

Urban Meyer Updates: Ohio State's Bowen, Taylor Not In Starting Lineup



Ohio State head coach Urban Meyer met with the media Wednesday night for the final time before the No. 10 Buckeyes take on No. 18 Michigan State on Saturday in East Lansing, Mich.

The Buckeyes are 8-1 on the season and hold a 5-1 mark in Big Ten play while they are looking to boost their playoff hopes with a strong showing against the Spartans. Michigan State, on the other hand, is looking to avenge a 48-3 loss to Ohio State from a year ago.

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- Meyer noted that tight end is a position that Ohio State needed players to step up. Said Luke Farrell has done a nice job.
- He said junior linebacker Keandre Jones has made a push to get more playing time, which starts on special teams. Jones had a blocked punt last week.
- The coach said Michael Jordan's snaps were "a little inconsistent last week." Overall, though, it's not a big concern.
- Meyer referred to Brady Taylor and Branden Bowen as "backups who can help us. ... They're not starting yet, but they can help us with depth."
- Meyer said the Buckeyes are "pretty close" to being fully healthy on the back end. Jeffrey Okudah is ready to go at cornerback this week. He also noted that LT Thayer Munford is "feeling pretty good."
- He reiterated that Tate Martell is frustrated in a good way about his playing time. Said it's good when a player is frustrated because they want to see the field. "He wants to do anything to help the team win."

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