

Buckeye Leaves: C.J. Hicks, Chip Trayanum and Denzel Burke Stand Out In Spring Game



Andy Anders, BSB:

Sophomore linebacker CJ Hicks gets my Buckeye Leaf after showcasing the athleticism and ability that made him a five-star — mostly in pass coverage.

The Ohio native swatted away and nearly intercepted a third-and-7 pass on the first drive of the scrimmage to force a three-and-out. Then later Hicks broke sharply on a comeback route and got two hands on a well-thrown if ill-advised ball, nearly coming up with an interception but instead settling for another drive-killing PBU.

Jack Emerson, BSB:

It was a rough day for Ohio State's offense, but running back Chip Trayanum emerged as a bright spot for the unit.

After being held without a touchdown across the first nine drives of Saturday's spring game, Trayanum breathed some life into the offense with a 65-yard dash to the end zone for the unit's lone touchdown of the first half. Across the first two quarters, Trayanum rushed for 85 yards on six carries — churning out 14.2 yards per attempt.

In all, Trayanum finished the game with 109 yards on eight carries.

Braden Moles, BSB:

A focus all spring for Ohio State's defense has been getting more hands on more footballs, and that practice was evident during Ohio State's spring game.

Cornerback Denzel Burke, who is looking for some redemption this season after not notching an interception during his sophomore campaign, recorded two pass breakups during the spring game and

in general seemed to be around the ball nearly his entire time in the game. While the scrimmage itself is not high stakes, if Burke is the ballhawk this upcoming season that he was on Saturday, Ohio State could be looking at a revitalized secondary.