

Highlights: Ohio State Wallops Nebraska In Season Opener



Ohio State opened its 2020 season with a bang on Saturday, registering a 52-17 win over Nebraska in front of a nearly empty Ohio Stadium that created a scene unlike any other in the program's long history.

It was a game dominated by star performances for the Buckeyes, specifically from Justin Fields, Garrett Wilson and Chris Olave in the passing game offensively, but also from defensive tackle Haskell Garrett and cornerback Shaun Wade.

While the final figure certainly played well for the Buckeyes, it was not a perfect showing, and the first touchdown of the season actual went to the visiting Cornhuskers after a snappy opening drive.

First touchdown of the season in the Horseshoe? It belongs to Nebraska's Adrian Martinez after a rapid first drive pic.twitter.com/5VBrhfHlh3

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Immediately looking for a response, Ohio State found it on a short Master Teague touchdown run that wouldn't have been possible were it not for a crucial fourth down completion from Fields to Wilson earlier in the drive.

Huge fourth down conversion for the Buckeyes. Even through a deflection at the line, Justin Fields is able to connect with Garrett Wilson. pic.twitter.com/nXAc02HTjB

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Master Teague with TD No. 1 on the season for Ohio State pic.twitter.com/lxTnunkeAk

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A defensive stop returned the ball to the Buckeyes, and Fields wasted no time to find his favorite target again, this time for six points.

Garrett Wilson appears to be good. Buckeyes lead 14-7 pic.twitter.com/f4DxN72Cnf

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While the Buckeyes offense was flying high, the defense seems to still have some issues to work out, because Nebraska had a response of its own to knot the game at 14.

Nebraska with another strong drive to even the score at 14 halfway through the second quarter. Buckeye defense is having some trouble pic.twitter.com/XDb7TNxZJF

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From there, it was pretty much all OSU. Senior defensive tackle Haskell Garrett, less than two months removed from being shot in the face, notched his first sack of the season and helped return the ball to his offense, which promptly rattled off 10 straight points to end the half.

A well-deserved sack and celebration for Haskell Garrett, playing today just two months after being shot in the face pic.twitter.com/AESigWyTJb

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Big boys up front getting some traction in the second quarter. Big block by Harry Miller springs Master Teague for his second score, and the Buckeyes lead 24-14 pic.twitter.com/7cAcZuwOdl

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The second half was more of the same. With the defense finding some traction, the offense continued to find the end zone. Fields extended the lead to three scores with a 17-yard touchdown run.

Justin Fields hits the "B" button to put the Buckeyes up 31-14 pic.twitter.com/GFGoZ2B478

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And then the defense helped itself out with a Sevyn Banks scoop-and-score.

Sevyn for six, and Ohio State is running away with it now. 38-14 Buckeyes
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The play of the game came all the way in the fourth quarter, with the win pretty much already in hand for OSU, as freshman receiver Jaxon Smith-Njigba made the impossible look routine for his first touchdown as a Buckeye.

Are you serious, Jaxon Smith-Njigba pic.twitter.com/BN52toGPOg

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Even freshman quarterback Jack Miller got in on the fun, capping the win for the Buckeyes on a score that Ryan Day would later apologize to Scott Frost for, because it came with the win already secured.

Freshman QB Jack Miller has his first touchdown as a Buckeye pic.twitter.com/AOAc7ncbQa

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Ohio State will take on Penn State at 7:30 p.m. on ABC on Oct. 31.