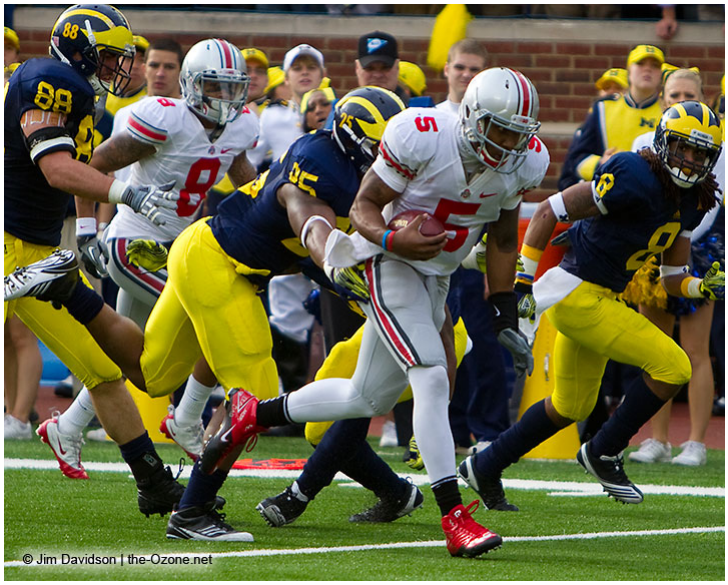

It had to happen eventually.

Michigan finally ended their seven-year streak of futility against Ohio State with a thrilling 40-34 win in front of 114,132 Saturday in Ann Arbor. Denard Robinson played a near-flawless game at quarterback for the Wolverines, and Braxton Miller's 335 yards of total offense for Ohio State wasn't enough to overcome the Buckeyes' defensive struggles.

The Buckeyes took an early lead at 7-0, and led 24-23 at the half, but Robinson drove the Wolverines to a touchdown following the second half kickoff and the Ugly Hats would not trail after that point. The loss was Ohio State's third straight as they finish with a 6-6 mark, 3-5 in conference play. Michigan ends the season with a perfect 8-0 home record, and their 10-2 overall mark could land them an at-large BCS berth.

Buckeye players revealed after the game that they were addressed in Columbus by Jim Tressel before boarding the buses for the ride to Ann Arbor Friday afternoon. They described it as an emotional and motivational talk, and several players reported wearing the initials "LF" and "JT" on their wristbands for this game, in honor of Tressel and Luke Fickell. The program and its followers now look ahead with great anticipation to the announcement of Urban Meyer as the new coach, but Fickell remains highly-regarded by players and administrators alike, and he will reportedly be offered an opportunity to stay on with Meyer's staff.

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]

[redacted]