- Saturday, November 17, 2012

- Camp Randall Stadium - Madison, WI

- Ohio State at Wisconsin

- 3:30 PM ET

- TV: ABC / ESPN2 -

The Buckeyes take their 10-0 record to Madison, Wisconsin Saturday afternoon, the same place their perfect record and their No. 1 ranking vanished on a cool October evening two years ago. Subsequent events involving Jim Tressel and Terrelle Pryor, two of the principals

that night, have caused that deflating defeat to be wiped forever from the record books..."vacated" is the term they use.

The penalties arising from those same events make Saturday's game less consequential than it otherwise might have been, but if Ohio State can stay unbeaten, they'll have a chance to achieve a more lasting result. The Leaders Division title is the biggest trophy the Buckeyes can win this season, and a victory over the Badgers would clinch it outright for OSU. It would also allow Ohio State to pursue a perfect season in their final game of 2012.

The Badgers ended OSU winning streaks in 2003 and 2004 as well, and given the trouble Ohio State has had with Wisconsin, Urban Meyer was asked this week if this is now a rivalry game for OSU. "There's one rivalry game," Meyer responded, "and that's next week. This is two good teams going at each other." Make no mistake though, there is plenty of bad blood between the programs, and next to that school up north, there is no team the Ohio State players would rather beat.

In the all-time series between the schools, Ohio State leads 54-18-5, *(officially, it's 54-17-5, but I can't pretend that 2010 game wasn't played... I was there.)*, and they are 25-10-2 in Madison. The Buckeyes have won four of the last five games, making 7th year Badger head coach Bret Bielema 1-4 against OSU in his career. Last year's game in Columbus is the one that put Braxton Miller on the map with the last-minute TD pass to Devin Smith, one of few bright spots in that bleak Buckeye campaign.

It's hard to make predictions...especially about the future

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