

Highlights: Ohio State Claims Another Big Ten Title



Ohio State officially made it four straight Big Ten title wins on Dec. 19 as it survived a test from Northwestern, 22-10 and likely secured its spot in the upcoming College Football Playoff. It certainly wasn't always pretty for the Buckeyes, specifically on offense, but a record-setting performance from Trey Sermon buoyed the Buckeyes on their way to their sixth win of the season.

While Sermon was the story, he didn't strike the first big blow for the Buckeyes against the Wildcats. That, instead, goes to Justin Hilliard, who snagged a crucial interception in the end zone early in the third quarter.

First big play of the day for the Buckeyes, and it's an absolutely crucial one. Justin Hilliard snags an interception pic.twitter.com/GQj1BPBngs

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Then it was Sermon's turn, busting a huge run to shovel the Buckeyes out of their own territory, though the drive would not result in points.

Hello, Trey Sermon pic.twitter.com/nUhfj2mP46

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Later in the third quarter, Sermon struck again on a big gain. This time, he got to finish the job with Ohio State's first touchdown (and first lead) of the ball game.

Sermon, again. He's had quite the day pic.twitter.com/HNO7hNvCws

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No passing, no problem for the Buckeyes, who now lead for the first time all day
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Not to be outdone, the defense bounced back with two more big turnovers, first from Josh Proctor.

Josh Proctor had no issues with this one pic.twitter.com/TJMicsWhRP

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And then from Hilliard.

What a day for Justin Hilliard pic.twitter.com/SKugLS47Ee

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With the Buckeyes looking to extend their lead, it was Sermon again that delivered. He found the end zone again to give Ohio State a 22-10 lead that it would not look back from.

Trey Sermon with as dominant an individual performance as Ohio State has seen in a long time pic.twitter.com/T4zSp15QCc

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Then, in the final moments of the game, Sermon broke Eddie George's record for most individual rushing yards by an Ohio State running back in a single game.

There's the record for Trey Sermon. Can't imagine that anyone had that on their predictions list pic.twitter.com/MyfHm117uC

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The Buckeyes will likely square off next in the College Football Playoff, and are projected by many to meet Clemson there.