

FOOTBALL



17 SECONDS TO HEARTBREAK

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Sometimes shootouts do not end up being all they are hyped up to be.

That was not the case Saturday. Eight plays of more than 20 yards led Michigan to a 42-35 victory against IU in front of a sell-out crowd of 52,929 people.

Even though IU senior quarterback Ben Chappell set records by completing 45-of-64 passes for 480 yards, it was not enough to out duel the Michigan offense.



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TOP A fan flips off the Michigan defense after IU scored the final tying touchdown in its game against the Wolverines Saturday at Memorial Stadium. **ABOVE** Michigan fans cheer after a Wolverine touchdown in the first quarter of their game against IU.

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THE ALBERS ANGLE

Despite great effort, Hoosiers 1 play short against Michigan

BLOOMINGTON — Denard Robinson dropped back in the pocket and was pressured by IU defensive lineman Larry Black Jr. The Michigan quarterback got rid of the ball a split second before he was devoured by the 326-pound Black, letting go of a deep, high throw down the right sideline.

Michigan wide receiver Junior Hemingway, covered by cornerback Richard Council on the play, came back for the ball and leapt in front of the IU

defensive back. Hemingway brought the ball down at the 4-yard line, setting up Robinson's game-winning touchdown run on the ensuing play.

One play decided a game that featured 77 points and 1,142 yards of offense. One play changed the entire complexion of the Hoosiers' season. One play showed how far the IU football program has come, and yet how far it still has to go.

Robinson is a Heisman Trophy candidate who made a Heisman Trophy play. Sometimes there truly is no defense for good offense, no matter what kind of effort the defense gives.

The Hoosiers (3-1, 0-1) played a gutsy football game. They made defensive adjustments after a rough start.

They converted on two big fourth-down plays late in the fourth quarter to keep the game alive. They left everything they had (excuse the cliché) on the turf inside Memorial Stadium.

But like the Hoosiers did so many times last season, they came up one play short in the end.

Haven't you read this tale before? "I'm really disappointed for our kids," IU coach Bill Lynch said. "I thought they had great effort and kept battling the whole time. Big plays, on their part, won out."

When Robinson ran 72 yards for a touchdown on his first carry of the game, it looked as if No. 19

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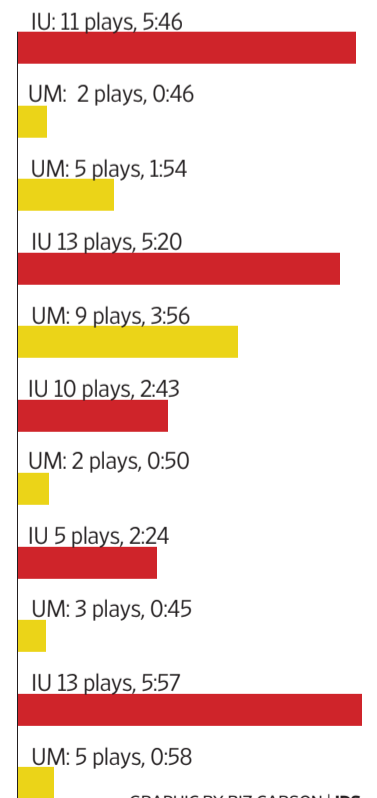


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Michigan wide receiver Junior Hemingway makes a catch during IU's 42-35 loss to the Wolverines Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

60 MINUTES TO 17 SECONDS: HOW IU LOST IN THE FINAL MINUTE

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