

Wisconsin Postgame Notes

Wisconsin vs. UMass

Camp Randall Stadium – Madison, Wis.

Aug. 31, 2013

TEAM NOTES

- Head coach Gary Andersen made his Badgers coaching debut today.
- Wisconsin has now won 16 consecutive season openers. That is tied with USC for the third-longest active streak in the country behind only Nebraska (27 entering today) and Florida (23 entering today).
- UW has now won 17-straight home openers, dating back to 1996.
- The Badgers have won 27 consecutive home games against non-conference opponents. Entering today's action, UW was tied with Boise State for the second-longest home non-conference win streak in the country, trailing only LSU (37 entering today).
- Wisconsin is now 56-6 (.903) at Camp Randall Stadium since the start of the 2004 season. That is the third-best home record in the country.
- This is the eighth time since 2004 that Wisconsin has scored at least 34 points in its season opener.
- Today was the first shutout for UW since blanking Oregon State, 35-0, on Sept. 10, 2011. It was also UW's most lopsided shutout since a 65-0 win over Temple on Sept. 10, 2005.
- The last time Wisconsin rushed for at least 300 yards and threw for at least 200 yards was in a 62-17 win over Purdue on Nov. 5, 2011. The Badgers ran for 393 yards and threw for 205 yards today.
- The Badgers scored on four plays of more than 50 yards today.
- Wisconsin converted 8 of 11 third downs (72.7%), its highest single-game conversion percentage since converting 11-of-15 third downs (73.3%) against Washington State on Sept. 1, 2007.
- The Badgers allowed just 212 yards of total offense, their fewest since limiting Minnesota to 156 total yards in a 42-13 win on Nov. 12, 2011.

INDIVIDUAL NOTES

- Sophomore QB Joel Stave made his seventh career start, and first since MSU last year. Stave scored the Badgers' first TD of the season on a 4-yard run. It was Stave's first career rushing touchdown. Stave finished the game 9-of-17 for 197 yards, two TDs and an interception to go with his TD run. His pass efficiency rating was 177.3.
- Stave and WR Jared Abbrederis hooked up on two long TD passes in the third quarter, a 65-yard TD pass on the Badgers' first offensive play of the second half and a 57-yard TD later in the period. The 65-yarder is the longest completion of Stave's career. Stave and Abbrederis have combined on a pass play of at least 40 yards seven times.
- Abbrederis entered today as the leader among active FBS players in yards per reception at 16.6 ypc. He has 13 career catches of at least 40 yards. He finished with two catches for 122 yards (61.0 ypc).
- James White entered today's game with the best career yards per carry average in school history and among active FBS running backs (6.1 ypc.). Today he rushed 11 times for 143 yards, an average of 13.0 ypc. Included among his runs was a 47-yarder in the first quarter and a 51-yard TD run in the third quarter. He now has 10 career runs of 40+ yards.
- Sophomore RB Melvin Gordon led the nation with a 10.0 average yard per carry last year. He gained 144 yards on 13 carries today (11.1 ypc.), including a 70-yard TD run in the second quarter. That is his longest career run, surpassing a 60-yard run he had vs. Nebraska in last year's Big Ten Championship game.
- True freshman RB Corey Clement made his UW debut, finishing with 16 carries for 101 yards and scoring his first career touchdown on a 23-yard run in the fourth quarter.
- Clement is the first Badger to rush for 100 yards in his debut since P.J. Hill ran for 130 yards on 22 carries with a touchdown in a 35-14 win at Bowling Green on Sept. 2, 2006.
- Gordon, White and Clement all surpassed the 100-yard rushing mark for just the third time in school history. UW also had three 100-yard rushers against Nebraska in the 2012 Big Ten Championship Game on Dec. 1, 2012 and vs. Indiana on Nov. 8, 2008.
- UW's rushing performance also marked the first time UW had three 100-yard rushers in a season opener. The last time Wisconsin had two 100-yard rushers since Sept. 3, 2005 when Brian Calhoun ran for 258 yards and Booker Stanley gained 103 in a 56-42 win over Bowling Green.

- The Badgers boasted three 100-yard rushers and a 100-yard receiver in the same game for the first time in UW annals. The last Wisconsin had two 100-yard rushers and a 100-yard receiver was Sept. 25, 2010 vs. Austin Peay. White ran for 145 yards, John Clay ran for 118 and Lance Kendricks had 103 receiving yards in a 70-3 victory.
- Senior LB Brendan Kelly forced his third career fumble in the first quarter. It was recovered by fellow senior LB Ethan Armstrong, his second career recovery and first since 2010.
- Freshman CB Sojourn Shelton was the first true freshman to start the season-opener for the Badgers since Travis Frederick started at center vs. Northern Illinois in 2009. Shelton picked up an interception in his debut, coming in the third quarter.
- Junior C Dallas Lewallen, sophomore LT Tyler Marz and sophomore FS Michael Caputo all recorded their first career starts.
- Redshirt freshman QB Bart Houston made his Wisconsin debut, completing his only pass attempt for an eight-yard gain.