

Wharton's View:

With Jim Wharton

Defense Shattered By Stockstill Barrage

I really haven't spent the last two weeks in a bullet-proof enclosure. But I gave it some serious thought because I'm sure there are those out there who would have taken a potshot at me for the words of praise I kept heaping on the Ohio State defense.

My glass wouldn't have shattered, but my precious defense certainly did. It was shredded into little pieces by one Rick Stockstill and his band of Florida State Seminoles, who whooped and hollered their way to a 36-27 victory over Ohio State.

Stockstill was not supposed to be the best of the four quarterbacks the Buckeyes faced in their first four games, but he weathered the storm and accomplished one thing the other three didn't — he engineered a win for his team over the previously unbeaten and seventh-ranked Bucks.

You can point the finger at a number of reasons for the defeat. I'm not jumping on his bandwagon, but Earle Bruce hit the nail dead center when he alluded to the number of tackles missed by his players during the game.

Most assuredly it was FSU coach Bobby Bowden's game plan which worked to perfection. Perfection that is if you're a Florida State fan.

Bowden, who would say after the game that "we knew their secondary was young with sophomores and freshmen," instructed Stockstill to exploit the Buckeye deep defense with pass after pass.

Knowing full well that the Ohio State linebacking crew would drop a step or two deeper in order to try and protect the secondary youngsters, Stockstill executed "dump" passes to perfection. When the linebackers moved back in to their normal positions, Stockstill took advantage of the situation and burned the Bucks with deep passes.

"Our plan was one of delay and screens," Bowden said after Florida State had beaten a Big Ten team the first time it had played one. "You have to give full credit to our quarterback, Rick Stockstill, because he carried out the plan perfectly."

But, and to make matters worse, the usually reliable OSU defensive line was pushed around by the FSU blockers. After allowing an average of less than 90 yards rushing per game in the first three contests, it surrendered 197 to the Seminoles.

The real damage was done to the OSU secondary. Now I've been touting those youngsters as having, given the circumstances of the three superb quarterbacks they had to face in the first three weeks, done an adequate job. But Stockstill's 25 completions in 42 attempts for 299 yards and two

touchdowns was, hopefully, a learning experience.

I think Glen Cobb put it aptly when he said "you learn from a loss."

Let's just hope the Buckeyes did.

Notes and Quotes

It seems the notes and quotes part of this weekly column always starts with the exploits of linebacker Marcus Marek.

This week is no different.

Marek was in on a game-high 19 tackles against the Seminoles. But, for the first time this season, his efforts did not advance him on the all time OSU tackle list. Marek now has 301 in his career and an average game for him the next time out against Wisconsin will enable him to pass Aaron Brown, who is in sixth place on the list.

Wide receiver Gary Williams, who set a school record in both receptions (13) and yards gained via pass catches (220), has now caught a pass in 28 straight games.

Since the NCAA does not recognize bowl games, and since Williams' streak includes two bowl games, the glue-fingered OSU receiver is still 17 games away from matching the NCAA record of 43 straight games.

OSU tight end Brad Dwelle must not be able to stand prosperity. After catching two touchdown passes the week before against Stanford, Dwelle had a problem latching onto the ball against Florida State. Three times passes from Art Schlichter were — or appeared to be — on target. But Dwelle came up empty handed each time.

Incidentally, the last time a Buckeye tight end caught two touchdown passes in one game was in 1969 when Jan White caught two against Illinois.

Speaking of last times, when was the last time Ohio State went the whole game without having the fullback run the ball? Veteran

sports writers in attendance at the game were unable to recall such a happening — at least in the past 30 years.

Ohio State fullback Craig Dunn and his replacement for a few offensive plays, Ray Meyers, were used exclusively as blockers.

Or how about the lowly total of 38 yards rushing for a game by the Bucks? That total is third lowest in modern Ohio State history. The lowest? A 22-yard effort in a 32-7 loss to Michigan State in 1965.

Ohio State coach Earle Bruce is now 1-1 against Florida State. Although the Buckeyes and Seminoles were meeting for the first time, Bruce's 1975 Iowa State team defeated FSU, then coached by Darrell Mudra, 10-6. Bruce was denied his 70th win as a college head coach, having to settle instead for his 39th loss.

While on the subject of wins and losses, we inadvertently overlooked a milestone reached by Bruce with the victory over Michigan State a couple of weeks ago. That win marked the 150th win for Bruce as a head football coach.

Bruce posted his first coaching victory in 1956 at Salem (Ohio) High School. A four year mark of 28-9 at Salem preceded stops at Sandusky High School (34-3-3) for three seasons and Massillon (20-0) for two. After spending six years as an assistant to Woody Hayes at Ohio State, Bruce coached at the University of Tampa (10-2 in one season) and Iowa State (36-32 in six years) before taking the OSU post two years ago. Bruce is now 23-5 with the Buckeyes.

Florida State coach Bobby Bowden also reached a plateau of sorts with the win over Ohio State. It marked his 120th win as a head college mentor. Bowden posted a 31-6 record in four years at Samford, a 42-26 mark in six seasons at West Virginia and is now 47-15 in his five-plus campaigns at FSU.

Buckeye placekicker Bob Atha was wide left on his extra point attempt following Ohio State's second touchdown. It marked the first miss in 11 attempts this year for Atha. He is still perfect in three field goal tries.

Middle guard Nick Miller got to Florida State quarterback Rick Stockstill for a sack in the first quarter to give him three QB sacks on the season, tops on the squad.

Tim Spencer, who had returned two kicks for 30 yards in the first three games, took five back 95 yards against the Seminoles.



OSU Defensive Coordinator Dennis Fryzel flashes signals to the Buckeyes. Fryzel's signals seemed to help little as whatever the Buck defenders tried, Florida State quarterback Rick Stockstill was able to handle. When Ohio State linebackers dropped back, Stockstill hurt the Buckeyes short. When the linebackers moved up, he hurt them with longer passes.

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Schlichter To Williams . . .



Art Schlichter

By Jim Wharton

Art Schlichter's arm must have needed a rest after Ohio State's game with Florida State. It would have to after the spectacular aerial show the 6-3, 218 pound senior starred in against the Seminoles.

Schlichter, by design at first and out of necessity later, unleashed an Ohio State record 52 passes in the loss. Even with some poor receiving by his teammates, Schlichter connected with his targets for a school record of 31 completions.

The heretofore unheard of number of passes and completions led to new marks for Schlichter in air yards gained and total offense. The 458 yards passing broke the record of 312 set in 1952 by John Borten against Washington State. And although he lost 46 yards through being sacked, Schlichter totaled 412 yards in total offense to top the previous record of 359 yards established by Don Lamka in a 1971 loss to Colorado.

Schlichter, who now has 1,047 yards passing in the first four games, added to his school record total yards figure and in the process went over the 7,000 yard mark. He now has 7,364 yards in total offense since coming to Ohio State from Miami Trace High School a little over three years ago.

Schlichter downplayed his personal accomplishments after the game, preferring instead to talk about the team.

"I didn't know it was that much," he said when told of his statistics. "But I'd trade all of it for a victory.

"That's an irregularity, now doubt about that, especially at Ohio State," he added about the high numbers. "But we got behind and had to put the ball in the air. We had thrown the ball a lot before we had gotten behind. But we moved the ball well throwing. We scored 27 points and probably should have scored 40. Just two or three little things hurt us.

"But I thought we moved the ball well. We stopped ourselves a couple of times when we shouldn't have and we didn't put it in there when we needed to. Those things happen.

"They got 14 points off the fake field goal and the blocked punt," Schlichter continued. "Those things count against you. In the long run it hurt us. We had our opportunities and didn't take advantage of them and just didn't win the game."

One of those opportunities came midway through the third quarter. The Buckeyes, thanks to a completion of 60 yards from

Schlichter to Cedric Anderson, had a first-and-goal at the FSU two. Three cracks at the line brought up fourth down. Schlichter flipped a soft pass into the end zone for tight end Brad Dwelle. The ball, although a little high, was definitely catchable, but Dwelle failed to latch on to it. The score was 30-21 at the time and a touchdown might have swung momentum to the Bucks.

Was Schlichter surprised that Bruce called a pass play?

"I just wanted to get it in," Schlichter said. "I thought we should have gotten it in two or three plays before that. They just manhandled us down there. I was thinking about sneaking it on fourth down. But then I said we'd better just go with the play he's called. It should have worked. It was there."

Asked if he was fully recovered from his ankle injury suffered two weeks earlier against Michigan State, Schlichter replied: "It takes a while, it will be a while. It's going to be sore, that's for sure. But it's just something I'm going to have to cope with.

"We lost the game, that's what's important. We made some mistakes we shouldn't have made

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. . . Record-Setting Combination

By Jim Wharton

Gary Williams, who seems to become more incredible as each week passes, may have outdone himself in the disappointing loss Ohio State suffered at the hands of Florida State on Oct. 3.

The talented 6-2, 212 pound junior wide receiver from Wilmington, Ohio, shattered every single game pass catching record on the OSU books.

Williams hauled in 13 passes for 220 yards to establish single game marks in both categories. His 13 catches topped the previous single game figure of 12 set first by Bob Grimes in a game against Pitt in 1952 and later matched by Billy Anders in the second game of the 1966 season against Washington. Williams' yardage total surpassed the 187 yards Grimes gained in another 1952 contest, this one against Washington State.

"I don't think I could have done much more," Williams said in evaluating his performance against the Seminoles. "I was just trying to do everything I could."

"All he could do was, as in the three previous games the Buckeyes had played this season, make a couple of spectacular catches. Although neither resulted in OSU touchdowns this time, his running ability on one catch really sparkled.

Williams grabbed an Art Schlichter pass at about the Seminole 25. After faking one Florida State defender almost out of his shoes, Williams broke from the grasp of two potential tacklers and finished a dash to paydirt which covered 52 yards total.

The 13 receptions for the game gave Williams 25 on the season and moved him into third place on the all-time Ohio State pass catching list. Williams passed former Buckeye standout Bo Rein on his second catch of the day and now has 89 for his career. He needs only 18 more to pass the player he was over shadowed by during his first two seasons — Doug Donley. Donley, now playing for the Dallas Cowboys in the NFL, is second to Anders, who caught 108 passes in his three year career from 1965 to 1967.

Williams, who caught 39 passes as a sophomore last season, is also on target to top the single season mark of 55 set by Anders in his junior year.

Was it Williams' best game as a Buckeye?

"In certain areas," Williams replied. "But I feel there is room for improvement. I felt like I could pick up on my blocking. I was trying to go downfield and make more blocks, which I think I did today.

But I think my blocking can pick up."

Williams said working on the blocking aspect of his game was important to him.

"It is, because you never know when a back may be on a breakout and it might be up to a receiver to throw the last block."

After discussing his personal performance against Florida State, Williams gave his version of what happened to the Buckeyes in their first loss of the season.

"They were basically the same as we had seen on films," he said of the Seminoles. "They mixed it up every now and then. We were prepared for what they threw at us.

"But I think there were a couple of times today where we were inconsistent. You know, one man, every other play might break down. That's just something we were trying to improve on. But it just seems like things aren't going right. We just had some bad breaks offensively."

Can Williams and the rest of the squad rebound from the defeat?

"I think it's going to be tough. But we are just going to have to be men and just take it on and build from the mistakes we made today.

"It's behind us now. So we've got to look forward."



Gary Williams

Buckeyes Deflated By Florida State

By Jim Wharton

There is air in the football and there were footballs in the air as Florida State invaded Ohio Stadium on Oct. 3.

When the final gasp of air was gone from both teams — or at least the last bit of breath had been deflated by the final gun — the upstart Seminoles from FSU had sprung a 36-27 upset on the nation's seventh-ranked Buckeyes of Ohio State.

The game, made considerably longer by the number of passes thrown, resembled a clinic. The clinicians were FSU quarterback Rick Stockstill, a native of Sidney, Ohio, and his OSU counterpart, Art Schlichter.

To steal an old cliché, Schlichter won the battle, Stockstill won the war.

And what a skirmish it was. Ohio State fired the first shot when, after taking over on the FSU 29 following a short punt by Florida State All-American punter Rohn Stark, and a 15-yard personal foul penalty against the Seminoles, the Buckeyes set their sights on the FSU goalline. Schlichter hit tight end John Frank for 14 before Tim Spencer went six yards and then nine yards for the score. Bob Atha converted and the Bucks led 7-0 with 10:46 left in the first quarter.

With Stockstill hitting four of five passes and tailback Michael Whiting adding short yardage on two rushes, the Seminoles moved from their own 18 to the Ohio State 35. Two straight misfired passes brought up a fourth down and FSU had to be satisfied with a field goal try. Freshman kicker Mike Rendina toed the ball straight and accurately, but almost not far enough. The ball hit the crossbar and bounced over, and the OSU lead was narrowed to 7-3 on the 52 yard effort.

Just over two minutes later the Seminoles grabbed the lead for the first time. Ohio State's drive bogged down after Schlichter had hit Cedric Anderson for a 12-yard gain and a first down at the FSU 33. Three plays netted just two yards and the Buckeyes were set to punt.

Freshman Gary Alders had his punt blocked by Florida State's Ron Hester. After a mad scramble which had the ball bouncing or being batted in the air and unfortunately towards the Ohio State goal, Hester managed to grab it in mid-air at about the five and dashed into the end zone.

Schlichter, who would finish with 31 completions in 52 attempts for 458 yards — all school records — got the Buckeyes started on a scoring drive late in the first quarter. After four completions in five attempts, three of them to Gary Williams covering 19, 14 and nine yards, the Bucks had a first down at the Seminole 14. Spencer

gained three at left guard as the quarter ended.

Jimmy Gayle went over left tackle for four before taking a wide option pitch from Schlichter and skirting right end for the final seven. The scoring drive covered 80 yards in 14 plays with the TD coming with 14:20 showing on the second quarter clock. Atha was wide left on his conversion attempt and the Bucks led 13-10.

That score was the first of four touchdowns that would be scored in less than six minutes of the wild and wooly second quarter.

Florida State, returning to action after a week off, marched 80 yards in just over two minutes to recapture the lead. The big play in the drive was a 37-yard tackle breaking run off a draw play by Whiting. But, after Whiting's run had given the Seminoles a first and goal at the Ohio State nine, the OSU defense stiffened. An incomplete pass, broken up in the



Jimmy Gayle runs for some of his total of only 21 yards rushing against Florida State. The Bucks' rushing total of 38 yards was the third lowest for the team in modern history. The Bucks were held to 22 yards by Michigan State in 1965.

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end zone by OSU's Garcia Lane; a four-yard keeper up the middle by Stockstill and another incomplete pass under the rush of a blitz by Jeff Cisco and Marcus Marek of the Buckeyes and Florida State was going to go for a field goal. Or at least that's the way it looked.

Kelly Lowery, listed as a defensive end but a backup quarterback last season, took the snap from center, raised up and

dashed around right end for a fiveyard touchdown run. Lowery's score, his first of the year and the second of his career, capped a nine play, 80-yard drive and came with 12:10 still to play in the first half.

But if the Seminoles could strike that quick, Ohio State wanted to prove it could strike even faster. And it did. Spencer returned the kick to the 27 where Schlichter

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OSU-FSU And Season Statistics

FSU 10 13 13 0--36
OSU 7 14 0 6--27

OSU - Spencer 9 run (Atha kick) 10:46
FSU - Rendina 52 field goal 6:59
FSU - Hester 35 run with blocked punt (Rendina kick) 4:56

OSU - J. Gayle 7 run (kick failed) 14:20
FSU - Lowery 5 run (Rendina kick) 12:10

OSU - Williams 52 pass from Schlichter (Spencer pass from Schlichter) 10:56

FSU - T. Johnson 13 pass from Stockstill (kick failed) 8:25

FSU - Childers 7 pass from Stockstill (Rendina kick) 10:05

FSU - R. Williams 3 run (pass failed) 0:32
OSU - Anderson 18 pass from Schlichter (pass failed) 12:45

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Players In The Game

FLORIDA STATE - P. Williams, W. Thompson, Voltapetti, Brannon, McCormick, Renter, Ryan, Mowatt, Wheeler, Childers, Stockstill, R. Williams, B. Allen, Jones, Whiting, McKinnon, Johnson, Rendina, Campbell, S. McLean, Futch, Ponder, Gilbert, Chavers, Carreker, Coursey, J. McLean, Young Hester, Roe, Clayton, L. Harris, Riley, J. Harris, Stark, Lowrey, Hanna, McCrary, Rodrigue, Taylor, Reed, D. Davis, Restivo, Widner, Young, Sims, Burnett.

OHIO STATE - Frank, Dwelle, Roberts, Medich, DeLeone, Lukens, Palahnuk, J. Smith, Williams, Jemison, Schlichter, Spencer, J. Gayle, Dunn, Myers, Anderson, Langley, Atha, Lee, Griggs, Foster, Miller, Nelms, Riehm, D'Andrea, Cobb, Marek, Hill, Tatum, S. Gayle, Cisco, Bell, Lane, Aldera, Keuchler, Anthony, Berner, Czynski, Blair, Pack, Dooley, Lachev, Tomczak, D. Smith.

Individual Statistics

RUSHING (Att.-Yds.) - FLORIDA STATE: Stockstill 5-8; Whiting 15-90; R. Williams 15-81; Lowrey 1-5; B. Allen 3-6; McKinnon 1-15. OHIO STATE: Spencer 14-63; Schlichter 5-46; J. Gayle 11-21; Anderson 1-0.

PASSING (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds. TD) - FLORIDA STATE: Stockstill 41-25-0-299-2; C. Jones 1-0-0-0-0. OHIO STATE: Schlichter 52-31-0-458-2.

RECEIVING (Rec.-Yds.-TD) - FLORIDA STATE: Whiting 9-74-0; Childers 5-53-1; McKinnon 5-107-0; P. Williams 2-32-0; R. Williams 2-11-0; T. Johnson 1-13-1; B. Allen 1-9-0. OHIO STATE: Williams 13-220-1; Anderson 8-158-1; Spencer 4-17-0; Frank 3-33-0; 2-11-0; Jemison 1-19-0.

PUNTING (No.-Ave.-Lg.) - FLORIDA STATE: Stark 8-39.2-52. OHIO STATE: Team 10-0 (blocked); Alders 3-34.0-40; Atha 3-38.7-45.

PUNT RETURNS (No.-Ave.-Lg.) - FLORIDA STATE: Hester 1-35.0-35; C. Jones 1-1-0-1. OHIO STATE: Cisco 5-6.0-12; Lane 1-23.0-23.

KICKOFF RETURNS (No.-Avg.-Lg.) - FLORIDA STATE: C. Jones 4-18.8-26. OHIO STATE: Spencer 5-19.0-27.

TACKLES FOR LOSS - FLORIDA STATE: Carreker, L. Harris, Ponder, Gilbert. OHIO STATE: Miller 2, Marek, D'Andrea.

TACKLES (Solo-Ass.-Tot.) - FLORIDA STATE: Young 4-12-16; L. Harris 7-7-14; Roe 6-6-12; J. Harris 6-4-10; Clayton 3-5-8; Riley 1-6-7; Gilbert 2-4-6; Campbell 1-5-6; Coursey 1-4-5; McLean 2-1-3; Ponder 1-2-3; Restivo 1-1-2; Milligan 2-0-2; Futch 0-1-1; Carreker 1-0-1; Hanna 0-1-1; Lowrey 1-0-1; Taylor 0-1-1; McCray 1-0-1; Sims 1-0-1; Coggin 0-1-1; Holliday 0-1-1; Team 1. OHIO STATE: Marek 4-15-19; Cobb 4-12-16; Miller 6-6-12; Griggs 2-6-8; Hill 2-6-8; Foster 1-6-7; S. Gayle 5-2-7; Lane 3-4-7; Bell 4-3-7; D'Andrea 2-4-6; Lee 0-4-4; Riehm 0-4-4; Tatum 0-2-2; Keuchler 0-2-2; Nelms 0-1-1; Brenner 1-0-1; Cisco 0-1-1; Crecellus 0-1-1; Team 2.

	FSU	OSU
First Downs	25	26
Rushing	9	5
Passing	14	19
Penalty	2	2
Rushes-yards	40-197	31-38
Passing yards	299	458
Passes	42-25-0	52-31-0
Offensive plays	82	83
Total Net Yards	496	496
Interceptions-yards	0-0	0-0
3rd down eff.	8-19	7-16
Return yards	6-111	11-148
Sacks by	3-31	1-8
Punts	8-39.2	7-31.1
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties	8-83	3-26
Time of possession	32:48	27:12

1981 OHIO STATE FOOTBALL STATISTICS

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Points	OPP.	OHIO	RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	AVG	TD	LG
Touchdowns (R-P-O)	10	15	Spencer	74	421	2	419	5.6	5	82
EXP-1 (Att-Made)	8-6	12-11	J. Gayle	43	121	6	115	2.6	2	12
EXP-2 (Att-Made)	2-0	3-1	Atha	10	62	0	62	6.2	1	27
FG (Att-Made)	5-5	3-3	Broadnax	12	45	0	45	3.7	0	6
Avg Pts Per Game	20.2	28.0	Dunn	6	22	1	21	3.5	0	10
First Downs	80	92	Anderson	2	11	0	11	5.5	0	11
By Rushing	29	36	Langley	1	10	0	10	10.0	0	10
By Passing	43	48	Schlichter	31	84	108	-24			16
By Penalty	8	8								

Net Yards Rushing	Attempts	Yards Gained	Yards Lost	Rushing Touchdowns	Average Per Game	Net Yards Passing	Attempted	Completed	Had Intercepted	Passing Touchdowns	Average Per Game	Total Net Gain	Total Plays	Average Per Game	Punts-Blocked	Total Yards	Average Per Punt	Punt Returns	Yards Returned	Kickoff Returns	Yards Returned	Interceptions	Fumbles Lost	Penalties	Yards	Third Down Efficiency	Time Of Possession (Avg)	Score by Quarters
461	659	135	179	2	115.2	1052	175	137	6	7	263.0	1513	1731	378.2	28-0	1084	38.7	11	14	72	87	4	7	26	27-70	29:37	1 2 3 4 Total	

Receiving	No	Yds	Avg	Td	Lg
Williams	25	470	18.8	2	52
Frank	11	90	8.1	0	16
Spencer	10	91	9.1	0	16
Anderson	9	170	18.8	1	60
J. Gayle	7	78	11.1	0	29
Langley	4	71	17.7	0	23
Dwelle	4	52	13.0	2	22
Jemison	3	47	15.6	1	19
O'Gain	1	3	3.0	0	3

Scoring	Td	R-P-O	EXP-1	EXP-2	FG	TP
Spencer	5	5-0-0			0-1	32
Atha	1	1-0-0	12-11			3-3 26
Dwelle	2	2-0-2				12
J. Gayle	2	2-0-0				12
Williams	2	2-0-2				12
Anderson	1	0-1-0				6
Jemison	1	0-1-0				6
Schlichter	1	1-0-0			2-0	6
-Team					1-0	0

Punt Returns	No	Yds	Avg	Td	Lg
Cisco	9	56	6.2	0	12
Lane	5	31	6.2	0	23

Kickoff Returns	No	Yds	Avg	Td	Lg
Spencer	7	125	17.8	0	27
Langley	1	20	20.0	0	20
Cisco	1	11	11.0	0	11

includes 9 sacks for 72 yards
* includes intercepted fumble for 12 yards

Punting	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	Bl
Alders	15	548	36.5	48	1
Atha	10	426	42.6	58	0
-Team	1	0			

1981 Results (3-1)	Interception Ret	No	Yds	Avg	Td	Lg
H-OSU 34, Duke	Lane	2*	62	31.0	0	50
H-OSU 27, Michigan State	Griggs	2	30	15.0	0	30
A-OSU 24, Stanford	D. Hill	1	13	13.0	0	13
H-OSU 27, Florida State	Cobb	1	0	0.0	0	0
A-Oct. 10 - Wisconsin	S. Gayle	1	0	0.0	0	0
H-Oct. 17 - Illinois						
H-Oct. 24 - Indiana						
A-Oct. 31 - Purdue						
A-Nov. 7 - Minnesota						
H-Nov. 14 - Northwestern						
A-Nov. 21 - Michigan						

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Field Goals (Underlined - Good)	Total - total tackles
Atha [3-3] = 27, 24 (Michigan State) 45 (Stanford)	T-L = tackles for loss and yards lost SACK = quarterback sacks and yards lost

Defensive Statistics	Player	Solo	Assist	Total	T-L	Sack	Fumbles Recovered
SOLO - solo tackles	Marek	23	32	55	2-4	-	D'Andrea 1, Lane 1, Nelms 1, Marek 1.
ASSIST - assisted tackles	Cobb	14	29	43	1-13	1-13	FUMBLES CAUSED: Cisco 1, Lee 1, Marek 1, Nelms 1.
	Miller	21	12	33	7-24	3-14	PASSES BROKEN UP: Lane 9, Bell 7, Cisco 3, D. Hill 3, S. Gayle 2, Griggs 2, Lee 1, Cobb 1.
	S. Gayle	14	13	27	1-8	-	TOUCHDOWN SAVES: Lane 1, Miller 1.
	D. Hill	13	11	24	2-12	1-9	
	Lane	16	6	22	-	-	
	D'Andrea	6	14	20	1-2	-	
	Lee	7	11	18	1-3	-	
	Nelms	3	13	16	1-11	1-11	
	Griggs	6	9	15	1-4	1-4	
	Foster	3	12	15	-	-	
	Bell	7	6	13	-	-	
	Czynski	3	10	13	-	-	
	Berner	6	2	8	-	-	
	Keuchler	2	6	8	-	-	
	Tatum	3	4	7	-	-	
	Eberts	3	3	6	-	-	
	Cisco	3	3	6	1-7	1-7	
	Balen	0	4	4	-	-	
	Riehm	0	4	4	-	-	
	Crecellus	1	2	3	-	-	
	Manning	1	1	2	-	-	
	Lowry	1	1	2	-	-	
	Frank	1	1	2	-	-	
	Broadnax	1	0	1	-	-	
	Williams	1	0	1	-	-	
	DeLeone	1	0	1	-	-	
	Anderson	1	0	1	-	-	
	Braun	0	1	1	-	-	
	Anthony	0	1	1	-	-	
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Bruce Frustrated By Missed Tackles

By Jim Wharton

A somber Earle Bruce, frustrated after watching his Ohio State football team lose its first game of the season, played an abbreviated version of "meet the press" after the Buckeyes' 36-27 loss to Florida State.

"Florida State played a fine football game today and did a great job against the Buckeyes," Bruce said in his opening statement. "They moved the ball well and got the opportunities in the specialty teams area with a blocked punt for a touchdown and a fake field goal for a touchdown. That accounted for 14 of their points."

Bruce, obviously at a loss for words, spent a few seconds pondering the final statistics handed him by associate sports information director Steve Snapp.

"I can't remember an Ohio State team being 31 rushes for 38 yards," Bruce said. "Also I can't remember an Ohio State team throwing 52

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— Earle Bruce

passes, 31 completions, for about 458 yards. And we had some dropped balls and receivers open all day."

Bruce, unaccustomed to taking part in post-game press conferences after a loss, having coached only five losing games in his three years at OSU, was fidgety and definitely uneasy with the situation.

Unlike previous games which his team had won, Bruce was not his usual self. Normally one to offer almost non-stop dialogue about the game of that day, Bruce waited somewhat impatiently for the questions to come.

When asked about the crucial series in which the Bucks failed to score after having a first down at the FSU two, Bruce replied: "You get three chances at the three yard line and don't get the ball in, four chances really, we came up short and turned the ball over. That could have made a difference in the way we played."

Indeed, Florida State, which Bruce said "totally dominated the game," turned that possession into a relatively easy 99 yard touchdown drive to make a 30-21 lead into one which stood at an even wider margin of 36-21.

"I think Florida State, as the momentum grew, wanted the football game," Bruce continued. "There's no doubt about that. The momentum grew. It was up and

down the field in the first half wasn't it?"

Bruce was asked if he felt the ease with which the Buckeyes scored their first touchdown might have been responsible for a little bit of "this one's going to be easy" by his team.

"I don't think that was a factor. I think the blocked punt, the fake field goal were the factors. As the game went on Florida State got momentum and that hurt. I think it would have been nice to put the ball in the end zone on that third and two just to make it a ball game."

Was his team prepared for a fake field goal?

"We had someone that's supposed to contain that football. He didn't see the moving. They stood up and he didn't see them so he didn't contain them. Florida State has been known for all kinds of trickery on the kicking game. We should have been prepared for that. We practiced for that. It's execution. Just like the blocked punt. When you have a punt blocked, that's not what you want."

Bruce paid his compliments to the Florida State team.

"I think they opened up their attack a little more and just passed the heck out of the ball," he said. "Bobby Bowden's to be commended for bringing his team back from Nebraska (a 34-14 loss two weeks earlier) and doing a good job at Ohio State."

About his plan of attack going into the intersectional clash of two outstanding football teams, Bruce said: "I thought we could mix the run and the pass. They (FSU) did an outstanding job of defending it. They made some tackles and did a good job against the run. We weren't able to rush it in there."

What about the apparent dejection shown by the Ohio State players on the sidelines near the end of the game?

"I wouldn't want rejoicing on the sidelines when you lose a football game. I would think that basically we would be let down and be disappointed. Just like emotions that you might have after you lost a football game. I hope that they have a lot of courage and the confidence to come back from this defeat."

Will the Buckeyes bounce back and show improvement?

"I don't know about that," Bruce said. "I hope that it comes. I'm totally disappointed in our tackling, missed tackles, total lack of tackling, total lack of concentration and desire. We've got to put that together, rather quickly, I might add."

"We've got to be a lot more disciplined. We need a lot more physical toughness on the part of the Buckeyes. I would think the Ohio State football team will have to do better."



A Somber Earle Bruce Ponders Questions

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How about the efforts of receiver Cedric Anderson? His eight catches for 158 yards would have made headlines on any other day, but they didn't against Florida State because teammate Gary Williams hauled in 13. Anderson caught just one pass in the three previous games this season.

A visitor to the press box during the game was golfing great Jack Nicklaus, a graduate of Ohio State. Nicklaus' son Steve is a freshman wide receiver on the Florida State team, but did not see any action.

Also present in the press box were representatives of the Orange Bowl in Miami. Florida State has appeared in the Orange Bowl following each of the last two seasons. Ohio State lost to Colorado in the Jan. 1, 1977 Orange Bowl.



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For a moment it was 1979 revisited. Immediately, parallels were drawn between the Stanford win and the Buckeyes' last minute conquest of UCLA, a win which thrust Ohio State into the 1979 national title chase.

Once again, serious talk surfaced about a national championship. The Buckeyes were again cast as the young and inexperienced lions having come of age.

Dwelle appeared to have undergone a metamorphosis of his own. Although a starter at tight end for all 12 games last season, Dwelle had been ignored in the scheme of the Buckeyes' passing attack. He had a reputation as a fine blocker, but his receiving was considered suspect.

Against Stanford, everyone took notice as Dwelle displayed a deft touch in hauling down two key touchdown receptions. His strong showing seemed to add one more dimension to an already diverse Buckeye offensive attack.

However, Dwelle and the rest of the Buckeyes suffered some growing pains at home against Florida State. Bobby Bowden's Seminoles were not hesitant to show that the Buckeyes had not quite arrived. Quarterback Rick Stockstill shredded the OSU secondary on 25 of 41 passes for 299 yards, while FSU running backs ripped through the defensive line for another 197 yards.

Art Schlichter had a record setting day by hitting 31 of 52 passes for 458 yards and two touchdowns. He also suffered his usual helping of physical abuse behind an often crumbling offensive line.

It was not a good day for Dwelle either. Three times the junior from Sandusky (Ohio) Perkins High School dropped catchable passes while standing wide open.

After the final miss there was a smattering of boos from a frustrated OSU crowd. Dwelle might have bood himself had he been in the crowd.

But Dwelle is not one to give up easily. He has already faced a bit of adversity this season. Despite being the incumbent at tight end, he found himself in a dogfight to retain his starting position. He appeared to have the fight won until the week of the season opener against Duke.

It was then that Dwelle learned that sophomore John Frank would receive the starting nod.

"I was disappointed at the time that it happened," said Dwelle. "It was a let down to be number one through spring practice and

during two-a-days in the summer, only to lose the position the week of the game.

"But I could see it coming. I was playing well, but John was just playing better."

Earning the starting berth proved to be a catch. In the past, tight ends at Ohio State were really offensive tackles disguised as receivers. The dead give away, of course, was that their hands were hidden under layers of tape, which made it difficult to catch a football.

This season, Earle Bruce decided to make the tight end an active force in the Buckeye attack. Frank was the beneficiary, while Dwelle entered primarily for blocking purposes in short yardage situations.

"The move (to pass to the tight end) added another dimension to our offense," Dwelle admitted. "But teams were able to key on John more. They knew that when I was in the game we would not be passing to the tight end."

The theory held true until the Stanford game. Then, quarterback Art Schlichter crossed the Cardinals by connecting with Dwelle for the two scores out of a double tight end formation in short yardage situations. The move caught the defense off guard and even left Dwelle a little surprised.

Schlichter Sets Records

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and usually don't make. They hurt us, we lost."

Schlichter had words of praise for the way FSU went about downing the Buckeyes in the first meeting ever between the two schools.

"They played well," he said of the Seminoles, now 3-1 on the year. "They capitalized when they needed to and played a darn good football game."

Schlichter relayed to the press in the post-game interview what Coach Bruce had dwelled on following the loss.

"Well, we're just going to have to battle back, was the main thing. And that's what we'll do. We'll be back next week and we'll be a better team."

One wonders how much better Schlichter, personally, can be.

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"We passed from that formation in practice, but in the games we usually just ran. I couldn't believe it when he called my number in the huddle," Dwelle said. "I like to block, but I feel I can also catch."

Dwelle's confidence might have been shaken against Florida State. His three dropped passes came at critical stages of an attempted Buckeye comeback.

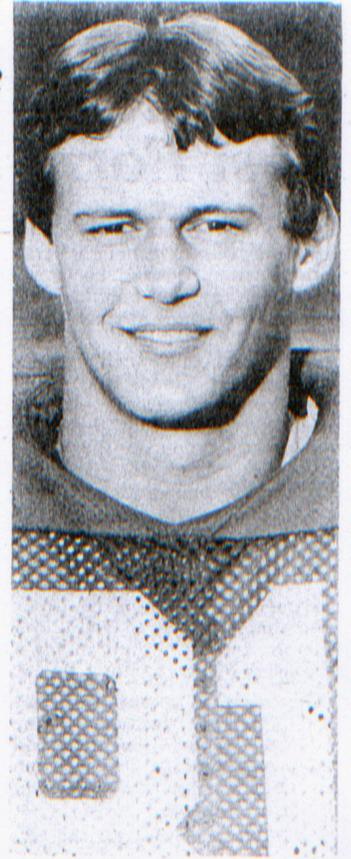
The first came on a fourth and goal situation from inside the one yard line and the Buckeyes trailing, 30-21. Dwelle slipped unnoticed into the end zone, but the toss passed through his hands.

The second miss came on a twopoint conversion after the Buckeyes closed to 36-27. A successful conversion would have reduced the deficit to seven points, but again the pass slipped through Dwelle's fingers.

The third pass simply bounced off his chest on a third down play as the Buckeyes attempted to make a final run at the Seminoles late in the contest.

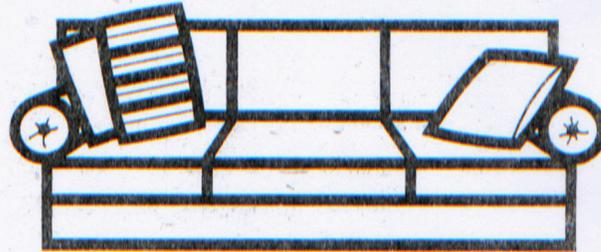
A statement by Dwelle before the FSU game proved to be both prophetic and ironic.

"I just have to concentrate on the ball more, and not make as many mental errors. If I can, we will have a more wide open offense in running situations."



Brad Dwelle

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