Luke Fickell won his debut as Ohio State head coach as the Buckeyes routed an overmatched Akron Zips team 42-0 at Ohio Stadium Saturday. Joe Bauserman threw three touchdown passes to tight end Jake Stoneburner, and ran 15 yards for another score on a broken play , and the OSU defense was as oppressive as the 99-degree heat, completely smothering the Zips' punchless offense.

Bauserman drove the OSU offense to a score on their first possession, running it in himself after a mixup in the backfield on a designed running play. The next three Ohio State touchdowns were completions of 28, 11 and 2 yards to Stoneburner, who set a modern day OSU record for tight ends with three TD catches in a game.

The OSU defense held Akron to five first downs for the game and 90 total yards. Despite the impressive stats for the defense, it needs to be said here that the Akron Zips will have to improve a bit before they can be called a bad football team. They simply had no weapons to seriously threaten to score on offense. The Zips were true to their nickname on the scoreboard, crossing midfield just once in the game, proceeding to miss a field goal as the first half expired.

Balance on Offense

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