

BUCKS AVOID UPSET-MINDED HAWKEYES

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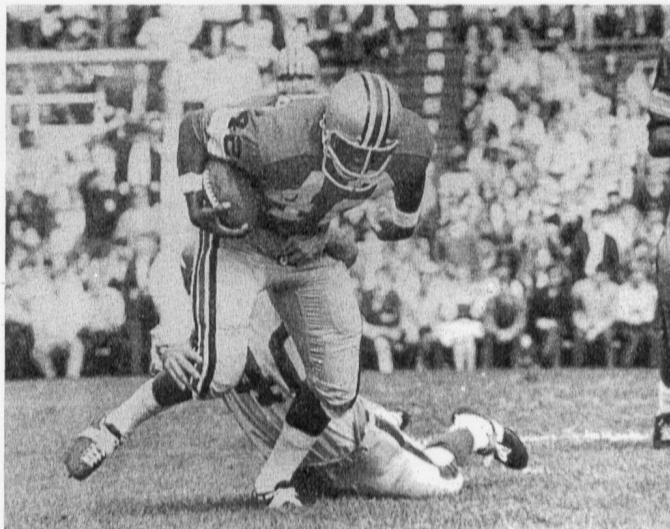
Things got a little scary for the Ohio State Buckeyes in Iowa.

After again taking a 12-0 halftime lead in the rain, Buckeye head coach Woody Hayes buttoned up his powerful offense in the second half and watched as OSU hung on for a 33-27 victory over the Hawkeyes.

The win improved the Buckeyes' record to 8-0 on the season and allowed them to retain a share of the lead in the Big Ten at 6-0 with archrival Michigan, a 34-9 winner over Wisconsin. The two teams were set to face one another in their next game for the conference championship and a Rose Bowl berth.

In the Buckeyes' victory over Iowa, Hayes' theory of "three yards and a cloud of dust" was used repeatedly because of a steady, cold rain which peppered Iowa City most of the day. As a result, Ohio State ran 71 rushing plays and attempted only 12 passes in the contest.

Junior Jim Otis was the beneficiary of the running attack, carrying 29 times for a career-high 166 yards. Otis also tallied a pair of touchdowns, giving him 12 for the season and putting him just two behind the OSU single-season touchdown record of 14, set in 1955 by Heisman Trophy winner Howard



BREAKING A TACKLE — Just one defender was usually not enough to stop Ohio State running back John Brockington (42). He got 62 yards in the Buckeyes' 33-27 win over Iowa.

"Hopalong" Cassidy. Sophomore quarterback Rex Kern returned to the lineup after a game's

absence because of a back injury. He showed no ill-effects from his injury, running 24 times for 66 yards and two touchdowns while completing five of 12 passes for 83 yards.

Sophomore halfback John Brockington got his first taste of extended playing time and made the most of it, rushing 10 times for 62 yards and the game-clinching touchdown.

And fellow sophomore halfback Larry Zelina had his third big game in a row, rushing six times for 50 yards and catching four passes for 67 yards. In his last three games, Zelina had rushed for 150 yards on just 17 carries (an average of 8.8 yards per carry) and had 11 pass receptions for 235 yards (an average of 21.4 yards per catch).

On defense the Buckeyes were led by senior linebacker Mark Stier, sophomore cornerback Jack Tatum and sophomore safety Mike Sensibaugh, who combined for 23 tackles and two interceptions.

The Hawkeyes mounted a successful second-half offensive attack against the Buckeyes. Junior running back Tim Sullivan and senior fullback Ed Podolak combined for 148 yards and two touchdowns on the ground while the tandem of junior quarterbacks Larry Lawrence and Mike Cilek connected on 20 of 31 pass attempts for 246 yards and two touchdowns through the air.

"They played us tough," said Hayes

following the game. "We got out to an early lead and wanted to run some time off the clock. They scored a couple of touchdowns at the end of the game, but we thought we had things well in hand by that time."

The Buckeyes had moved out to a 33-13 lead with 7:06 left in the fourth quarter before Iowa scored twice in the final four minutes to pull within six points at the end.

A crowd of 44,131 braved the 38-degree temperature and rainy conditions in Iowa's Kinnick Stadium for the contest. Ohio State won the opening coin toss and elected to receive.

Starting at their own 27-yard line, the Buckeyes started things off with a drive out of the first page of the Hayes' playbook. Using the options around both ends and the fullback up the middle, the Bucks marched 73 yards in nine plays, all of them on the ground. The big play of the drive came when Kern pitched outside to Zelina, who went around left end for 26 yards.

Three plays later Kern kept the ball and picked up 13 yards, setting up first and goal at the seven. Otis needed just one play to take it in from there. Senior kicker Jim Roman missed the conversion, continuing the team's place-kicking woes. Nevertheless, the Bucks held a 6-0 lead with the game not even three minutes old.

Iowa got rolling on its first possession also. After getting good field position on the kickoff, Sullivan picked up 20 yards on the Hawkeyes' first play from scrimmage. Three plays later, faced with fourth and three at the Ohio 31, Iowa went for the first down. Senior halfback Barry Cries went around right end but was stopped short of first-down yardage by OSU cornerback Mike Polaski.

The Hawkeyes threatened again on their next drive, moving the ball all the way to the OSU 12-yard line, before facing another fourth-down situation. This time Iowa head coach Ray Nagel sent sophomore place-kicker Marcos Melendez into the game, but the kicker missed the short field goal try.

Iowa got back into Ohio State territory on its third possession of the first quarter but again came away with no points when Buckeye middle guard Jim Stillwagon recovered a fumble on his own 13-yard line.

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BUCKEYES 33, HAWKEYES 27

Neither team threatened again until midway through the second period. Taking over on their own 30, the Buckeyes immediately went to work as Otis blew through the right side of Iowa's line for a 25-yard gain. Ohio State continued to march toward the goal line until it had a fourth-and-one situation at the Iowa 13. The Bucks lined up to go for the first down, but the Hawkeyes jumped offside, giving OSU a first down at the eight-yard line.

Two plays later Kern skirted around left end for a two-yard touchdown run. His two-point pass attempt to sophomore tight end Jan White was incomplete, leaving the score at 12-0 in favor of the Buckeyes.

OSU managed to add to its lead early in the second half. Starting with good field position near midfield, the Bucks kept the ball on the ground until Kern hooked up with Zelina on a 39-yard pass play, taking the ball all the way to the Iowa 10-yard line.

Brockington got nine of the yards on first down and, two plays later, Otis finished it off with a one-yard plunge. Roman added the extra point and Ohio State enjoyed a 19-0 lead with 10:40 remaining in the third quarter.

The Hawkeyes began to show some life, thanks to the passing of Lawrence. He completed passes of 14 and nine yards and then faked another before giving the ball to Sullivan, who ran 14 yards to put the ball in OSU territory.

Three plays later on second and 12, Lawrence found Podolak for a 29-yard gain, moving the Hawkeyes to the OSU

four-yard line. Lawrence eventually snuck over the goal line for his team's first score. Melendez's kicking woes continued as he missed the PAT, leaving Iowa trailing 19-6.

The Buckeyes responded to Iowa's score with another textbook scoring drive. OSU covered 73 yards in 14 plays — 13 of them rushing plays — and knocked more than five minutes off the clock in the process.

Otis shouldered the bulk of the load during the march, carrying seven times for 28 yards. Kern threw the ball only once, completing a 16-yarder to White, and ran five times for 26 yards. The last three yards came on a touchdown run by the OSU quarterback, making the score 25-6. Zelina came in to tack on the extra point to give the Buckeyes a 20-point lead with 1:19 left in the quarter.

Despite the deficit, Iowa started to mount a comeback. Nagel inserted Cilek into the lineup and the quarterback immediately began to move the Hawkeyes. He completed four straight passes, two to Kenny Reardon for a total of 27 yards, one to Crees for 15 and another to Sullivan for 10.

Podolak went over from the three-yard line and Melendez added the extra point to make it 26-13.

But the Buckeyes came right back. Iowa tried an unsuccessful onside kick that was recovered near midfield by sophomore Dave Cheney. OSU pounded away at the Hawkeyes' defense with four straight running plays before Brockington broke through the right side for a 22-yard touchdown run. Roman returned for the PAT, giving the Buckeyes a commanding 33-13 lead with 7:07 left in the game.

Iowa was undaunted.

The Hawkeyes managed to hold OSU on its next possession and then surrounded Sensibaugh on fourth down before he could punt the ball away. Two plays later Lawrence re-entered the game and tossed a 12-yard touchdown pass to sophomore split end Ray Manning. Melendez added the extra point, cutting OSU's lead to 33-19.

The Hawkeyes tried another onside kick, but it rolled dead at their own 46-yard line. The Bucks set about killing the clock, but their drive stalled at Iowa's 27.

Lawrence rallied his troops one more time, going to the air seven straight times and completing all but one of his attempts. The big play was a 33-yarder to Crees, setting up a nine-yard pass to Reardon for a touchdown. Melendez again kicked the PAT, pulling the Hawkeyes within a single touchdown at 33-26.

But there were only nine seconds left in the game when Iowa scored. The Hawkeyes tried one last onside kick, but it was recovered by the Buckeyes' Dick Kuhn. After that it took OSU only two more plays to run out the clock and preserve the 33-26 victory.

OHIO STATE	6	6	14	7	33
IOWA	0	0	6	21	27

OSU — Otis, 7 run (kick failed) 12:13
 OSU — Kern, 3 run (pass failed) 6:42
 OSU — Otis, 1 run (J.Roman kick) 10:40
 IOWA — Lawrence, 1 run (kick failed) 6:45
 OSU — Kern, 1 run (Zelina kick) 1:19
 IOWA — Podolak, 3 run (Melendez kick) 8:59
 OSU — Brockington, 22 run (J.Roman kick) 7:06
 IOWA — Manning, 12 pass from Lawrence (Melendez kick) 4:02
 IOWA — Reardon, 9 pass from Lawrence (Melendez kick) 0:09
 Att. — 44,131

	OSU	IOWA
First Downs	22	23
Rushing	15	9
Passing	4	13
Penalty	3	1
Rushes-Yards	71-337	45-141
Passing Yards	83	246
Passes	12-5-2	33-20-2
Plays	83	78
Total Net Yards	420	387
Third Down Efficiency	9-18	5-14
Punts	5-37.8	6-42.3
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	3-1
Penalties	2-29	5-45
Time Of Possession	33:59	26:01

Individual Statistics

RUSHING (Att.-Net Yds.) — OSU: Otis 29-166; Kern 24-66; Brockington 10-62; Zelina 6-50; Huff 1-2; Sensibaugh 1(-9). IOWA: Sullivan 17-103; Podolak 15-45; Crees 3-1; Lawrence 9(-2); Cilek 1(-6).

PASSING (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD) — OSU: Kern 12-5-2-83-0. IOWA: Lawrence 20-13-1-178-2; Cilek 11-7-1-68-0; Podolak 1-0-0-0-0.

RECEIVING (Rec.-Yds.) — OSU: Zelina 4-67; White 1-16. IOWA: Crees 4-66; Reardon 4-51; Manning 4-42; Podolak 3-35; Bream 2-36; Sullivan 2-12; Wallace 1-4.

PUNTING (No.-Yds.-Avg.) — OSU: Sensibaugh 5-189-37.8. IOWA: Reardon 6-254-42.3.

DEFENSIVE FUMBLES RECOVERED BY — OSU: Stillwagon. IOWA: None.

INTERCEPTIONS — OSU: Tatum, Stier. IOWA: Wilson, Lane.

TACKLES FOR LOSS — OSU: Urbanik (2), Schmidlin, Stillwagon, Stier, Debevc. IOWA: Stepanek (2), Bevill.

TACKLES — OSU: Stier 8-1-9; Tatum 7-0-7; Sensibaugh 6-1-7; Provost 5-1-6; Schmidlin 5-1-6; Debevc 5-0-5; Polaski 5-0-5; Urbanik 4-1-5; Adams 3-1-4; Stillwagon 3-0-3; Nielsen 2-1-3; Anderson 2-0-2; Stottlemeyer 2-0-2; Radtke 1-1-2; Brockington 1-0-1; Burton 1-0-1; Foley 1-0-1; Pollitt 1-0-1; Whitfield 0-1-1. IOWA: Ely 9-3-12; Phillips 9-3-12; Wilson 10-1-11; Bevill 7-2-9; Stepanek 7-2-9; Lane 4-4-8; McDonald 3-4-7; Bolden 4-2-6; Edwards 5-0-5; McDowell 5-0-5; Cavole 2-3-5; Legler 1-1-2; Barnhart 1-0-1; Bash 1-0-1; Jackson 1-0-1; J.Miller 1-0-1; Podolak 1-0-1; Reardon 1-0-1.

Players In The Game

OHIO STATE — Kern, Zelina, Otis, Hayden, Maciejowski, White, Jankowski, Sensibaugh, Kuhn, Radtke, Nielsen, Adams, Stier, Tatum, Whitfield, Schmidlin, Stillwagon, Ehrsam, Urbanik, Provost, Stottlemeyer, Holloway, Jack, Anderson, Foley, Backhus, Muhlbach, Mayes, J.Roman, Oppermann, Pollitt, Donovan, Cheney, Gentile, Worden, Strickland, Hutchison, Debevc, Rusnak, Sobolewski, Long, Gillian, Huff, Brockington, Polaski, Burton.

IOWA — J.Miller, Legler, Podolak, McDowell, Ellison, Stepanek, McDonald, Ely, Phillips, Lane, Churchill, Cavole, Wilson, Bevill, Edwards, Barnhart, Jackson, Bolden, Hayes, Reardon, Bush, Lawrence, Sullivan, Crees, Cilek, Manning, Bream, Wallace, Powell.

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