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Captain status suits Hampton

The senior defensive back is appreciative after being named the fourth captain.

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Hampton Kamoku

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — University of Wisconsin senior defensive back Zach Hampton didn't know he was picked by coach Bret Bielema to be the team's fourth captain Saturday until shortly before taking the field.

"It means a lot," Hampton said. "I had no idea. ... It brought a sense of determination to me, that I had to come out and play well today. I think I did pretty good."

The timing of the selection was what made it even more significant. Hampton did not have his best game the previous week at Michigan.

He fumbled a punt, which led to a field goal. As a safety in the nickel defense, he was providing help on one of the touchdown passes to Mario Manningham.

Usually, Bielema picks the fourth captain — which changes on a weekly basis — based on what that player did the previous week. This time, he picked Hampton in spite of it.

"He has confidence in me and I like that," Hampton said. "It just motivates me more."

Like the rest of his teammates, Hampton had no problem putting the loss to Michigan in the rear-view mirror.

Bielema thought the start of the game would set a tone, especially coming off the loss. After a punt on its first possession, the UW offense scored five straight touchdowns in the first half.

"I wanted the guys to go out and enjoy the day," Bielema said. "They play football. They put a lot of time into their preparation. I wanted them to come out and have fun today. Clemen, Ind., played the rest of the way in his first college action."

Safety isn't an issue

The officials appeared to miss a call on what should have been a safety against Indiana late in the third quarter.

Ray Fisher took a kickoff deep in the end zone and started to come out. He stopped suddenly at the goal line, then retreated and was tackled in the end zone by Kamoku. Television replays appeared to show his foot crossed the goal line, which means it should have been a safety.

Given that the Badgers led 52-0 at the time, Bielema wasn't about to argue. "Nah, I didn't want to review it," he said. "At that point, it started raining. I knew we were going to get wet, so we were just trying to get out."

Extra points

John Stocco's .882 completion percentage (15-of-17) was the best of his career and the fifth-best in UW history. It was the best for a UW quarterback since Brooks Bellinger completed 9-of-10 passes against Indiana Oct. 16, 1969. ... Freshman Josh Nettles appeared to suffer a leg injury when he got flipped and fumbled a kickoff return in the fourth quarter, which was returned for a touchdown by the Hoosiers. Jarvis Milton, who started the season as the kickoff returner, replaced Nettles for the final Indiana kickoff.

Donovan makes strides

The best thing about backup quarterback Tyler Donovan's chance to play on UW's second offensive series of the third quarter wasn't so much when he was getting into the game — the Badgers already led 45-0 —



Donovan

but the players in front of him. Unlike Donovan's disastrous appearance at the end of the Western Illinois game Sept. 9, he was allowed to get in two series with the No. 1 offensive line.

"It was good to get out there with those guys and just feel things out and make some plays and move the ball down the field," Donovan said. "The No. 2 offensive line's inability to block anybody — as well as being backed up against the UW end zone — contributed to three series that netted minus-28 yards in the second game."

"That was a tough situation for those guys and myself," Donovan said. "It was good to get out here and get in a little bit better situation. We actually could do some things."

Donovan completed 3-of-4 passes and led the offense on a 42-yard field goal that produced a 28-yard field goal. His one-incompletion came on a throw he forced into coverage in the end zone.

One of the things the coaches wanted to see was better clock management, after getting called for two delay-of-game penalties in his last appearance.

"I think he had a third-down completion, managed the clock, managed the huddle," Bielema said. "We basically told him to break the huddle with 16 (seconds) on the clock. He was doing that, great confidence when he was in there."

Donovan's second series lasted just one play, a 4-yard touchdown run by Lance Smith following a turnover. Redshirt freshman Dustin Sherer, from Cicero, Ind., played the rest of the way in his first college action.



Defensive end Matthew Shaughnessy scoops up a third-quarter fumble to set up UW's final TD.

Defense dominant

But the unit is unhappy about losing its shutout bid in garbage time.

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BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — The fourth-quarter field goal came following a fumble play with the game having long been decided. And the garbage-time touchdown came courtesy of an Indiana offense playing primarily starters against a University of Wisconsin defense well into its two- and three-deep.

Still, there was a tinge of irritation in Deke Levy's voice following the Badgers' 52-17 victory over Indiana Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

Today should have been a shutout, the sophomore linebacker said. "That's a little disappointing."

Those 10 points though — Indiana's other score came on

a fumble return on a kickoff — did little to blanch an otherwise dominating day for the UW defense.

"I thought we did some good things," said UW middle linebacker Mark Zalewski, who had a team-high six tackles. "They had a few big plays right off the bat, but then we responded, and we played pretty well the rest of the half."

In fact, the starters' work was pretty good just about the entire time they were in the game.

Of Indiana's nine possessions against UW's starting defense or some mix of starters and reserves, the Hoosiers punted six times, lost a pair of fumbles and turned the ball over on downs.

Cornelback Allen Langford forced the first fumble, stripping Indiana receiver Ray Fisher before recovering the ball to set up an Andy Grooks touchdown attempt.

"I think overall as a unit, everyone has been sharp on their assignments, more focused," Levy said. "We're just want to keep it up, continue to take steps in the right direction."

Smith TD run.

The Badgers also played keepaway from Indiana wide-out James Hardy.

The 6-foot-7 Hardy, who wreaked havoc on the UW secondary last season with seven catches for 157 yards and a pair of scores, was a non-factor with just one catch for 8 yards.

"We weren't really playing anything special for (Hardy), Levy said. (Cornelback) Jack (Keegan) Allen. At they did a back of a job shutting him down."

UW, which has had trouble with running quarterbacks, held Kellen Lewis in check on the ground. Lewis, who ran several times from spread formations, finished with 31 yards on 11 carries. And the Badgers allowed Indiana to convert only 3 of 12 third downs and neither of its fourth-down attempts.

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UW tight end Travis Beckum finishes off a 35-yard touchdown reception as Indiana cornerback Tracy Porter looks for help Saturday.

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