



Ohio State celebrated one undefeated season after the first quarter Saturday at the Horseshoe, and then went out in the second half against Michigan and completed another one with a dominating defensive performance to beat the Wolverines 26-21, and finish a perfect 12-0. After the game, Urban Meyer said he believed his unbeaten Buckeyes “could go play with anybody in America”.

Jim Tressel and the 2002 national champions were feted in an emotional [on-field celebration](#), ending with the former head coach being carried off the field on the shoulders of his players. A couple of hours later Urban Meyer had a celebration of his own on the Ohio Stadium field after the Buckeyes shut out the Michigan offense in the second half, in a come-from-behind victory before 105,899 fans.

Drew Basil kicked four field goals and Carlos Hyde rushed for 146 yards and a touchdown to pace the Buckeye offense, and Braxton Miller threw for 189 yards and a TD on 14 of 18 passing,, including 8 completions to Corey Brown, who had a career high 95 yards receiving.

The Buckeyes trailed 21-20 at the half, after allowing two big-play scores by the Wolverines, and hurting themselves with a number of ill-advised penalties, shoddy tackling and special teams mistakes in the early going. But an OSU defense that was playing without senior captain John Simon came out after the break on a mission to stop Denard Robinson from running the ball. Robinson had torched them for 124 yards in the half, including a 67-yard touchdown in the final minute to grab the lead for the Wolverines.

### Second Half Shutout



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