

OSU @ PSU

Ohio State (OSU) at Penn State (PSU)
Beaver Stadium · Saturday, November 2, 2024

FINAL					
Team	1	2	3	4	F
OSU	7	7	3	3	20
PSU	10	0	3	0	13

- **Score** – OSU 20 – PSU 13 · Saturday, November 2, 2024
- **Venue** – Beaver Stadium
- **Result** – OSU wins Ohio State (OSU) at Penn State (PSU) 20-13

- KEY PERFORMERS – PSU
- **Drew Allar** (QB) [turnover] – 12/20, 146 pass yds, 1 INT, 31 rush yds – managed the game plan from the pocket
 - **Kaytron Allen** (RB) – 12 car, 27 rush yds – complementary carries in the run script
 - **Nicholas Singleton** (RB) – 6 car, 15 rush yds, 6 rec, 54 rec yds – complementary carries in the run script
 - **Tyler Warren** (TE) – 4 rec, 47 rec yds, 3 car, 47 rush yds – contributed chunk gains on key downs
 - **Harrison Wallace** (WR/TE) – 2 rec, 45 rec yds – contributed chunk gains on key downs
 - **Abdul Carter** (DEF) [2 sacks] – 4 tkl, 2.0 sacks, 2.0 TFL – wrecked protection and collapsed the pocket
 - **Kobe King** (DEF) [sack] – 7 tkl, 1.0 sacks, 1.0 TFL – pressure / disruption play that stalled a drive
 - **Zakee Wheatley** (DEF) [forced fumble] – 10 tkl, 1 FF – pressure / disruption play that stalled a drive
 - **Jaylen Reed** (DEF) – 6 tkl, 0.5 TFL – high-volume tackling that cleaned up the front

- BY THE NUMBERS
- **Total yards** – OSU 361-270 PSU – OSU also won the game – won the yardage battle
 - **Pass yards** – OSU 182-150 PSU – OSU also won the game – controlled the air game
 - **Rush yards** – OSU 179-120 PSU – OSU also won the game – imposed the ground game
 - **Sacks** – PSU 3-2 OSU – PSU won the battle but lost the game – won the pass-rush battle

- TURNING POINTS
- **Q1 opening drive** – Singleton's 25-yard kickoff return set Penn State at its 27; a 14-play, 61-yard march ended in Barker's 29-yard FG (PSU 3-0).
 - **Q1 5:37 Pick-Six** – Zion Tracy's 31-yard interception return TD punched Penn State ahead 10-0 and put Howard in a hole on his Pennsylvania homecoming.
 - **Q1 answer** – Judkins' 22-yard burst sparked Ohio State's first scoring drive; Howard found Egbuka for a 25-yard TD to make it 10-7.
 - **Q2 lead change** – A 10-play, 81-yard drive capped by Brandon Inniss' TD put Ohio State ahead 14-10 and flipped Beaver Stadium's energy.
 - **Q3 Fielding 46** – Jayden Fielding's 46-yard FG stretched the lead to 17-10 after Ohio State continued to win the hidden-yardage battle.
 - **Q3 Barker 44** – Ryan Barker's 44-yard FG pulled Penn State within 17-13 and kept the upset window open.
 - **Q4 Fielding 39** – Fielding's 39-yard FG made it 20-13 and forced Penn State into a two-score mindset.
 - **Q4 Warren explosion** – Allar-to-Warren (31) and Warren's 33-yard run reached the Ohio State 3 – Penn State's best chance of the night.
 - **Goal-line stand** – Ohio State denied Penn State on four plays from the 3/1; the stop became the game's defining defensive possession.
 - **Clock-out** – Ohio State chewed the final 5:13 with 11 straight runs and silenced Beaver Stadium.

- GAME STORY & MOMENTUM
- Penn State owned the first 10 minutes (FG + pick-six) and led 10-0 before Ohio State answered in the same quarter.
 - From the Inniss TD onward, Ohio State controlled tempo: 3rd-down conversions, first-down runs, and finishing kicks.
 - Penn State's only second-half points were Barker's 44-yard FG; the offense never found the end zone.
 - The Warren explosion in Q4 created one final chance; Ohio State's goal-line stand and clock-out decided the Big Ten hierarchy night.

- HISTORICAL CONTEXT & RARITIES
- Series streak: Ohio State's 8th consecutive win over Penn State; Ryan Day improved to 6-0 vs the Nittany Lions.
 - James Franklin fell to 1-10 all-time vs Ohio State in this series framing.
 - CFP debut week: the result fed Ohio State No. 2 and Penn State No. 6 in the first 12-team rankings release (Nov 5).
 - Beaver Stadium hosted 111,030; Ohio State left with the road win in a rare top-5 November matchup.
 - Dual 1,000-yard backs: Judkins and Henderson both cleared 1,000 for the season around this stretch.
 - Jeremiah Smith continued a freshman receiving-yardage surge; Tyler Warren's season TE yardage climb remained a Penn State storyline.

- WHAT DECIDED IT
- The goal-line stand from the 3/1 – zero points after Warren's 33-yard run.
 - Third-down conversion gap (58% vs 27%) that starved Penn State of rhythm.

- KEY PERFORMERS – OSU
- **Will Howard** (QB) [turnover] – 16/24, 182 pass yds, 2 TD, 1 INT, 24 rush yds – scoring punch with a costly turnover that flipped a possession
 - **Quinshon Judkins** (RB) – 14 car, 95 rush yds, 2 rec, 5 rec yds – explosive 6.8 YPC kept the defense honest
 - **TreVeyon Henderson** (RB) – 10 car, 54 rush yds – complementary carries in the run script
 - **Jeremiah Smith** (WR/TE) – 4 rec, 55 rec yds – contributed chunk gains on key downs
 - **Brandon Inniss** (WR/TE) – 2 rec, 33 rec yds, 1 TD – found the end zone as a featured target
 - **Emeka Egbuka** (WR/TE) – 3 rec, 31 rec yds, 1 TD – found the end zone as a featured target
 - **Carnell Tate** (WR/TE) – 2 rec, 15 rec yds – contributed chunk gains on key downs
 - **Cody Simon** (DEF) [sack] – 10 tkl, 1.0 sacks, 1.0 TFL – pressure / disruption play that stalled a drive
 - **JT Tuimoloau** (DEF) – 6 tkl, 0.5 sacks, 1.5 TFL – high-volume tackling that cleaned up the front
 - **Kenyatta Jackson** (DEF) – 2 tkl, 0.5 sacks, 0.5 TFL – high-volume tackling that cleaned up the front
 - **Sonny Styles** (DEF) – 9 tkl – high-volume tackling that cleaned up the front

- SCORING DRIVES
- **Penn State Q1** – FG, 14 plays/61 yds (now 3-0)
 - **Ohio State Q1** – INT TD, 3 plays/5 yds (now 0-10)
 - **Ohio State Q1** – TD, 7 plays/74 yds (now 7-10)
 - **Ohio State Q1** – TD, 10 plays/81 yds (now 14-10)
 - **Ohio State Q3** – FG, 8 plays/47 yds (now 17-10)
 - **Penn State Q3** – FG, 9 plays/49 yds (now 13-17)
 - **Ohio State Q3** – FG, 12 plays/64 yds (now 20-13)

- TACTICAL NOTES
- **3rd-down gap** – Ohio State converted 58.3% (7/12) while Penn State managed 27.3% (3/11); that chain-moving edge kept Allar off schedule.
 - **Red-zone denial** – Penn State logged 4 red-zone trips with 0 offensive touchdowns; Ohio State's goal-line stand from the 3 sealed the identity of the night.
 - **Clock seal** – Ohio State called 16 rushes vs 5 passes in the fourth quarter, then ran out the final 5:13 with 11 straight carries after the stop.
 - **Explosive edge** – Ohio State created 16 explosives to Penn State's 9; Judkins' early chunk runs flipped field position.
 - **1st-down script** – Ohio State ran 22 of 29 first-down plays, forcing Penn State to defend the A-gap early and often.
 - **Pressure tipping point** – Abdul Carter's 2.0 sacks forced Howard into the early pick-six, but Ohio State answered and never trailed again after taking the lead.
 - **Containment** – Drew Allar finished as Penn State's No. 2 rusher yet was held to 3.1 YPC; Ohio State won the QB-run battle without a free-runner night.
 - **4th-down mastery** – Ohio State went a perfect 1-of-1 on fourth down; Penn State came up empty on the decisive goal-to-go sequence.

- PLAYER SPOTLIGHTS
- Will Howard – OSU**
 - Tonight's line: 16/24, 182 yards, 2 TD, 1 INT – survived the pick-six and finished efficient when the pocket held.
 - Decisive play: 25-yard TD to Egbuka that cut the early 10-0 hole to 10-7.
 - Context: Pennsylvania native managed the game plan after the early turnover and protected the late lead.

- Quinshon Judkins – OSU**
 - Tonight's line: 14 carries, 95 yards (6.8 YPC) – the early 22-yard burst set Ohio State's physical tone.
 - Paired with TreVeyon Henderson (10/54) for 149 combined rush yards that closed the game.

- Tyler Warren – PSU**
 - Tonight's line: 3 carries, 47 yards; 4 receptions, 47 yards – 94 of Penn State's 270 total yards ran through the tight end.
 - Decisive play: the 33-yard run to the Ohio State 3 that set up the failed goal-to-go sequence.

- Abdul Carter – PSU**
 - Tonight's line: 4 tackles, 2.0 sacks, 2.0 TFL – the pressure that created Howard's early INT.
 - Could not finish drives after Ohio State adjusted protection and leaned on the ground game.

- STORYLINES & TALKING POINTS
- **Goal-line stand** – Four plays from the 3 ended Penn State's last real chance.
 - **Big-game ceiling** – Penn State scored zero offensive TDs at home against a top-five rival.
 - **Two-headed monster** – Judkins + Henderson combined for 149 rush yards and the late clock.
 - **Howard's homecoming** – Survived the Tracy pick-six and finished with two TD throws.

- Ohio State's fourth-quarter run identity (16 rushes / 5 passes, then 11 straight to close).
- Surviving the early pick-six and answering with an Egbuka TD before half.
- Explosive-play margin (16-9) that kept Penn State chasing.
- **The Warren Show** – 94 yards of offense through the TE still was not enough without a punch-in.
- **Situational king** – Cody Simon's 10 tackles / 1 sack led Ohio State's stop unit.
- **Elite defense** – Ohio State held a high-powered Penn State offense to two field goals after the early pick-six.
- **Playoff preview** – Two likely 12-team CFP participants settling Big Ten hierarchy in November.
- **Beaver Stadium silence** – Ohio State's final 5:13 of runs emptied the building.
- **Interior dominance** – Ohio State's O-line took over when the game became a run-ball contest.