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Michigan Wolverines Win In OT

Reckless Win Raises Questions

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USPA NEWS - Michigan manage to escape with an overtime win of 27-20 over Indiana Hoosiers Saturday afternoon in Bloomington, Indiana. Hoosier showed tremendous heart! Coming from behind 20-10 late in the 4th quarter they tied the game 20 all to take #17 ranked Wolverines into overtime. Unfortunately Hoosier homecoming was humbled with a lose in front of a sold out home crowd at Memorial Stadium !

Efficiency and execution would not be how one would describe Michigan's reckless win. It was anything other than that. Sixteen, yes 16 ACCEPTED penalties, for total penalized yards of 141 yards. Wolverines actually had more than 16 as in several cases there were multiple penalties. In one instance they a 3 penalties in one play! More penalized yards than half of the total offense of Indiana. 3rd down efficiency, how about 2-13? Average yards per pass 2.9! Quarterback #8 O'Korn went 10-20 and total passing yards of just 58 yards! The bright spot was he had no interception or turn overs. Time of possession and rushing yards are what kept Michigan alive. Indiana Hoosiers were however able to do something no other team up to this point had done to the Wolverines this year! And that was score 14 points in the fourth quarter to force the game into overtime. Michigan had previously held all their oppents to 0 points be scored in the 4th quarter. Hoosier's drive and determination gave true meaning to the saying, "leave it all on the field"! That they did! Indiana had several opportunities to win the game but could not capitalize when situations presented themselves. Indians defense spent 35.09 minutes on the field. Micihigan's running game took a advantage of the wore down Hoosiers late in the game. No coach wants to blame poor officiating, but there were several what seemed to be questionable calls made in the game aganist both sides. Unfortunitley Hoosier fans may believe they took the blunt of those calls that took place at what seem to be curial times. However what fans see on the jumboton dont always reflect what the officals see on the replay monitor. Often times some of the replays shown for the fans don't always show start to finish nor from every camera angle the officials see. Michigan's offense is still struggling to find that rhythm and consistencey they so desperately need. John O'Korn's last two starting performances have been less than convincing even thou Michigan came away with a win. Michigan's defense continues to carry the load. This next week O'Korn will face the biggest test since he took over as straring QB for the injured #3 Wilton Speight. O'Korn and company go into #2 ranked Penn State's, Happy Valley! It is very questionable if the Wolverines can fix their offensive problems in one week. Michigan's defense will face likely Heisman candidate, #26 Saquon Barkley who averages 6.4 yards per carry.

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