO ST 44 Indiana 3 - Smith missed on his first 4 passes & the Bucks didn't get a FD until 3:30 remained 1Q trailing 3-0. OSU went [87/7], [53/4], [78/9] & [49/3] for TD's with Smith becoming the first OSU player in 12 yrs to have 4 TD passes in a half, 28-3. OSU fmb'd on the first 3Q drive but then went [58/3] for a TD & [47/6] for a 51 yd FG, 38-3 after 3 Q's. IU was int'd & OSU went [68/9] for a TD. After an Indy int at the Bucks 30 w/4:29 left, OSU went [57/8] ending the game at the IU13.

INDIANA 46 Michigan St 21 - MSU was off the largest comeback in NCAA history. MSU opened with an [80/10] TD drive & held Indy to a 34 yd FG & led 7-3. The rest of the game belonged to Indy. They went [64/6] & [67/2] for TD's. MSU was SOD at the Indy47 & with just 2:18 left 1H Indy went [53/10] for a TD. MSU fmb'd with :20 left which set up Indy for a 17 yd TD pass, 30-7 (xpng). After a 14 yd PR, Indy took its 2nd 3Q poss [32/3] for a TD & added a [69/5] TD drive, 44-7. MSU fmb'd a punt for a safety, 46-7 after 3Q's. MSU drove [35/7] & [44/3] for 4Q garbage TD's.

MINNESOTA 63 Indiana 26 - UM's offense dominated as they went [77/4] and [70/7] for TD's on their first 2 poss. Later the Gophers added a [46/2] TD drive. Indy was int'd at the UM21 after a [56/11] drive and the Gophers got a 64 yd TD pass, 28-0. After another int, UM drove [34/4] for a TD. Indy's Lewis connected on a 43 yd TD pass and it was 35-7 at the half. The teams traded TD drives for the first 6 2nd half poss, 56-26. UM added a 45 yd IR for a TD with 2:20 left.

Michigan 34 INDIANA 3 - UM went [66/10] and [62/11] for TD's on their first 2 poss. Indy went on a [52/14] drive for a 39 yd FG but UM got a 62 yd TD pass. UM drove [35/9] but Henne was int'd in the EZ. Indy went on a [54/8] drive but was int'd in the EZ from the 16 with 1:00 left 1H. UM had a 244-64 yd edge at the half. UM got an 83 yd PR for a TD and then on their next poss went [59/7] for a TD, 34-3. UM took over with 6:20 left and went on a [49/10] drive running out the clock.

PURDUE 28 Indiana 19 - PU was int'd at the Indy11 on their 2nd poss but blk'd a punt & went [32/2] for a TD. Indy went [72/15] & was SOD at the 1. PU was int'd at the Indy15. Indy went [65/5] for a 31 yd FG, 7-3. Each team turned the ball over 4 times in the 1H with the strangest play being a 32 yd gain by PU RB Taylor but he fmb'd & Indy's Porter appeared headed for a 57 yd FR TD. Porter however had the ball KO'd from behind & it bounced out of the EZ for a TB. Indy blk'd a punt but was SOD at the PU29. The next 4 poss were all scoring drives with PU getting 2 TD's & Indy a TD & a 31 yd FG, 21-13. Indy went [65/8] but missed a 26 yd FG. Indy went [55/5] w/a 7 yd TD pass but the 2 pt failed, 21-19. PU went [76/9] for a TD w/4:58 left & Indy was SOD at PU45 with 2:33 left.