

BSB Reprints: Earle Bruce Leads Ohio State To Victory Over Michigan In Final Game After Firing



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For the 40th anniversary of Buckeye Sports Bulletin, we will select a standout Ohio State football game that was played in the corresponding week in our first 39 years of publishing and running stories from the original BSB coverage.

This week's installment of BSB Reprints features our coverage of the overwhelming outpouring of support for Ohio State head coach Earle Bruce, who was fired ahead of the Buckeyes' rivalry matchup with Michigan in 1987.

The Buckeyes rallied together to send their beloved coach out the right way, with a 23-20 win over the Wolverines, whom Bruce despised.

Members of the 1987 Buckeyes were outspoken in their support of Bruce, including standout linebacker Chris Spielman, William White and Everett Ross, but they were not alone.

Big Ten coaching competitors like Michigan's Bo Schembechler, Iowa's Hayden Fry and Don Morton of Wisconsin all spoke up to defend Bruce, as well as OSU athletic director Rick Bay, who resigned because he did not agree with the administration's decision.

This installment of BSB Reprints includes our in-depth coverage of Ohio State's victory over rival Michigan, with an abundance of coverage regarding Bruce's firing, including a column discussing the aftermath.

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