2016 OHIO STATE MEN'S SOCCER
2-5-0 Overall; 2-1-0 Big Ten

OHIO STATE VS. VALPARAISO
Sept. 21, 2016
7 p.m. ET
Columbus, Ohio
Bert L. & Iris S. Wolstein Field
Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium

BUCKEYES IN A NUTSHELL
• Ohio State enter Wednesday's match with Valparaiso with an overall record of 2-5 on the season after defeating Rutgers, 3-1, last Sunday.
• The Buckeyes dominated the first half with an 11-2 lead in shots to jump out to a 2-0 advantage at halftime.
• Abdi Mohamed, Austin Bergstrom, Nate Kohl each have collected a pair of goals, while Ben Fitzpatrick has registered one goal.
• Danny Jenss leads the team with two assists.
• Parker Siegfried was named Big Ten Defensive Player of the Week last Tuesday after earning his first collegiate shutout vs. the Wildcats. Siegfried is 2-5 with a .621 save percentage.
• The OSU defense has limited opponents to 1.57 goals per game.
• The Buckeyes have a 40-26 lead in corners through seven matches.
• The Scarlet and Gray are looking to win their third straight home game on Wednesday and first victory in a non-conference matchup this season.
• Ohio State returns seven starters from the 2015 squad that won the Big Ten regular season championship and advanced to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament. The 2015 Buckeyes began the season 1-4 before going on the run to its fourth league title in school history.
• The Buckeyes were picked third in the Big Ten preseason poll. Maryland was the preseason favorite followed by Indiana, Ohio State, Rutgers and Michigan.
• Bergstrom, Jensen and Mohamed were each named on the Big Ten Preseason to Watch List.
• Ohio State was ranked No. 18 in the NSCAA preseason poll.
• The Scarlet and Gray welcomed nine new faces this fall. The Buckeyes incoming recruiting class was ranked No. 4 by College Soccer News – the highest rated recruiting class in program history.

OHIO STATE OF LATE
Ohio State defeated Rutgers, 3-1, last Sunday in Columbus. Nate Kohl, Austin Bergstrom and Abdi Mohamed each scored their second goals of the season in the victory. The Buckeyes posted a season-high seven points with 16 shots, including a season-best eight shots on target.

CONNOR SENN MEMORIAL FUND
Cash donations will be accepted for the event that raises awareness for sudden cardiac arrest in athletes with proceeds benefiting the Connor Senn Memorial Fund and the Dorothy M. Davis Heart & Lung Research Institute at the Wexner Medical Center. On Sept. 26, 2001, Connor Senn, a freshman on the men’s soccer team, collapsed on the field during the Buckeyes’ game at Akron and died that evening from a congenital heart defect, a condition virtually undetectable a decade ago. The Connor Senn Memorial Fund was quickly established by Dr. Lance Senn, Connor’s father and a former member of the Ohio State tennis team, with it expanding over the last decade to subsidize a fully-endowed scholarship at Ohio State and now to begin an educational symposium on sudden cardiac arrest. For more info, click here.

MOHAMED BRILLIANT AGAIN
Abdi Mohamed’s fantastic free kick goal vs. Rutgers on Sunday was named to Top Drawer Soccer’s College Goal of the Week list. The sophomore midfielder struck a shot from 25 yards out and curled it into
the top left of goal for an insurance score for the Buckeyes midway through the second half vs. the Scarlet Knights. It marked the second straight game Mohamed scored off of a free kick from distance after scoring his first goal of the year at Penn State Sept. 13.

**A LOOK AT VALPARAISO**
- Valparaiso enters the match with the Buckeyes with an overall record of 2-1-2 on the season.
- Last time out, the Crusaders won a road contest at Belmont, 2-1, in Nashville, Tenn. The squad is 1-1-1 in road games this season.
- Isaiah Madrid leads the team with four goals and two assists followed by Nelson Landaverde and Ramone Howell has a pair of goals on the season.
- Nico Campbell is 2-1-2 overall with 11 saves and .647 save percentage.
- Valparaiso is guided by 10th-year head coach Mike Avery.

**OHIO STATE VS. THE CRUSADERS**
- The Buckeyes lead the all-time series vs. Valpo, 4-0-2.
- The two teams played two a double overtime scoreless draw in the last meeting during the 2011 campaign.
- Ohio State defeated the Crusaders, 1-0, during the 2010 meeting in Columbus.

**ABOUT KIDS KICKING CANCER**
The Ohio State and Rutgers men’s soccer teams took part in the Iris S. & Bert L. Wolstein’s Kids Kicking Cancer last Sunday morning at the indoor field at the Woody Hayes Athletic Center. The program encourages young patients and survivors of cancer and blood disorders to be active and recognize the benefits of physical activity and healthy eating. Members of the team took part with the participants by help running the skills session.

**EXPERIENCED BACK LINE**
Three of the Buckeyes’ four backs have combined to start in 174 career matches. Senior co-captain Tyler Kidwell leads all active Buckeyes with 64 career nods followed by senior co-captain Austin Bergstrom (57) and junior Hunter Robertson (52). Bergstrom led all Buckeyes with 2,135 minutes played in 2015, Robertson, from Westerville, Ohio, has not missed a start since joining the team in 2014.

**WIN ON BIG OPENING NIGHT**
The Buckeyes won their first game of the season in a 1-0 win over Northwestern Sept. 9 in Columbus. After a scoreless first-half, senior midfielder Ben Fitzpatrick scored in the 50th minute for the eventual game-winner, while redshirt freshman Parker Siegfried tallied his first collegiate shutdown. The Buckeyes improved to 14-6-all-time in Big Ten openers under head coach John Bluem.

**FITZPATRICK SCORES FIRST GOAL**
In his fourth appearance as a Buckeye, Ben Fitzpatrick scored his first career game-winner in the second half of the 1-0 win over Northwestern. The scoring chance started when Fitzpatrick tucked in and found a gap and received a pass from forward Danny Jensen. The OSU midfielder space and smacked a shot off the hands of Northwestern keeper Francisco Tomasino and into the back right of net at 49:14.

**SIEGFRIED EARNS FIRST CAREER SHUTOUT**
Redshirt freshman Parker Siegfried made two saves and denied the Wildcats on several opportunities throughout the entire 90 minutes of play to claim his first collegiate shutdown. Siegfried became the first Buckeye redshirt freshman to earn a shutout since Matt Lampson registered nine clean sheets during his Big Ten Co-Freshman of the Year campaign.

**NIKE CLASSIC INVITATIONAL RECAP**
Ohio State fell in two games at the Nike Classic Invitational over Labor Day weekend in Oregon. The Buckeyes fell, 2-0, at Portland before dropping a 2-1 double overtime loss at Oregon State in Corvallis, Ore. Nate Kohl scored his first career goal in the loss vs. the Beavers. Kohl and sophomore forward Abdi Mohamed were each named to the All-Tournament team.

**WOLSTEIN CLASSIC REWIND**
Ohio State went 0-2-0 in its opening tournament of the 11th edition of the Wolstein Classic, drawing two matches in extra time against Virginia Tech and No. 13 UCSB. Virginia Tech won the tournament with a 2-0-0 mark. Senior defender Austin Bergstrom and sophomore Abdi Mohamed were each named to the All-Tournament Team.

**KIDWELL, BERGSTROM NAMED CAPTAINS**
Senior defenders Tyler Kidwell and Austin Bergstrom were each named captains, head coach John Bluem announced this week. Kidwell, from Dublin, Ohio, is a two-time captain and has appeared in 66 games with 64 career starts in the OSU backline. Kidwell has put together back-to-back-season of 2,000 minutes on the field and is a Big Ten Distinguished Scholar, two-time Academic All-Big Ten and three-time OSU Scholar-Athlete. Bergstrom, from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, is a first time captain after walking on the team back in 2013.

He has made 57 starts with 61 career appearances as a defender, collecting 2,135 minutes of action a year ago.

**THE NEWCOMERS**
Head Coach John Bluem and his staff welcomed nine new faces to its 2016 roster – Andrew Lombard, Brady Blackwell, Niall Logue, Ben Fitzpatrick, Leo Kossaka, Jack Holland, Michael Dichlman, Matt Appel and Brennan Davis. After sitting out last year due to transfer rules, Nate Kohl also is ready to make an impact in the Buckeye lineup.

**HOME COOKING**
Ohio State holds a 105-41-25 record (.692) -- 10-2-2 last season - in Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium since the facility opened in 1999, including at least six wins in each of the last four seasons. The 10 home wins in 2015 broke the school record for home victories in a season. The team also had a nine-match home win streak, which was the second-longest stretch of consecutive wins in program history.

**FREE FOR ALL**
The Buckeyes’ schedule includes 10 matches at Bert L. & Iris S. Wolstein Field at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium this season with home Big Ten action locking off Oct. 6 against Michigan. Admission is free to all Ohio State men’s soccer regular-season home games.

**BUCKEYES ON BTN**
Ohio State will make at least two appearances on BTN this season. Eleven additional regular season games will be streamed online through BTN Plus with one remaining home game on BuckeyeVision on OhioStateBuckeyes.com. The Buckeyes’ schedule includes 10 matches at Bert L. & Iris S. Wolstein Field at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium this season with home Big Ten action locking off Oct. 6 against Michigan. Admission is free to all Ohio State men’s soccer regular-season home games.

**COACH BLUEM**
Ohio State is under the direction of 20th-year head coach John Bluem. The 2014 Big Ten Coach of the Year, Bluem has guided the team to 10 NCAA Tournament appearances (2000-01-04-05-07-08-09-10-14-15), four Big Ten championships (2000-07-09-15) and a College Cup Final in 2007. Bluem’s career record sits at 281-173-67 (608) and has claimed four conference coach of the year awards (most by an active B1G coach).

**UP NEXT**
Ohio State travels to face Bowling Green at 7 p.m. ET Saturday in Bowling Green, Ohio. The game will be streamed on ESPN3.
## 2016 ROSTER

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Assistant Coach: Ian Gordona, (3rd season, Ohio State ’03)
Assistant Coach: Adam Perron (1st season, Colby-Sawyer College ’06)
Strength & Conditioning Coach: Tyler Carpenter
Athletic Trainer: Jason Rule

### PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

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## 2016 OVERALL STATISTICS

OVERALL: 2-5-0   B1G: 2-1-0   HOME: 2-2-0   AWAY: 0-3-0   NEUTRAL: 0-0-0

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### Ohio State Combined Team Statistics (as of Sep 18, 2016)

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### Shot Statistics

- Goals-Shot attempts: 7-76, Opponents 7-11
- Goals scored per game: 1.00
- Shot pct.: 0.92
- Shots attempted: 30-76, Opponents 31-46
- SOG pct.: 0.395
- Shots/Game: 10.9

### Corner Kicks

- Ohio State: 40
- Opponents: 26

### Penalties

- Ohio State: 10
- Opponents: 16

### Fouls

- Ohio State: 39
- Opponents: 47

### Attendance

- Total: 5053
- Dates/Avg Per Date: 4/1263
- Neutral Site #:Avg: 0/0
GAME 1: Virginia Tech 1, #18 Ohio State 0 (2OT)
Aug. 26 | Columbus, Ohio

The No. 18 Ohio State men’s soccer team fell, 1-0, in double overtime against Virginia Tech Friday in the second match of the 2016 Bert L. & Iris S. Wolstein Classic in Columbus. The Hokies (1-0-0) scored the game-winning goal in the 107th minute when Marcelo Acuna headed in a far cross from Alessandro Mioni from eight yards out to spoil the 2016 opener for the Buckeyes (0-1-0) in front of 1,979 fans at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium.

“We didn’t play as well as we are capable of playing,” head coach John Bluem said. “I give our guys credit for a hard-fought fight in a very even game where one goal was going to be the difference. It was a little better to lose late like that but the only thing we can do is talk to the guys and get ready for Sunday. The breaks didn’t go our way tonight.”

The Buckeyes held the majority of possession in the first 45 minutes, putting pressure on the Virginia Tech backline but couldn’t find a first-half netter. Senior forward Christian Soldat had the lone shot on goal in the opening half in the 14th minute but was denied. Senior forward Danny Jensen and sophomore defender Andrew Lombard each made strong runs through the midfield but were swarmed by the Hokie defense and couldn’t put a shot away in the 25th and 26th minutes, respectively. At half, shots were 3-2 in favor of the Scarlet and Gray.

Virginia Tech came out of halftime with five shots, including two on goal, but was kept out of the net by redshirt freshman goalkeeper Parker Siegfried, who made his first career start. Soldat knocked a header on target in the 65th minute, while senior forward Yaw Amankwa sent a low shot to the front of goal from 15 yards, but was covered by the keeper in the 75th. Sophomore midfielder Abdi Mohamed blasted a shot from 25 yards in the 89th minute, but was blocked. At the end of regulation, Virginia Tech held an 11-9 advantage in shots.

Chances were hard to come by in both OT periods for both teams until a goal in the 107th minute. Junior midfielder Marcus McCrary slipped a pass to sophomore midfielder Austin Bergstrom who found a score. A shot from the far side by senior defender Austin Bergstrom was deflected out of bounds. After the fourth corner, a shot by sophomore midfielder Abdi Mohamed sailed high away from the far post.

Siegfried then shined in the final minutes of regulation. He stopped a laser from 30 yards out by Dalton Pando in the 83rd minute before making the save of the night on the penalty kick attempt by Feucht at 83:45. The OSU keeper needed to dive to his right and covered the shot to maintain the scoreless contest. The Gauchos earned the chance on a hand ball called in the penalty box. The game began to creep towards midnight as the Buckeyes were forced to play overtime for the second time on the weekend. UCSB held a 17-6 advantage in shots, while Ohio State led in corner kicks, 5-4.

GAME 2: #13 UCSB 1, #18 Ohio State 0 (OT)
Aug. 28 | Columbus, Ohio

The No. 18 Ohio State men’s soccer team suffered another tough overtime loss Sunday night at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium. After a two-hour weather delay, the Buckeyes fell, 1-0, in OT against No. 13 UCSB to close out the 2016 Wolstein Classic. With the loss, the Scarlet and Gray drop to 0-2-0, while the Gauchos improve to 2-0-0 in 2016. Severe weather in the area caused the game to be delayed two hours and 15 minutes with kickoff scheduled for 9:19 p.m. ET. Kevin Feucht scored the game-winning goal when he struck a volley into the net at 92:53 on a well-timed cross from the far side of the field by Jonathan Adomakoh.

“It’s been a difficult day,” head coach John Bluem said. “UC Santa Barbara is a very good team and I thought our effort was great tonight. Obviously, we didn’t generate enough attacking opportunities yet and that’s what we are going to have to improve on. We have some guys returning to the lineup and we can get better going forward. Defensively, we are strong and I thought Parker Siegfried was very good this weekend. It takes some time, but once we get it right we will be a dangerous team moving forward.”

Although Parker Siegfried dropped to 0-2-0 in his young collegiate career, the redshirt freshman goalkeeper held his head high following the contest vs. the nationally-ranked Gauchos. The native of Granville, Ohio, registered six saves—four in the second half—including one stop on a penalty attempt in the final moments of regulation. Siegfried made nine saves on the weekend.

Ohio State had four-consecutive corners in the 71st minute, but couldn’t find a score. A shot from the far side by senior defender Austin Bergstrom was blocked. Seconds later, senior defender Alex Ranalli tried to send a header to a pack of Buckeyes in front of goal from the near side, but it was deflected out of bounds. After the fourth corner, a shot by sophomore midfielder Abdi Mohamed sailed high away from the far post.

Siegfried then shined in the final minutes of regulation. He stopped a laser from 30 yards out by Dalton Pando in the 83rd minute before making the save of the night on the penalty kick attempt by Feucht at 83:45. The OSU keeper needed to dive to his right and covered the shot to maintain the scoreless contest. The Gauchos earned the chance on a hand ball called in the penalty box. The game began to creep towards midnight as the Buckeyes were forced to play overtime for the second time on the weekend. UCSB held a 17-6 advantage in shots, while Ohio State led in corner kicks, 5-4.

**Virginia Tech**

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**Soccer Box Score**

**Virginia Tech vs #18 Ohio State**

Aug. 26, 2016 at Columbus, Ohio

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YC-VT #15 (25:07); YC-VT #2 (41:33); YC-UCSB #13 (47:36); YC-VT #17 (53:11); YC-VT #9 (61:53)

Win-Ben Lundgaard (1-0-0). Loss-Siegfried, Parker (0-1-0).

Stadium: Jesse Owens Memorial

Officials: Referee: Sergio Gonzalez; Asst. Referee: Brian Miller; Michael Soccioli; Alt. Official: Ben Niles; Scorer: Alex Mondoro

Officiated: Virginia Tech 4, Ohio State 1.
GAME 3: Portland 2, #25 Ohio State 0
Sept. 2 | Portland, Ore.

The No. 25 Ohio State men’s soccer team fell, 2-0, at Portland Friday night in its opening match at the Portland Nike Invitational in Portland, Ore. The Pilots (2-1-0) scored two second-half goals in route to the home victory over the Buckeyes (0-3-0) in front of a crowd of 2,972 at Merlo Field.

Portland controlled possession in the opening 45 minutes, pressing the OSU backline, but the Buckeye defense held its own as the score remained tied headed into halftime. The Pilots registered five opening-half corners, but were denied any good looks at net. Portland had the best chance in the first half on a breakaway in the 32nd minute. Benji Michel had an open look at goal from the far side, but his shot went off the side netting. Sophomore defender Andrew Lombard tallied the first shot of the night for the Buckeyes, but missed his target from 20 yards out. Junior forward Marcus McCrory had two strong runs from the near side in the first half, however, the OSU forward couldn’t find space around a pack of Pilot defenders. At half, shots were 7-1 in favor of the Pilots with a 5-0 lead in corners.

Ohio State came out of halftime on the attack with four shots in the first 10 minutes of play. Senior captain Austin Bergstrom sent a strong service in to senior forward Danny Jensen, but his header in front of goal sailed high in the 50th minute. McCrory blasted a shot from the far post, but keeper Paul Christensen was in good position to make the save in the 56th. Sophomore midfielder Abdi Mohamed booted a shot from the top of the box in the 58th, but it curved wide of the far post.

Portland struck the scoreboard when Gio Magana-Rivera dribbled through the Buckeye backline and finished with a netter in the right corner of the net in the 67th minute. It was the first goal allowed by the Scarlet and Gray in regulation this season. Portland extended its lead to 2-0 in the 77th minute when Erik Edwardsson kicked in off a rebounded shot 5yds out. Portland controlled possession in the opening 45 minutes, pressing the OSU backline, but the Buckeye defense held its own as the score remained tied headed into halftime. The Pilots registered five opening-half corners, but were denied any good looks at net. Portland had the best chance in the first half on a breakaway in the 32nd minute. Benji Michel had an open look at goal from the far side, but his shot went off the side netting. Sophomore defender Andrew Lombard tallied the first shot of the night for the Buckeyes, but missed his target from 20 yards out. Junior forward Marcus McCrory had two strong runs from the near side in the first half, however, the OSU forward couldn’t find space around a pack of Pilot defenders. At half, shots were 7-1 in favor of the Pilots with a 5-0 lead in corners.

Oregon State 2, Ohio State 1 (2OT)
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The Ohio State men’s soccer team suffered its third overtime loss of the season, falling 2-1, in double OT at Oregon State Monday afternoon in Corvallis, Ore. With the loss, the Buckeyes fall to 0-4-0 overall, while the Beavers improve to 3-0-1 in 2016.

After a frustrating start to the 2016 season, the Buckeyes finally found their first goal of the year in the first half against the Beavers. In the 28th minute, junior forward Marcus McCrory sent a through ball to junior forward Nate Kohl, who took a beautiful touch around a Beaver defender and finished with a netter between the keeper’s legs at 27:30. The goal marked the first of Kohl’s collegiate career, who sat out the 2015 campaign after transferring from Michigan.

Oregon State leveled the contest at 1-all in the 64 minute when David Morgan had a driving run into the box and played it over Jordan Jones, who finished with a goal into the back right of net at 63:56.

The Buckeyes collected a season-high 12 corners, including seven in the second-half, but failed to convert a goal off a set piece situation. The Scarlet and Gray earned back-to-back corners in the 88th minute and had the best chance for a winner late in regulation. On the second corner attempt, junior defender Hunter Robertson leaped and headed a shot on target, but Oregon State’s Timmy Mueller reacted quickly and made the save on the goal line to keep it at 1-1 and force overtime.

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GAME 5: Ohio State 1, Northwestern 0
Sept. 9 | Columbus, Ohio

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COMMENTS FROM COACH BLUEM

“We talked about that in the locker room before the game tonight that the Big Ten is a good league and a great opportunity to compete against some great teams at this early stage of the season,” head coach John Blanch said. “It’s a new chance. It was a good match against a tough opponent in Northwestern. Fortunately, we were the team that got the goal tonight. I thought our attacking play was certainly better tonight. We created a lot of opportunities. Parker Siegfried was very good tonight and I’m glad he got his first shutout. I’m excited for Ben Fitzpatrick. He always wanted to be a Buckeye and it worked out for him his senior year. He’s a very good attacking player and everyone saw what he is capable of tonight — that was a beautiful shot.”

FITZPATRICK’S GAME-WINNER

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GAME 6: Ohio State 2, Penn State 4
Sept. 13 | University Park, Pa.

The Ohio State men’s soccer team fell 4-2, at Penn State Tuesday night at Jeffrey Field in University Park, Pa. With the loss, the Buckeyes drop to 1-5 overall and 1-1 in Big Ten play, while the Nittany Lions improve to 3-2-1 overall and 1-0 in conference action. The Buckeyes struck the scoreboard twice in the second half, but couldn’t overcome a four-goal deficit at halftime. Senior back Austin Bergstrom and sophomore midfielder Abdi Mohamed each scored their first goals of the season. Connor Maloney led the offensive charge for the Nittany Lions with a goal and three assists.

PENN STATE STRIKES EARLY

The Nittany Lions wasted no time to claim the first goal of the match, scoring 47 seconds after the opening whistle. Connor Maloney sent a pass from the top of the box over MASON Klers, who finished with a netter inside the far post for the early 1-0 lead.

NITTANY LIONS ADD THREE MORE

Penn State made it 2-0 in the 26th minute when a header by Klers found the bottom of the net at 25:44. Maloney set up the scoring play when he connected with Klers off a free kick from the far side of the field. The Nittany Lions then opened the game to a three-goal lead just two minutes later when Maloney scored on a penalty kick at 27:44. Penn State scored off a turnover in the 42nd minute when AYMAR Sigue beat Parker Siegfried to the left for the fourth goal.

BERGSTROM, MOHAMED BURY SECOND-HALF GOALS

Ohio State continued to battle despite being down by the large deficit and scored twice to cut Penn State’s lead in half. Senior back Austin Bergstrom capitalized on a foul inside the box when he buried his penalty kick to cut the score to 4-1 at 65:16. The Buckeyes answered again when Mohamed struck a brilliant free kick from 25 yards out inside the near post at 67:46 to make it a 4-2 contest. The Buckeye defense held the Nittany Lions to two shots in the second half as Ohio State outshot Penn State, 12-7, and held an 8-1 lead in corners.

Soccer Box Score (Final)
2016 Ohio State Men’s Soccer
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Weather: 84 degrees, partly cloudy

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GAME 7: Ohio State 3, Rutgers 1
Sept. 18 | Columbus, Ohio

The Ohio State men’s soccer team picked up three crucial points in the Big Ten standings following a 3-1 win over Rutgers Sunday afternoon at Bert L. & Iris S. Wolstein Field at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium. With the win, the Buckeyes improve to 2-5 overall and 2-1 in Big Ten play, while the Scarlet Knights drop to 0-6 overall and 0-3 in conference action. Junior forward Nate Kohl, senior back Austin Bergstrom and sophomore midfielder Abdi Mohamed each netted goals in the home victory.

“We spoke during the week how we needed to turn our season around and I thought our guys were very sharp right from the start today,” head coach John Bluem said. “Our attacking play was very good in the first 20 minutes and that was the positive start we were hoping for this afternoon. We let them have a reason to believe with an early goal to start the second half, but Abdi had another wonderful strike for a third goal. He’s very good at those free kicks and has been a dangerous player for us this season.”

Right from the opening whistle, the Buckeyes were on the attack pressuring the Rutgers’ backline. The combination of speed and power by senior forward Danny Jensen and Nate Kohl was a problem for the Scarlet Knights, who allowed three shots on goal in the opening three minutes of action. After a throw-in from midfield, Jensen sent a through ball to Kohl who sprinted down the near sideline and sneaked a low shot inside the near post at 4:56 for the early 1-0 lead. The two OSU forwards combined for seven shots in the first half, including five on target. The Buckeyes continued to control possession deep in Rutgers territory and earned a penalty kick in the 27th minute when a hand ball foul was called inside the box off a free kick attempt from Bergstrom. The OSU co-captain then buried the attempt at 26:13 to put the Scarlet and Gray ahead, 2-0. It marked the second converted penalty kick in two games for Bergstrom.

Ohio State pushed its lead back to two goals thanks to the foot of sophomore midfielder Abdi Mohamed. A native of Westerville, Ohio, Mohamed buried a free kick from 20 yards out into the top left corner of goal at 53:30 for his second goal of the season. It was another brilliant strike by the second-year Buckeye after scoring five days earlier on the road at Penn State from the similar position on the field on a free kick attempt.

Ohio State: 3, Rutgers: 1

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