

*Freshman Shines In Second Half***Spielman Comes Of Age In Opener***By Rich Exner*

He might not admit to shaving everyday yet, and he didn't eat Wheaties for breakfast game day, but the 18-year-old kid from Massillon made a rousing debut in Ohio Stadium Sept. 8.

Linebacker Chris Spielman came to Ohio State touted as one of the finest high school football players in the land last year. His picture even appeared on a Wheaties box.

"Expectations, I love. I love to live up to them," Spielman said. "There's nothing older than yesterday's headlines. It's time to make new ones."

That's exactly what Spielman did with his opening day performance — live up to all expectations and make plenty of new headlines.

Spielman didn't start; in fact he was in for only two plays in the first half. But once he entered the game in the third quarter, he established himself as a leader. The 6-2, 223-pounder ended up with 10 tackles, including two behind the line of scrimmage, and a forced fumble.

"I've never not started a football game in my life. It was hard to

accept at first, but I've got to understand I'm not in high school. I'm playing with men. I'm an 18-year-old kid playing with big guys that shave everyday," Spielman said.

"But when they called my name to go in there, I got that bold feeling back. My body started to tingle, and I said, 'it's time to play football.'"

The new kid on the block went to work. Before long, he recorded his first quarterback sack at Ohio State, and he loved every minute of it.

"I came in there, and I was fresh. I'm a freshman. The guys were looking at me like I was crazy when I started running around, patting everyone on the back — 'What's wrong with this kid.' I think I added a spark and when I got that first sack, they started to respond," Spielman said.

"It's tough for a freshman to come in and be a leader. But once a freshman shows what he can do in practice, he's accepted. If he's a linebacker, he's got to be a leader."

As the game rolled on, the crowd cheered more with every Spielman tackle, watching the new number 36 take his first step toward possibly gaining the fame All-Americans Marcus Marek and Tom Cousineau enjoyed while wearing number 36 and playing linebacker at Ohio State.

"I'm not Marcus Marek or Tom Cousineau. I'm Chris Spielman. A number is a number. I'm just happy to be a linebacker like those two. Hopefully, I'm going to work and try to be better than those two," he said.

At the beginning of the fourth quarter with Ohio State leading,

15-14, and Oregon State driving toward a go-ahead score, Spielman made his biggest play of the day.

"It was a blitz call to shoot through the gap and nobody picked me up. He (quarterback Ricky Greene) was rolling out and he didn't see me. When I wrapped my arms around him, I guess my head hit the ball. I heard the crowd roar and figured it was a fumble. I just laid on him so he couldn't get up, and then I started looking for the ball," Spielman explained.

Fellow linebacker Larry Kolie pounced on the loose pigskin.

"I think it was a turning point in the game," Spielman continued. "We went down and scored. That made me feel good. I just wanted my one shot. It took a while, but I got it."

Spielman got his one shot and some praise from coach Earle Bruce.

"I thought for a first game, Chris Spielman played exceptionally well," Bruce said.

Perhaps Spielman would have played more had he not injured an ankle in the Ohio North-South all-star game July 20. For three weeks, Spielman wasn't even allowed to run. He said, "I felt like a siss."

Once at Ohio State, he re-injured the ankle and the coaches made him put the yellow (no contact) jersey on during practice. He didn't take kindly to the thought of staying out a whole week of practice just one week before the season.

"It kind of made me feel bad. I couldn't eat. I couldn't sleep. I take that stuff personally," he said.

But Spielman was back in practice without the dreaded yellow jersey the week of the

**Chris Spielman**

opener and, come Saturday afternoon, made a successful step from football crazy Massillon, Ohio, to football crazy Columbus.

"It's like playing at Massillon here — little Massillon," he said with a smile.

And it wasn't a bad first appearance in "little Massillon" for the rookie who didn't even get to eat the breakfast of champions before the game.

"They wouldn't let me have Wheaties. I had to have a pre-game meal like everyone else," Spielman laughed.

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Slow Starting Bucks Rally For Victory

By Rich Exner

Ohio State didn't exactly open the 1984 season in spectacular style but, after a halftime talk, the Buckeyes played a solid second half of football in defeating Oregon State, 22-14.

The Beavers threw a wild defense at Ohio State, and the Buckeyes were unable to solve it until halftime.

"They were showing us a 4-3 defense and running something else once the play was called," tailback Keith Byars said. "We made adjustments at halftime."

In the first half, Oregon State successfully kept the line of scrimmage clogged up. Byars found himself, time after time, running into a solid wall of defenders and having to muscle his way for any yardage at all.

Several times, plays were whistled dead with Byars still on his feet after the Beavers had stopped him but were unable to take him down. On one occasion, it took ten Oregon State defenders, all working together, to tackle the big Buckeye tailback.

The only time Byars, who ended

the day with a career high of 182 yards on 34 carries, got more than ten yards on a first half carry came on a play in which he was hit by six defenders. Byars pushed the last one eight yards up the sideline before going down after a 20-yard gain.

When Byars finally did find his way into the end zone, the gain was negated by an illegal motion penalty. The Buckeyes ended up having to settle for a field goal.

Earlier in the game, freshman punter Tom Tupa dropped his first snap, setting up the Beavers' first score after a 14-yard loss. Six plays and 25 yards later, Oregon State took a 7-0 lead with 9:54 on the clock.

The Buckeyes came back with the field goal to narrow the gap to 7-3, but Oregon State retaliated with another touchdown.

Beaver quarterback Ricky Greene, a former outfielder and catcher in the San Francisco Giants organization, superbly mixed the pass with his own running to lead his team on a 15-play, 82-yard march to the end zone.

The score came when Greene optioned to James Terrell for a 15-yard TD. The play was setup when Beaver fullback Donald Beavers drew the defense toward the middle by diving over the line of scrimmage after a fake handoff.

The Buckeyes were out-gained, 197-110, and out-played in the first half.

"I think everyone found out Oregon State is a little better than they thought," coach Earle Bruce said after the game.

Byars agreed: "You get hung up sometimes reading too much about what Oregon State has and what it doesn't have. You tend to believe it. But as the game went on, I said, 'this is no slouch football team by any stretch of the imagination.'"

So, while four Script Ohios were being spelled out on the field by alumni bands, Bruce was busy making halftime adjustments.

"I learned something a long time ago. You have to make a lot of good adjustments at halftime if you're going to stay at Ohio State, and the coaches did," Bruce said.

Ohio State returned from the lockerroom and played a different

brand of football in the second half.

"They came at us in the second half with tremendous strength," Beaver coach Joe Avezzano said. Byars called it "hard ball."

After Jim Karsatos was intercepted for the second, and last, time of the day, Buckeye defender Sonny Gordon returned the favor by picking off a Greene pass attempt. The interception seemed to put a spark in the Buckeyes with 9:19 remaining in the third quarter.

Byars, finally seeing a hole, rambled 15 yards on the next play. John Wooldridge replaced Byars and went 14 yards. Then Byars returned, took the handoff up the middle, broke to the outside and high-stepped his way in on a 13-yard touchdown run. Rich Spangler's extra point try was wide to the right, leaving the score at 14-9, in favor of Oregon State.

With a nice pass break-up by Buckeye safety Terry White and a 15 yard personal foul penalty, Oregon State's next possession was stopped. Two successful passes and seven running plays later, John Wooldridge scored from the four to put the Buckeyes on top 15-14. Ohio State's two-point conversion pass attempt was incomplete.

After Oregon State got the ball back, freshman linebacker Chris Spielman, who recorded a sack on the previous possession, deflected a Greene pass near the line of scrimmage and later forced a fumble, which Larry Kolic recovered.

The Buckeyes moved the ball 62 yards, 21 of it coming on a fine run by Wooldridge, for the game's final score at the 8:29 mark.

Spangler lined up for a 30-yard field goal attempt with 37 seconds left, to try to seal the victory, but the kick was blocked.

The Buckeyes, ahead by only eight points, were forced to hold the Beavers on their last possession. The game ended with Oregon State at its own 42.

The Buckeyes' young secondary, consisting of two sophomores and two freshmen, held up well under the pressure. Oregon State's Greene hit on 19 of 34 passes for 241 yards but was unable to click for a big-gainer.

Jim Karsatos, making the start for Mike Tomczak, completed nine of 16 attempts for 102 yards.

Freshman Terry White, who was red-shirted last year, led the team with 12 tackles. Spielman was next with 10.

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Karsatos Steps In To Direct Offense

By Craig James

After all was said and done, it was sophomore Jim Karsatos who stepped into the spotlight as the Buckeyes' quarterback in Ohio State's season debut with Oregon State. Much speculation had centered around the question of whether senior Mike Tomczak would be completely recovered from a broken leg in time to play in the opener.

The question was answered when Tomczak, in uniform and wearing a baseball cap, spent his time on the sideline while Karsatos took over the controls.

At times, the gears jammed up on Karsatos. By halftime, he had completed four of nine passes for only 46 yards. The Beavers had intercepted him once and sacked him twice. Worst of all, OSU was behind 14-3.

"I was concerned, but I wasn't worried," said Karsatos. "I knew that with the line we've got, with Keith Byars in the backfield, and the game plan we had, we'd be OK."

That was the case in the end.

The Buckeyes kept the Beavers out of the end zone during the last two quarters and rallied for a 22-14 win. Karsatos wound up with nine completions in 16 attempts for 102 yards.

"With my part of the game, I was confident when I looked at the defenses," he said. "I knew what they were running. I was seeing the whole field. Sometimes you get a thing called tunnel vision when you're nervous and you don't see the whole field. Maybe you'll throw a ball and you don't see a linebacker. But I saw the whole field and I read and made my checks. So I think that was the most positive thing. In the second half, I settled down a little more with my throwing."

One important thing that helped him get ready for the game was

knowing that Tomczak was not going to play. OSU coach Earle Bruce revealed that Tomczak had been taken out of the quarterback rotation on the Monday before the Bucks' opener. If any other quarterback was destined to see action in the first game, it would have been freshman Tom Tupa. But Karsatos was in on every Ohio State offensive play.

"It helped knowing I was the starter," he said. "I was a little more relaxed than I thought I would be (Friday) night and (Saturday) morning. After all the repetitions I got last week, I think it gave me a lot more confidence."

"In the first half, I didn't feel nervous and I didn't have the jitters and the butterflies on the first snap like I did last year. It helped all around just to know I was going to be there and I had a whole week to prepare."

Karsatos' confidence was bolstered by the fact that he had tailback Keith Byars behind him in the backfield. Byars racked up a career-high 182 yards and scored twice.

"It's great, because when you're at the line, all you do is check his number," he said. "If we get in trouble, you want to check to the play away from the linebacker and have Keith with the ball."

With the first game out of the way, the quarterback's spirits are now at an all-time high.

"It feels great," he said. "It's good to have a win and it's good to have the first one under my belt. I'm really just anxious to put this one behind me and start working on Washington State."

In a way, his work is just beginning. After the victory over Oregon State, Bruce announced that Tomczak would now be inserted back into the quarterback rotation. "He's full go," the coach said.

But Bruce couldn't answer the



Sideline Mike Tomczak confers with starting quarterback Jim Karsatos during the opener. Karsatos directed the Buckeyes to victory as he did when he started for an injured Tomczak last year against Michigan State.

question about how much Tomczak would be used in the Buckeyes' upcoming contest with the Cougars. Karsatos doesn't wish ill will on his competition, but he plans to battle any challengers in order to hold onto the post for which he has worked hard.

"I want Mike to get well, just like everybody else does," he said. "I'm trying to do my best so that we win and so that I think I can keep my position. If Mike comes back and we go to practice and Mike's in there, I'm just going to keep pushing him. If he's All-American (by season's end), I think I get all the credit."

BUCKEYE BRIEFS: Bruce

held the first of his weekly press luncheons on Sept. 4, during which he said that freshman Alex Higdon, who decided only a week before that he wanted to move to outside linebacker, had returned to his tight end position. Was the coaching staff influential in Higdon's decision to switch again?

"It was suggested," answered Bruce, smiling. "It was worked on and he decided to move back."

ON CO-CAPTAIN and offensive tackle Mark Krowicz, who wears a size 17 shoe: "He doesn't shine them," the coach said. "He runs them through the car wash."

Tomczak Gets Okay

Mike Tomczak has gotten the medical okay, and now it's up to him to get the starting quarterback position back at Ohio State.

In a prepared report Sept. 12, Ohio State team physician Dr. Robert Murphy said, "During the rehabilitation and practice period, he has never had any pain in his tibia or fibula and at no time has there been any swelling. There is full range of motion of the knee and the ankle."

"The muscular strength and size of the fractured leg has returned to pre-injury levels," he continued.

An area of concern during Tomczak's rehabilitation has been a limp, noticeable when

Tomczak runs; it concerned Bruce so much that the coach called the quarterback's father to discuss the matter.

Tomczak's dad told the coach, "He's always limped. He's pigeon-toed and he's always limped."

Murphy said, "After consultation with all the members of our medical staff and rehabilitation consultants at OSU Hospitals, the consensus is that the limp is common to many patients who have been immobilized in a cast and splint for twelve weeks."

"As a result he has a tendency to run with a flat foot rather than pushing off on each stride. In other words he has to learn to run on the leg again."

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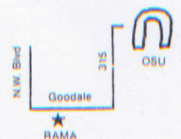
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White Helps Young Secondary Contain Beavers' Air Attack

By Rich Exner

The pressure was on Ohio State's new, young defensive backfield in its season opener against Oregon State and the secondary scored a passing grade — not a spectacular one, but passing.

For the record, the Beavers completed 19 of 35 passes for 241 yards, no touchdowns and were intercepted once. Last year's defense gave up more than 241 yards in four of the 12 games and touchdown passes in 10 games.

As far as freshman Terry White is concerned, it was a game to learn and improve upon.

"We have something to build on," said White, who was red-shirted last year. "We have to get better with every game. We have to make a lot of improvement."

The most glaring bright spot may have been the fact that on just two occasions did Beaver quarterback Ricky Greene complete passes for gains more than 20 yards, the long being 28 on the last play of the game.

"You never want to let the quarterback throw the ball downfield. That's when you get big plays," White said. "The whole

philosophy of the defense is to eliminate big plays. They didn't have any big plays today, and we won the game."

Coach Earle Bruce also seemed pleased with the performance of the secondary: "They're moving to the ball. I'll say that. They're breaking on the football."

White was breaking to the football from his safety position all day and ended up leading the Buckeyes in tackles with 12. He also deflected two passes that could have been intercepted.

"The first one, they ran a halfback pass, and I just read the guy looking at William's (White) man; so I just broke on the ball. I didn't come down with it. I feel I probably would have been out of bounds but, still, I have to make those plays," Terry White said.

"The second one was basically my fault because I didn't give a call. William went for the ball, and I went for the ball. We collided. If I would have made the call, I think he would have laid off and I would have made the play."

Terry, one of six first time starters on the defense, said he was a little nervous going into the

game.

"Really, I'm glad it's over. I didn't sleep a wink last night," he said.

Asked what it was like to run on the field in front of nearly 90,000 screaming fans, he said, "I tried not to get too excited. A lot of guys hoop and holler. Then, when they get on the field, they're already tired. I was floating, of course, but I was just ready to play football."

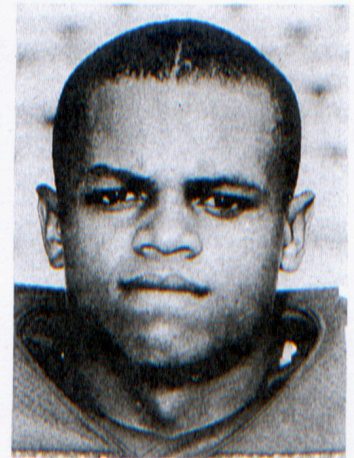
Preparing for the game, White was very close to another player in the same situation.

"Sonny Gordon is my roommate; so we talk football all the time," White said.

There was plenty of pre-season speculation that opposing offenses would pass all over the Buckeyes' inexperienced secondary.

"When you play in a young secondary, they tend to pick on you. You read the papers and see all the bad things. We just play as a unit and want to do well," White said. "Like Coach Bruce says, 'you respect your opponent, but you don't fear it.'"

Often, the Buckeye linebackers were blitzing, leaving even more pressure on the backfield.



Terry White

"When we're in man coverage, you can believe there is a lot of pressure. If the blitz is picked up, the quarterback can sit back there. There's no way you can cover your man all over the field."

White noted several areas where the secondary can improve in future games.

"We have to try and stop the underneath stuff. When we were in three-deep, they hit underneath stuff. We also have to work on communications. When we were making our calls, we couldn't hear each other with all the crowd noise," White said. "We have to grow as a unit."



Sonny Gordon

Gordon's Theft Sparks Buckeyes

By Craig James

Sophomore rover Sonny Gordon found out what it was like to be in the frying pan after he took the field on Sept. 8 for Ohio State's opener against Oregon State with the other members of the Buckeyes' brand-new defensive secondary. With all the publicity emphasizing the need for improved pass defense by OSU, Gordon and his cohorts were feeling the heat being turned up.

"We felt the pressure, but mainly it was nerves at first," he said. "We were all kind of nervous at first. But as things went on, we realized their team was really not as good as our offense. If we can play against our offense (in practice), we should be able to play against any other team. But we're

inexperienced, too."

The inexperience showed up in the first half as the Beavers took a 14-3 lead. The Buckeye defense, understandably, was frustrated as they headed to the locker room.

"We were really down in a way," said Gordon. "We were expecting to be ahead. We got off to a slow start and we had to start picking things up. But we got fired back up and came out in the second half ready to play."

Gordon was no exception.

"I was thinking somebody had to spark the team or something had to happen, a big touchdown or something," he said.

It turned out that Gordon provided the big play that the Buckeyes desperately needed in order to start turning the tide the

other way. In the third quarter, Oregon State quarterback Ricky Greene rolled left looking for receiver Reggie Bynum. The ball found its way into Gordon's hands instead. He cut across the field and picked up 25 yards before being tackled in front of the Ohio State bench.

"I was going back into a curl flat area," Gordon recalled. "He threw the ball almost right to me. I just looked at it, caught it, and since the traffic was coming to me, I thought if I cut against it, I would have a better chance of getting more yards."

It took the Buckeyes just three plays after that to put the ball in the end zone for the first time in the 1984 season on a 13-yard run by tailback Keith Byars.

"I think we played pretty good," said Gordon, in rating the Bucks' secondary after its first outing. "We were concentrating mainly on the pass and not the run, because they're supposed to be a passing team. But we've still got more challenges up ahead."

As far as his own performance, "It was all right," he said. "I had a few mistakes out there like everybody else, but overall, I think I played a pretty good game."

"I'm getting a little more relaxed (as a new starter), but I was kind of tense at first for the first three or four plays. Then I got the wind knocked out of me."

At that point, he forgot about his nerves.



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Specialty Team Mistakes Annoy Bruce

By Rich Exner

Ohio State coach Earle Bruce had a simple explanation for why his Buckeyes were slow out of the gate in the season opener against Oregon State, Sept. 8.

"They capitalized on our mistakes in the first half," Bruce said. "We were very fortunate in the second half to capitalize on their errors."

What disappointed Bruce was the fact that several of the major errors came in an area in which the team had worked hard to improve.

"If you looked at what caused our problems, you have to look at our specialty teams," said Bruce, noting that his squad missed an extra point kick, had a field goal blocked, roughed the opposing team's punter and dropped a snap on one of its own punts.

"Those are the things that were so costly in the first half," he said. "To be honest with you, we worked harder on the kicking game than

we ever have."

Behind 14-3 at halftime, the Buckeyes left the field with the crowd loudly making its opinion of the first half performance clear. It wasn't cheering, either; there was a distinct chorus of boos.

"We consider, sometimes, Ohio Stadium the away game. We have 5,000 cheering fans at away games," Bruce said. "I really don't think there's much place for booing in college football. Of course, I don't think they're booing the team."

Bruce seemed to imply that the fans were booing him.

However, the Buckeyes left little chance for the crowd to boo in the second half, rallying with a strong performance to claim their sixth-straight opening day victory.

"When you win in the second half with the defense shutting out the other team and the offense scoring 19 points, you feel good," Bruce said.



The 1984 Ohio State football coaching staff includes (front, left to right) Fred Pagac, Bill Conley, Bob Tucker, Jim Tressel, Gary Blackney and Bob McNea; (back) Randy Hart, Trip Billingsley, Glen Mason, head coach Earle Bruce, Bill Myles and Stan Devine.

"I think conditioning helped win the football game for Ohio State. That's a big factor in football."

What might have been a factor in the first half was inexperience. One-half of the Buckeye lineup had never started a game before.

"The new people were new. I think the old people, in most part, were very good."

Especially young was the Buckeyes' secondary with two sophomores and two freshmen in the lineup. Together, they had played a total of 140 minutes in their careers.

"They're green as grass but they gained experience today. They'll be better each week," Bruce predicted. "We're not a finished football team right now."

"This is the greatest week of improvement for most teams — the week after the first game."

In somewhat of a new look for Ohio State, the Buckeyes did a lot of blitzing.

"I think we pressured the passer more than we've ever done," Bruce said.

As to if the Buckeyes will keep

blitzing as much as they did against Oregon State, Bruce said that depends on how successful the blitz is against each opponent.

"You've got to get through. If you don't get through, there's no use in blitzing."

The coach sees room for improvement once the blitzing linebackers do reach the quarterback. Oregon State's Ricky Greene proved evasive.

"We've been practicing blitzing. We have to practice tackling so we don't miss when we blitz and let them run by us. It's tough to practice that against yourself because that means you're hurting yourself."

A member of the media asked Bruce if he would continue to run Keith Byars as much as he did in the opener (34 times). The answer was a convincing yes.

"He's got to be ready. Boy, I'm going to have to run him twice as much next week. He's got to be able to run 35 to 40 times. When he grinds them out, he grinds them out."

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LT	75	RORY GRAVES, 6-6, 270, JR.
	71	Bob Maggs, 6-5, 266, So.
LG	61	JIM LACHEY, 6-6, 280, SR.
	68	Tim James, 6-2, 260, Fr.
C	63	KIRK LOWDERMILK, 6-3, 262, SR.
	50	Tim Odom, 6-3, 243, So.
RG	74	SCOTT ZALENSKI, 6-5, 252, SR.
	77	Ron Paulsen, 6-5, 257, Jr.
RT	73	MARK KREROWICZ, 6-4, 282, SR.
	72	Larry Kotterman, 6-8, 254, Fr.
SE	34	JAY HOLLAND, 5-11, 181, SR.
	2	Cris Carter, 6-3, 184, Fr.
QB	16	JIM KARSATOS, 6-3, 228, SO.
	19	Tom Tupa, 6-5, 207, Fr.
TB	41	KEITH BYARS, 6-2, 233, JR.
	6	Jamie Holland, 6-2, 185, Jr.
FB	28	ROMAN BATES, 6-0, 210, JR.
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FL	1	MIKE LANESE, 6-0, 190, JR.
	22	Dino Dawson, 5-11, 164, Fr.

OHIO STATE DEFENSE

OLB	14	ERIC KUMEROW, 6-6, 228, So.
	35	Joe Jenkins, 6-2, 221, So.
LT	97	DAVE CRECELIUS, 6-5, 252, SR.
	55	Ray Holliman, 6-5, 246, So.
MG	59	ANTHONY GIULIANI, 6-0, 248, SR.
	95	Darryl Lee, 6-3, 267, So.
RT	57	DAVE MORRILL, 6-3, 258, SR.
	61	John Sullivan, 6-4, 253, Jr.
OLB	82	BYRON LEE, 6-3, 230, JR.
	9	Gary Alders, 6-2, 210, Jr.
LB	33	LARRY KOLIC, 6-1, 242, JR.
	99	Mark Pfister, 6-2, 222, So.
LB	98	THOMAS JOHNSON, 6-3, 242, JR.
	36	Chris Spielman, 6-2, 215, Fr.
ROV	7	SONNY GORDON, 6-0, 187, SO.
	5	Jeff Cargile, 6-0, 209, So.
CB	37	WILLIAM WHITE, 5-10, 180, FR.
	47	Ray Jackson, 6-0, 181, Fr.
CB	11	STEVE HILL, 6-1, 196, SO.
	8	Scott Leach, 6-3, 186, So.
S	12	TERRY WHITE, 5-9, 170, FR.
	3	James Palmer, 5-11, 180, Sr.

Game Statistics

OREGON STATE	7	7	0	0	14
OHIO STATE	3	0	12	7	22

ORE — R. Greene 3 run (Breen kick) 9:54
 OSU — Spangler 20 field goal 0:06
 ORE — Terrell 14 run (Breen kick) 10:16
 OSU — Byars 13 run (kick failed) 8:25
 OSU — Wooldridge 4 run (pass failed) 1:22
 OSU — Byars 1 run (Spangler kick) 8:33
 Att. — 88,072

	ORE	OSU
First Downs	20	22
Rushing	8	16
Passing	11	6
Penalty	1	0
Rushes-Yards	38-146	56-268
Passing Yards	241	102
Passes	35-19-1	16-9-2
Offensive Plays	73	72
Total Net Yards	387	370
Third Down Eff.	9-18	9-15
Punts	6-48-2	2-42-0
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Penalties	5-35	2-20
Time Of Possession	31:12	28:48

Individual Statistics

RUSHING (Att.-Net Yds.) — OREGON STATE: Malone 13-48; R. Greene 11-29; T. Greene 5-27; Beavers 5-14; Terrell 3-17; Bynum 1-11. OHIO STATE: Byars 34-182; Bates 11-57; Wooldridge 7-55; Tupa 1-(14); Karsatos 3-(12).

PASSING (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD) — OREGON STATE: R. Greene 34-19-1-241-0; Beavers 1-0-0-0-0. OHIO STATE: Karsatos 16-9-2-102-0.

RECEIVING (Rec.-Yds.) — OREGON STATE: Bynum 11-148; Dixon 5-79; Stan 1-9; Montagne 1-7; Beavers 1-(2). OHIO STATE: Taggart 2-28; Carter 2-20; Jay Holland 2-20; Lanese 1-15; Wooldridge 1-10; Byars 1-9.

PUNTING (No.-Ave.-Lg.) — OREGON STATE: Stempeck 6-42-8-50. OHIO STATE: Tupa 2-42-0-46.

PUNT RETURNS (No.-Ave.-Lg.) — OREGON STATE: Beavers 1-2-0-2. OHIO STATE: Jay Holland 3-7-0-11.

KICKOFF RETURNS (No.-Ave.-Lg.) — OREGON STATE: Beavers 3-13-0-17. OHIO STATE: Wooldridge 1-42-0-42.

DEFENSIVE FUMBLES RECOVERED BY — OREGON STATE: None. OHIO STATE: Kolic.

INTERCEPTIONS — OREGON STATE: Taylor, T. Brown. OHIO STATE: Gordon. TACKLES FOR LOSS — OREGON STATE: Northington (2), Mingo, Dilulo, Wilson, Lopez. OHIO STATE: Spielman (2), Morrill (2), Giuliani, Crecelius, Gordon, B. Lee.

TACKLES (Solo-Ass.-Tot.) — T. Brown 4-9-13; Gonzales 3-8-11; Heller 2-7-9; Taylor 2-6-8; Dupee 1-5-6; Mingo 3-3-6; Dilulo 0-5-5; Naone 1-4-5; Dozier 1-4-5; Wilson 1-4-5; Lopez 2-3-5; Saunders 1-3-4; Northington 3-1-4; Cline 0-3-3; Sodaro 1-2-3; Schnieder 0-3-3; Laverty 0-2-2; Nielsen 1-0-1; Hawkins 0-1-1; Greene 1-0-1. OHIO STATE: T. White 6-6-12; Spielman 5-5-10; Hill 3-6-9; W. White 6-3-9; Kolic 2-4-6; Morrill 3-2-5; Johnson 1-3-4; Giuliani 1-3-4; D. Lee 3-1-4; Crecelius 2-2-4; Gordon 3-1-4; Alders 1-3-4; B. Lee 1-3-4; Whitmer 1-0-1; Leach 1-0-1; Lowdermilk 0-1-1; Bates 0-1-1.

Players In The Game

OREGON STATE — Gonzales, Dilulo, E. Brown, Cline, Mingo, Hayes, Naone, Alfieri, Dozier, Todd, Lewis, Sodaro, Saunders, Kershner, Heller, Schneider, T. Brown, Northington, Wilson, Lopez, Hochevar, Dupee, Taylor, Stempeck, Miller, Stan, Cureton, Laverty, Jackola, Rouse, D. Wright, Jones, Dahlem, Reiter, Briz, Olsen, Emmons, Dixon, Montagne, Hawkins, Galloway, Greene, Steenwyk, McKittrick, Beavers, Terrell, Jordan, D. Malone, Green, Stubblefield, Bynum, Breen, Nielsen.

OHIO STATE — Jay Holland, Carter, Doug Smith, Ro. Graves, Maggs, Lachey, Lowdermilk, Odom, Whitmer, Zalenski, Krowicz, Taggart, Groza, Higdon, Karsatos, Byars, Wooldridge, Delaney, Rogan, Bates, Blair, Lanese, Spangler, Alders, Crecelius, Giuliani, D. Lee, Morrill, Sullivan, B. Lee, Hueston, Kolic, Spielman, Johnson, Jenkins, Harvey, Pfister, Davidson, Gordon, Cargile, Richardson, W. White, Jackson, Leach, Hill, T. White, Tupa.

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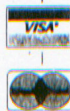
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Gerald's Numbers

By Rich Exner

Buckeye Question and Answer allows OSU fans to write BSB and inquire about certain matters of trivia, history and rules. If you would like a question answered, write Q & A, Buckeye Sports Bulletin, P.O. Box 12453, Columbus, Ohio 43212.

Q. What were Rod Gerald's passing, receiving and rushing statistics in 1978, the year he was moved from quarterback to wide receiver to make room for Art Schlichter? — Bill Welt, Short Hills, N.J.

A. Gerald was the second leading receiver on the team in 1978, collecting 16 receptions for 314 yards and one touchdown. His biggest pickup was a 60-yard catch. Only Doug Donley, now with the Dallas Cowboys, had more catches (24). Gerald rushed nine times for just seven yards, and he completed both the passes he attempted for 12 yards.

Q. How does the NCAA figure the efficiency rating for quarterbacks and how do Mike Tomczak and Art Schlichter compare with other top passing seasons by Buckeye quarterbacks? — Joe Buti, Houston, Texas.

A. Here's what the 1983 *NCAA Football Book* says about the efficiency rating: "Beginning in 1979, passers were ranked on Efficiency Rating Points (comparing passers to the national averages for 14 seasons of two-platoon football starting with 1965. 100 points equals the 14-year averages of all players. To determine rating points, multiply a player's yards per attempt by 8.4, add his completion percentage, add his touchdown percentage times 3.3, then subtract his interception percentage times two)." Got that?

Here's how the top ten single-season performances in passing yardage at Ohio State compare in efficiency: 1. Art Schlichter ('79 season, 1,816 yds.) 146 rating; 2. John Borton ('52, 1,555) 144; 3. Schlichter ('80, 1,930) 140; 4. Cornelius Green ('75, 1,066) 137; 5. Mike Tomczak ('83, 1,942) 130; 6. Tomczak ('82, 1,602) 126; 7. Schlichter ('81, 2,551) 124; 8. Bill Long ('66, 1,180) 105; 9. Don Unverferth ('65, 1,965) 95; 10. Schlichter ('78, 1,250) 93.

Q. I understand that Ohio State won 47 straight regular season basketball games from 1960-62. Is that the longest such streak in the Big Ten? — J. Johnson, Cleveland.

A. Fred Taylor's cagers did win 47 consecutive regular season games during that time. According to the 1984 *NCAA Basketball Book*, that is the second best by any Big Ten team (note that the wins include all regular season games, not just Big Ten games). Indiana won 57 straight in 1975-77. UCLA has the longest national streak with 77 wins.

Q. When the Ohio State football team had six captains in 1982, was that the most ever? — Gayle Jacoby — Cincinnati.

A. The six captains in 1982 were the most of any Buckeye football team. They were Glen Cobb, Marcus Marek, Joe Lukens, Jerome Foster, Gary Williams and Tim Spencer. In 1974, there were five captains — Steve Myers, Archie Griffin, Arnold Jones, Neal Colzie and Pete Cusick, according to the *Ohio State Football Media Guide*.

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