BIG FINISH HIGHLIGHTS BUCKS' ROMP

By MARK REA Buckeye Sports Bulletin Editor

One week after dismantling the number one team in the country and Big Ten rival Purdue, Ohio State head coach Woody Hayes was worried that his Buckeyes might take Northwestern lightly.

As things turned out, the Wildcats did provide excitement for the Buckeyes until OSU scored three touchdowns in the fourth quarter to turn a close game into a 45-21 romp.

"We were all worried going into this game, to tell you-the truth," said Hayes after the game. "We had reached such a fever pitch last week against Purdue, we thought it only normal for the team to have sort of a letdown.

But to their credit, they never let it bother them. Northwestern came in and scored three touchdowns, but we never let them get the lead. That was the important thing. We let them back in the ball game a few times, but we never lost control of the game."

Sophomore quarterback Rex Kern had another big day for the Buckeyes. He picked up 121 yards and one touchdown on 20 carries and completed eight of 14 passes for another 170 yards and two more TDs.

Nearly every member of the Buck eyes' offense got into the act as Ohio State piled up 565 yards in total offense en route to its fourth consecutive victory and its second in as many Big Ten con-

Junior halfback Dave Brungard was the second leading rusher in the game. for OSU, gaining 56 yards on 16 carries. Sophomore Leo Hayden, a backup halfback, was next with 51 yards and one TD on just six carries, while junior fullback Jim Otis chipped in with 48 yards and two TDs on 15 carries.

Sophomore split end Jankowski, sophomore tight end Jan White and senior reserve halfback Ed Bender all caught touchdown passes during the game. Jankowski tallied four



RUSHING STRAIGHT AHEAD — Junior halfback David Brungard (12) and fullback Jim Otis (35) combined for 114 yards and two touchdowns on the ground against Northwestern. The Buckeyes rolled up 347 yards rushing against the Wildcats and tacked on another 218 through the air to cruise to a 45-21 victory.

receptions against the Wildcats for 53 yards, while White added three catches for 97 yards.

Meanwhile, the Ohio State defense was bottling up Northwestern's pair of sophomore sensations. Quarterback

David Shelbourne was able to complete only 15 of 29 passes for 176 yards and two touchdowns. He also threw two interceptions. And halfback Mike Adamle was limited to just 16 yards rushing and only two pass receptions for 11

Senior middle guard Vic Stottlemyer was the leading tackler in the game for Ohio State. He registered 15 stops while sophomore defensive end Mark Debevc and senior linebacker Mark Stier added 10 tackles each.

'I thought the defense did a pretty good job against their quarterback," Hayes said. "We let them in there a couple of times when they scored touchdowns, but we played them pretty well on defense."

Northwestern also had some stars on defense. Junior linebacker Ray Firsthoffer set a single-game school record with 23 tackles in the game, totaling seven solos and 16 assists. He had help from Don Ross with 14 stops and Mark Pros kine and Harold Daniels with 10 tackles

"We tried to stay with them and I thought we did pretty well for three quarters," said Wildcats head coach Alex Agase. "Unfortunately, this game

lasted four quarters."

The crowd of 84,454 was treated to balmy 65-degree temperatures during the mid-October afternoon. The Buckeyes won the coin toss and took possession of the ball, immediately moving it downfield.

On the second play from scrimmage, Kern kept the ball on an option play and gained 23 yards for a first down at the 50-yard line. Four plays later, the OSU quarterback called his own number again and sliced through the Wild-cats for 17 more yards to the Northwestern 22.

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Keeping the ball on the ground, Brungard was called on twice and got seven yards before Kern was stopped for no gain. Then on fourth and three at the 15-yard line, Kern was stopped for a one-yard gain, turning the ball over to the Wildcats.

Northwestern's first series was a bad one. The 'Cats gained a total of four yards on the first two plays and then quick-kicked the ball away on third down. The ploy worked, though, as Northwestern's Rich Kurzawski caught the Buckeyes napping on the play and the kick went for 66 yards.

Starting at its own 16, OSU started marching again. Five plays into the drive, Kern faded back and found a wide-open White near the 37-yard line. caught the ball and then streaked to the end zone, finishing off a 72-yard play. OSU's point-after-touchdown woes continued, however, when senior place-kicker Jim Roman's kick was wide to the left.

Northwestern got the ball in good field position when sophomore Tim. Anderson's kickoff went out of bounds at the 40-yard line. The Wildcats immediately went to work as Shelbourne completed a 20-yard pass to Bruce Hub-

Five plays later, Shelbourne con-nected with Patrick Harrington on a 14yard touchdown pass to tie the score. Wildcats place-kicker Rick Emmerich added the PAT and suddenly North-western had a 7-6 lead with 2:59 left in the first quarter.

Midway through the second period, Ohio State got its offense rolling again. For a second time, Northwestern quickkicked its way out of poor field position for 55 yards. And again the Buckeyes mounted a scoring drive.

Kern passed to Jankowski for 10 yards and then found White for nine more. The Buckeyes got 15 more yards on a Northwestern pass interference penalty and then moved within striking distance when Kern chewed up 20 yards on a scramble. The Buckeye QB kept the ball on the next play and danced around the left end for seven yards and a touchdown. This time OSU tried a little razzle-dazzle on the conversion. Halfback Larry Zelina passed to quarterback Bill Long for the two-

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pointer, giving the Buckeyes a 14-7 lead.

However, Northwestern was equal to the challenge. The Wildcats took the ensuing kickoff and marched 77 yards in just six plays to tie the score. The big play on the drive was a Shelbourne pass to Olson. The Northwestern halfback took the ball at the 36-yard line and went 60 yards, all the way to the OSU four, before sophomore cornerback Jack Tatum brought him down.

One play later Shelbourne went in on a quarterback sneak. Emmerich added the PAT and the game was tied at 14 with 5:49 left in the half.

Undaunted by the Wildcats' quick score, the Buckeyes took less than three minutes to recapture the lead. Kern hooked up with junior halfback Ray Gillian for a 20-yard gainer and the duo connected again just two plays later for 15 more yards. That put the ball at Northwestern's 25 and, just five plays later, Otis topped off the drive with a six-yard scoring run. This time Roman was good on the PAT, giving the Bucks

a 21-14 advantage at halftime.

Late in the third quarter, with the score still 21-14, Northwestern found itself pinned deep in its own territory again. Again they hauled out the quick kick. This time, though, the kick went just 25 yards, giving OSU the ball inside Wildcat territory.

From there, Kern directed the team on a five-play drive that culminated in a 23-yard touchdown pass to Jankowski. Roman missed the PAT again, leaving the Buckeyes with a 27-14 cushion.

The Wildcats came back another time on the arm of Shelbourne. He hooked up with Craig Smeeton for a 13yarder, then went to Jon Hittman twice, the first time for 21 yards and the sec ond time for 14. A flare pass to Adamle gained seven more yards and, four plays later, Shelbourne found Hittman again, this time for seven yards and a touch-down. Emmerich added the PAT and the 'Cats were within a touchdown of the lead at 27-21.

As things turned out, that was Northwestern's last charge at the Buckeyes. OSU took the ensuing kickoff and galloped 69 yards in nine plays. Kern passed to White for 17 yards to begin the drive and added a 16-yard pass to Hayden later in the march. Otis finished things off with his second six-yard TD run of the afternoon.

Then, after Northwestern was stopped at midfield, the Buckeyes began driving for another score. This time they ate nearly six minutes off the clock as Kern, Otis and Hayden kept the ball on the ground. Hayden covered the final three yards of the drive to give the Bucks a 39-21 lead. Zelina, the Buckeyes' fourth place-kicker that season, missed the conversion.

Less than one minute later, OSU had the ball again after junior defensive back Ted Provost intercepted a Shelbourne pass on the Northwestern 38. The Buckeyes began sending in the second-teamers and backup quarter-back Ron Maciejowski guided the offense to its seventh touchdown of the day. Teaming with junior Horatius Greene, Maciejowski kept the ball almost exclusively on the ground. He went to the air only twice, hitting Gillian for an 11-yard gainer and connecting with Bender for a 37-yard touchdown. This time the PAT was attempted by Jim Oppermann, who didn't fare any better than his predecessors.

Ohio State closed out the 45-21 triumph when the defense dumped Adamle for a four-yard loss and then sacked Shelbourne to end the game.

BUCKEYES 45, WILDCATS 21

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OSU - White, 72 pass from Kern (kick failed) 7:08

NU — Harrington, 14 pass from Shelbourne (Emmerich kick) 2:59

OSU - Kern, 7 run (Long pass from Zelina) 7:56 NU - Shelbourne, 4 run (Emmerich kick) 5:49

OSU - Otis, 6 run (J.Roman kick) 2:50

OSU - Jankowski, 23 pass from Kern (kick failed) 3:38

NU - Hittman, 7 pass from Shelbourne (Emmerich kick) 0:07

OSU - Otis, 6 run (run failed) 11:49

OSU - Hayden, 3 run (kick failed) 4:34

OSU - Bender, 37 pass from Maciejowski (kick failed) 2:13

NU	OSU
First Downs 18	28
Rushing 8	17
Passing 7	9
Penalty 3	2
Rushes-Yards 44-104	69-347
Passing Yards 184	218
Passes 31-16-2	19-10-0
Plays 75	88
Total Net Yards 288	565
Third Down Efficiency 9-20	11-17
Punts 7-59.0	4-38,0
Fumbles-Lost 4-0	3-0
Penalties 4-40	8-78
Time Of Possession 27:09	34:51

Individual Statistics

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RUSHING (Att.-Net Yda.) — NU: Olson 10-38; Kurzawski 10-24; Adamle 8-16; Shelbourne 12-15; Smeeton 2-6; Emmerich 2-5. OSU: Kern 20-121; Brungard 16-56; Hayden 6-51; Otis 15-48; Gillian 5-21; Greene 4-18; Zelina 2-17; Long 1-15.

PASSING (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD) — NU: Shelbourne 29-15-2-176-2; Adamle 1-0-0-0; Kurzawski 1-1-0-8-0. OSU: Kern 14-8-0-170-2; Maciejowski 3-2-0-48-1; Long 2-0-0-0.0; RECEIVING (Rec.-Yds.) — NU: Harrington 4-13; Hubbard 2-25; Emmerich 2-21; Hitman 2-20; Adamle 2-11; Olson 1-60; Kurzawski 1-15; Smeeton 1-11; Shelbourne 1-8. OSU: Jankowski 4-53; White 3-97; Gillian 2-31; Bender 1-37.

PUNTING (No.-Yds.-Avg.) — NU: Kurzawski 3-146-48-7; Emmerich 4-167-48-7. OSU: Sensibauch 4-152-38-0.

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DEFENSIVE FUMBLES RECOVERED BY - NU: None. OSU: None.

DEFENSIVE FUMBLES RECOVERED BY — NU: None. OSU: None. INTERCEPTIONS — NU: None. OSU: Sensibaugh, Provest.

TACKLES — NU: Forsthoffer 7-16-23; Ross 2-12-14; Daniels 5-5-10; Prosline 2-8-10; Hall 5-4-9; Hudson 4-5-9; Mullins 4-5-9; Galler 3-6-9; Dean 2-4-6; Cornell 2-3-6; Field 2-2-4; White 3-0-3; Kurzawski 1-0-1; Paquette 0-1-1; Rodman 0-1-1; Doyle 0-1-1; Sikich 0-1-1; Harrington 0-1-1; Hubbard 0-1-1; Collins 0-1-1; Zigulich 0-1-1. OSU: Stottlemyer 5-10-15; Debevc 4-6-10; Stier 4-6-10; Schmidlin 2-6-8; Adams 2-6-8; Nielsen 1-6-7; Tatum 4-2-6; Provest 2-4-6; Team 5-0-5; Anderson 2-1-3; Whitfield 1-2-3; Polaski 2-0-2; Sensibaugh 1-1-2; Radtke 1-1-2; Bartley 1-1-2; Suber 1-1-2; Trapuzzano 1-1-2; Stillwagon 0-2-2; Sobolewski 1-0-1; Gentile 1-0-1; Pollitt 1-0-1; Urbanik 0-1-1.

Players In The Game

NORTHWESTERN — Dean, Rudnay, Ziolkowski, Garretson, Gunstra, Loukas, Shelbourne, Kurzawski, Adamle, Olson, Smeeton, Emmerich, Hubbard, Harrington, Hittman, Forsthoffer, Ross, Proskine, Daniels, Galler, Hudson, Hall, Mullins, Cornell, Field, White, Paquette, Rodman, Doyle, Sikich, Collins, Zigulich, Burton.

OHIO STATE — Stottlemyer, Debeve, Stier, Schmidlin, Adams, Nielsen, Tatum, Provost, Whifeld, Anderson, Stillwagon, Polaski, Sensibaugh, Radtke, Bartley, Suber, Trapuzzano, Urbanik, Sobolewski, Gentile, Pollitik, Kern, Brungard, Zelina, Otis, Gillian, Long, Hayden, Greene, White, Jankowski, Bender, Maciejowski, Foley, Backhus, Muhlbach, Jack, Mayes, Kuhn, Hutchison, Cheney, J.Roman, Strickland, Troha, Rusnak, Huff, Ongermann. Huff, Oppermann.

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