

GAME 1

UCF 24



26 PENN STATE

CROKE PARK ESPN2 AUG. 30, 2014 ATTN: 53,304



SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	F
PSU	7	3	10	6	26
UCF	0	3	7	14	24

SCORING SUMMARY

8:20	PSU	Zwinak 1 yd run (Ficken kick)	10-80/5:07
12:26	UCF	Moffitt 36 yd field goal	7-18/2:56
6:20	PSU	Ficken 22 yd field goal	15-72 yards/6:00
6:56	PSU	Ficken, Sam 33 yd field goal	5-43/1:56
2:39	UCF	Holman 1 yd run (Moffitt kick)	7-70/4:11
0:55	PSU	Lewis 79 yd pass from Hackenberg (Ficken kick)	3-72/1:38
11:31	UCF	Reese 10 yd pass from Holman (Moffitt kick)	7-78/4:19
3:30	PSU	Ficken, Sam 24 yd field goal	10-58/4:44
1:13	UCF	Holman 6 yd run (Moffitt kick)	8-75/2:17
---	PSU	Ficken 36 yd field goal	8-55/1:08

TEAM STATS

	PSU	UCF
First Downs	24	11
Rushing Yards	57	24
Passing Yards	454	222
Passing (C-A-Int)	32-47-2	12-22-0
Total Offense	511	246
Plays	75	51
Fumbles (#/-Lost)	1/1	1/1
Penalties (#-Yards)	9-90	8-47
Possession Time	34:07	25:53
3rd Down Conv.	10-of-18	5-of-13
Red-Zone	5-5	4-5
Touchdowns	1	3
Field goals	4	1

OTHER

Time of Game	3:20
Penn State	1-0, 0-0 Big Ten
UCF	0-1, 0-0 American

**DUBLIN, Ireland** - Senior Sam Ficken's 36-yard field goal as time expired capped a memorable ending to a historic day in Penn State football history, as the Nittany Lions claimed a 26-24 victory over UCF in the Croke Park Classic to open their 2014 campaign.

It was the second game-ending kick in Ficken's career (Wisconsin, 2012) and gave head coach James Franklin his first win as the head coach of the Nittany Lion program.

Sophomore Christian Hackenberg threw for a school record 454 yards on a career-high 32 completions on 47 attempts vs. UCF. He became the first player in school history to throw for 400 yards, breaking Zack Mills' record of 399 yards vs. Iowa in 2002.

Redshirt-freshman wide receiver DaeSean Hamilton was on the receiving end of a freshman record 11 of those passes and amassed a rookie record 165 yards. He topped Deon Butler's 125 yards vs. Wisconsin in 2005 and moved past Maurice Humphrey's eight catches vs. Northwestern in 2003.

Eugene Lewis set career-highs with eight catches for 173 yards vs. the Knights, including a personal-best 79-yard touchdown reception in the third quarter. The 79-yard pass play was also the longest of Hackenberg's career.

The Penn State 2,000-yard rushing club gained a member in Dublin, as senior Zach Zwinak's 32 yards on the day pushed his career total to 2,028. He passed Franco Harris for 17th on the all-time charts.

The day, however, would belong to Ficken, who connected on a career-best four field goals, going 4-for-4 on the day. He connected on attempts of 22-, 33-, 24- and 36-yards, respectively. Ficken's four field goals were the most since Collin Wagner had five successful attempts vs. Temple in 2010.

Brian Gaia, DaeSean Hamilton, Brendan Mahon, Angelo Mangiro and Andrew Nelson all made their first career starts vs. UCF, while 12 players made their first career appearances against the Knights.

Of the 12 first time participants, four were true freshmen: Marcus Allen, Saeed Blacknall, Chris Godwin, Mike Gesicki, Grant Haley.

Penn State received the Dan Rooney Trophy, a

football made of ancient Irish bog wood that was specially commissioned for the game.

Penn State ended the first half up 10-3, as both teams looked a little let-lagged in what was the first overseas game in either school's history.

The Nittany Lions' opening drive was extended by a roughing-the-kicker penalty, then Hackenberg dropped a 44-yard pass between two defenders to Hamilton. Zwinak punched the ball in from the 1-yard line to put Penn State up 7-0.

A 68-yard kickoff return by Jordan Akins gave UCF the ball on Penn State's 23, but the Nittany Lions held on 4th-and-goal on the PSU 1-yard line. The defense made four stops inside their own four yard line on the goal line stand.

UCF cornerback Jacoby Glenn made a diving interception on Hackenberg's next possession, but the Knights could manage only a 36-yard Shawn Moffitt field goal to make the score 10-3.

Justin Holman entered the game for UCF in the second half and ran for two touchdowns, the first a one-yard plunge to pull UCF within 13-10 with 2:39 left in the third quarter.

Holman also threw for a touchdown, a 10-yarder to Josh Reese with 11:31 left in the game to narrow Penn State's lead to 20-17.

Between those two UCF scores, Hackenberg pulled off the longest play of the game. On 3rd-and-17 deep in his own half, he lobbed a bomb to Lewis, who ran untouched for a 79-yard score.

UCF's defense forced Penn State to settle for a third field goal with 3:30 left to make it 23-17.

Holman, who finished 9 of 14 for 204 yards, then led the Knights down the field - straight into a 4th down-and-10 crisis on the Penn State 37.

Holman connected on a long ball pass the left sideline, a leaping grab by Reese at the PSU 6. Holman scored on the ground the next play, leaving too much time on the clock for Hackenberg, who led the Nittany Lions down the field to set up Ficken's 36-yard boot.

Hackenberg was 4-of-6 passing for 47 yards and ran for eight yards on the final drive of the game.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

**Penn State** - Zwinak, Zach 12 for 32 yds, 1 TD; Belton, Bill 10 for 16 yds; Lynch, Akeel 1 for 7 yds; Hackenberg, Christian 5 for 2 yds.  
**UCF** - Wilson, Dontravious 21 for 34 yds; Holman, Justin 5 for (-5), 2 TD; DiNovo, Pete 3 for (-5).

PASSING

**Penn State** - Hackenberg, Christian 32 of 47 for 454 yds, 1 TD/2 INT.  
**UCF** - Holman, Justin 9 of 14 for 204 yds; DiNovo, Pete 3 of 8 for 18 yds.

RECEIVING

**Penn State** - Hamilton, DaeSean 11 for 165 yds; Lewis, Eugene 8 for 173 yds, 1 TD; James, Jesse 7 for 60 yds; Carter, Kyle 2 for 21 yds; Godwin, Chris 2 for 13 yds; Belton, Bill 1 for 13 yds; Gesicki, Mike 1 for 9 yds.  
**UCF** - Worton, J.J. 5 for 83 yds; Perriman, Breshad 3 for 81 yds; Reese, Josh 2 for 47 yds, 1 TD; Wilson, Dontravious 2 for 11 yds.

TOP TACKLERS (T-UA-A)

**Penn State** - Hull, Mike 11-4-7; Keiser, Ryan 7-3-4; Zettel, Anthony 6-3-3; Wartman, Nyeem 6-1-5; Barnes, Deion 4-1-3.  
**UCF** - Geathers, Clayton 15-10-5; Alexander, Brandon 13-6-7; Glenn, Jacoby 11-9-2; Plummer, Terrance 9-3-6.



## TEAM

- Penn State has a 3-1 on-field record vs. UCF and is 8-3 in neutral site season openers in school history.
- The Nittany Lions official season opening record stands at 94-20-2.
- James Franklin won in his debut game as the Nittany Lions' 16th head coach. The 16 head coaches are 12-3-1 in their first game on the Penn State sideline.
- It was the first international game in Penn State's 128-year program history and marked the first Big Ten game outside of the U.S. border since Michigan State and Wisconsin played in Tokyo in 1993.
- Penn State has scored in 158 straight games - including the postseason - dating back to on Oct. 6, 2001 shutout loss to Michigan, 20-0, which extends their current school record streak. The Nittany Lions streak had been 138 games from 1973-84.
- OG Brian Gaia, WR DaeSean Hamilton, OG Brendan Mahon, C Angelo Mangiro and OT Andrew Nelson all made their first career starts vs. UCF in the Croke Park Classic in Dublin, Ireland.
- Players making their first career appearance: *Redshirt freshmen:* Parker Cothren, Chris Gulla, DaeSean Hamilton, Brendan Mahon, Andrew Nelson, Garrett Sickels, *True freshmen:* Marcus Allen, Saeed Blacknall, Chris Godwin, Mike Gesicki, Grant Haley.

## INDIVIDUAL - DEFENSE

- Penn State limited UCF to 246 total yards on the afternoon.
- The Nittany Lions held the Knights to only 24 rushing yards on 29 attempts and surrendered only 11 first downs.
- LB Mike Hull had a team-best 11 tackles and 0.5 tackle-for-loss. It was the fifth double-digit tackle game of Hull's career.
- DT Anthony Zettel made six tackles and had a career-high 3.0 tackles for loss (minus-11) against UCF. He moved from defensive end to defensive tackle in 2014.
- S Ryan Keiser tied his career-high with seven stops against the Knights.

## INDIVIDUAL - OFFENSE

- QB Christian Hackenberg threw for a school record 454 yards with a career-high 32 completions on 47 attempts vs. UCF. He became the first player in school history to throw for 400 yards, breaking Zack Mills' record of 399 yards vs. Iowa in 2002.
- Hackenberg posted his fifth career 300-yard passing game vs. UCF, breaking a tie with Kerry Collins (1991-94) to move into second in Penn State history.
- Hackenberg logged his 10th career 200-yard passing game.
- Hackenberg's 79-yard touchdown completion to Eugene Lewis was his longest career completion. It eclipsed his 68-yarder to Adam Breneman in the season finale at Wisconsin in 2013.
- The 79 yard completion is tied for the ninth longest in school history and was the longest pass play since an 80-yard completion by Rob Bolden to Derek Moye against Illinois in 2010, which was also a touchdown pass.



Sophomore quarterback Christian Hackenberg became the first Penn State signal caller to throw for 400-yards in a game vs. UCF. Hackenberg completed 32 of 47 passes for a school-record 454 yards and one touchdown.



Senior place kicker Sam Ficken kicked the game-winning 36-yard field goal as time expired to help Penn State win the Dan Rooney Trophy. Ficken kicked a career-high four field goals vs. the Knights and was named the *B1G Specialist of the Week*.

- RB Zach Zwinak's 32 rushing yards in the game gave him 2,028 yards for his career. He is the 18th player in school history to eclipse the 2,000-yard mark and passed Franco Harris during the game for 17th place.
- WR DaeSean Hamilton broke the Penn State freshman record for receptions and receiving yards in a game. His 165 yards broke Deon Butler's mark of 125 yards vs. Wisconsin in 2005. His 11 catches moved past Maurice Humphrey's eight catches vs. Northwestern in 2003.
- Hamilton became the first freshman since 2005 to eclipse 100 receiving yards in a game. That season, Deon Butler & Jordan Norwood each accomplished the feat.
- Hamilton 165 yards are tied for the 12th highest total in a single game at Penn State. One person he is tied with is current assistant coach Terry Smith (USC, 1991).
- WR Eugene Lewis caught a 79-yard touchdown pass in the third quarter vs. UCF, marking the longest career reception for the sophomore. The 79-yard completion is tied for 9th longest in Penn State history.
- Lewis had career-highs in catches (eight) and receiving yards (173) vs. UCF. His 173 receiving yards were the most since Allen Robinson logged 173 yards at Ohio State in 2013 and are tied for eighth in school history.
- Hamilton and Lewis became the eighth pair of teammates to record 100-plus receiving yards in the same game and the first tandem to log 150-plus yards in the same game. The last duo to surpass 100-yards in the same game was Butler and Norwood vs. Michigan State in 2008.
- TE Jesse James had a career-high seven catches for 60 yards.

## INDIVIDUAL - SPECIAL TEAMS

- PK Sam Ficken converted a career-high four field goal (4-for-4).
- Ficken's four field goals were the most since Collin Wagner had five successful attempts vs. Temple in 2010.
- It was Ficken's second career game ending field goal, joining the overtime game winner against Wisconsin in 2012.



# GAME 2

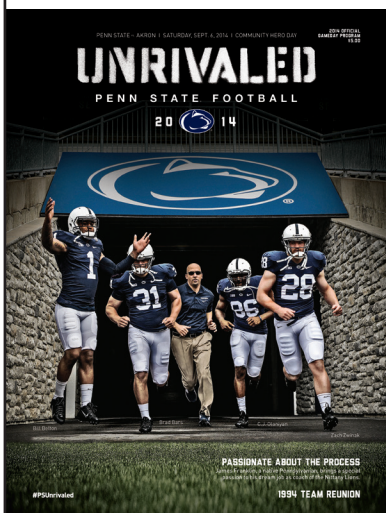
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## SCORING SUMMARY

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<b>UA</b>	0	0	3	0	<b>3</b>
<b>PSU</b>	7	0	7	7	<b>21</b>

## SCORING SUMMARY

2:58	PSU	4-58/1:40
Belton 22 yd pass from Hackenberg (Ficken kick)		
11:11	UA	6-30/2:27
Stein 28 yd field goal		
2:38	PSU	10-79/5:26
James 33yd pass from Hackenberg (Ficken kick)		
8:58	PSU	2-60/0:25
James 44 yd pass from Hackenberg (Ficken kick)		

## TEAM STATS

	PSU	UA
First Downs	27	17
Rushing Yards	106	69
Passing Yards	319	208
Passing (C-A-Int)	22-37-2	24-46-0
Total Offense	425	277
Plays	68	71
Fumbles (#/-Lost)	1/1	-/-
Penalties (#-Yards)	3-25	7-64
Possession Time	30:39	29:21
3rd Down Conv.	4-of-10	5-of-17
Red-Zone	1-3	1-3
Touchdowns	1	-
Field goals	-	1

## OTHER

Time of Game	3:15
Penn State	2-0, 0-0 Big Ten
Akron	1-1, 0-0 MAC

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** - Junior tight end Jesse James corralled two touchdown catches and the Nittany Lion defense swarmed for seven tackles for a loss, including four sacks, as Penn State improved to 2-0 with a 21-3 victory over Akron.

James finished with 57 yards on two catches, both of which went for touchdowns. It was the first time in James' career that he logged two touchdown catches in a game and brought his career total to 10.

Sophomore quarterback Christian Hackenberg passed for 319 yards and three touchdowns. With his performance, Hackenberg broke the Penn State record for most passing yards in consecutive games. His 773 passing yards in the first two games of the season surpass the mark of 686 set by Zach Mills in back-to-back contests in 2002.

Redshirt sophomore wide receiver Eugene Lewis had another solid outing with six catches for 98 yards, while redshirt freshman wideout DaeSean Hamilton pulled in seven throws for 69 yards. Akeel Lynch paced the ground game with 45 yards. Bill Belton added 36 rushing yards and four catches for 49 yards and a touchdown.

Defensively, the Nittany Lions held the Zips to 69 rushing yards and 208 of total offense. Redshirt senior linebacker Mike Hull was the heartbeat of the Penn State defense with 11 tackles, including a sack, for his second-straight double-digit tackle performance. Junior cornerback Jordan Lucas notched seven tackles and had his second career sack.

The Zips sprinted out of the gates needing just seven plays to move into a first-and-goal situation at the Penn State 7. However, a quarterback pressure by Anthony Zettel forced an incomplete pass and back-to-back sacks by Zettel and Lucas forced Akron into a 31-yard field goal attempt by Tom O'Leary, which sailed wide left to keep the game scoreless. Penn State collected a pair of first downs in its first four plays of the drive, but were unable to capitalize on the Zips' miscue.

After forcing a three-and-out, the Nittany Lions quickly went on the attack as they put together a four-play, 58-yard drive. Hackenberg opened the drive by finding Lewis for 20 yards. After a one-yard run by Zack Zwinak, Hamilton pulled in a 15-yard toss from Hackenberg. The Lions got on the scoreboard as

Hackenberg found Belton for a 22-yard touchdown completion to give Penn State a 7-0 lead with less than three minutes left in the first quarter.

Neither team could sustain much offensive momentum for the remainder of the first half as the Nittany Lions went into the break with a 7-0 lead.

In its first possession of the second half, Akron took advantage of a drive starting from the Penn State 41. The Zips moved the ball into field goal range and connected on a 28-yard kick to cut the Nittany Lions' lead to 7-3 with 11:11 left in the third quarter.

The Nittany Lions found an offensive rhythm with a 10-play, 79-yard drive over a 5:26 span to extend their lead with a 13-yard touchdown pass from Hackenberg to James for the 14-3 lead with 2:38 remaining in the third. Hackenberg was stellar on the drive, connecting on all six of his passes for a total of 81 yards.

The Penn State defense held strong and forced an Akron punt on the ensuing possession.

The Nittany Lions took over at their own 20 and moved the ball well on the ground to the Akron 16. However, Hackenberg was intercepted by Bre' Ford at the two-yard line. Ford then returned it 51 yards to the Penn State 45 with 10:58 remaining.

The Lion D held strong again, forcing a turnover on downs that included a stop for a two-yard loss on fourth-and-one by C.J. Olyanian and Brandon Bell.

On the ensuing possession, Penn State started the drive with a one-yard rush by Zwinak and added a 15-yard facemask penalty on the end of the run. Hackenberg then found James for his second score of the day on a 44-yard pitch-and-catch to give the Nittany Lions the 21-3 lead with 8:58 remaining.

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### RUSHING

**Penn State** - Lynch, Akeel 7 for 45 yds; Belton, Bill 9 for 36 yds; Zwinak, Zach 10 for 30 yds; Hackenberg, Christian 2 for 1 yd; Hamilton, DaeSean 1 for 1 yd; TEAM 2 for (-7).  
**Akron** - Chisholm, Jawon 7 for 30 yds; Hundley, Conor 7 for 18 yds; Lawrence, Hakeem 1 for 13 yds; Pohl, Kyle 10 for 8 yds.

### PASSING

**Penn State** - Hackenberg, Christian 22 of 36 for 319 yds, 3 TD/2 INT; Belton, Bill 0 of 1.  
**Akron** - Pohl, Kyle 24 of 46, 208 yds.

### RECEIVING

**Penn State** - Hamilton, DaeSean 7 for 69 yds; Lewis, Eugene 6 for 98 yds; Belton, Bill 4 for 49 yds, 1 TD; James, Jesse 2 for 57 yds, 2 TD; Carter, Kyle 1 for 23 yds; Godwin, Chris 1 for 12 yds; Gesicki, Mike 1 for 11 yds.  
**Akron** - D'Orazio, Zach 5 for 61 yds; Bickley, Fransohn 5 for 45 yds; Traylor-Bennett, Mykel 3 for 22 yds; Davis, Imani 3 for 15 yds; Smith, L.T. 2 for 27 yds; Chisholm, Jawon 2 for 8 yds; Williams, Tyler 1 for 10 yds; Sconiers, Keith 1 for 10 yds; Lawrence, Hakeem 1 for 7 yds; Lewis, Jerome 1 for 3 yds.

### TOP TACKLERS (T-UA-A)

**Penn State** - Hull, Mike 11-8-3; Lucas, Jordan 7-6-1; Wartman, Nyeem 6-3-3.  
**Akron** - Morgan, Devonte 7-5-2; Glvens, Kris 7-4-3; Brown, Jatavis 6-3-3; March, Justin 6-1-5; Grice, Cody 5-2-3; Robinson, Johnny 5-2-3.



**TEAM**

- Penn State is 5-0 in the on-field series with Akron.
- Penn State has on-field record of 114-13-1 in home openers. It was the 55th Beaver Stadium opener, with the Nittany Lions owning a 46-9 record in such games.
- Penn State held Akron to 277 yards, the second consecutive game holding its opponent to less than 300 yards of total offense. The last time that the Nittany Lions held two straight opponents to less than 300 yards of total offense was in the opening two games of 2013 against Syracuse (260 yards) and Eastern Michigan (183 yards).
- The Penn State defense kept Akron to just 69 yards rushing, the second straight game an opponent had less than 70 yards on the ground. The last time that Penn State's defense kept two consecutive opponents to less than 70 yards rushing was against Eastern Illinois (59 yards) and Minnesota (37 yards) in 2009.
- Penn State has outscored its opponents 14-0 in the first quarter this season and 17-3 in the opening half.

**INDIVIDUAL - DEFENSE**

- LB Mike Hull had his sixth career game, and second consecutive, with 10 or more tackles. He made 11 stops vs. Akron, just shy of his career-high of 13 tackles against Illinois in 2013.
- DT Anthony Zettel recorded a sack for the second consecutive game.
- DT Parker Cothren notched his first career sack late in the first quarter.
- SS Malik Golden had a career-best four tackles.
- CB Grant Haley made a season-best two tackles.
- DT Tarow Barney made his Penn State debut and had a quarterback pressure on his first series.

**INDIVIDUAL - OFFENSE**

- QB Christian Hackenberg threw for 319 yards vs. the Zips, his sixth 300-yard game of his career (14 games). This ties the school record of six 300-yard games held by Matt McGloin, 2009-12.
- It was the second time in Hackenberg's career that he threw for more than 300 yards in consecutive games (2013 at Indiana, vs. Michigan).
- Hackenberg's 319 passing yards (22 of 36) are the 15th highest single-game total in school history.
- Hackenberg's 319 yards gave him 773 yards over his last two games, breaking the school record for passing yardage in consecutive games. The old record of 686 yards was set by Zack Mills in 2002 (399 vs. Iowa and 287 at Wisconsin).
- It was Hackenberg's 11th career 200-yard passing games.
- TE Jesse James had a career-best two touchdown catches (13 and 44 yards). He had eight previous games with one touchdown catch.



*Junior tight end Jesse James scored two of the Nittany Lions' three touchdowns against Akron. James caught scoring strikes of 13 and 44 yards vs. the Zips, setting a career-high for touchdowns in a game.*

- Jesse James had 3 touchdown catch and runs of 40+ yards in his last nine games at Beaver Stadium. All 3 scoring grabs were down same sideline, in the same direction (East sideline, toward South end zone).
- TE Mike Gesicki grabbed a then-career-long 11-yard reception in the opening stanza.

**INDIVIDUAL - SPECIAL TEAMS**

- P Chris Gulla set a school record for average yards per punt in a single game by a freshman with 48.8 yards per punt on his five punts. The previous record was 48.7 yards per punt by Jeremy Kapinos against Boston College in 2003.
- Gulla had three punts downed inside the 20 yard line.



*Penn State honored the 20th Anniversary of the 1994 Big Ten Championship team that defeated Oregon in the Rose Bowl and finished ranked No. 2 nationally that season. The 1994 season was just the Nittany Lions' second as a member of the Big Ten.*



GAME 3

RUTGERS 10



13 PENN STATE

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SEPT. 13, 2014  
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SCORING SUMMARY

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PSU	0	0	3	10	13
RU	0	10	0	0	10

SCORING SUMMARY

11:32	RU	10-80/5:08
Nova 14yd run (Federico kick)		
0:12	RU	14-78/4:53
Federico 32yd field goal		
3:45	PSU	13-72/5:18
Ficken 32yd field goal		
13:00	PSU	9-68/3:42
Ficken 25yd field goal		
1:13	PSU	6-80/1:49
Belton 5yd run (Ficken kick)		

TEAM STATS

	PSU	RU
First Downs	19	15
Rushing Yards	64	102
Passing Yards	309	192
Passing (C-A-Int)	25-44-1	15-31-5
Total Offense	373	294
Plays	77	62
Fumbles (#-Lost)	1-0	1-0
Penalties (#-Yards)	5-40	9-75
Possession Time	33:23	26:37
3rd Down Conv.	9-of-20	5-of-14
Red-Zone	3-4	2-2
Touchdowns	1	1
Field goals	2	1

OTHER

Time of Game	3:20
Penn State	3-0, 1-0 Big Ten
Rutgers	2-1, 0-1 Big Ten

**PISCATAWAY, N.J.** - Senior Bill Belton scored on a five-yard run up-the-middle with 1:13 left to play to give the Nittany Lions a 13-10 lead, completing a Penn State comeback from a 10-point halftime deficit. An interception by senior Ryan Keiser, the Nittany Lions' fifth pick of the night, sealed the victory at High Point Solutions Stadium.

Penn State was 3-0 to start a season for the first time since 2009 and the 52nd time in school history. Head coach James Franklin became the sixth first-year Penn State coach to start 3-0.

The blue and white also improved to 23-2 all-time vs. Rutgers and won the first Big Ten match-up between the schools.

The Nittany Lions' offense gained 373 total yards, including 309 through the air as sophomore quarterback Christian Hackenberg completed 25-of-44 passes, including 3-of-4 on the game-winning drive.

It marked the seventh time in his career that Hackenberg had thrown for over 300 yards. He secured the school record mark only 15 games into his career. Hackenberg broke a tie with Matt McGloin (2009-12). Hackenberg also became the first Nittany Lion signal caller to throw for 300 yards in three consecutive games in the same season.

Penn State allowed 294 yards, forced five interceptions and recorded three sacks.

Junior cornerback Trevor Williams picked off two passes, while Keiser, Adrian Amos and Brandon Bell all recorded an interception. Defensive tackle Anthony Zettel had three tackles for loss, including a sack.

The Nittany Lions allowed only three first downs and 95 yards in the second half, allowing for the comeback.

Senior Sam Ficken hit field goals of 32 and 25 yards in the second half. Ficken was tied with Colin Wagner (2007-10) for ninth on the career list.

Freshman DaeSean Hamilton and sophomore Eugene Lewis both topped 100 yards receiving. Hamilton hauled in eight passes for 103 yards, while Lewis had six receptions for 109. It marked the second time in 2014 that the duo have both eclipsed the 100 yards receiving in a game.

Belton caught four passes for 52 yards to go along with 36 yards rushing on 15 carries. Seven different Nittany Lions caught a pass.

Senior linebacker Mike Hull led the defense with nine tackles, including six solo. Williams added five stops to his first career multi-interception performance. With three tackles for loss, Zettel moved his total to seven on the

season, which tied his season career-high for TFL.

Amos' interception was the fifth of his career. The Williams and Amos picks came on back-to-back passes by Rutgers quarterback Gary Nova in the first quarter.

After Amos' interception, the Nittany Lions drove the ball to the Rutgers' 17 yard-line, but Ficken's 34 yard attempt was blocked by Kemoko Turay.

Rutgers capitalized on the next possession with a 10-play, 80-yard drive that ended with a 14-yard touchdown run by Nova with 11:32 left in the first half.

After the teams traded punts, the Scarlet Knights started with the ball on their own eight yard-line. A 14-play, 78-yard drive ended with a Kyle Federico 32-yard field goal to give Rutgers a 10-0 lead at the break.

The Nittany Lions got on the board in the third quarter with a 32-yard field goal by Sam Ficken. On the second play of the drive, Hackenberg hit Belton for an 18-yard completion, one of three completions over 10 yards on the drive. Consecutive completions to freshman Chris Godwin and another to Hamilton got Penn State down to the Rutgers 14 yard-line. Ficken's kick completed a 13-play, 72-yard drive.

A 47-yard pass to Hamilton at the end of the third quarter jump-started another scoring drive. The reception got the Nittany Lions down to the Rutgers 26 yard-line. Three runs by Bill Belton and completions to Belton and Mike Gesicki setup a 25-yard kick for Ficken, finishing a nine-play, 68-yard drive.

With 3:02 left in the game, the Nittany Lions started with the ball at their own 20 yard-line. On the first play of the drive, Hackenberg hit Lewis on a comeback route. Lewis broke a tackle and took the ball 53 yards, down to the Rutgers 27 yard-line. Two plays later, Hackenberg hit Hamilton on an eight-yard strike. A holding penalty brought the ball back to the Rutgers 29 yard-line, but Hackenberg responded by completing a 23-yard toss to Lewis. With the ball at the Rutgers six yard-line, Belton was held to a one-yard gain on his first rushing attempt. On the next play, Belton took a hand off up-the-middle into the end zone to give Penn State it's first lead of the game. The run capped a six-play, 80-yard drive in only 1:51.

It was Hackenberg's fourth comeback win in the fourth quarter or overtime in his 15-game career.

Rutgers' final possession began with Zettel sacking Nova for an eight-yard loss and, on fourth and 12, Keiser intercepted Nova to seal the win.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

**Penn State** - Belton, Bill 15 for 36 yds, 1 TD; Hackenberg, Christian 12 for 18 yds; Hamilton, DaeSean 1 for 9 yds; Zwinak, Zach 2 for 7 yds; Lynch, Akeel 1 for (-2); TEAM 2 for (-4).

**Rutgers** - James, Paul 14 for 51 yds; Peoples, Desmon 8 for 32 yds; Nova, Gary 9 for 19 yds, 1 TD.

PASSING

**Penn State** - Hackenberg, Christian 25 of 44 for 309 yds, 1 INT.

**Rutgers** - Nova, Gary 15 of 30, 192 yds, 5 INT.

RECEIVING

**Penn State** - Hamilton, DaeSean 8 for 103 yds; Lewis, Eugene 6 for 109 yds; Belton, Bill 4 for 52 yds; Godwin, Chris 3 for 22 yds; Carter, Kyle 2 for 13 yds; Gesicki, Mike 1 for 7 yds; James, Jesse 1 for 3 yds.

**Rutgers** - Carroo, Leonte 6 for 84 yds; Kroft, Tyler 4 for 45 yds; Grant, Janarion 2 for 34 yds; James, Paul 1 for 13 yds; Tsimis, John 1 for 11 yds; Burton, Michael 1 for 5 yds.

TOP TACKLERS (T-UA-A)

**Penn State** - Hull, Mike 9-6-3; Williams, Trevor 5-5-0; Zettel, Anthony 4-4-0; Olaniyan, C.J. 4-3-1; Keiser, Ryan 3-3-0; Lucas, Jordan 3-2-1; Wartman, Nyeem 3-2-1.

**Rutgers** - Snyder, Kevin 9-7-2; Longa, Steve 9-4-5; Gause, Quentin 8-5-3; Glashen, Gareef 7-4-3; Barnwell, Nadir 5-4-1.



## TEAM

- Penn State is 23-2 all-time vs. Rutgers and owns a 4-0 record in games played on the Rutgers campus; 10-0 in games played in New Jersey.
- Penn State scored 13 unanswered points after Rutgers took a 10-0 lead late into the third quarter.
- In Big Ten openers, Penn State has 10-12 overall on-field record and a 7-7 mark in Big Ten openers on the road.
- It was the first 3-0 start for the Nittany Lions since 2009 and the 52nd time a Penn State team has started 3-0 in the 128 years of the program.
- James Franklin is the sixth Penn State first-year head coach to start 3-0; the first since Bob Higgins in 1930.
- Franklin is the first Penn State head coach to win his first two games away from Beaver Stadium among the 16 head coaches in the program's 128 years.
- CB Christian Campbell became the sixth Penn State true freshman to make his debut in 2014 in the first half vs. Rutgers.
- It is the first five interception game for Penn State since a 2004 meeting with Michigan State.
- The last time Penn State grabbed five interceptions from the same quarterback in a game was a 2000 contest vs. Louisiana Tech (Brian Stallworth).

## INDIVIDUAL - DEFENSE

- Rutgers came into the game averaging 39.5 ppt and 446.5 ypg and was held to 10 points and 294 yards by the PSU defense. In the second half, the Nittany Lions allowed just three first downs and 95 yards.
- CB Trevor Williams collected the first Penn State interception of the season in the first half. It was the third career interception for Williams, who also had one vs. Syracuse and at Wisconsin last season.
- Williams also collected a third quarter interception for the first multi-interception game of his career.
- Williams' two interceptions were the most by a Penn State player since LB Michael Mauti's two at Illinois on Sept. 29, 2012. It was the first multi-interception game by a Penn State defensive back since Nick Sukay collected two vs. Temple in 2010.
- S Adrian Amos collected the Nittany Lions' second interception of the game in the first quarter. It was his fifth career interception and he has at least one interception in each of his four seasons.
- The Williams and Amos interceptions came on back-to-back throws by Rutgers' QB Gary Nova.
- S Ryan Keiser sealed the game with his first interception of the season and fourth of his career. Keiser also intercepted Wisconsin's Joel Stave to finish off the 2013 season-ending victory against the No. 14 Badgers.
- LB Mike Hull tied for game-high with nine tackles.
- DT Anthony Zettel equaled his career-high with 3.0 tackles-for-loss in the game.



Sophomore Trevor Williams (10) and senior Ryan Keiser (23) each collected interceptions at Rutgers. Williams pulled in a pair of interceptions, while Keiser sealed the win with a late fourth quarter interception along the Scarlet Knights sideline.



Senior and New Jersey native Bill Belton gave Penn State their first lead of the game on a five-yard touchdown run with 1:13 to play at Rutgers. It was the first rushing touchdown of the season for Belton.

- DE Deion Barnes collected his first sack (1.0) of the season in the first half at Rutgers.
- DE C.J. Olaniyan collected one sack at Rutgers to give him two (2.0) sacks on the season.

## INDIVIDUAL - OFFENSE

- In the second half, Penn State gained 12 first downs and 271 yards of offense, scoring its 13 points in the final 18:45 of the game.
- QB Christian Hackenberg directed his fourth comeback win in the fourth quarter or overtime in 15 career games.
- QB Christian Hackenberg threw for 309 yards on 25-of-44 passing. He was 3-for-4 for 84 yards on the game-winning drive, that consumed 1:49.
- It was Hackenberg's seventh career 300-yard passing game, setting the school record for 300-yard games. In just his 15th career gameshe moved past Matt McGloin's six 300-yard games from 2009-12.
- It was also Hackenberg's 12th career 200-yard passing game.
- Hackenberg completed a 47-yard pass to DaeSean Hamilton in the third quarter for his sixth pass of 40-plus yards this season.
- Hackenberg became just the 10th Nittany Lion quarterback to throw for 4,000 yards in a career.
- Hackenberg is the first Nittany Lion quarterback to throw for 300 yards in three consecutive games in the same season. He has four consecutive 300-yard games including the 2013 season ending win at Wisconsin.
- WR DaeSean Hamilton (8-103) and Geno Lewis (6-109) both eclipsed 100 receiving yards in a game for the second time this season. The last time Penn State had multiple receivers with 100 yards in multiple games during a season was in 1994, when Bobby Engram and Freddie Scott eclipsed 100 yards in the same game three times.
- Hamilton posted his second 100-yard receiving game of the year with 103 yards on eight catches, including a long of 47 yards.
- Lewis led the team with 109 yards on six catches, including a 53-yarder that set up the game winning score in the fourth quarter.
- RB Bill Belton scored the game-winning touchdown with 1:13 left in the fourth quarter for his first rushing touchdown of the season.

## INDIVIDUAL - SPECIAL TEAMS

- PK Sam Ficken converted field goal attempts of 32- and 25-yards at Rutgers to move his career total to 36. He was tied with Colin Wagner (2007-10) for No. 9 on the career list.
- Ficken added one extra point and scored seven points in the game.
- CB Grant Haley's 22-yard kickoff return in the second quarter gave him five kickoff return of better than 20-yards through three games.



# GAME 4

PENN STATE **48**



vs.



**7** MASSACHUSETTS

BEAVER STADIUM  
BTN

SEPT. 20, 2014  
ATTN: 99,155



## SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	F
<b>UM</b>	0	0	0	7	<b>7</b>
<b>PSU</b>	6	28	14	0	<b>48</b>

## SCORING SUMMARY

6:17	PSU	15-53/5:30
Ficken, Sam 42 yd field goal		
2:38	PSU	5-45/2:37
Ficken, Sam 40 yd field goal		
10:11	PSU	8-69/3:07
Belton, Bill 24 yd run (Ficken kick)		
8:48	PSU	2-20/0:12
Belton, Bill 20 yd run (Ficken kick)		
3:37	PSU	6-64/3:02
Zwinak, Zach 5 yd run (Ficken kick)		
1:24	PSU	5-56/1:25
Zwinak, Zach 1 yd run (Ficken kick)		
8:10	PSU	10-72/5:38
Lynch, Akeel 15 yd run (Ficken kick)		
0:17	PSU	11-41/4:57
Wilkerson 11yd pass from Crook (Ficken kick)		
14:47	UM	3-75/0:30
Sharpe 77yd pass from Frohnapfel (Wylie kick)		

## TEAM STATS

	PSU	UM
First Downs	23	13
Rushing Yards	228	3
Passing Yards	236	263
Passing (C-A-Int)	18-32-0	17-33-0
Total Offense	464	266
Plays	77	61
Fumbles (#-Lost)	-	4-1
Penalties (#-Yards)	6-52	4-30
Possession Time	37:32	22:28
3rd Down Conv.	10-of-17	3-of-13
Red-Zone	6-6	0-1
Touchdowns	5	-
Field goals	1	-

## OTHER

Time of Game	3:00
Penn State	4-0, 1-0 Big Ten
Massachusetts	0-4, 0-0 MAC

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** - The Nittany Lions used a balanced offensive attack and relentless defense on the way to a 48-7 win over UMass in front of 99,155 fans at Beaver Stadium. The Nittany Lions rushed for 228 yards, led by Bill Belton, who scored twice and had 76 yards on seven carries. Zach Zwinak also scored twice, while Akeel Lynch added a team-best 81 yards and one touchdown.

Christian Hackenberg threw for 179 yards to lead the air attack. Redshirt freshman D.J. Crook saw his first collegiate action, going 6-for-9 for 57 yards and a touchdown. Eugene Lewis continued his strong start with five catches for 82 yards, while DaeSean Hamilton added four catches for 65 yards.

The Nittany Lion defense was stellar, holding UMass to three yards rushing thanks in part to 10 tackles for a loss, including three sacks. The three rushing yards allowed were the fewest since the Nittany Lions held Notre Dame without a rushing yard in 2007. Mike Hull led the unit again with six tackles and one forced fumble, while Nyeem Wartman added five stops.

Place kicker Sam Ficken connected on field goals of 42 and 40 yards and moved into a tie for eighth place on Penn State's career field goals list with Nick Gancitano (1981-84). Ficken had 38 career field goals. Additionally, Ficken became the 11th player in school history with 200 points. He moved into eighth in program history with 207 points.

Penn State improved to 4-0 for the first time since 2008. Head coach James Franklin became the first Penn State first year coach to start 4-0 since Dick Harlow in 1915.

After the Minutemen missed a 39-yard field goal, Penn State put together a 53-yard drive over 15 plays that led to a 42-yard field goal by Ficken. Belton had the key play of the drive with a 14-yard run on second down to position the Nittany Lions for the field goal.

The Penn State defense forced a three-and-out on the next UMass drive and Lynch reeled off a 46-yard run, the Lions' longest rush of the season to that point, to kick-start the PSU drive. The Lions advanced the ball four more yards before yielding to Ficken for his second field goal of the game, this time from 40 yards out, to take a 6-0 lead with 2:38 left in the first quarter.

After a turnover on downs for the Minutemen, the Penn State offense was clicking on all cylinders as the Lions turned in an eight-play, 69-yard drive. Hackenberg threw

for 39 yards and Belton rushed for 30 yards, capped off with a 24-yard run for his second rushing touchdown of the season to give Penn State a 13-0 lead with 10:11 remaining in the second quarter.

On the ensuing UMass drive, Hull forced a fumble by Tajae Sharp and it was recovered by Austin Johnson to give the Nittany Lions the ball at the UMass 20. On the second play from scrimmage, Belton found a gap and ran 20 yards for paydirt and a 20-0 Penn State lead with 8:48 remaining in the first half.

The Nittany Lion defense continued to impress as Tarow Barney sacked and stripped UMass quarterback Blake Frohnapfel on third down to force another Minuteman punt. After advancing the ball to the Penn State 45, Hackenberg hit Lewis for a 38-yard completion to move to the UMass 10. Following an illegal procedure penalty on the Minutemen, Zwinak scampered in from five yards out for the touchdown with 3:37 left in the opening half.

Following a three-and-out for UMass, the Nittany Lions capped the first-half scoring with Zwinak's second touchdown of the half on a one-yard run to make it 34-0 Penn State with 1:24 on the clock. Hackenberg hit Hamilton for 35 yards and Lewis for 11 yards to propel the drive for the Lions. The 28 points scored by the Nittany Lions in the second quarter were the most for a Penn State team since notching 28 tallies in the third quarter against Michigan in 2009.

Penn State picked up in the second half where it left off in the first with a defensive three-and-out to open the frame. In the first offensive series of the second half, Hackenberg rushed for a career-long 17 yards on third-and-12 to keep the Penn State drive alive. Lynch then rushed for 13 yards on three carries before Hackenberg hit Hamilton for a 13-yard gain to the UMass 17. Lynch's number was called again as he rushed for two yards and then broke free for a 15-yard touchdown run to give the Lions the 41-0 lead with 8:10 left in the third.

The Lions added to their lead with Crook as he connected with Brent Wilkerson for an 11-yard touchdown catch to increase the lead to 48-0. Crook was 4-for-6 on the drive for 39 yards.

The Minutemen got on the board to open the fourth quarter with a 77-yard touchdown to cut the Penn State lead to 48-7.

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### RUSHING

**Penn State** - Lynch, Akeel 8 for 81 yds, 1 TD; Belton, Bill 7 for 76 yds, 2 TD; Chiappialle, Cole 16 for 35 yds; Zwinak, Zach 9 for 28 yds, 2 TD; Hackenberg, Christian 5 for 8 yds.  
**UMass** - Kenney, Alex 2 for 22 yds; Blyden, J.T. 10 for 20 yds; Michel, Marken 3 for 6 yds; Woodley, Lorenzo 1 for 3 yds; Libby, Andrew 2 for 3 yds; Broadnax, Jordan 5 for (-7); TEAM 1 for (-13); Frohnapfel, Blake 4 for (-31).

### PASSING

**Penn State** - Hackenberg, Christian 12 of 23 for 179 yds; Crook, D.J. 6 of 9 for 57 yds, 1 TD.  
**UMass** - Frohnapfel, Blake 17 of 33 for 263 yds, 1 TD.

### RECEIVING

**Penn State** - Lewis, Eugene 5 for 82 yds; Hamilton, DaeSean 4 for 65 yds; James, Jesse 2 for 26 yds; Blacknall, Saeed 2 for 21 yds; Godwin, Chris 2 for 18 yds; Wilkerson, Brent 2 for 18 yds, 1 TD; Carter, Kyle 1 for 6 yds.  
**UMass** - Michel, Marken 6 for 104 yds; Sharpe, Tajae 4 for 99 yds, 1 TD; Williams, Jalen 1 for 11 yds; Blyden, J.T. 1 for 11 yds; Woodley, Lorenzo 1 for 10 yds; Sifrin, Jean 1 for 9 yds; Libby, Andrew 1 for 7 yds; Mills, Rodney 1 for 7 yds; Broadnax, Jordan 1 for 5 yds.

### TOP TACKLERS (T-UA-A)

**Penn State** - Hull, Mike 6-5-1; Wartman, Nyeem 5-5-0; Seven Others w/ 3.

**UMass** - Andre, Stanley 8-5-3; Jette, Randall 8-5-3; Bailey-Smith, Khary 6-5-1; Messiah, Kassar 6-3-3.



## TEAM

- Penn State is 4-0 for the first time since the 2008 team began the season 9-0.
- James Franklin was the first Penn State coach to begin his first season 4-0 since Dick Harlow started 5-0 in 1915. Franklin and Harlow are the only Nittany Lion head coaches to begin their tenures with 4-0 records in the 128 years of the program.
- Massachusetts became the 154th different Penn State opponent. The Nittany Lions are 113-33-8 in first meetings with opponents.
- Penn State's 48 points vs. UMass are its most since a 52-3 win over Eastern Illinois in 2009. Most vs. FBS team since 49 vs. MSU in 2008.
- The Nittany Lions ran for 228 yards vs. UMass and entered the game with 227 rushing yards in the first three games this season.
- Penn State's 28 points in the second quarter were the most points by the Nittany Lions in a quarter since scoring 28 at Michigan State in the third quarter of the 2009 regular season finale.
- Penn State's four rushing touchdowns in the second quarter marked the first time that the Nittany Lions had four rushing touchdowns in a single quarter since at least 1981.
- Penn State had five rushing touchdowns, the most on the ground since having five rushing touchdowns last season against Purdue.
- The three rushing yards allowed by Penn State are the fewest since allowing zero yards rushing against Notre Dame in 2007.
- Penn State has outscored its opponents 20-0 in the first quarter this season. Penn State has not allowed an opponent to score in the first quarter in the past seven games, dating back to last season. The last team to score against the Nittany Lions in the first quarter was Minnesota, who scored 10 points in the opening stanza last season in Minneapolis.
- Penn State's 15-play field goal drive in the first quarter tied for the longest drive in terms of plays this season. The Nittany Lions had a 15-play field goal drive against UCF earlier this year.
- P Daniel Pasquariello became the seventh true freshman to play for the Nittany Lions this season.
- Five redshirt freshmen made their Nittany Lion debuts: DE Curtis Cothran, QB D.J. Crook, OL Tom Devenney, OL Evan Galimberti, OL Andrew Terlingo

## INDIVIDUAL - DEFENSE

- LB Mike Hull forced the second fumble of his career in the second quarter. On the same play, DT Austin Johnson grabbed the second fumble recovery of his career.
- Hull led the Nittany Lions in tackles for the fourth consecutive game with six stops.
- DT Tarow Barney notched his first career sack and first career forced fumble in the second quarter.
- LB Brandon Bell recorded his first career sack early in the second quarter.
- DE Garrett Sickels had first career sack in the fourth quarter.



Junior center Angelo Mangiro helped Penn State gain 228 yards on the ground and 236 yards through the air. The offensive line helped the Nittany Lions score their most points since a 52-3 win over Eastern Illinois in 2009.



Senior running back Zack Zwinak ran for a pair of scores vs. UMass to move his career total to 21 rushing touchdowns. Zwinak is just the 18th player in Penn State history with at least 20 career rushing scores.

## INDIVIDUAL - OFFENSE

- RB Akeel Lynch's 46-yard rush in the first quarter was a then-career-long for Lynch and the then-longest rush of the season by the Nittany Lions. Lynch's previous longest rush was 43 yards against Kent State last season.
- QB Christian Hackenberg had a career-long 17-yard rush in the third quarter. His previous career-long was 15 yards against Eastern Michigan last season.
- RB Zach Zwinak's second quarter touchdown gave him 20 rushing touchdowns for his career, and makes him the 18th player in Penn State history to have at least 20 rushing touchdowns. He added a second rushing score later in the second quarter to give him 21 career rushing touchdowns.
- TE Brent Wilkerson caught his first career touchdown pass in the third quarter.
- A Massachusetts native, QB D.J. Crook made his first career appearance vs. the Minutemen. He completed his first three career passes and ended the game completing six-of-nine passes for 57 yards.
- Crook threw his first career touchdown pass in the third quarter, an 11-yard connection with Wilkerson.
- G Derek Dowrey started at right guard and was the sixth Nittany Lion to make his first career start this season.

## INDIVIDUAL - SPECIAL TEAMS

- PK Sam Ficken's 12 points give him 207 points for his career, which made him the 11th player in Penn State history to score at least 200 points.
- Ficken passed Ki-Jana Carter (204), Larry Johnson (206) and Massimo Manca (206) on the career list vs. UMass.
- P Daniel Pasquariello booted his first career punt in the fourth quarter, a 45-yarder. He added a 42 yard punt later in the quarter that pinned UMass at their own 10 yard line.





GAME 5

PENN STATE 6



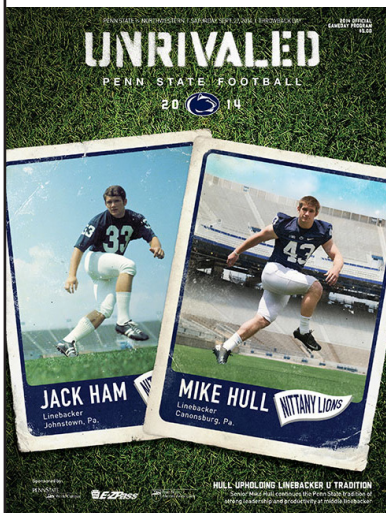
vs.



29 NORTHWESTERN

BEAVER STADIUM  
BTN

SEPT. 27, 2014  
ATTN: 102,910



SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	F
<b>NU</b>	14	0	0	15	<b>29</b>
<b>PSU</b>	0	3	3	0	<b>6</b>

SCORING SUMMARY

9:29	NU	4-31/1:27	
	Siemian, Trevor	1 yd run (Mitchell kick)	
4:38	NU		10-60/3:52
	Siemian, Trevor	1 yd run (Mitchell kick)	
0:05	PSU		10-55/1:23
	Ficken, Sam	42 yd field goal	
11:17	PSU		5-11/0:38
	Ficken, Sam	36 yd field goal	
14:49	NU		---
	Walker, Anthony	49 yd interception return (kick failed)	
13:06	NU		4-8/1:36
	Mitchell, Jack	23 yd field goal	
07:22	NU		7-28/3:55
	Siemian, Trevor	1 yd run (kick failed)	

TEAM STATS

	PSU	NU
First Downs	14	17
Rushing Yards	50	103
Passing Yards	216	258
Passing (C-A-Int)	22-46-1	21-37-1
Total Offense	266	361
Plays	71	75
Fumbles (#-Lost)	1-1	-
Penalties (#-Yards)	4-35	8-75
Possession Time	29:37	30:23
3rd Down Conv.	3-of-17	7-of-17
Red-Zone	1-2	4-6
Touchdowns	-	3
Field Goals	1	1

OTHER

Time of Game		3:26
Penn State	4-1, 1-1 Big Ten	
Northwestern	2-2, 1-0 Big Ten	

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** - Senior linebacker Mike Hull recorded a then-career-high 16 tackles, including one for a loss, but Penn State dropped a 29-6 decision to Northwestern. The homecoming contest brought in a then-season-high 102,910 fans to Beaver Stadium.

With his performance, Hull surpasses his previous personal best of 13 stops set against Illinois on Nov. 2, 2013. Freshman linebacker Jason Cabinda finished second on the team with eight tackles in his collegiate debut. Junior defensive end Deion Barnes added six tackles, including his fourth sack of the season.

Senior kicker Sam Ficken accounted for all of Penn State's points with a pair of field goals to move him into a tie for fifth place in school history for career field goals with Massimo Manca (1982, 1984-86). Ficken ended the day with 40 career field goals.

Sophomore Christian Hackenberg threw for 216 yards for his seventh 200-yard game in his last eight outings. Freshman receiver DaeSean Hamilton pulled in six passes for 100 yards. His 51-yard reception in the second quarter was a career-long catch. It was Hamilton's third 100-yard receiving performances in five career games.

On the opening drive, the Wildcats drove down to the Penn State 27-yard line, but a personal foul penalty on Northwestern backed the Wildcats up to the Penn State 42. The Nittany Lion defense made three consecutive stops and forced Northwestern into a 44-yard field goal attempt, which went wide right.

After a three-and-out for the Lions, Northwestern's Miles Shuler returned a punt 42 yards to put the Wildcats in prime position to start their next drive at the Penn State 31. On third-and-eight, Trevor Siemian found Mike McHugh for a 28-yard gain to the one-yard line and Siemian ran it in for the score on the next play to put Northwestern up 7-0 with 9:29 left in the first.

Northwestern engineered another drive, going 60 yards in 10 plays for another Siemian touchdown from one-yard out to make it 14-0 Wildcats with 3:59 left in the opening quarter. The Wildcats again started in great field position, taking over at the Penn State 29. Siemian found Mark Stotz for a 22-yard pitch-and-catch to the Penn State 7. The Nittany Lion defense

stood tall and stopped the Wildcats on a fake field goal to take over on downs.

Neither team could sustain offensive momentum in the second quarter until Penn State's final drive of the half. Hackenberg led the Lions on a 10-play, 55-yard drive that resulted in a 42-yard field goal by Ficken with five seconds left in the half. Hackenberg threw for 45 yards and rushed for five on the drive. The squads hit the locker room with Penn State trailing 14-3.

After the teams swapped drives to open the second half, Jesse Della Valle returned the Northwestern punt 41 yards to the NU 30. Hackenberg found Akeel Lynch for 11 yards, which led to a 36-yard field goal by Ficken to cut the deficit to 14-6 with 11:17 left in the third.

On the ensuing Northwestern possession, Adrian Amos picked off Siemian's pass deep in Nittany Lion territory to foil the Wildcat drive. Hackenberg opened the drive with a three-yard rush and followed it up with a 29-yard pass to Hamilton to continue the offensive momentum. The Nittany Lions would advance to the Northwestern 35-yard line, but turned the ball over on downs.

The fourth quarter opened with Hackenberg being intercepted by Anthony Walker, who returned it 49 yards for the touchdown. However, the Wildcats missed the extra point to take a 20-6, just 11 seconds into the fourth quarter.

On the first play of Penn State's next possession, Hackenberg was sacked and fumbled, which was recovered by Northwestern at the Penn State 15. The Wildcats advanced the ball eight yards and converted on a 23-yard field goal to increase the margin to 23-6 with 13:06 left.

Another rushing touchdown for Siemian in the fourth quarter extended the Wildcats' lead, but the extra point failed again to make it 29-6 with 7:22 remaining.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

**Penn State** - Belton, Bill 8 for 25 yds; Chiappialle, Cole 1 for 10 yds; Zwinak, Zach 4 for 8 yds; Hackenberg, Christian 11 for 5 yds; Lynch, Akeel 1 for 2 yds.

**Northwestern** - Jackson, Justin 15 for 50 yds; Long, Warren 9 for 49 yds; Green, Treyvon 6 for 13 yds; Salem, Christian 1 for 0 yds; Vitale, Dan 1 for 0 yds; TEAM 1 for (-1); Siemian, Trevor 5 for (-8), 3 TD.

PASSING

**Penn State** - Hackenberg, Christian 22 of 45 for 216 yds, 1 INT; Belton, Bill 0 of 1.

**Northwestern** - Siemian, Trevor 21 of 37 for 258 yds, 1 INT.

RECEIVING

**Penn State** - Hamilton, DaeSean 6 for 100 yds; Belton, Bill 5 for 15 yds; Lewis, Eugene 4 for 33 yds; James, Jesse 3 for 32 yds; Godwin, Chris 1 for 14 yds; Lynch, Akeel 1 for 11 yds; Gesicki, Mike 1 for 6 yds; Blacknall, Saeed 1 for 5 yds.

**Northwestern** - Vitale, Dan 7 for 113 yds; Jones, Tony 3 for 31 yds; Shuler, Miles 2 for 18 yds; Jackson, Justin 2 for 17 yds; Prater, Kyle 2 for 13 yds; McHugh, Mike 1 for 28 yds; Szott, Mark 1 for 22 yds; Dickerson, Cameron 1 for 9 yds; Green, Treyvon 1 for 8 yds; Long, Warren 1 for (-1).

TOP TACKLERS (T-UA-A)

**Penn State** - Hull, Mike 16-9-7; Cabinda, Jason 8-3-5; Keiser, Ryan 6-3-3; Barnes, Deion 6-3-3; Johnson, Austin 5-1-4.

**Northwestern** - Walker, Anthony 8-4-4; Ariguzo, Chi Chi 7-4-3; VanHoose, Nick 6-6-0.



## TEAM

- Penn State has a 68-22-5 on-field mark on Homecoming. The Nittany Lions have a 22-5 on-field record on Homecoming since starting Big Ten play in 1993. Penn State lost on Homecoming for the first time since 2010.
- Penn State leads the on-field series with the Wildcats 13-4. Today's loss marked the first contest that Penn State has dropped to Northwestern since 2004, which was the only other time the Wildcats won in Beaver Stadium (Penn State leads series, 7-2, at home).
- LB Jason Cabinda became the eighth true freshman to play for the Nittany Lions this year.
- The six points scored by Penn State are the fewest scored by the Nittany Lions in the Northwestern series since it began in 1993.
- The two touchdowns by Northwestern in the first quarter marked the first points allowed by Penn State in the opening stanza in the past eight games.
- The last time Penn State gave up an interception return for a touchdown was in 2012, when Ryan Shazier of Ohio State returned one 17 yards for a touchdown.
- The 23-point loss marked Penn State's biggest home loss since a 26-point loss to Miami (Fla.) in 2001 (33-7).
- Penn State's opponents have missed a field goal on their opening drive in three straight home games (Akron, Massachusetts, Northwestern).
- The attendance of 102,910 was the largest in Beaver Stadium for a day game since a crowd of 107,903 attended the 2011 Nebraska game.
- This was the first time since Penn State first-year coach James Franklin and the vast majority of the coaching staff had not emerged victorious since Vanderbilt lost at Texas A&M on Oct. 26, 2013. The Commodores won their last five games last season and Franklin had led the Nittany Lions to a 4-0 start this year.

## INDIVIDUAL - DEFENSE

- LB Mike Hull established a then-career high with 16 tackles. Hull had 10 tackles in the first half of the game and posted his third double figure tackle games of the season and seventh of his career.
- DE Deion Barnes had six tackles, tying his then-career-high, set previously at Nebraska in 2012.
- S Adrian Amos' third quarter interception was his second of the season and sixth of his career.
- CB Christian Campbell had a then-season-high two tackles.
- DE Evan Schwan tied a career-high in tackles with two.
- LB Von Walker made his first career start. It was the first change to Penn State's defensive starters in 2014.
- Walker tied his career-best with three stops. He also had three against UMass.
- Cabinda finished the game with eight tackles, second-highest on the team.



Senior safety/punt returner Jesse Della Valle broke a career-best 41 yard punt return in the third quarter that set up a Sam Ficken field goal. Della Valle also added three tackles in the contest vs. the Wildcats.



Junior defensive end Deion Barnes logged a then-career-high six stops vs. Northwestern, including the team's only sack of the game. Barnes ranked third on the squad with his six tackles.

## INDIVIDUAL - OFFENSE

- QB Christian Hackenberg posted his 13th career 200-yard passing game. Darryl Clark is fourth in school history with 14 200-yard games.
- Hackenberg's 216 passing yards gave him 4,432 yards for his career, moving him in ninth place at Penn State. He passed Wally Richardson (4,419) against the Wildcats.
- Hackenberg' 22 completions gave him 344 in his career, moving him into ninth place for career completions. He passed Todd Blackledge (341) vs. Northwestern.
- Hackenberg's 45 pass attempts are the 11th highest single-game total at Penn State.
- Hackenberg had 221 yards of total offense (216 Passing, 5 Rushing), giving him 4,398 yards of total offense and moved him into the top-10 in school history.
- WR DaeSean Hamilton's 51-yard catch in the second quarter was a career-long. He had a 47-yard grab earlier this season at Rutgers.
- Hamilton had 100 yards receiving on six catches vs. Northwestern, his third 100-yard receiving game this season.
- Hamilton became the 15th different Nittany Lion receiver to have at least three 100-yard receiving games in a single season.
- RB Akeel Lynch had the first catch of his career, an 11-yard grab in the third quarter.

## INDIVIDUAL - SPECIAL TEAMS

- PK Sam Ficken's two field goals gave him 40 for his career, tying him for fifth place with Massimo Manca.
- PK Sam Ficken's career point total reached 213 points, good for eighth place at Penn State.
- PR Jesse Della Valle had a career-best 41-yard punt return in the third quarter. His previous longest return was a 31-yard return last year vs. Syracuse.



# GAME 6

MICHIGAN **18**



**13** PENN STATE

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## SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	F
<b>PSU</b>	6	7	0	0	<b>13</b>
<b>UM</b>	7	3	3	5	<b>18</b>

## SCORING SUMMARY

9:28	PSU	10-57/5:32
Ficken, Sam 35 yd field goal		
6:37	MICH	6-75/2:51
Funchess 43 yd pass from Gardner (Wile kick)		
0:52	PSU	11-60/5:45
Ficken, Sam 32 yd field goal		
11:58	PSU	4-28/2:00
Hamilton 10 yd pass from Hackenberg (Ficken kick)		
5:08	MICH	11-48/6:50
Wile, Matt 45 yd field goal		
2:30	MICH	4-3/1:32
Wile, Matt 42 yd field goal		
11:24	MICH	6-29/2:15
Wile, Matt 37 yd field goal		
1:41	MICH	---
TEAM safety		

## TEAM STATS

	PSU	UM
First Downs	16	12
Rushing Yards	54	64
Passing Yards	160	192
Passing (C-A-Int)	21-33-1	16-26-1
Total Offense	214	256
Plays	68	57
Fumbles (#-Lost)	-	-
Penalties (#-Yards)	5-23	3-30
Possession Time	31:00	29:00
3rd Down Conv.	6-of-17	6-of-15
Red-Zone	3-3	1-2
Touchdowns	1	-
Field Goals	2	1

## OTHER

Time of Game	3:15
Penn State	4-2, 1-2 Big Ten
Michigan	3-4, 1-2 Big Ten

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** - Penn State scored on its first three possessions and took a 13-7 lead in the second quarter on a 10-yard strike from sophomore Christian Hackenberg to redshirt-freshman DaeSean Hamilton, but Michigan scored the final 11 points of the game to win 18-13 in Ann Arbor.

The loss snapped the Nittany Lions' four-game on-field win streak against Michigan and ended a three-game winning streak in games away from Beaver Stadium.

Penn State gained 214 total yards, including 160 through the air. Hackenberg completed 21-of-32 passes, with a touchdown and an interception.

Senior Bill Belton gained 69 yards rushing on 14 carries, including a then-season-long 31-yard run on the opening drive, and added four catches for 26 yards.

Freshman DaeSean Hamilton led the Nittany Lion receivers with seven receptions for 58 yards and his first career touchdown. Hamilton was one of seven players to catch a pass.

With 43 receptions this year, Hamilton broke the freshman record for receptions in a season, topping 37 catches by Deon Butler in 2005.

Senior Sam Ficken connected on 35- and 32-yard kicks in the first quarter and moved into sole possession of fifth place on the career field goals made list, passing Massimo Manca.

Penn State held the Wolverines to just 256 yards, including just 64 rushing, and 12 first downs.

Linebacker Mike Hull once again led the team in tackles with 11, including eight solo and 2.0 for loss. Hull added a sack and a pass breakup. Hull hit the double-digit tackle mark for the second straight game and fourth time this season, leading the Nittany Lions in tackles in each of the team's first six games.

Defensive end Anthony Zettel picked off a pass for his second career interception. Each of his first two career picks came against the Wolverines, with the first coming in last year's 43-40 four-overtime win in Beaver Stadium.

The Nittany Lions got their opening drive jump started with a 31-yard run by Belton on the third play of the drive. Belton also had a 13-yard burst and a 10-yard reception to help Penn State reach the Michigan seven yard-line. Ficken hit a 35-yard kick to give the Blue and White the first points of the game.

However, the Wolverines responded with their own scoring drive. quarterback Devin Gardner went 4-for-4 on the drive, with his final completion a 43-yard touchdown pass to Devin Funchess, who came up with the ball after safety Ryan Keiser narrowly missed grabbing an interception.

Belton got the Nittany Lions going again, starting the second drive of the night with a nine-yard run. He ran the ball on four straight plays to start the drive and also grabbed an 11-yard pass to setup Penn State in Michigan territory. Back-to-back 13-yard completions to Hamilton moved the ball to the Michigan 23 yard-line. The Nittany Lions earned eight more yards on the drive and with 52 seconds left in the opening quarter, Ficken drilled a 32-yard kick to pull the Nittany Lions within one, 7-6.

Zettel's interception on the next Michigan possession setup another scoring drive for Penn State. Starting with the ball at Michigan's 28 yard-line, Hackenberg connected with Hamilton for a 20-yard pass to open the drive. On third-and-goal from the UM 10, Hackenberg found Hamilton again, this time in the end zone, to give Penn State a 13-7 lead early in the second quarter.

On the following drive, Gardner connected with four different receivers as he drove Michigan down to the Penn State 28-yard line. Matt Wile hit a 45-yard field goal to shorten the Nittany Lion lead to three.

Penn State would enter the halftime break with a 13-10 advantage.

A Jourdan Lewis interception setup the Wolverines at Penn State's 28 yard-line with 4:02 left in the third quarter. After a pair of runs and an incomplete pass, Wile connected on a 42-yard attempt to tie the game at 13.

Michigan's opening drive of the fourth quarter featured a 24-yard completion to Devin Norfleet and Wile would hit his third field goal of the day, a 37-yard kick, with 11:24 left in the quarter to move UM ahead, 16-13.

Backed up inside their own three yard-line with 1:41 left in the game, Penn State decided to take a safety to give them an opportunity to get the ball back.

The Nittany Lions attempted an onside kick and Mike Hull recovered it, but Penn State was called for an offsides penalty. Michigan would recover the second attempt and seal the win with four straight run plays.

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### RUSHING

**Penn State** - Belton, Bill 14 for 69 yds; Lynch, Akeel 5 for 16 yds; Zwinak, Zach 3 for 7 yds; Hamilton, DaeSean 1 for 1 yd; Haley, Grant 1 for (-2); TEAM 1 for (-3); Hackenberg, Christian 10 for (-34).

**Michigan** - Smith, De'Veon 12 for 24 yds; Hayes, Justice 7 for 20 yds; Gardner, Devin 10 for 18 yds; Norfleet, Dennis 1 for 3 yds; TEAM 1 for (-1).

### PASSING

**Penn State** - Hackenberg, Christian 21 of 32 for 160 yds, 1 TD/1 INT; Belton, Bill 0 of 1.

**Michigan** - Gardner, Devin 16 of 24 for 192 yds, 1 TD/1 INT; Bellomy, Russell 0 of 2.

### RECEIVING

**Penn State** - Hamilton, DaeSean 7 for 58 yds, 1 TD; Belton, Bill 4 for 26 yds; James, Jesse 3 for 25 yds; Lewis, Eugene 3 for 17 yds; Gesicki, Mike 2 for 10 yds; Blacknall, Saeed 1 for 17 yds; Carter, Kyle 1 for 7 yds.

**Michigan** - Funchess, Devin 7 for 69 yds, 1 TD; Darboh, Amara 4 for 66 yds; Smith, De'Veon 2 for 21 yds; Butt, Jake 2 for 12 yds; Norfleet, Dennis 1 for 24 yds.

### TOP TACKLERS (T-UA-A)

**Penn State** - Hull, Mike 11-8-3; Lucas, Jordan 7-7-0; Barnes, Deion 7-3-4; Wartman, Nyeem 6-3-3.

**Michigan** - Ryan, Jake 10-7-3; Wilson, Jarrod 8-5-3; Clark, Frank 7-6-1; Lewis, Jourdan 5-2-3.



## TEAM

- Penn State saw its four-game on-field winning streak vs. Michigan come to an end. UM leads the series, 11-7.
- WR Saeed Blacknall and WR Chris Godwin each made their first career starts at Michigan. They became the eighth and ninth players to make their first career starts this season.
- Penn State scored on each of its first three possessions to take 13-7 lead, marking the first time they produced points on three straight game-opening drives since scoring on its first three vs. Navy on Sept. 15, 2012.
- The Nittany Lions saw their three-game winning streak away from Beaver Stadium come to an end. The Nittany Lions defeated Wisconsin in the 2013 season finale in Madison, claimed their season opener over UCF in Dublin, Ireland and came from behind to win on the road at Rutgers in their Big Ten opener.
- The Nittany Lions have a 40-21 on-field record in night games, including a 20-11 mark on the road. Penn State is 1-1 in primetime games this season.
- Penn State is 15-12 on-field after a bye since starting Big Ten competition in 1993, losing its last three.

## INDIVIDUAL - DEFENSE

- LB Mike Hull's 11 tackles mark his second straight double-digit tackle game and was his fourth of the season. He had led Penn State in tackles in all six games.
- Hull had made at least nine tackles in 11 of his last 14 games and logged his eighth career 10-plus stop effort.
- DE Deion Barnes made a career-high seven tackles, including 1.0 sack. He had previously made six tackles on two occasions, last vs. Northwestern on Sept. 27, 2014.
- DT Anthony Zettel pulled down his second career interception in the second quarter. He has recorded both of his interceptions against the Wolverines, also logging one in the 2013 four overtime victory at Beaver Stadium. Both interceptions led to touchdowns.
- CB Jordan Lucas recorded seven tackles, with all seven being solo stops.

## INDIVIDUAL - OFFENSE

- Christian Hackenberg threw his 25th career touchdown pass in the second quarter and was just two TD passes away from moving into the top-10 in school history. He trailed Wally Richardson (27; 1992-96) for No. 10 on the all-time charts.
- WR DaeSean Hamilton led the team with seven catches for 58 yards and his first career touchdown at Michigan.
- Hamilton's seven catches vs. Michigan gave him 43 on the year and broke the freshman record for receptions in a season. The previous record was held by Deon Butler, who caught 37 passes in 2005.
- Hamilton caught his first career touchdown pass with 11:58 to play in the second quarter, a 10-yard pass from Hackenberg.



Senior linebacker Mike Hull made 11 stops at Michigan, including this sack of Devin Gardner. Hull led Penn State in tackles for the sixth straight game vs. the Wolverines.

- RB Bill Belton had a season-long 31-yard run on the opening drive of the game. His previous long was a 24-yard touchdown run against UMass.
- True freshman TE Mike Gesicki made a career-high two receptions for 10 yards.

## INDIVIDUAL - SPECIAL TEAMS

- PK Sam Ficken took sole possession of fifth place on the career field goals made list after a two field goal effort at Michigan. He broke a tie with Massimo Manca had 42 successful attempts in his career.



Redshirt freshman wide receiver DaeSean Hamilton led the team with seven catches for 58 yards and his first career touchdown vs. the Wolverines. He also eclipsed Deon Butler's freshman receptions record at Michigan Stadium.



GAME 7

PENN STATE 24



31 OHIO STATE

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**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** - The packed Penn State White Out crowd of 107,895 watched as senior linebacker Mike Hull and junior defensive end Anthony Zettel paced a fantastic Penn State defensive effort as the Nittany Lions battled No. 13 Ohio State in a double overtime thriller. The Buckeyes used a four-yard run from J.T. Barrett in the second overtime to secure the 31-24 victory.

Hull made a career-high 19 tackles, including 2.5 for a loss, and nabbed his second career interception to lead the defensive effort. Hull's 19 stops are the most by a PSU player since Gerald Hodges made 19 against Illinois in 2011.

Zettel grabbed his second interception of the season and returned it 40 yards for the first touchdown of his career. In his first career start, Marcus Allen was solid with 11 tackles and two pass breakups, while sophomore Brandon Bell added 13 tackles, including a sack for a seven-yard loss.

Redshirt freshman DaeSean Hamilton broke the Penn State single-game record for receptions with 14 catches for 126 yards. He topped the record of 13 catches held by Freddie Scott against Wisconsin in 1995.

Sophomore quarterback Christian Hackenberg was 31-for-49 for 224 yards and a touchdown. Freshman receiver Saeed Blacknall pulled in his first career touchdown and finished with four catches for 34 yards.

The Buckeyes' first possession started in Penn State territory after an interception of Hackenberg by Vonn Bell at the PSU 39. Ohio State needed just seven plays to score, capped off by a 10-yard run by Ezekiel Elliott for the touchdown and a 7-0 lead for the Buckeyes less than five minutes into the game.

After an exchange of three-and-outs, the Nittany Lions put together a seven-play, 37-yard drive, but were forced to punt. Ohio State took over at their own nine-yard line and drove down to the Penn State 17-yard line before the raucous crowd forced the Buckeyes into a pair of false start penalties, a timeout and a sack to help hold OSU to a 49-yard field goal by Sean Nuernberger to extend the Ohio State lead to 10-0 with 11:07 left in the second quarter.

Ohio State again started in prime field position at the Penn State 39 after a Nittany Lion punt. The Buckeyes needed six plays to reach the end zone via a one-yard pass from J.T. Barrett to Jeff Heurman to make it a 17-0 OSU lead with 3:58 remaining in the opening half.

The Buckeyes opened the second half with the ball and after modest gains on their first two plays, Zettel intercepted

Barrett and returned it 40 yards for the touchdown to make it a 17-7 game with 13:37 remaining in the third quarter. It is the first interception returned for a touchdown for the Nittany Lions since Navarro Bowman had a pick six against Indiana in 2009. The interception was the second of the season for Zettel and third of his career.

After an exchange of possessions, the Buckeyes methodically marched down the field over 12 plays, but Nuernberger's 41-yard field goal attempt went wide right to keep the margin at 10 with 5:09 remaining in third.

Hull nabbed his first interception of the season and second of his career to jumpstart the Penn State offense and the sold out Beaver Stadium crowd. After a first down via a roughing the passer penalty, Akeel Lynch clicked off runs of eight and four yards to push the Lions to the OSU 28. Hackenberg completed passes to Blacknall for three yards and Chris Godwin for one yard to move to the 24-yard line. On the ensuing play, Hackenberg found Blacknall for a 24-yard leaping grab for his first career touchdown to make it a 17-14 Ohio State lead with 11:08 left in the contest.

The Penn State defense held strong as the clock wound down in the fourth quarter and forced a punt with 2:58 remaining. Hackenberg came out strong and marched the Lions down the field in an 18-play drive, going 9-of-13 for 63 yards with two rushes for six yards to put Penn State in field goal position. Ficken connected on a 31-yard field goal to cap the drive with nine seconds remaining to tie the game at 17-17.

Ohio State won the toss in the first overtime and elected to start on defense. A 12-yard pitch-and-catch from Hackenberg to Hamilton highlighted the Penn State overtime drive that ended with a one-yard run by Bill Belton for the touchdown and a 24-17 lead for Penn State, the first of the game for the Lions.

The Buckeyes responded with a five-yard TD run by Barrett to force a second overtime period. During the extra point, Penn State was flagged for leaping, a penalty that was assessed on the Buckeyes' possession in the second overtime.

It took just three plays for the Buckeyes, who started from the 12-yard line, to score a touchdown on a four-yard run by Barrett and take a 31-24 lead. Penn State advanced the ball five yards on its possession, but a sack of Hackenberg on fourth down ended the game and sealed the win for the Buckeyes.

SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	OT	OT2	F
OSU	7	10	0	0	7	7	31
PSU	0	0	7	10	7	0	24

SCORING SUMMARY

10:15	OSU	7-39/2:52
Elliott, Ezekiel 10yd run (Nuernberger kick)		
11:07	OSU	14-59/7:31
Nuernberger, Sean 49yd field goal		
3:58	OSU	6-39/2:20
Heurman 1yd pass from Barrett (Nuernberger kick)		
13:37	PSU	---
Zettel, Anthony 40yd interception return (Ficken kick)		
11:08	PSU	8-45/2:16
Blacknall 24yd pass from Hackenberg (Ficken kick)		
0:09	PSU	19-77/2:49
Ficken, Sam 31yd field goal		
OT	PSU	7-25/--
Belton, Bill 1yd run (Ficken kick)		
OT	OSU	3-25/--
Barrett, J.T. 5yd run (Nuernberger kick)		
2OT	OSU	3-25/--
Barrett, J.T. 4yd run (Nuernberger kick)		

TEAM STATS

	PSU	OSU
First Downs	20	19
Rushing Yards	16	219
Passing Yards	224	74
Passing (C-A-Int)	31-50-2	12-19-2
Total Offense	240	293
Plays	81	76
Fumbles (#-Lost)	1-0	1-0
Penalties (#-Yards)	4-42	8-70
Possession Time	25:36	34:24
3rd Down Conv.	8-of-18	7-of-18
Red-Zone	2-3	5-5
Touchdowns	1	4
Field Goals	1	1

OTHER

Time of Game	3:52
Penn State	4-3, 1-3 Big Ten
Ohio State	6-1, 3-0 Big Ten

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

**Penn State** - Lynch, Akeel 13 for 38 yds; Belton, Bill 9 for 8 yds, 1 TD; Hamilton, DaeSean 1 for (-3); Hackenberg, Christian 8 for (-27).

**Ohio State** - Elliott, Ezekiel 26 for 109 yds, 1 TD; Barrett, J.T. 20 for 75 yds, 2 TD; Wilson, Dontre 5 for 20 yds; Marshall, Jalin 3 for 19 yds; Jones, Cardale 1 for 0; TEAM 2 for (-4).

PASSING

**Penn State** - Hackenberg, Christian 31 of 49 for 224 yds, 1 TD/2 INT; TEAM 0 of 1.

**Ohio State** - Barrett, J.T. 12 of 19 for 74 yds, 1TD/2 INT.

RECEIVING

**Penn State** - Hamilton, DaeSean 14 for 126 yds; Blacknall, Saeed 4 for 34 yds, 1 TD; James, Jesse 4 for 22 yds; Godwin, Chris 3 for 16 yds; Belton, Bill 2 for 5 yds; Lewis, Eugene 1 for 11 yds; Carter, Kyle 1 for 4 yds; Lynch, Akeel 1 for 3 yds; Gesicki, Mike 1 for 3 yds.

**Ohio State** - Heurman, Jeff 3 for 19 yds, 1 TD; Marshall, Jalin 2 for 9 yds; Wilson, Dontre 1 for 14 yds; Samuel, Curtis 1 for 9 yds; Smith, Devin 1 for 8 yds; Elliott, Ezekiel 1 for 7 yds; Vannett, Nick 1 for 6 yds; Thomas, Michael 1 for 3 yds; Spencer, Evan 1 for (-1).

TOP TACKLERS (T-UA-A)

**Penn State** - Hull, Mike 19-7-12; Bell, Brandon 13-5-8; Allen, Marcus 11-4-7; Wartman, Nyeem 9-2-7; Olaniyan, C.J. 9-2-7.

**Ohio State** - Perry, Joshua 18-12-6; Powell, Tyvis 7-5-2; Bosa, Joey 6-4-2; Lee, Darron 5-4-1.



## TEAM

- Four seniors started for Penn State: RB Bill Belton, Saf Adrian Amos, LB Mike Hull and DE C.J. Olaniyan.
- Penn State's game-tying field goal drive at the end of the fourth quarter was a 19-play drive, the longest scoring drive in terms of plays since a 20-play field goal drive against Iowa in 2009.
- Since a 2012 Senior Day win over Wisconsin, Penn State had seen five of its last seven home Big Ten games go into overtime.
- The Nittany Lions have an overall record of 5-5 in overtime games, losing their last two OT games after winning five straight.
- Penn State held Ohio State to 17 points in regulation, 29.5 points below OSU's season average of 46.5 points per game.
- The Nittany Lions held Ohio State to 256 yards in regulation, 277.8 below OSU's season average of 533.8 ypg.
- Penn State held Ohio State to a season-low 293 yards in 2 OT (256 in regulation). Previous low was 327 vs. Virginia Tech.
- The attendance of 107,895 was the largest in Beaver Stadium since 107,903 attended the game against Nebraska in 2011.
- Penn State's average home attendance through four games was 101,829, an increase of 5,336 per game over the 96,493 average through the first four home games in 2013.
- The first quarter rushing touchdown allowed by Penn State was the first rushing touchdown the Nittany Lions had given up to a running back all year. All previous rushing touchdowns were by quarterbacks.
- Penn State's 16 net yards rushing were the fewest by the Nittany Lions since rushing for (-14) against Michigan in 2006.

## INDIVIDUAL - DEFENSE

- LB Mike Hull made a career-best 19 tackles vs. Ohio State, his fifth 10-plus tackle game of the season and ninth of his career. It was his third consecutive game with at least 10 tackles and he had led Penn State in all seven games this season.
- Mike Hull's 19 tackles were the most tackles by a Penn State defender since Gerald Hodges had 19 against Illinois in 2011.
- Hull also grabbed the second interception of his career early in the fourth quarter, returning it 12 yards into Ohio State territory to set-up a Penn State TD, making the score 17-14.
- DT Anthony Zettel's 40-yard interception return for a touchdown in the third quarter was his first career touchdown and the third interception of his career.
- Zettel's interception return for a touchdown was the first Penn State interception return for a touchdown since Navorro Bowman had a 73-yard return in 2009 vs. Indiana.
- Zettel's interception return for a touchdown was the first defensive score by the Nittany Lions since Mike Hull had a 74-yard fumble return for a touchdown against Navy in 2012.



True freshman Saeed Blacknall made his first career touchdown catch, a 24-yard grab in the fourth quarter, vs. Ohio State. Blacknall hauled in a career-best four catches against the Buckeyes, including the acrobatic TD grab.



Junior Anthony Zettel contributed two tackles, including this sack of Buckeye quarterback J.T. Barrett, and grabbed his third career interception vs. Ohio State. He returned the interception 40 yards for his first career touchdown.

- LB Brandon Bell made a career-high 13 tackles. His previous career-best was six, which he had done twice, the last time at Wisconsin in 2013.
- Saf Marcus Allen had a career-high 11 tackles. The true freshman's previous high was two tackles against UMass.
- Allen made his first career start in place of injured senior Ryan Keiser. He became the 10th different Nittany Lion to make their first start this season.
- LB Nyeem Wartman had a career high in tackles with nine.
- DE C.J. Olaniyan established a career-high with his nine stops.
- DE Deion Barnes tied a career-high with seven tackles. (at Michigan, 10/11)

## INDIVIDUAL - OFFENSE

- Redshirt freshman WR DaeSean Hamilton broke Penn State single-game reception record with 14, for 126 yards. Freddie Scott had 13 catches against Wisconsin in 1995.
- Hamilton delivered his fourth 100-yard receiving game of the season.
- Hamilton gained 126 receiving yards on his 14 catches and his 686 yards (57 rec.) on the season were just six yards from breaking Deon Butler's Penn State freshman season record.
- QB Christian Hackenberg's 31 completions gave him 396 for his career, moving him into sixth place at Penn State. He passed Kerry Collins (370), Chuck Fusina (371) and Wally Richardson (378) vs. Ohio State.
- Hackenberg's touchdown pass to Saeed Blacknall gave him 26 for his career, and moved him into a tie with John Hufnagel for 11th place in the Penn State annals.
- Hackenberg's 224 yards passing marked the 14th 200-yard passing game of his career, tying him for fourth place with Daryll Clark.
- Hackenberg's 224 yards passing gave him 4,816 passing yards for his career, moving him past Todd Blackledge (4,812) and into eighth place in the Penn State annals for career passing yardage.
- Hackenberg's 31 completions are the second most of his career (32 vs. UCF, 2014) and the fourth highest single-game total in Penn State history.
- Hackenberg's 49 pass attempts are tied for the fifth-highest single-game total by a Penn State quarterback. Zack Mills had 49 pass attempts against Purdue in 2004.
- True freshman WR Saeed Blacknall grabbed his first career touchdown reception on a 24-yard grab in the fourth quarter. He also had a career-best 34 yards receiving on a career-high four catches.
- WR Chris Godwin caught three passes, tying his career-high set at Rutgers earlier this season.



# GAME 8

**PENN STATE 19**



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**20 MARYLAND**



### SCORING SUMMARY

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<b>UMD</b>	0	7	0	13	<b>20</b>
<b>PSU</b>	3	6	7	3	<b>19</b>

### SCORING SUMMARY

10:56	PSU	9-36 4:04
Ficken, Sam 47 yd field goal		
13:52	UMD	8-43/3:23
Gallo 2 yd pass from Brown (Craddock kick)		
5:06	PSU	13-49/6:15 Ficken, Sam 25 yd field goal
1:30	PSU	7-16/1:34
Ficken, Sam 46 yd field goal		
3:18	PSU	8-51/2:55
James 8 yd pass from Hackenberg (Ficken kick)		
13:11	UMD	7-48/2:55
Craddock 25 yd field goal		
11:30	UMD	4-24/1:32
Brown, W. 1 yd run (Craddock kick)		
6:52	PSU	8-33/2:47
Ficken, Sam 48 yd field goal		
0:51	UMD	5-17/1:25
Craddock 43 yd field goal		

### TEAM STATS

	PSU	UMD
First Downs	16	15
Rushing Yards	42	25
Passing Yards	177	161
Passing (C-A-Int)	18-42-1	18-38-0
Total Offense	219	196
Plays	83	68
Fumbles (#-Lost)	4-3	4-2
Penalties (#-Yards)	8-64	6-89
Possession Time	32:13	27:47
3rd Down Conv.	6-20	1-14
Red-Zone	2-2	3-3
Touchdowns	1	2
Field Goals	1	1

### OTHER

Time of Game	3:38
Penn State	4-4, 1-4 Big Ten
Maryland	6-3, 3-2 Big Ten

**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** - Senior kicker Sam Ficken connected on four field goals, including three from beyond 46 yards, and the Penn State defense held Maryland to 196 yards of total offense, but Brad Craddock's 43-yard field goal in the final minute lifted the Terps to a 20-19 win over the Nittany Lions.

With the effort, Ficken moved into a tie for third on Penn State's career field goals list with 47 (Travis Forney; 1996-99). The Penn State defense was stellar yet again, holding Maryland to just 35 net rushing yards, recording six sacks and three turnovers. Freshman Marcus Allen posted his second-straight double-digit tackle performance with 11 stops, including his first career sack. Senior Mike Hull continued his solid play with nine tackles, including five solo, and a fumble recovery, while Austin Johnson added six tackles with a sack. Deion Barnes also stood out with two sacks and a forced fumble.

Redshirt freshman DaeSean Hamilton had five catches for 42 yards. With his performance, Hamilton broke the Penn State freshman season receiving yardage record set by Deon Butler (691) in 2005. Hamilton ended the game with 728 receiving yards on the season.

Jesse James scored the lone touchdown for the Nittany Lions on an eight-yard grab. He snagged five catches for 48 yards, including a long of 20 yards.

The Nittany Lion offense came out of the gates strong with a 14-yard return by Grant Haley on the kickoff. Christian Hackenberg found a rhythm as he completed 5-of-6 pass attempts to lead Penn State on a nine-play, 36-yard drive that resulted in a 47-yard field goal by Ficken for the 3-0 lead with 11 minutes left in the opening half.

The teams exchanged possession over the next 10 minutes until Maryland took advantage of good starting field position at the Penn State 43 to put together an eight-play 43-yard drive that ended with a two-yard touchdown pass from C.J. Brown to P.J. Gallo to give the Terps a 7-3 lead with 13:52 left in the second quarter.

Neither team would score on their next two opportunities until the Nittany Lions started their drive on their own 43. Penn State went to the run game to move the ball to the Maryland 8-yard line and produce a 25-yard Ficken field goal to cut the deficit to one point (7-6) with five minutes left in the first half.

The Penn State defense came out strong on the ensuing Maryland possession, forcing a three-and-out that included a sack for Barnes. The Nittany Lions took over on the Maryland 45 and got an eight-yard run from Belton and a nine-yard

catch by Hamilton to advance the ball to the Maryland 29. Ficken converted on a 46-yard field goal, his third of the game and second from beyond 46 yards, to give Penn State the 9-7 lead with 1:30 left in the second quarter.

Neither team could sustain offensive momentum to start the second half. Anthony Zettel hit Wes Brown in the backfield and forced a fumble, which was recovered by C.J. Olaniyan to give the Nittany Lions the ball at their own 49-yard line. Hackenberg marched the Nittany Lion offense down the field, going 6-for-6 for 54 yards and found James for an eight-yard touchdown catch to extend Penn State's lead to 16-7 with 3:18 left in the third quarter. Hamilton nabbed two passes for 27 yards and Kyle Carter had two catches for 21 yards during the eight-play, 51-yard drive.

The Terrapins responded with a drive of their own, going seven plays for 48 yards down to the Penn State one before settling for a 25-yard field goal to make it a 16-10 Penn State lead with 13:11 remaining in the game.

On the ensuing kickoff, Haley fumbled and recovered by the Terps at the Penn State 24. The Nittany Lion defense pushed Maryland back with a 10-yard sack by Johnson on the opening play of the drive. However, Brown hit Amba Etta-Tawo for a 25-yard gain and then found Stefon Diggs for an eight-yard catch to put the Terps on the end zone's doorstep. On the next play, Wes Brown punched it in from the half-yard line to give Maryland the 17-16 lead with 11:30 left in the fourth quarter.

Following an exchange of possessions, the Penn State offense took the field with 9:39 on the clock. After an illegal procedure penalty, Hackenberg rushed for a career-long 17-yard gain for a first down near midfield. The Nittany Lions retreated on their next two plays to the Penn State 35. On third-and-23 when Hackenberg found Lewis for a 33-yard gain to the Maryland 32. Penn State advanced the ball one yard before Ficken hit his fourth field goal of the day from 48 yards with 6:52 remaining to give the Nittany Lions a 19-17 lead.

Penn State was forced to punt with 1:06 on the clock and Diggs returned the ball to the Penn State 42. The Terps got a pass from C.J. Brown to Wes Brown for a 13-yard gain on first down and followed that up with a pair of two-yard runs by Wes Brown to set up a 43-yard field goal by Craddock to give Maryland the 20-19 lead.

The Nittany Lions had one last opportunity, but were unable to record a first down and turned the ball over on downs to the Terps.

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### RUSHING

**Penn State** - Lynch, Akeel 21 for 51 yds; Belton, Bill 8 for 14 yds; TEAM 1 for (-1); Hackenberg, Christian 11 for (-22).

**Maryland** - Brown, Wes 10 for 24 yds; Brown, C.J. 13 for 4 yds; Goins, Kenneth 1 for 3 yds; Veii, Jaquilee 1 for 2 yds; Ross, Brandon 4 for 1 yd; TEAM 1 for (-1).

### PASSING

**Penn State** - Hackenberg, Christian 18 of 42 for 177 yds, 1 TD/2 INT.

**Maryland** - Brown, C.J. 18 of 38 for 161 yds, 1 TD.

### RECEIVING

**Penn State** - Lewis, Eugene 5 for 54 yds; James, Jesse 5 for 48 yds, 1 TD; Hamilton, DaeSean 5 for 42 yds; Carter, Kyle 2 for 21 yds; Godwin, Chris 1 for 12 yds.

**Maryland** - Diggs, Stefon 6 for 53 yds; Ross, Brandon 3 for 10 yds; Etta-Tawo, Amba 2 of 31 yds; Long, Deon 2 for 23 yds; Leak, Marcus 2-23 yds; Brown, Wes 1 for 13 yds; Winfree, Juwann 1 for 6 yds; Gallo, P.J. 1 for 2 yds, 1 TD.

### TOP TACKLERS (T-UA-A)

**Penn State** - Allen, Marcus 11-6-5; Hull, Mike 9-5-4; Johnson, Austin 6-3-3; Bell, Brandon 5-2-3.

**Maryland** - Davis, Sean 11-10-1; Brooks, Jalen 75-2; Monroe, Andre 6-6-0; Goree, L.A. 6-4-2; Farrand, Cole 6-1-5.

## TEAM

- Maryland won for the first time in State College. The Nittany Lions lead the series, 35-2-1, with a 21-1 mark in State College.
- For the first time in its 128 seasons, Penn State played an overtime game and a one-point game in consecutive contests.
- The 194 yards allowed by the Penn State defense was the fewest since allowing 190 in 2013 against Kent State. The 194 yards were the fewest allowed by the Nittany Lions in a Big Ten game since Minnesota had 138 yards in 2009.
- Penn State held Maryland to 194 yards, 179.9 yards below its season average of 373.9 yards per game. The 194 yards is the Terps' second-lowest of the season.
- Penn State held Maryland to its second fewest points of the season. The Terps entered the game averaging 31.6 ppg.
- The Nittany Lions held Maryland to 35 rushing yards, the Terps' lowest total of the season.
- Penn State sacked the Maryland quarterback six times, the most sacks recorded by the Nittany Lion defense since notching six sacks last season vs. Purdue.
- The Nittany Lions held Maryland to 1 of 14 on third down conversions.
- RB Akeel Lynch, TE Mike Gesicki and C Wendy Laurent all made their first career starts, bringing the total of first-time starters this season to 13 (11 offense, 2 defense).

## INDIVIDUAL - DEFENSE

- True freshman S Marcus Allen had 11 tackles, tying his career-high set Oct. 25 vs. Ohio State. Allen also had the first sack of his career.
- DT Austin Johnson tied his career-high with six tackles and also recorded his second career sack. He had six stops last season against Eastern Michigan.
- DE Deion Barnes had two sacks, tying his career high, and giving him a team-high 6.0 sacks for the season (all in Big Ten games).
- CB Grant Haley tied a career-high with three tackles. He had three against Massachusetts earlier this season.
- LB Mike Hull had his fourth career fumble recovery late in the second quarter.
- CB Trevor Williams forced the first fumble of his career in the second quarter.
- DT Anthony Zettel forced the first fumble of his career in the third quarter.
- DE C.J. Olaniyan recovered the second fumble of his career in the third quarter.

## INDIVIDUAL - OFFENSE

- TE Jesse James caught the 11th touchdown of his career in the third quarter, breaking the school record for touchdown catches by a tight end formerly held by College Football Hall of Fame inductee Ted Kwalick at 10.
- WR DaeSean Hamilton had 42 yards receiving, giving him 728 for the season, and breaking the school record for season receiving yards by a



Freshman safety Marcus Allen tied his career-high with 11 tackles and logged his first career sack vs. Maryland. Allen helped the defense hold Maryland to a season-low 35 rushing yards.



Senior place kicker Sam Ficken became the first Nittany Lion kicker to hit three field goals of 45-yards or longer in a game since at least 1982 vs. Maryland. Ficken connected on all four of his attempts to tie his career high for field goals made in a game.

freshman. The previous record was 691 yards by Deon Butler in 2005.

- Hamilton owns the Penn State freshman records for yards in a game (165 vs. UCF) and receptions/yards in a season (62/728). He also owns the school record for receptions in a game (14 vs. Ohio State).
- QB Christian Hackenberg threw his 27 career touchdown pass (in 20 games), good for a tie for 10th on the Penn State career list with Wally Richardson.
- Hackenberg's 42 pass attempts gave him 318 on the season, moving him ahead of four Nittany Lions and into ninth on the single-season chart. Hackenberg passed Michael Robinson (311, 2005), Tony Sacca (292, 1991), Todd Blackledge (292, 1982) and Wally Richardson (279, 1996).
- Hackenberg had 18 completions, giving him 183 this season, good for ninth place in the Penn State single-season record book. Hackenberg passed Kerry Collins (176, 1994) and Tony Sacca (169, 1991) today.
- Hackenberg's 18 completions boosted his career total to 414, and pushed him into fifth place at Penn State. Hackenberg is the sixth Penn State quarterback to surpass 400 career completions.
- Hackenberg also had a 17-yard rush in the fourth quarter, tying a career long set earlier this season against Massachusetts.
- RB Akeel Lynch had a career-high 21 carries. He had 13 carries on two occasions previously, including last week's Ohio State game.
- TE Mike Gesicki became the fourth true freshman to start for Penn State this season.
- Three of starting offensive line members started new positions (LT Andrew Nelson, C Wendy Laurent, RT Angelo Mangiro).

## INDIVIDUAL - SPECIAL TEAMS

- Sam Ficken is the first Penn State kicker since at least 1982 to make 3 FG of 45+ yards in a game (46,47,48).
- PK Sam Ficken's 48-yard field goal in the fourth quarter was then the second longest of his career and gave Penn State a 19-17 lead. He booted a 54-yard field goal last year against UCF.
- Ficken became the first Penn State place kicker to have three 40+ yard field goals in a game since Collin Wagner had three against Youngstown State in 2011 (44, 48 and 49 yards).
- Ficken's four field goals today give him 47 for his career, moving him into a tie for third place at Penn State with Travis Forney.
- Ficken was 4-4 on FG, tying a career-high, set earlier this season against UCF, when he made the game-winning field goal on the final play of the game.
- Ficken's 13 points moved him into sixth place with 239 career points. He passed Curtis Enis (230 points) and Robbie Gould (232).
- S Troy Apke played on the punt return team in the second quarter, becoming the ninth true freshman to play for Penn State this season. A total of 16 scholarship freshmen remain available for a possible redshirt season.





GAME 9

INDIANA 7



13 PENN STATE

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SCORING SUMMARY

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PSU	0	7	3	3	13
IU	0	7	0	0	7

SCORING SUMMARY

3:57	IU	---
	Murphy 47 yd Interception return (Oakes kick)	
3:37	PSU	1-92/0:20
	Belton 92 yd rush (Ficken kick)	
9:28	PSU	9-39/3:49
	Ficken 27 yd field goal	
0:55	PSU	5-13/1:31
	Ficken 28 yd field goal	

TEAM STATS

	PSU	IU
First Downs	15	13
Rushing Yards	162	153
Passing Yards	168	68
Passing (C-A-Int)	12-29-2	13-28-2
Total Offense	330	221
Plays	66	68
Fumbles (#-Lost)	1-0	1-0
Penalties (#-Yards)	7-55	10-82
Possession Time	31:05	28:55
3rd Down Conv.	4-17	3-17
Red-Zone	2-3	-
Touchdowns	-	-
Field Goals	2	-

OTHER

Time of Game	3:28
Penn State	5-4, 2-4 Big Ten
Indiana	3-6, 0-5 Big Ten

**BLOOMINGTON, Ind.** - Senior Bill Belton bolted through a crease up the middle, side-stepped one defender and was off on a 92-yard touchdown run that propelled Penn State to a 13-7 victory over Indiana at Memorial Stadium.

Belton ended the afternoon with 137 yards to post his four career 100-yard rushing effort. His 92-yard touchdown scamper marked the longest rushing score in school history by one player and is tied for the longest offensive touchdown in Penn State history (Higgins to Hess; at Pitt, 1919).

It was the longest rush in the Big Ten this season and is tied for ninth longest in Big Ten history.

Sam Ficken added two field goals and an extra point, moving into a tie for fifth place on the Penn State career scoring charts with Lydell Mitchell (1969-71) with 276 points.

The defense stood tall against the nation's leading rusher, Tevin Coleman, who entered the afternoon averaging 162.5 yards per game on the ground. Coleman logged just 71 yards and finished with less than 100 rushing yards for the first time in 10 games.

The defense piled up 10.0 tackles for loss and Anthony Zettel logged the only sack of the afternoon, his fifth of the season.

Safety Jesse Della Valle and linebacker Nyeem Wartman each grabbed their first career interceptions in the game.

Linebacker Mike Hull led all player with nine stops on the afternoon, leading the team in tackles for the eighth time in nine games. He had made at least nine stops in all nine games this season.

Indiana defensive lineman Mark Murphy oped the scoring with an interception return for a touchdown in the second quarter. The 53-yard interception return gave the Hoosier a 7-0 lead.

The lead didn't last long, as Belton took the next play from scrimmage 92-yards to tie the game with 3:37 remaining in the half.

With Indiana looking to put points on the scoreboard before the half, Diamont threw his first interception, a leaping grab by Della Valle along the Penn State sideline.

Ficken extended the Penn State lead to 10-7 with a 27-yard field goal midway through the third quarter and the Nittany Lion defense continued to hold the Hoosier at bay.

Indiana's Oakes Griffin missed a 51-yard field goal attempt with a chance to tie the game early in the fourth quarter.

After exchanging possessions over the next nine minutes, Penn State took over with 4:55 on the clock and an opportunity to burn clock, but the Lions could only expunge two minutes before Daniel Pasquariello booted his ninth punt of the day, which was downed at Indiana 22 yard line.

The Hoosiers would have 2:55 to get into field goal range to tie or score a touchdown to take the lead. On the second play of the drive, however, Wartman stepped in front of a Diamont pass and returned it 13 yards to set up Ficken's 28-yard field goal with 55 seconds left in the game.

The Hoosiers had one last opportunity with 55 seconds on the clock, but the Penn State defense held on 4th-and-10 from the Indiana 33 yard line as the clock expired.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

**Penn State** - Belton, Bill 16 for 137 yds, 1 TD; Lynch, Akeel 13 for 47 yds; Hackenberg, Christian 8 for (-22).

**Indiana** - Coleman, Tevin 20 for 71 yds; Diamont, Zander 14 for 58 yds; Wynn, Shane 1 for 16 yds; Roberts, D'Angelo 4 for 10 yds; Harris II, J-Shun 1 for (-2).

PASSING

**Penn State** - Hackenberg, Christian 12 of 29 for 168 yds, 2 INT.

**Indiana** - Diamont, Zander 13 of 27 for 68 yds, 2 INT; TEAM 0 of 1.

RECEIVING

**Penn State** - Lewis, Eugene 4 for 39 yds; Hamilton, DaeSean 2 for 33 yds; James, Jesse 2 for 32 yds; Godwin, Chris 2 for 25 yds; Gesicki, Mike 1 for 28 yds; Blacknall, Saeed 1 for 11 yds.

**Indiana** - Booth, Dominique 4 for 33 yds; Coleman, Tevin 4 for (-8); Wynn, Shane 3 for 12 yds; Fuchs, Jordan 1 for 24 yds; Cobbs, Simmie 1 for 7 yds.

TOP TACKLERS (T-UA-A)

**Penn State** - Hull, Mike 9-4-5; Wartman, Nyeem 8-3-5; Olaniyan, C.J. 7-3-4; Allen, Marcus 6-5-1; Bell, Brandon 6-5-1; Johnson, Austin 6-1-5.

**Indiana** - Simmons, T.J. 6-4-2; Cooper, David 6-3-3; Hardin, Forisse 6-3-3; Murphy, Mark 5-5-0; Allen, Antonio 5-4-1.



## TEAM

- Penn State leads the all-time series with a 17-1 on-field record vs. Indiana, including a 7-1 mark in Bloomington.
- Four of the last five PSU-IU games played in Bloomington have been decided by six points or less, with Penn State winning all four of those tight contests.
- The Nittany Lions have won four of their last five games away from home dating back to a season-ending victory at Wisconsin in 2013.
- Senior co-captain Guard Miles Dieffenbach made his season debut on Saturday at Indiana. He missed the first eight games due to an injury sustained during spring practice.
- After limiting Indiana to 153 rushing yards (121.5 below avg.) and Tevin Coleman to 71 yards on 20 carries, Penn State remained No. 1 in FBS in rushing defense at 85.6 ypg.

## INDIVIDUAL - DEFENSE

- The Nittany Lions held Indiana to seven points, IU's fewest points in Memorial Stadium since scoring three points vs. Michigan on Nov. 11, 2006.
- Penn State held IU running back Tevin Coleman under 100 yards rushing, snapping his streak of 10 straight 100-yard rushing efforts dating to 2013 season.
- Tevin Coleman's 71 yards rushing on 20 carries were less than half of his season average of 162.5 yards per game, which led the nation entering the weekend.
- Tevin Coleman had scored at least one rushing touchdown in every game this season before the Nittany Lions kept him out of the end zone.
- The Penn State defensive effort saw eight players record a TFL & seven players make six or more tackles.
- Penn State's 10.0 tackles for loss vs. the Hoosiers tied its season high, also accomplished vs. UMass.
- DE Brad Bars, CB Christian Campbell and CB Trevor Williams all made their first career tackles-for-loss.
- S Jesse Della Valle grabbed his first career interception to end the second quarter.
- LB Nyeem Wartman grabbed his first career interception late in the fourth quarter to set-up Sam Ficken's second field goal of the game.

## INDIVIDUAL - OFFENSE

- RB Bill Belton rushed for a season-high 137 yards on 16 carries and one touchdown at Indiana. He is Penn State's first 100-yard rusher this season and it was Belton's fourth career 100-yard rushing game.
- Belton's 92 yard rushing touchdown in the second quarter marks the longest rushing score in school history by one player and ties for the longest offensive touchdown in Penn State history (Higgins to Hess; at Pitt, 1919).
- The 92-yard scoring rush is just the third offensive touchdown of 90 yards or more in school history. Along with the 92-yard pass play in 1919, Bill Suter had a 90-yard touchdown run at Navy in 1894.



Senior running back Bill Belton's 92-yard touchdown run is the longest by a single player in school history. He ended the day with 137 yards on 16 carries for his fourth career 100-yard rushing effort.



Sophomore linebacker Nyeem Wartman grabbed his first career interception in the fourth quarter, leading to a Sam Ficken field goal that extended Penn State's lead to 13-7. Wartman also ranked second on the team with eight tackles vs. the Hoosiers.

- All three of the Nittany Lions' 90-plus yard scoring plays all-time have come on the road.
- Belton's 92-yard TD run was the longest rush in the Big Ten this year and tied for 9th longest in Big Ten history.
- Belton's 92-yard rush broke the Memorial Stadium record, eclipsing Wisconsin's David Gilreath's 90-yard run in 2008.
- With his first completion of the game, QB Christian Hackenberg became the eighth quarterback in Penn State history to eclipse the 5,000-yard passing mark in a career. He ended the game with 5,161 career yards passing and sat in eighth on the all-time charts.
- Hackenberg completed passes of at least 23 yards to four different receivers.
- WR DeaSean Hamilton moved into third on the single season receptions chart with his two catches at Indiana. He passed Bobby Engram (1995) and O.J. McDuffie (1992), who both caught 63 passes in their respective seasons, and had 64 catches on the year.
- TE Mike Gesicki's 28-yard reception in the first quarter was a career-long.
- WR Chris Godwin caught two passes and had caught at least one pass in each of his first nine career games. The true freshman had made 16 catches for 149 yards through nine games.
- TE Jesse James extended his personal-best streak of game with a catch to 14 with two reception for 32 yards at Indiana.

## INDIVIDUAL - SPECIAL TEAMS

- PK Sam Ficken made his 48th and 49th career field goals, moved him into third on the Penn State career list.
- Ficken's seven points gave him 246 for his career, which tied him with Lydell Mitchell (1969-71) for fifth on the all-time scoring list.



GAME 10

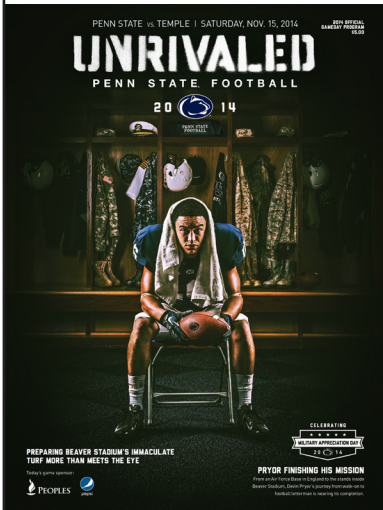
PENN STATE 30



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**UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa.** - The Penn State football team used complementary football with stellar performances on both sides of the ball to post a 30-13 win over Temple to become bowl eligible for the first time since the 2011 season. The Nittany Lions rushed for a season-high 254 yards, led by Akeel Lynch and Bill Belton, while the defense forced five turnovers.

Lynch ran for 130 yards on 18 carries for an average of 7.2 yards. He also rushed for his first touchdown of the season and second of his career. The 254-yard team rushing total was the highest since a 289-yard afternoon against Purdue last season.

Penn State defense's five turnovers forced tied the season mark set against Rutgers. Seniors Adrian Amos and Jesse Della Valle and true freshmen Christian Campbell and Grant Haley each registered interceptions on the day.

Haley returned his first career pick 30 yards for the touchdown. Haley's touchdown was the first defensive touchdown scored by a true freshman since Paul Posluszny returned an interception against Indiana Nov. 15, 2003. It was also the first interception returned for a touchdown since Anthony Zettel's pick-six against Ohio State in October. Penn State's defense notched two defensive scores in a season for the first time since 2009 when Navorro Bowman had a pair of touchdowns (fumble return and interception).

Senior linebacker Mike Hull had his sixth double-digit tackle performance of the season with 10 stops, including a half-tackle for a loss. With his effort, Hull moved into 10th place on Penn State's career tackles chart with 265 tackles, passing Glen Carson (2010-13; 261) for the position. Zettel recorded his sixth sack of the year with a stop for a two-yard loss.

Senior kicker Sam Ficken connected on three field goal attempts on the day, including a 50-yard attempt. It was the second make of Ficken's career from beyond 50 yards, joining his 54-yard make against Kent State in 2013. With the two kicks, Ficken moved into second place on Penn State's career field goals list with 52, passing Craig Fayak (1990-93).

Ficken also moved up the Nittany Lion career scoring charts and into a tie for fourth place with Travis Forney (1996-99) with 258 career points.

The Penn State offense sprinted out of the gates, marching down to the Temple eight-yard line in just eight plays. Belton and Lynch combined for 32 rushing yards in the first eight plays. After a one-yard loss, Belton advanced to the three-yard line, but Penn State could not find the end zone and settled for a 29-yard Ficken field goal for the 3-0 lead midway through the first quarter.

The squads exchanged possessions before Temple found success through the air on the way to a game-tying field goal. P.J. Walker completed three passes for 36 yards on the drive that ended with a 31-yard field goal by Austin Jones with 2:27 left in the first quarter.

Neither team could establish offensive momentum as they combine for seven punts and an interception over the next eight drives. After forcing a Temple punt, Penn State took over at their own 12 and put together another long drive to end the half.

Christian Hackenberg hit Chris Godwin for a 21-yard completion to spark the drive. A 19-yard personal foul call and a 12-yard rush by Hackenberg advanced to the Temple 32. Hackenberg connected with Lynch for a four-yard gain to set up a 50-yard field goal by Ficken to end the opening frame and give Penn State a 6-3 lead.

The Owls came out strong to open the second half with a nine-play, 48-yard drive. However, Austin Jones' 42-yard field goal fell short to turn the ball over to the Lions at the Penn State 25.

A Todd Matakevich interception ended that drive, but the Nittany Lions held Temple to a 25-yard field goal by Jones to tie the game at 6-6 with 11:04 left in the third quarter.

Penn State responded with the run game on its ensuing possession. Belton opened the drive with a 37-yard run and Lynch followed that up with a 38-yard touchdown run to give the Nittany Lions a 13-6 lead.

After a three-yard rush by Temple's Jahad Thomas, Amos hauled in his team-high third interception of the season and returned it 33 yards to the Temple 8. On the first play from scrimmage, Belton ran it up the middle for paydirt and a 20-6 Penn State lead with 5:19 left in the third. Unfazed by the turn of events, the Owls responded with a 75-yard pitch-and-catch from Walker to Jalen Fitzpatrick for a touchdown to cut the lead to 20-13.

The squads swapped possessions until Haley intercepted Walker and returned it 30 yards for the touchdown and a 27-13 Penn State lead with 13:57 left in the game. It was the first interception returned for a touchdown since Zettel's pick-6 against Ohio State in October.

The defense continued to shine for Penn State as Johnson recovered a fumble on the next Temple drive to give the Nittany Lions prime starting position at the TU 23. Lynch ran for 20 yards on the drive, but Penn State was forced to settle for a 21-yard Ficken field goal for a 30-13 lead with 10:36 remaining.

The Temple offense again turned the ball over as Della Valle made a leaping interception and managed to get his elbow down inbounds before his momentum took him out of bounds. It was Della Valle's second pick of the season. The Nittany Lions were unable to capitalize on the Della Valle interception as Ficken's 42-yard field goal attempt was blocked. All four of Ficken's misses to that point had been blocked.

Penn State defense forced the Owls to turn the ball over on downs and the offense ran the clock out to secure the 30-13 win to become bowl eligible.

SCORING SUMMARY

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<b>TU</b>	3	0	10	0	13
<b>PSU</b>	3	3	14	10	30

SCORING SUMMARY

8:01	PSU	12-64/6:59
Ficken, Sam	29 yd field goal	
3:13	TU	7-33/2:21
Jones, Austin	31 yd field goal	
0:00	PSU	9-55/0:53
Ficken, Sam	50 yd field goal	
6:52	TU	4-8/2:06
Jones, Austin	25 yd field goal	
6:13	PSU	2-75/0:37
Lynch 38 yd run (Ficken kick)		
5:19	PSU	1-8/0:03
Belton 8 yd run (Ficken kick)		
5:08	TU	1-75/0:11
Fitzpatrick 75 yd pass from Walker (Jones kick)		
13:57	PSU	6-20/2:26
Haley 30 yd interception return (Ficken kick)		
10:36	PSU	6-20/2:26
Ficken, Sam	21 yd field goal	

TEAM STATS

	PSU	TU
First Downs	19	8
Rushing Yards	254	61
Passing Yards	187	112
Passing (C-A-Int)	12-26-2	17-38-4
Total Offense	366	248
Plays	73	58
Fumbles (#-Lost)	1-1	1-1
Penalties (#-Yards)	5-45	10-69
Possession Time	35:42	24:18
3rd Down Conv.	4-13	3-16
Red-Zone	3-3	2-2
Touchdowns	1	-
Field Goals	2	2

OTHER

Time of Game	3:28
Penn State	6-4, 2-4 Big Ten
Temple	5-5, 3-3 AAC

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

**Penn State** - Lynch, Akeel 18 for 130 yds, 1 TD; Belton, Bill 19 for 92 yds 1 TD; Chiappialle, Cole 2 for 15 yds; Hamilton, D. 1-10 yds; Hackenberg, Christian 5 for 10 yds; TEAM 2 for (-3).

**Temple** - Walker, P.J. 5 for 32 yds; Gilmore, Jamie 7 for 23 yds; Thomas, Jahad 4 for 5 yds; Harper, Kenneth 3 for 3 yds; TEAM 1 for (-2).

PASSING

**Penn State** - Hackenberg, Christian 12 of 26 for 112 yds, 2 INT.

**Temple** - Walker, P.J. 17 of 38 for 187 yds, 1 TD/4 INT.

RECEIVING

**Penn State** - Hamilton, DaeSean 4 for 26 yds; Godwin, Chris 2 for 31 yds; James, Jesse 2 for 30 yds; Lewis, Eugene 2 for 15 yds; Belton, Bill 1 for 6 yds; Lynch, Akeel 1 for 4 yds.

**Temple** - Fitzpatrick, Jalen 4 for 113, 1 TD; Christopher, John 2 for 25 yds; Omuso, Wanemi 2 for 12 yds; Thompson, Colin 2 for 10 yds; Yancy, Brodrick 2 for 10 yds; Harper, Kenneth 2 for 6 yds; Shippen, Brandon 1 for 13 yds; Thomas, Jahad 1 for 0 yds; Gilmore, Jamie 1 for (-2).

TOP TACKLERS (T-UA-A)

**Penn State** - Hull, Mike 10-3-7; Bell, Brandon 5-1-4; Johnson, Austin 4-3-1.

**Temple** - Matakevich, Todd 13-5-8; Smith, Nate D. 9-7-2; Wells, Alex 9-5-4; Reddick, Haason 6-2-4; Chandler, Sean 5-4-1; Hayes, Will 4-3-1.



**TEAM**

- Earning its sixth win of the season, Penn State became bowl eligible.
- Penn State improved to 39-3-1 in the all-time series with Temple. The teams will meet in the 2015 season opener on Sept. 5 at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia.
- Penn State finished the non-conference portion of its schedule with a 4-0 record, its first undefeated mark vs. non-league foes on the field since the 2009 season.
- The Owls had just eight first downs, the fewest by a Penn State opponent since Indiana State had eight in the 2011 season opener Sept. 3, 2011.
- The defense held Temple to 61 rushing yards, becoming the eighth team to rush for less than 105 yards this season against Penn State's No. 1 ranked rushing defense.
- Temple's QB P.J. Walker entered the game averaging just over one interception per game, but was picked off four times, with two of the ensuing PSU drives ending in a touchdown.
- Penn State scored 17 points off of Temple turnovers in the second half to pull ahead 30-13 with 10:36 to play. The Owls had five turnovers, tying the season-high for PSU opponents (Rutgers), and the most for Temple this season.
- Two Penn State freshman cornerbacks earned their first career interceptions in the contest: Christian Campbell and Grant Haley.
- Campbell also made his first career start and was the 14th (11 offensive/3 defensive) different player to make first his first start in 2014. Campbell was the eighth different Penn State freshman to start this season (5 true freshmen; 3 redshirt freshmen).
- The attendance of 100,173 was the fourth consecutive 100,000-plus crowd of the season.
- Through six home games, Penn State has an average home attendance of 101,909, an increase of 5,870 per game over the 96,039 average through the first six home games of 2013.
- Military Appreciation Day activities were held throughout the game with ROTC elite, active duty, Wounded Warriors and veterans being honored. Nearly 6,000 tickets were purchased for the "Seats for Soldiers" program and donated to active duty and veteran military personnel and their families.
- A special commemorative coin was used honoring Medal of Honor recipient Lt. Michael Murphy. Gold Star parents John and Mary Ann Cahir were present on the field for the coin toss, representing all Gold Star and Fallen Families. Their son, Marine Sgt. William J. Cahir, a 1990 Penn State graduate, was killed in action in Afghanistan in 2009.

**INDIVIDUAL - DEFENSE**

- Big Ten tackle leader Mike Hull had 10 tackles, leading the team for the ninth time this season and earning his sixth double-digit stop performance this season (three games with nine tackles).
- Hull ended the game with 265 career tackles, taking over 10th place on the Penn State career charts from Glenn Carson (261; 2010-13).
- S Adrian Amos made his third interception of the season and returned it 33 yards to the Temple 8 to set up the Bill Belton TD run with 5:19 to play in the third quarter.
- DT Anthony Zettel earned his sixth sack of the season, taking down P.J. Walker and had at least one sack in seven of the 10 games played.



Freshman cornerback Grant Haley grabbed his first career interception and returned it for a touchdown vs. Temple. He became the first true freshman to score a defensive touchdown since Paul Posluszny interception return in a 2003 win over Indiana.



Sophomore running back Akeel Lynch rushed for 130 yards and one touchdown on 18 carries for his third career 100-yard rushing game vs. Temple. He also caught his first career pass against the Owls.

- CB Grant Haley grabbed his first career interception, returning it 30 yards for a TD to give Penn State a 27-13 lead early in the fourth quarter.
- Haley is the first Penn State true freshman to score a defensive touchdown since LB Paul Posluszny returned an interception for a score in a Nov. 15, 2003 win over Indiana.
- Penn State has two interception return touchdowns in a season (Zettel vs. Ohio State) for the first time since having three in 2003.
- In his first career start, CB Christian Campbell grabbed his first interception with a pick of Temple QB P.J. Walker late in third quarter.

**INDIVIDUAL - OFFENSE**

- Penn State gained a season-high 254 rushing yards on 47 carries (5.4). The previous high was 228 yards in the win over UMass.
- Penn State scored back-to-back rushing touchdowns in the third quarter, marking the second game this season with multiple TDs off the run. The Lions had a season-high five vs. UMass.
- RB Akeel Lynch scored his second rushing touchdown of the season with a 38-yard run in the third quarter. He ended the day with a ten-career-high 130 yards rushing on 18 carries for his first 100-yard rushing game of the season and third of his career.
- With 112 passing yards, QB Christian Hackenberg moved his season total to 3,067 and career total 5,273 yards. He moved into second place on the season charts, passing Daryll Clark (3,003; 2009).
- Hackenberg completed 12 of 26 pass attempts, moving into second place in single-season pass attempts with 418. He passed Anthony Morelli (402; 2007).
- Angelo Mangiro started at left guard, the third different offensive line position he has started in the last four games. For the season, he has started at center (7 games), right tackle (2 games) and left guard (1 game).
- In the second series of the game, Miles Dieffenbach lined up at LG next to LT Donovan Smith for first time this year, with Angelo Mangiro moving to center.

**INDIVIDUAL - SPECIAL TEAMS**

- With 12 points vs. Temple, PK Sam Ficken moved into a tie for fourth place in all-time career scoring at Penn State with 258 points. He is even with Travis Forney (1996-99).
- Ficken hit a 50-yard field goal to put the Nittany Lions up 6-3 heading into halftime. The FG was the second-longest of the senior kicker's career and made him 7-for-7 on attempts of 40+ yards this season.
- Ficken moves into second place at Penn State in career made field goals with 52, passing Craig Fayak (50; 19990-93).
- Ficken's 22 field goals on the season were tied for the most in Penn State history with Matt Bahr (1978) and Kevin Kelly (2006).
- P Daniel Pasquariello had a then-season-long 49-yard punt in the second quarter to give Temple possession at its own 35-yard line.



# GAME 11

ILLINOIS **16**



vs.



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**CHAMPAIGN, Ill.** - A 47-yard rushing touchdown by sophomore Akeel Lynch gave Penn State a 14-10 lead early in the fourth quarter, but Illinois place kicker David Reisner connected on a pair of fourth quarter field goals, including the game winner with just eight seconds left on the clock, to give Illinois a 16-14 victory inside Memorial Stadium.

The Nittany Lion defense limited Illinois to just 283 yards of total offense - their sixth straight opponent held under 300 yards of total offense. On the season Penn State had held 10 of their 11 opponents to under 300 yards of total offense.

Lynch topped his career-highs in rushing attempts (28) and rushing yardage (139) and his 47-yard touchdown run was a career long carry. He eclipsed his previous career-best of 130 yards, which he set vs. Temple just one week prior.

The 100-yard rushing effort was the fourth of Lynch's career and gave Penn State a 100-yard rusher for the third straight game. Bill Belton ran for 137 yards at Indiana, while Lynch logged 130 yards on the ground vs. Temple.

Sophomore Christian Hackenberg completed passes to seven different receivers in the game, finding freshman Chris Godwin for an 18-yard scoring strike on the Nittany Lions' opening drive of the game.

It was the 28th career touchdown pass for Hackenberg and moved him into a tie for ninth with Tom Shuman (1972-74) on the Penn State career charts.

It was the first career touchdown grab for Godwin, who joins Saeed Blacknall as the only two true freshman to catch touchdown passes this season. The grab also extended Godwin's streak to 11 straight games with at least one catch to open his career.

Senior Mike Hull piled up 10 tackles to lead all players in the contest and moved his season total to 121 stops. He moved him into No. 9 on the Penn State season charts, passing Dan Connor (113; 2006), Brian Gelzheiser (113; 1993), Gary Gray (115, 1971), Josh Hull (116, 2009), Paul Posluszny (116; 2005 & '06) and Dennis Onkotz (118; 1967) vs. the Illini.

Penn State forced a punt on the first six Illinois possessions, but could only capitalize with a score on one of their ensuing drives.

The Nittany Lions opened the scoring with a nine-play, 52-yard touchdown drive that ended with Hackenberg finding Godwin for in the back corner of the end zone for the score on 3rd-and-9.

Penn State looked primed to extend their lead on their next drive as they drove to the UI three yard line, but the field goal attempt never materialized as the snap was bobbled and Illinois took over on downs.

The Illini capitalized on a PSU mistake on the final drive of the first half. Illinois punted the ball away on 4th-and-3, but an offsides against the Lions gave the Illini a new set of downs.

After a pair of runs by the Illini, quarterback Reilly O'Toole completed six of his next seven passes, including a one-yarder to Matt LaCosse to knot the game at 7-7 heading into halftime.

The kickoff to open the half was knocked down by a stiff 19-mph wind, falling down at about the Penn State 20. Illinois' Clayton Fejedelem recovered at the Nittany Lion 28 and four plays later Reisner kicked a 28-yard field goal and a 10-7 lead.

Penn State recaptured the lead on Lynch's 47-yard scamper with 13:37 to play in the fourth quarter, but Illinois trimmed the lead to 14-13 on Reisner's second field goal of the game with 8:43 to play.

The Illini missed a potential 50-yard go-ahead field goal with 6:15 to play in the game and Penn State took over.

On the ensuing drive, Hackenberg was just shy of the first down on a 3rd-and-5 rush and the Nittany Lions punted with 1:48 to play.

The Illini drive started at their own 28, but a pair of completions from O'Toole moved them to the Penn State 47. Josh Ferguson and Donovan Young carried the ball to the Penn State 18 to set up the game winning 36-yard field goal by Reisner.

## SCORING SUMMARY

	1	2	3	4	F
<b>PSU</b>	7	0	0	7	<b>14</b>
<b>UI</b>	0	7	3	6	<b>16</b>

## SCORING SUMMARY

8:24	PSU	9-52/4:49
Godwin 18 yd pass from Hackenberg (Ficken kick)		
0:25	ILL	12-68/2:27
LaCosse 1 yd pass from O'Toole (Reisner kick)		
12:26	ILL	6-19/2:34
Reisner, David 28 yd field goal		
13:37	PSU	8-77/4:14
Lynch, Akeel 47 yd run (Ficken kick)		
8:43	ILL	11-58/4:54
Reisner, David 25 yd field goal		
0:08	ILL	7-54/1:40
Reisner, David 36 yd field goal		

## TEAM STATS

	PSU	UI
First Downs	15	16
Rushing Yards	172	68
Passing Yards	93	215
Passing (C-A-Int)	8-16-0	26-42-0
Total Offense	265	283
Plays	63	69
Fumbles (#-Lost)	-	-
Penalties (#-Yards)	5-34	3-30
Possession Time	32:51	27:07
3rd Down Conv.	6-15	2-16
Red-Zone	1-2	4-4
Touchdowns	1	1
Field Goals	-	3

## OTHER

Time of Game	3:11
Penn State	6-5, 2-5 Big Ten
Illinois	5-6, 2-5 Big Ten

## INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

### RUSHING

Penn State - Lynch, Akeel 28 for 137 yds. 1 TD; Bars, Brad 1-32; Hamilton, DaeSean 3 for 14 yds; Chiappiale, Cole 3 for 8 yds; Belton, Bill 6 for 6 yds; Lewis, Eugene 1 for 1 yd; TEAM 2 for (-10); Hackenberg, Christian 3 for (-16).

Illinois - Young, Donovan 14 for 62 yds; Ferguson, Josh 5 for 9 yds; O'Toole, Reilly 4 for 8 yds; Church, Devin 1 for 2 yds; Bailey, Aaron 1 for 1 yd; Lunt, Wes 2 for (-14).

### PASSING

Penn State - Hackenberg, Christian 8 of 16 for 93 yds, 1 TD. Illinois- O'Toole, Reilly 18 of 25 for 157 yds, 1 TD; Lunt, Wes 8 of 17 for 58 yds.

### RECEIVING

Penn State - Lynch, Akeel 2 for 35 yds; Godwin, Chris 1 for 18 yds, 1 TD; Lewis, Eugene 1 for 9 yds; James, Jesse 1 for 9 yds; Belton, Bill 1 for 9 yds; Gesicki, Mike 1 for 7 yds; Hamilton, DaeSean 1 for 6 yds.

Illinois - Dudek, Mike 11 for 115 yds; Ferguson, Josh 3 for 18 yds; LaCosse, Matt 3 for 14 yds, 1 TD; Allison, Geronimo 3 for 11 yds; Turner, Malik 2 for 19 yds; Young, Donovan 2 for 12 yds; Murdock, Marchie 1 for 17 yds; Davis, Jon 1 for 9 yds.

### TOP TACKLERS (T-UA-A)

Penn State- Hull, Mike 10-7-3; Allen, Marcus 9-8-1; Wartman, Nyeem 9-4-5; Lucas, Jordan 6-2-4; Cabinda, Jason 5-2-3; Johnson, Austin 5-1-4.

Illinois- Fejedelem, Clayton 8-3-5; Barton, Taylor 8-1-7; Neal Jr., T.J. 8-1-7; Teitsma, Austin 7-2-5; Ward, Jihad 6-3-3.



## TEAM

- Penn State leads the all-time series with a 17-5 on-field record vs. Illinois. The teams next meet on October 31, 2015 in Beaver Stadium.
- Freshman LB Jason Cabinda made his first career start at Illinois. He was the seventh true freshman to start in 2012 (including punter Daniel Pasquariello) and the 15th Nittany Lion to make his first appearance this season (11 offense, 4 defense).
- Returning from a spring practice injury, senior G Miles Dieffenbach made his first start of the season.
- By limiting Illinois to just 16 points, the Nittany Lions held their 9th opponents to 20 points or less in regulation.
- Penn State's FBS No. 1 ranked rushing defense allowed just 68 yards to Illinois on 27 carries (2.5). The Nittany Lions continued to lead the nation in rushing defense at 81.7 ypg and 2.53 ypc.
- With its 68 rushing yards, Illinois became the ninth team to rush for less than 105 yards this season against Penn State's No. 1 ranked rushing defense.
- Illinois was 2 of 16 on third down conversions. In the past four games, Penn State opponents are 9 of 63 (.143) on third down conversions.
- The Penn State defense held the opponent off the scoreboard on its first drive of the game for the ninth time in 11 contests this season. The opposition has punted six times and missed three field goals on their opening possession.
- Penn State remained in Top 5 in FBS in rushing defense (1st, 81.7 ypg), total defense (3rd, 267.2 ypg), scoring defense (4th, 16.2 ppg), pass efficiency defense (3rd, 98.74) and third down conversion pct. defense (.276).

## INDIVIDUAL - DEFENSE

- Senior LB Mike Hull made a game-high 10 tackles, leading the Nittany Lions in stops for the 10th time in 11 games. He logged his seventh double figure tackle game on the season and three others with nine stops.
- LB Mike Hull's 10 tackles gave him 121 for the season and moved him into No. 9 on the Penn State season charts. Against Illinois, he passed Dan Connor (113; 2006), Brian Gelzheiser (113; 1993), Gary Gray (115, 1971), Josh Hull (116, 2009), Paul Posluszny (116; 2005 & '06) and Dennis Onkotz (118; 1967) on the single season charts.
- Mike Hull moved into the No. 7 spot all-time with 275 career tackles. Against Illinois, he passed Brandon Short (273; 1996-99), Shane Conlan (274; 1983-86) and John Skorupan (274; 1970-72).
- DT Anthony Zettel recorded his team-high seventh sack of the season in the first quarter and has 15.0 sacks for his career.
- True freshman safety Marcus Allen made nine tackles (eight solo). Through his first five games as a starter, he had made 39 tackles (25 solo).

## INDIVIDUAL - OFFENSE

- Sophomore RB Akeel Lynch set career-highs for attempts (28) and rushing yards (139) and scored on a career-long 47-yard run early in the fourth quarter to give Penn State a 14-10 lead. Lynch broke his career rushing yardage high for the second consecutive game.



Sophomore running back Akeel Lynch posted a career-high 137 rushing yards and scored on a career-long 47-yard rush. He collected his fourth career 100-yard rushing game vs. the Illini.

- The 139 yards mark the fourth time in Lynch's career he topped the 100-yard mark, tying him for 21st in school history.
- Lynch's 100-yard effort gave the Nittany Lions a 100-yard rusher for their third straight game (Bill Belton at Indiana; Akeel Lynch vs. Temple; at Illinois).
- QB Christian Hackenberg moved into sixth on the Penn State career passing yardage list. He passed Anthony Morelli (5,275; 2004-07) and Kerry Collins (5,304; 1991-91) on the career lists at Illinois.
- Hackenberg moved into the No. 4 spot on the career completions list with 448. He passed Darryl Clark's 444 completions from 2006-09.
- Hackenberg's 215 completions on the season ranked fifth on the single season charts. He completed 231 passes in 2013.
- Hackenberg's 18-yard touchdown pass to Chris Godwin was his 28th career scoring pass. That total tied him for No. 9 on the Nittany Lions' career list with Tom Shuman (1972-74).
- WR Chris Godwin caught his first career touchdown pass in the first quarter. The 18-yard touchdown reception was the second by a true freshman this season, joining Saeed Blacknall's touchdown catch against Ohio State.
- Godwin had made at least one catch in each of his first 11 games.
- TE Jesse James had one catch for nine yards to extend his personal-best streak to 16 straight games with at least one catch.

## INDIVIDUAL - SPECIAL TEAMS

- Senior PK Sam Ficken took sole possession of No. 4 on the career scoring charts with two points at Illinois. He broke a tie with Travis Forney (258; 1996-99).
- Senior DE Brad Bars ran for 32 yards on a fake punt, marking his first career rush.



Freshman wide receiver Chris Godwin hauled in his first career touchdown catch on the opening drive at Illinois. The 18-yard grab capped a 9-play, 52-yard drive for the Nittany Lions.



GAME 12

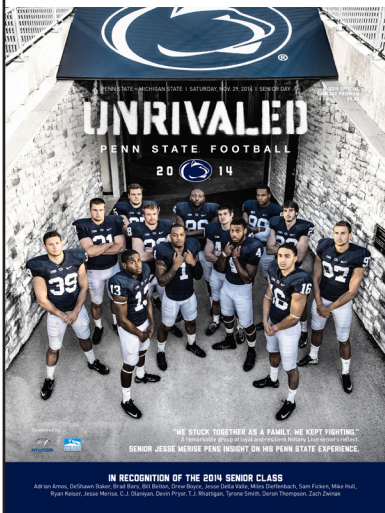
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SCORING SUMMARY

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MSU	13	0	14	7	34
PSU	0	3	7	0	10

SCORING SUMMARY

14:46	MSU	--
Shelton 90 yd kickoff return (Geiger kick)		
8:41	MSU	9-47/3:03
Geiger, Michael 36 yd field goal		
0:13	MSU	10-58/5:35
Geiger, Michael 39 yd field goal		
4:34	PSU	5-17/2:16
Ficken, Sam 41 yd field goal		
7:24	MSU	7-63/3:11
Langford, J. 3 yd run (Geiger kick)		
4:29	MSU	5-18/2:43
Lippett 10 yd pass from Cook (Geiger kick)		
1:37	PSU	10-79/2:46
Lynch, Akeel 3 yd run (Ficken kick)		
2:49	MSU	4-20/2:07
Langford, J. 6 yd run (Geiger kick)		

TEAM STATS

	PSU	MSU
First Downs	16	18
Rushing Yards	38	118
Passing Yards	195	180
Passing (C-A-Int)	21-45-1	13-26-1
Total Offense	233	298
Plays	67	67
Fumbles (#-Lost)	-	-
Penalties (#-Yards)	4-35	5-30
Possession Time	25:05	34:55
3rd Down Conv.	6-16	9-16
Red-Zone	1-3	4-4
Touchdowns	1	3
Field Goals	-	1

OTHER

Time of Game	3:11
Penn State	6-6, 2-6 Big Ten
Illinois	10-2, 7-1 Big Ten

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. - Penn State fell to No. 10 Michigan State, 34-10, to end the regular season at Beaver Stadium.

With the help of a game-high 13 tackles from Mike Hull, Penn State held Michigan State to just 298 yards of total offense, 216.5 yards below the Spartans' season average of 514.5 yards.

Sam Ficken kicked his 23rd field goal of the season late in the second quarter and moved into sole possession of the No. 1 spot in Penn State's single-season field goals made chart, breaking a tie with Matt Bahr(1978) and Kevin Kelly(2006).

Prior to the game, Hull, Ficken and 15 of their fellow seniors were honored for their contributions to the program throughout their careers.

The Spartans scored on all three of their first-quarter drives, including a 90-yard kickoff return by R.J. Shelton to open the game. It was the first kickoff return for a touchdown by a PSU opponent since Nov. 3, 2007, vs. Purdue when Dorien Bryant ran the ball 98 yards for the score.

Penn State took the ensuing possession 41 yards, punctuated by a 17-yard pass from Hackenberg to DaeSean Hamilton, who finished the day with a game-high six receptions for 55 yards. After a pair of incomplete passes from the Michigan State 34-yard line, Ficken took the field to attempt a 51-yard field goal but had it come up short for his first miss that was not blocked of the season.

The Spartans' next two trips downfield ended with field goals by Michael Geiger, as the sophomore kicker converted on attempts from 36 and 39 yards, respectively, to give MSU a 13-0 lead by the end of the first quarter.

The Penn State defense forced back-to-back 3-and-outs from Michigan State to start the second period. On the second Spartan drive, defensive tackle Anthony Zettel came up with his 16th career sack after taking down Spartan QB Connor Cook.

Zettel came up big on Michigan State's third drive as well, intercepting Cook's pass on the MSU 43-yard line and returning it seven yards to set up the offense on MSU's 36. With the play, the West Branch, Mich.,

native became the first defensive lineman to have at least three interceptions in a season since at least 1982.

Penn State picked up a first down with the help of a 9-yard reception by Jesse James. Following an incomplete pass, Hackenberg's next attempt was intercepted and the Spartans took their 13-3 lead into the half.

MSU increased its lead to 27-3 in the third quarter with a pair of touchdowns. Jeremy Langford rushed three yards for a TD at 7:24, capping off a seven-play, 63-yard drive. MSU added another just under three minutes later after forcing a fumble off a sack and recovering the ball at Penn State's 18. Cook took four plays before hitting Tony Lippett for a 10-yard TD.

Akeel Lynch produced Penn State's lone touchdown run of the game late in the third quarter with a 3-yard rush at the end of the 10-play drive. Lynch now has four rushing TDs on the season.

In the fourth quarter, Michigan State's Langford capped off scoring for the Spartans with a 6-yard run that made it 34-10 with 2:49 to play. MSU ate up over 9 minutes of possession between two drives sandwiching a 3-and-out by Penn State before picking up its fourth touchdown of the game.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

Penn State - Lynch, Akeel 14 for 51 yds, 1 TD; Belton, Bill 1 for 3 yds; Godwin, Chris 2 for 1 yd; Hackenberg, Christian 5 for (-17).  
Michigan State - Langford, Jeremy 30 for 118 yds, 2 TD; Kings, Macgarrett 1 for 4 yds; Williams, Delton 2 for 2 yds; Cook, Connor 4 for 0 yds; Shelton, R.J. 1 for (-2); TEAM 3 for (-4).

PASSING

Penn State - Hackenberg, Christian 21 of 45 for 195 yds, 1 INT.  
Michigan State - Cook, Connor 13 of 25 for 180 yds, 1 TD/1 INT; Terry, Damion 0 of 1.

RECEIVING

Penn State - Hamilton, DaeSean 6 for 55 yds; Lewis, Eugene 3 for 29 yds; Carter, Kyle 3 for 28 yds; James, Jesse 3 for 25 yds; Gesicki, Mike 2 for 33 yds; Lynch, Akeel 2 for 4 yds; Belton, Bill 1 for 12 yds; Blacknall, Saeed 1 for 9 yds.  
Michigan State - Lippett, Tony 4 for 53 yds, 1 TD; Mumphery, Keith 3 for 46 yds; Burbridge, Aaron 3 for 32 yds; Kings, Macgarrett 2 for 49 yds; Langford, Jeremy 1 for 0 yds.

TOP TACKLERS (T-UA-A)

Penn State- Hull, Mike 13-7-6; Allen, Marcus 9-4-5; Wartman, Nyeem 8-3-5; Lucas, Jordan 7-5-2; Zettel, Anthony 5-4-1.  
Michigan State - Drummond, Kurtis 6-6-0; Bullough, Riley 5-1-4; Thomas, Lawrence 5-1-4; Calhoun, Shilique 4-3-1; Waynes, Trae 4-3-1; Cox, Demetrious 4-3-1.



## TEAM

- The Penn State and Michigan State series is tied 14-14-1. The teams met for the first time since 2010.
- Penn State held Michigan State to just 298 yards of total offense, which was 216.5 yards below the Spartans' season average of 514.5 yards and 9.9 point below their season scoring average of 43.9 ppg. The Spartans became the 11th Penn State opponent held under its scoring and total offense averages entering the game.
- Penn State's Top 5 defense has held 11 of 12 opponents under 300 yards of total offense. Northwestern had 361 yards on Sept. 27.
- For the season, Penn State's top 5 defense held the opposition to an average of 14.4 points and 141 yards below their season averages entering the game.
- The game marked the third-latest home game in Penn State football history, and the latest home matchup since 1979. The Nittany Lions hosted Pittsburgh on December 1, 1979 and Syracuse on December 7, 1968.
- Penn State had 60 recruited scholarship players available to play vs. Michigan State (minus 16 true freshmen who will likely redshirt); for a total of 44 recruited scholarship players who were available to play vs. the Spartans.

## INDIVIDUAL - DEFENSE

- DT Anthony Zettel tied his career-high with 3.0 TFL and made his team-high eighth sack. He also grabbed his third interception of the season and made five tackles (four solo).
- Zettel's sack in the second quarter gave him 16 for his career, moving him into a tie with Shane Conlan for 15th place at Penn State.
- Zettel's interception late in the second quarter was his third of the season, and ties him for the team lead this year with safety Adrian Amos. He is the first PSU defensive lineman to have at least three interceptions since at least 1982.
- LB Mike Hull had 13 tackles and a 1.5 TFL vs. MSU, giving him 134 stops this season and moving him into sixth place on the single-season tackle list at Penn State. He passed Andre Collins (130 tackles, '89), Ed O'Neil (126, '72) and Brian Gelzheiser (126, '94). Sean Lee is in fifth place (138, '07).
- Hull's 13 tackles gave him 288 for his career, moving him ahead of Dennis Onkotz (287 tackles) and into sixth place at Penn State for career tackles. Brian Gelzheiser (315 tackles) is in fifth place.
- Hull made 10 or more tackles for the seventh time this season. He has led the Nittany Lions in tackles in 11 games this season.
- MLB Gary Wooten made his first career start, the 16th different Nittany Lion to make his first start this season (11 offense, 5 defense).
- True freshman safety Marcus Allen had 9 tackles. He has started the last 6 games and rose to third on the team with 52 tackles (33 solo).
- Junior CB Jordan Lucas wore No. 23 in honor of senior safety Ryan Keiser, who suffered a season-ending injury the week of the Ohio State game.
- MSU RB Jeremy Langford became just the second runner to gain 100 yards this season on Penn State's FBS No. 1 ranked rushing defense. Langford gained 118 yards on 30 carries (3.9).



Senior linebacker Mike Hull piled up a game-high 13 tackles, including 1.5 tackles-for-loss against Michigan State. Hull's 13 stops gave him 134 on the season and moved him into the No. 6 spot on the Penn State single season charts.



Seventeen Penn State seniors were honored prior to kick off vs. No. 10 Michigan State. The 2014 seniors have been instrumental in the Nittany Lions earning a 30-19 on-field record the past four years under unprecedented circumstances.

## INDIVIDUAL - OFFENSE

- WR DaeSean Hamilton made a game-high six catches, giving him 75 for the season. He is just the second Penn State player to have at least 70 catches in a season. All-American Allen Robinson did it twice (97 in 2013, and 77 in 2012). The top three school season receptions totals have all occurred in the past three seasons.
- QB Christian Hackenberg threw for 195 yards, giving him 5,561 for his career. He moved into fifth place at Penn State, passing Chuck Fusina (5,382 yards).
- Hackenberg moved into sixth place for school single season passing yardage with a Penn State sophomore record 2,606 yards. The previous sophomore mark was 2,417 yards by Zack Mills in 2002.
- Hackenberg's 45 pass attempts gave him 434 on the season, which is the second highest season total at Penn State. Matt McGloin's 446 attempts (2012) are first.
- Hackenberg's 45 attempts gave him a career total of 826, which moved him into third place past Anthony Morelli (821) and Tony Sacca (824). He trails Matt McGloin (894 attempts) for second place in the Penn State annals.
- Hackenberg's 21 completions gave him 467 for his career, and moved him into third place for career completions at Penn State. He passed Anthony Morelli (460 completions), with Matt McGloin (513) sitting in second.
- Hackenberg's 21 completions gave him 236 for the season, moving him into second place at Penn State for a single season. He passed his own mark of 231 from last season, Daryll Clark's 232 in 2009 and Anthony Morelli's 234 in 2007. Matt McGloin (270 completions, 2012) has the top mark in a single season at Penn State.
- Hackenberg had 178 yards of total offense, giving him 5,399 for his career, which moves him into fifth place at Penn State in the career total offense chart. Hackenberg passed Kerry Collins (5,300 yards).
- TE Jesse James has caught at least one pass in 17 consecutive games.
- RB Bill Belton wore No. 28 in honor of fellow senior RB Zach Zwinak, who suffered a season-ending injury vs. Ohio State..

## INDIVIDUAL - SPECIAL TEAMS

- PK Sam Ficken made his 23rd field goal of the season (41 yards), which gave him the Penn State season field goal record. He broke a tie with Matt Bahr (1978) and Kevin Kelly (2006).
- Ficken's missed field goal attempt in the first quarter (51 yards) was his first miss this season that was not blocked.
- P Danny Pasquariello booted a career-long 63-yard punt in the fourth quarter. His previous long were two 49-yard punts against Temple and Illinois. The 63-yard punt is also the longest by Penn State this season and the longest since Alex Butterworth had a 66-yard punt last season against Michigan.
- The last time that Penn State allowed a kickoff return for a touchdown on the game's opening kickoff was to Dorien Bryant of Purdue in 2007. Bryant's return was 98 yards.

