

No. 9 Ohio State Sprints Past Indiana, 33-14

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. - Terrelle Pryor threw three touchdown passes, Brandon Saine rushed for 113 yards and the defense limited IU to 18 rushing yards to lead Ohio State to a 33-14 win over Indiana Saturday at Memorial Stadium. The win improved Ohio State's records to 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the Big Ten. Indiana drops its second in succession and is 3-2 and 0-2, respectively.

Saine, making his first career start, had a career-high 17 carries for his career high rushing total. Additionally, Duron Carter and fullback Zach Boren each caught his first touchdown pass.

The Ohio State defense forced three turnovers and held the Hoosier offense to 228 total yards. Anderson Russell forced a fumble (recovered by Devon Torrence) and had an interception and lineman Todd Denlinger also had an interception. Rob Rose tackled IU punter Chris Hagerup in the end zone for a safety plus had two of the team's seven tackles behind the line of scrimmage.

This was a dedication game, of sorts. Indiana christened its renovated North End Zone Student-Athlete Development Center. The two-year addition to Memorial Stadium enclosed one side of the 52,000 seat stadium, making it somewhat of a mini horseshoe.

Ohio State finds horseshoe stadiums lucky, though, and the Scarlet and Gray led, 24-7, at the half behind three Pryor touchdown passes and 80 and 75 rushing yards by Saine and Pryor, respectively.

After Aaron Pettrey booted a 46-yard field goal to give OSU a quick 3-0 lead, the Buckeyes extended the lead to 10-0 with 7:29 to go in the first quarter. Pryor connected with Carter on a five-yard touchdown pass to cap an eight-play, 78-yard drive. A 30-yard burst around right end by Saine got the drive

off to a good start. Pryor hit DeVier Posey for 15 yards on third down to extend it.

Indiana recovered from the deficit. Ben Chappell hit Tandon Doss with a 7-yard touchdown pass to cap a 80-yard drive and close the gap to 10-7 early in the second quarter.

A reverse on the following kickoff netted Ray Small 35 yards and set Ohio State up on the Indiana 45. Three plays later the lead was 17-7. Pryor rushed for 14, hit Dane Sanzenbacher for 18 yards and then drilled a pass to Posey at the goal line for a 23-yard touchdown.

A second turnover of the half - Denlinger's interception of a Chappell pass at the line of scrimmage - set Ohio State up on the Indiana 38. Four plays later Pryor hit Boren with an eight-yard touchdown pass for a 24-7 lead.

Not a whole lot of action in the second half. Rose's safety was the only points of the third quarter. Then Rose nearly had a second safety. He sacked Chappell for a nine-yard loss to the IU 1 on the first play of the fourth quarter. Following the IU punt, Pryor capped a 41-yard drive with a one-yard quarterback sneak that made the score 33-7. Indiana scored its second touchdown of the game with no time left in the game.

Ohio State has now won 16 consecutive Big Ten Conference road games to get to within one of the conference mark of 17 held by Michigan. Ohio State has also won 15 consecutive games over Indiana and hasn't lost in Bloomington since the 1988 season.