



Stephfon Green ran for two first half touchdowns to help Penn State to a 20-14 halftime lead, and the Nittany Lions' defense held on through a scoreless second half to beat the Buckeyes in Ohio State's final home game of the season. Braxton Miller ran for one touchdown and threw for another, but his 4th-down run came up just short on the potential game-winning drive in the 4th quarter, and the Nittany Lions wrapped up a victory that clinched a share of the Leaders Division title of the Big Ten.

Ohio State's already slim chances to stay alive in the conference race died before their kickoff when [Wisconsin beat Illinois](#) in a noon game in Champaign. Next week's Penn St.-Wisconsin winner will go in Indianapolis to face Michigan State in the inaugural Big Ten Championship Game. Luke Fickell's Buckeyes fell to 6-5 on the season, and the coach had to dodge questions about his rumored successor Urban Meyer in his postgame meeting with the media.

For the third game in a row, the Buckeyes fell behind 10-0 before denting the scoreboard, as Penn State dominated the first quarter with scoring drives of 5 and 15 plays. Quarterback Matt McGloin sparked the Lions offense with some key 3rd-down completions, and their running backs Green, Silas Redd and Curtis Drake gashed the OSU defense with first half runs of 39, 42 and 38 yards.

Early in the second quarter, Miller closed the gap to 10-7 with a 24-yard touchdown on an designed quarterback run over the right side, but The Nittany Lions would answer quickly with another TD drive of their own. It took them just five plays and 2:25 on the clock to drive 81 yards for the score with Green going in from four yards out.



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