

OHIO STATE - MICHIGAN SERIES



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BUCKEYES AND WOLVERINES MEET FOR 114TH GAME IN 2017

ANALYSIS OF VICTORY AND POINT TOTALS BY 25 GAME PERIODS

Periods	OSU Wins	UM Wins	Ties	OSU Points	UM Points	OSU > (<) UM
**First 25 (1897-1928)	4	19	2	103	492	(389)
Second 25 (1929-1953)	9	14	2	270	361	(91)
Third 25 (1954-1978)	15	9	1	393	307	86
Fourth 25 (1979-2003)	9	15	1	446	512	(66)
The Last 13 (2004-2016)	12	1	0	434	278	156
Grand Total - 113 Games	49	58	6	1,646	1,950	(304)

**No OSU-UM games 1898, 1899, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917.

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SERIES RESULTS BY LOCATION

Where Played	OSU Wins	UM Wins	Ties	Total Games	OSU Win %
Columbus	27	27	2	56	50.0%
Ann Arbor	22	31	4	57	42.1%
Totals	49	58	6	113	46.0%

SERIES RESULTS BY DECADES

Decade	OSU Wins	UM Wins	Ties	Total Games
2010's	6	1	-	7
2000's	8	2	-	10
1990's	2	7	1	10
1980's	4	6	-	10
1970's	5	4	1	10
1960's	7	3	-	10
1950's	5	5	-	10
1940's	2	6	2	10
1930's	5	5	-	10
1920's	4	6	-	10
1910's	1	3	1	5
1900's	-	9	1	10
1890's	-	1	-	1
Totals	49	58	6	113

The last 103 games (1909 through 1912 and 1918 through 2016) are exactly even:
OSU 49 Wins,
UM 49 Wins, 5 Ties.

SERIES FACTS

- The annual Ohio State – Michigan game was moved to the last game of the regular season for both teams in 1935. Only three times since 1935 have both teams entered the big game undefeated-untied:

1970: OSU 8-0 UM 9-0 OSU won 20-9

1973: OSU 9-0 UM 10-0 Game ended 10-10 tie

2006: OSU 11-0 UM 11-0 OSU won 42-39

- Woody Hayes was 16-11-1 against Michigan, Earle Bruce was 5-4, John Cooper was 2-10-1 in the series, Jim Tressel was 9-1, Luke Fickell was 0-1, and Urban Meyer is 5-0. Bo Schembechler was 11-9-1 against Ohio State, former OSU co-captain Gary Moeller was 3-1-1, Lloyd Carr was 6-7, Rich Rodriguez was 0-3, Brady Hoke was 1-3, and Jim Harbaugh is 0-2.

- OSU has won 14 of the last 16 and 15 of the last 19, but only 21 of the last 41.

- UM has shut out OSU 27 times, the most recent in 1993 (28-0). OSU has shut out UM 10 times, the most recent in 1962 (28-0).

- When entering the game ranked #1 in the AP Poll:

OSU (3-1-1)	Michigan (3-0)
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1954 – won 21-7

1947 – won 21-0

1969 – lost 24-12

1948 – won 13-3

1973 – tie 10-10

1997 – won 20-14

1975 – won 21-14

2006 – won 42-39

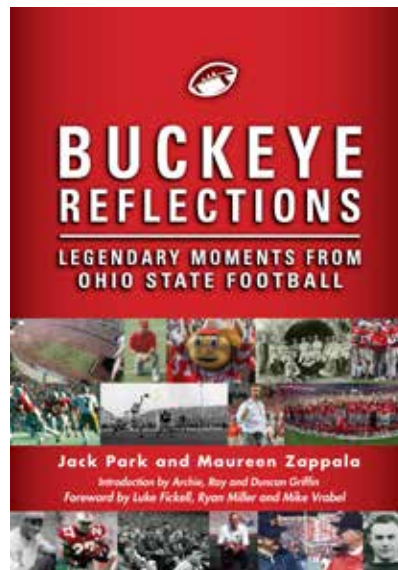
- The “home team” has won 58 games and the “visiting team” has won 49 games. The other six ended in ties. The “home team” has won 10 of the last 15, and 13 of the last 20.

- OSU’s 34 points in 2011 are the school’s highest in a losing effort in the series (UM 40 – OSU 34, 2011). OSU’s previous highest score in a losing effort was 31 points (UM 34 – OSU 31, 1988). UM’s highest score in a losing effort is 41 points in 2013 (OSU 42 – UM 41).

- Only once during the 113 seasons they have played have both schools ended the year with losing records. That happened 58 years ago in 1959 when Michigan was 4-5 and Ohio State finished at 3-5-1.

- The point totals of the 83 games from 1927-2009 are exactly even. The Buckeyes and Wolverines each scored a total of 1,309 points in these 83 games.

- The last time the winner was behind at halftime was 2016. UM led 10-7 at the half, before OSU won 30-27 in double overtime.



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- The Big Ten was essentially the “Big Two and Little Eight” from 1968 through 1980. Ohio State and Michigan were each 6-6-1 against each other with each team scoring exactly 176 points over those 13 games. In addition, OSU and UM were each 83-5 those 13 seasons against the “Little Eight.”
- Ohio State’s largest margin of victory in the series is 38-0 in 1935. Michigan’s largest margin of victory is 86-0 in 1902. The 1902 game also produced the highest combined score in the series with 86 points, even though Ohio State did not score. The second highest combined score is 83 points in 2013 (OSU 42 – Michigan 41).
- Michigan was 13-0-2 against Ohio State in the series’ first 15 games, outscoring the Buckeyes 369-21. OSU’s first win came at Ann Arbor in the 16th game of the series in 1919, 13-3.
- In 2016, Urban Meyer became the first Ohio State coach to lead the Buckeyes to victories over the Wolverines during his first five seasons as OSU head coach. Ohio State coach Francis Schmidt led his teams to wins during his first four years as head coach from 1934 through 1937.

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