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#4 Michigan DOMINATES Penn State

Nitty Lions feel vicious Wolverine Bite

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USPA NEWS - Penn States head coach James Franklin said its always tough when you play a ranked team. But even tougher when they are ranked in the top five. Coach Franklin said it was very obvious why Michigan is ranked #4 in the country right now. They beat us soundly on both sided of the ball.

Early in the 2nd quarter and a 21-0 Michigan lead, Penn State could only manage to produce 16 yards of total offense and 2 first downs. Compaired to Michigan's 138 yards of offense and 7 first downs.

When players start to hang their hand on their hips, this is first signs of the old saying, " they are sucking air"! Michigan's over powering strength was taking it toll early in the game.

Michigan had won the toss and deferred the ball to the second half. Penn State's start had a quick four and out and had to punt deep from inside their own territory. The Lions now had to protect the possibility of a blocked punt which means your players hang back on the line longer. This limits coverage down field down field. A dangerous combination when the nations number one player #5 Jabrill Peppers is waiting to return a punt. Peppers explosive return did exactly that, Putting the ball deep into Nitty Lions territory just 24 yards away from the goal line. Seven plays later Michigan scores it's first TD and the long day begins for Penn State.

Michigan produced balanced attack with #3 Speight throwing for 189 yards going 21-34 and 1 TD. The Wolverines ground game totaled 326 yards and average per carry of 6.7 yards. Top rushing honors goes to #12 De'Veon Smith with 107 yard and 1 TD. and average of 8.9 yards per carry. His team mate #9 added 81 yards and 2 TD's with average carry of 9.0 yards per carry.

Michigan head Coach Harbaugh said it was great to spread the offensive carries among his various running backs. He feels this keeps everyone sharp and ready to step in at any given time.

Big Go Blue receiving honors went to Amara Darboh #82, 7 catches for 44 yards with longest of 16 yards. Followed by team mate and best tightened in the BiG10 big number #88 Jake Butt. with 4 catches and 42 yards with a long catch of 25 yards.

Michigan's solid 49-10 victory and solid performance showed the crowd of over 110,000 football fans why this is the year for Michigan football to rule. Michigan goes to 4-0 while Penn State is now 2-2

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