

No. 25 Ohio State Falls To Iowa, 33-7

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IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) - Drew Tate passed for three touchdowns and ran for another to lead Iowa to a 33-7 victory over No. 25 Ohio State on Saturday, the Buckeyes' third straight loss.

Iowa (4-2, 2-1 Big Ten) held Ohio State's offense to 27 yards rushing and 177 total yards in beating the Buckeyes for just the fourth time in 42 years. And the Hawkeyes had never beaten the Buckeyes quite like this.

Ohio State (3-3) is 0-3 in the Big Ten for the first time since 1988 after its worst loss since a 46-20 setback to Illinois in 1999. Only a touchdown with 2:19 remaining kept the Buckeyes from being shut out for the first time since 1993.

Iowa was down to its fifth- and sixth-string running backs but still punctured Ohio State's defense for 448 yards. Tate finished 26 of 39 for 331 yards and no interceptions, with touchdown passes of 11 and 36 yards to Clinton Solomon and 8 yards to Scott Chandler.

After throwing for 340 yards against Michigan State in his previous game, Tate became just the third Iowa quarterback to top 300 in consecutive games.

Ohio State, meanwhile, ran only six plays in Iowa territory in the first three quarters and one of those ended with an interception. The Buckeyes also lost two fumbles and the Hawkeyes scored after both.

Justin Zwick again was ineffective at quarterback for Ohio State and fans who had been clamoring for backup Troy Smith finally got their wish.

Smith finished the game after Zwick fumbled on the second play of the second half, but did nothing to distinguish himself until throwing a 23-yard touchdown pass to Rory Nicol with the game out of reach.

With Ohio State's cornerbacks playing 8 to 10 yards off the receivers, Tate

completed numerous passes on underneath routes and usually scrambled out of trouble when pressured. And he capitalized on the Buckeyes' numerous defensive mistakes.

Midway through the third quarter, Solomon ran uncovered into the secondary and Tate hit him with an easy pitch-and-catch touchdown pass of 36 yards to make it 24-0.

On Iowa's next possession, Ashton Youboty's missed tackle enabled Solomon to turn what would have been a short gain deep in his own territory into a 40-yard reception to the Buckeyes' 42. Iowa kept going after that and Tate finished the 83-yard drive with 1-yard TD run to make it 30-0.

Two defenders hit Tate short of the goal line, but he fought his way into the end zone.

Ohio State was outgained 151-13 in the first quarter and the Buckeyes managed only 23 yards and one first down in their first four possessions. The defense let down at times, as well.

With Iowa facing third-and-9 from its own 35 late in the first quarter, the Hawkeyes gave the ball to Sam Brownlee, their walk-on, fifth-string running back, and he scampered 10 yards for a first down.

On the next play, Tate hit a wide open Warren Holloway over the middle for 28 yards to the Ohio State 27, setting up a 45-yard Kyle Schlicher field goal that made it 10-0. Schlicher added a 41-yard field goal in the fourth quarter after an Ohio State fumble, stretching the lead to 33-0.

Ohio State's only good drive in the first half ended when Zwick threw into double coverage in the corner of the end zone and Iowa's Marcus Pascal picked it off.

Zwick finished 6-for-14 for 74 yards. Smith was 8-of-12 for 76 yards.