Ohio State Names Players Of The Game After 20-12 Win Over Penn State



Ohio State named its players of the game after the 20-12 win over Penn State with the offensive nod going to Marvin Harrison Jr., and special teams to punter Jesse Mirco. It must have been too difficult to choose one single player after the dominant performance because the defensive player of the game went to the entire defense.

If there's any week to give a player award to an entire group, it was this week. Nobody necessarily stood out on the defense because everyone was great for almost the full game.

The defense ended with four sacks, eight tackles for a loss, and forced the Nittany Lions to go 1 for 16 on third downs. The only conversion came on the fourth quarter touchdown drive they put together. The Buckeyes held Drew Allar to 18-of-42 passing for 191 yards.

They also largely stopped a run game that was one of the best in the country, holding the tandem of Nicholas Singleton and Kaytron Allen to 74 yards on 18 attempts, 36 of that from two Singleton runs.

Harrison forced his name into the Heisman conversation with yet another game over 100 yards. He had 11 receptions, a career-high for him and 162 yards. This was his fifth time going over 160 yards in his Ohio State career, breaking David Boston's record of four games.

Mirco was forced to punt six times and had the tenth longest punt in Ohio State history in the middle of the third quarter when the Buckeyes were backed up against their own end zone, a 72 yarder that was helped tremendously by a generous bounce and roll. He had multiple punts that gave Penn State good field position to start drives, but the defense made sure that didn't matter.

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