

Buckeyes Vacate 12 Wins In 2010

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More bad news for the Ohio State football program.

In an effort to save the football program from more severe penalties, the Buckeyes, who were 12-1 and won the Sugar Bowl in 2010, will forfeit all those games in a self-imposed move by the university. The move comes in response to NCAA violations committed by football players who traded autographs and memorabilia for cash and tattoos—and by a coach who covered it up. Ohio State issued its official response Friday. Athletics director Gene Smith hoped it would appease the NCAA ethics police. The Buckeyes will vacate all their wins from last season, which includes a record-tying sixth consecutive Big Ten championship, and an unprecedented seventh straight win against their biggest rival, Michigan. Ohio State has placed itself on two years of self-imposed probation. An upcoming meeting with the NCAA committee on infractions comes up in August. Ohio State could be facing some severe penalties that include a ban on postseason play and a reduction in scholarships. Stay tuned.