



Not-So-Happy Homecoming

Ohio State Humbles Cincinnati In Luke Fickell's Return

By ANDREW LIND
Buckeye Sports Bulletin Staff Writer

Former Ohio State player, assistant and interim head coach Luke Fickell led his Cincinnati Bearcats into Ohio Stadium on Sept. 7 with thoughts of an upset.

Instead, Fickell – who made a then-school-record 50 starts for the Buckeyes from 1993-96 and won two national titles in his 16 seasons as an assistant – watched as his team was overwhelmed by the Buckeyes in every facet of the game on the way to a 42-0 loss.

"We took one in the mouth today, and for four quarters," Fickell said. "It's not like we took it in the mouth for two quarters. We took it in the mouth for four quarters. I hope everyone in that locker room uses it as a humbling experience like I'm going to."

"I asked everyone if they've ever had their absolute butts whipped before. If they hadn't, they just did. I know I've had it several times before, but how you react and respond is important."

The Bearcats entered the game confident after an impressive opening-week home win over UCLA, but players were notably shielded from the media this week while Fickell repeated the need to set aside his personal ties to the opponent. The goal was to simply give the Buckeyes their best shot – but it became apparent early in the contest that wouldn't be the case.

"They just ruined any type of sentimental thought you might have had," Fickell said. "It was an emotional week, not just coming home but knowing what you're coming up against. I



SONNY BROCKWAY

MAYBE NEXT TIME – Back in Ohio Stadium for the first time since 2016 when he was an Ohio State assistant coach, Luke Fickell was unable to lead the Cincinnati Bearcats to an upset of the Buckeyes.

think I tried to avoid it a little too much, and in the long run we didn't do a good job of handling it when it came down to it.

"Whether it's a homecoming or not, it's still a shot in the gut. In this game, you're going to have them. It just happened to be here where I went to school and around a lot of people I know, and I think that's an even more humbling experience."

Ohio State, on the other hand, jumped out to a 28-point lead for the second consecutive game. But rather than coasting against an inferior opponent from there, the Buckeyes kept the pedal to the metal this time around and registered their first complete game of the season.

"That was something we were emphasizing really all week because it didn't leave a great taste coming off the field last week," Ohio State head coach Ryan Day said of playing hard for four quarters. "I thought we sustained it and finished it the right way this week. I think today was another step in the journey. It was the right step, where we want to be."

Quarterback Justin Fields, making only his second career start, completed 20 of 25 passes for 224 yards and two touchdowns. He also added 42 yards and another two scores on the ground.

Running back J.K. Dobbins, meanwhile, rushed 17 times for 141 yards, capped off with a 60-yard touchdown run that put the Buckeyes up 21-0 in the second quarter. The 8.3 yards per carry was his best effort since the 2017 Big Ten Championship Game against Wisconsin, when he had 10.2 yards per carry for 174 yards – which garnered Dobbins the game's most valuable player award.

"I think J.K. was irritated all week," Day said. "Nothing fit right last week. It was one of those strange opening games, but we worked hard this week."

Day noted that the Bearcats were blitzing on almost every down, and he complimented the offensive line for picking up those blitzes and

Continued On Page 8

**Your Mailing Label Goes Here
Call (614) 486-2202
Today To Subscribe**

FAN FORUM

Buckeye Leaves

Ohio State piled up the points and kept a zero on the other side in a dominant 42-0 victory against Cincinnati. Here are the players who stood out to the members of the Buckeye Sports Bulletin staff, as well as to subscribers on the BuckeyeSports.com forum, earning them Buckeye Leaves.

Wyatt Crosher, BSB: I mean, it's Chase Young. It has to be Chase Young. Young ripped through Cincinnati's offensive line like it was tissue paper, sometimes beating them just by being faster around the edge and other times by manhandling them at the line.

Sure, three tackles doesn't seem like a big-impact player, but Young was in the backfield on nearly every play, forcing the Bearcats to rush any offensive plan that they had in place. He once again finished with 1.5 sacks to give him three on the season, as he continues to inch forward toward that Ohio State single-season sack record of 13.

Young's numbers weren't insane, but his performance today was.

Joe Dempsey, BSB: I am giving my Buckeye Leaf to J.K. Dobbins for his big-time performance against Cincinnati. The junior running back carried the ball 17 times for 141 yards and two touchdowns on the ground – all in the first half. He also added a 5-yard reception. With 7:36 left in the second quarter and Ohio State ahead 14-0, Dobbins broke the game open.

Facing second-and-9 at the Ohio State 40-yard line, Dobbins took a handoff to his left, burst through the hole and accelerated for a 60-yard touchdown run. The Ohio State captain from La Grange, Texas, returned to form against the Bearcats, averaging 8.3 yards per carry and running with authority.

Andrew Lind, BSB: Defensive back Shaun Wade continues to show why he was considered a consensus five-star prospect coming out of Jacksonville (Fla.) Trinity Christian.

Although the Buckeyes did not recover the ball, Wade was credited with a forced fumble when he stripped the ball from

the quarterback on a cornerback blitz. He was also physical in coverage, hitting two receivers so hard the ball popped up in the air both times – once intercepted by linebacker Tuf Borland and the other nearly picked off by Chase Young.

Wade's continued growth will only help Ohio State defensively and allow the secondary to be even more versatile moving forward. It seems like the new defensive assistants finally know how to get him on the field in important situations, too, rather than being a situational player like last year.

Patrick Mayhorn, BSB: My Buckeye Leaf this week has to go to the obvious pick: Justin Fields. After impressing in week one but coming off as a bit conservative, he came out of his shell a bit against Cincinnati and looked essentially unstoppable in spots. He threw for 224 yards and two scores, but perhaps more impressive was his efficiency, because he missed just five of his 25 pass attempts. On top of his impressive game in the air, he ran for 42 yards and two scores.

Ohio State hasn't had a dual threat like him since Braxton Miller, and if he can keep improving each week he could be a legitimate Heisman contender by the end of the season.

While Fields puts up numbers, his best quality doesn't show up in the stats. Through two games, he has yet to make a glaring mistake, and he doesn't seem to have any plans to change that. He isn't overly cautious, but he doesn't put himself in danger when running or passing. That kind of security, paired with his talent, makes him both extremely dangerous and a perfect fit for an offense with so much talent around him.

Frank Moskowitz, BSB: So many easy choices. Justin Fields, J.K. Dobbins, Chase Young. I'm going to go with the linebacking corps as a whole.

Baron Browning is forcing his way on the field more and more. He had five stops and seemed like he was everywhere. Malik Harrison had five stops with 2.5 for loss. Pete Werner also had five and Tuf Borland only had three assists but had an interception, which he returned 42 yards like a rumbling freight train – a slow rumbling freight train. Last year's favorite targets for fans unhappy with the defense are rounding into shape.

Mark Rea, BSB: Justin Fields looked so comfortable in just his second game, and you have to give credit for at least some of that to the offensive line. Also credit the line for opening some holes for the running game, while J.K. Dobbins did what every good back does when those holes get opened.

Defensively, Chase Young and Shaun Wade disrupted a lot of what UC tried to do, and I thought Malik Harrison and Baron Browning also played well. As for the other two linebackers, yes, Tuf Borland had a nice interception. But when he and/or Pete Werner actually meet an opposing player head-on and make a solo tackle rather than chase someone down from behind or jump on a pile, let me know.

BSB Subscribers

Chase Young. 1.5 sacks. Blocked field goal. He should've also had a pick-six. I'm going to enjoy him this year because we are watching a top-three pick in next year's NFL draft.

– Tiffin Buckeye

I'm going to follow Frank's lead and pick an entire position group since there are so many deserving players. I'm going with the offensive line. Having to replace four starters coming into this season was a bit of a concern, yet the big guys up front opened up gaping holes for the run and consistently gave great protection for the pass.

– Brent A Greathouse

Chase Young, of course (I do not know whether I have seen a more dominant defensive player in college football!), Justin Fields for looking like a combination of Dwayne Haskins and Braxton Miller in just his second start, Shaun Wade for being near the ball all the time and for his deflections leading to interceptions, Malik Harrison and Baron Browning for making us feel good again about Buckeye linebacker play, J.K. Dobbins for being like the freshman J.K. again, the whole D-line and the run stop troops, the whole offensive line (I can't wait to see them at the end of the season when they jell together more), Garrett Wilson (it seems he can catch anything thrown his way!), the whole Buckeye D (are they looking better than the 2014 Buckeye D did at this stage of the season?) and Coach Day for such a dominant win against a very good UC team!

– Anthony Buckeye



From The Message Board

Following Ohio State's 42-0 win over Cincinnati on Sept. 7, Buckeye Sports Bulletin asked the readers on BuckeyeSports.com, as well as staff members, what impressed them most in the Buckeyes' dominating performance. Here are some of the responses:

"I'm going to say the entire defensive coaching staff. The defense played sound assignment football and with a speed and physicality not seen from the Buckeyes defense in awhile. It's great to see that the Silver Bullet defense has returned!"

– Brent A Greathouse

"Definitely the defense. After watching us get gashed over and over again last year, the Silver Bullets are back!"

– Tiffin Buckeye

"I think the dominance of Chase Young and the Ohio State defensive line was the most impressive element of the Buckeyes' 42-0 victory against Cincinnati. Young recorded 1.5 sacks and made an impact all game long, and Tyreke Smith returned from injury to make a big sack himself."

– Joe Dempsey, BSB

"If I'm picking the thing that impressed me the most, it would be Justin Fields' performance. I knew the defensive line was good, and I know that Chase Young can dominate, but Fields played significantly better than I thought he would.

"His poise and ability to make the right reads was what really stood out, especially for someone making his second career college start. Fields didn't force anything and just made winning plays all throughout the big victory."

– Wyatt Crosher, BSB

"Crisp execution on both sides of the ball, no turnovers and few penalties. Probably the major thing that impressed me was the multitude of weapons on offense."

– Terrier Buck

"I was impressed with the defense's bend-but-don't break play. This game could have been a little closer had Cincinnati been able to score on three trips to the red zone, but it ended up having a field goal blocked, throwing an interception and fumbling on the 1-yard line. Those plays are going to give the Buckeyes a ton of confidence in their ability to stop teams, as well as confidence to the young kids who were in late with their backs against the wall."

– Andrew Lind, BSB

"Mine has to be the offensive game planning. So often in the past few years, it has felt like Ohio State was underprepared for opponents and had the same approach for every game. So far, that has not been the case under Ryan Day, specifically on offense. Ohio State knew that they would have to tire Cincinnati out early to create larger plays later once the depth kicked in, and they did just that. The horizontal play approach was a perfect way to keep Cincinnati's blitzes neutralized, and I really don't think Ohio State could have drawn up a better game plan for downing the Bearcats."

– Patrick Mayhorn, BSB

Buckeye Sports Bulletin (USPS 705-690, ISSN 0883-6833.) is published 24 times a year (weekly September through November, biweekly mid-March through May and January through early March and monthly June through August and December) by:

Columbus Sports Publications
 1350 W. Fifth Ave., Suite 30
 P.O. Box 12453
 Columbus, Ohio 43212
 (614) 486-2202
 bsb@buckeyesports.com

Periodical class postage paid at Columbus, Ohio, and additional mailing offices. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: Buckeye Sports Bulletin, P.O. Box 12453, Columbus, Ohio 43212. Subscription rates: \$99.95/year.

PUBLISHER
 Frank Moskowitz

ASSISTANT PUBLISHER
 Becky Roberts

MANAGING EDITOR EMERITUS
 Mark Rea

PRINT PRODUCT COORDINATOR
 Andrew Lind

ASSISTANT PUBLISHER EMERITUS
 Karen Wachsman 1944-1999

PHOTOGRAPHY
 Sonny Brockway Terry Gilliam
 Kevin Dye Josh Winslow
 Andrew Lind

CONTRIBUTORS
 Wyatt Crosher Patrick Mayhorn
 Bob Roehm David Breithaupt
 Bill Conley Mark Schmetzer
 Joe Dempsey Steve Siegfried
 Rich Exner Jeff Svoboda
 Mike Wachsman Craig Merz

ADVERTISING REPRESENTATIVES
 Jan Jager Dave Tebay
 Ron Friedman

| 2019-20 PUBLICATION SCHEDULE (VOL. 39) | | | |
|--|----------|--------|----------|
| No. 1 | Sept. 7 | No. 13 | Dec. 21 |
| No. 2 | Sept. 14 | No. 14 | Jan. 18 |
| No. 3 | Sept. 21 | No. 15 | Feb. 1 |
| No. 4 | Sept. 28 | No. 16 | Feb. 15 |
| No. 5 | Oct. 5 | No. 17 | March 7 |
| No. 6 | Oct. 19 | No. 18 | March 21 |
| No. 7 | Oct. 26 | No. 19 | April 4 |
| No. 8 | Nov. 9 | No. 20 | April 18 |
| No. 9 | Nov. 16 | No. 21 | May |
| No. 10 | Nov. 23 | No. 22 | June |
| No. 11 | Nov. 30 | No. 23 | July |
| No. 12 | Dec. 7 | No. 24 | August |

The next issue (Sept. 21 cover date) will be mailed on Sept. 17.

Buckeye Sports Bulletin is a privately owned newspaper and is not affiliated directly or indirectly with The Ohio State University.

Wachsman Elite Donor:



BSB is a charter member of the College Sports Publishers Association.

Contenders, Pretenders Begin To Emerge

Two games do not a college football season make – see Buckeyes, The Ohio State University, circa 2014 – but it seems some of this year's supposed contenders have already been separated from the pretenders, and we're not even to mid-September.

What have we learned so far?

Although he might want to work a bit on his sideline decorum, LSU quarterback Joe Burrow is the real deal even though his team's defense might not be. Burrow, who has folks in Baton Rouge wondering how he could possibly have lost out on the starting job at Ohio State, threw for 471 yards and four touchdowns during his team's 45-38 shootout win Sept. 7 against No. 9 Texas. Burrow's yardage figure marked the second-highest single-game output in LSU program history, behind only the 528-yard performance of Rohan Davey during a 35-21 win at Alabama in 2001.

Defending national champion Clemson, now working on a winning streak of 17 games, looks like it remains the team to beat after a 24-10 win against 12th-ranked Texas A&M, the fifth ranked team the Tigers have defeated during that streak.

Michigan, despite all of the preseason bluff and bluster from its head coach and starting quarterback, still appears to be a work in progress, especially in terms of its offensive line. Maryland, on the other hand, is averaging 71 points per game and is fresh off a 63-20 blow-out of No. 21 Syracuse, the first regular-season victory for the Terrapins against an opponent ranked No. 21 or higher since 2010.

Meanwhile, Miami (Fla.), with its first 0-2 start since 1978, continues to fade back into obscurity. And then there's UCLA, which brought Chip Kelly back from the coaching scrap heap only to find Kelly has seemingly forgotten what made him such an offensive genius at Oregon. The Bruins are off to their first 0-2 start since the 1943 team lost its first seven games.

Kelly and his team get no rest in week three when they host No. 5 Oklahoma, which has made a smooth transition from Heisman-winning quarterbacks Baker Mayfield and Kyler Murray to Jalen Hurts, who helped lead Alabama to three straight national championship games.

Nebraska, a preseason darling of the so-called pundits despite coming off back-to-back 4-8 seasons, clearly still has some work left to do on defense after blowing a 17-0 half-time lead and absorbing a 34-31 overtime loss to Colorado and its first-year head coach Mel Tucker (remember him?).

And Ohio State? Justin Fields appears every bit the talented quarterback he was purported to be coming out of high school while Ryan Day seems to be striking a kind of balance between the high-flying offensive philosophy of Urban Meyer and the defense-and-special-teams-still-win-championships mentality of Jim Tressel.

Thanks to a diverse offense featuring Fields, running back J.K. Dobbins, a host of talented receivers and an often-impenetrable offensive line, as well as a defense that looks much improved over the 2018 model, the Buckeyes have easily dispatched their first two opponents, averaging better than 43 points and 488 total yards – yards almost evenly distributed between rushing (507) and passing (470) – while yielding averages of only 10.5 points and 250.5 yards.

The defense – historically bad last year despite the team's 13-1 record – has been especially stout against the run so far. Florida Atlantic managed only 22 yards on the ground in the opener, and while Cincinnati totaled 107, most of that came in the second half against OSU's second- and third-stringers. In fact, the

Owls and Bearcats have combined for an anemic minus-4 yards rushing in the first half against the Buckeyes' first-team defense.

And make no mistake. UC is a pretty good running team. Junior running back Michael Warren was a second-team all-conference pick in 2018 after rushing for 1,329 yards and 19 TDs. He managed only 15 yards on 10 carries against Ohio State.

Defensive end Chase Young was his normal

EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK Mark Rea

disruptive self although he was credited with only three tackles. Half of those were sacks, bringing Young's career total to 16, which already puts him at No. 16 on the program's career sack list. The 6-5, 265-pound junior also blocked a field goal, helping to preserve the team's first shutout of a nonconference opponent since a 38-0 win against Hawaii in 2015.

Sophomore cornerback Shaun Wade was almost as disruptive against the Bearcats. Wade's third-quarter hit on Cincinnati receiver Alec Pierce allowed linebacker Tuf Borland to grab his first career interception, and another teeth-rattling hit delivered by Wade, this one during the second quarter on Warren, nearly resulted in a pick for Young.

The 6-1, 194-pound sophomore also recorded his first career sack on a perfectly-timed corner blitz, a second-quarter play that also allowed Wade to strip the ball from UC quarterback Desmond Ridder, although the Bearcats managed to recover the fumble.

Offensively, rather than what one might expect in only the second game with a new quarterback and rebuilt line, the Buckeyes operated like a well-oiled machine.

Fields turned in a performance that looked almost effortless as he completed 20 of 25 pass attempts (and two of those were throwaways) for 224 yards and two touchdowns. He added another 42 yards and two more scores on the ground, making Ohio State fans wonder how good Georgia QB Jake Fromm must be for the Bulldogs to let Fields walk away.

Dobbins led the OSU ground attack with 141 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries – all of which came in the first half. It was the 10th time during his career that Dobbins cracked the century mark, becoming only the 13th Ohio State player in program history to notch 10 or more career 100-yard rushing games.

Fields utilized the talents of eight different receivers, including fifth-year senior K.J. Hill, who grabbed eight passes for 57 yards and a touchdown, as well as true freshman Garrett Wilson, whose first career catch was a 9-yard score that showcased the youngster's strong hands when he cradled the reception despite UC cornerback Coby Bryant's best efforts to knock the ball away.

By the way, Hill's eight receptions against Cincinnati allowed him to jump over Gary Williams (154, 1979-82) and into fourth place all-time in career receptions as a Buckeye. Hill now has 155 catches and trails only David Boston (191, 1996-98), Cris Carter (168, 1984-86) and Michael Jenkins (165, 2000-03).

After only two games of the 2019 season, some teams have distinguished themselves as championship contenders while others have not. Based upon its first two performances of the year, I would unabashedly place Ohio State in the contender class.

Admittedly, though, it's still too early to

make reservations for either of the College Football Playoff semifinals. The Sept. 14 trip to Bloomington to kick off the Big Ten season against an inspired (and undefeated) Indiana team – which has given the Buckeyes just about all they've wanted each of the last five years – should tell us more.

Fun With Numbers

Did you know Fields is the first Ohio State starting quarterback in more than 80 years to wear jersey No. 1?

Stan Pincura wore No. 1 for the Buckeyes from 1933 to 1935, first under head coach Sam Willaman and then as a junior and senior helping to direct Francis A. Schmidt's innovative "razzle-dazzle" offense in '34 and '35.

Pincura, a native of Lorain, Ohio, also helped quarterback the OSU defense from his safety position. During his senior season, he had an interception and blocked an extra-point kick during the "Game of the Century" in 1935, an 18-13 loss to Notre Dame that likely cost Ohio State a chance to win the school's first national championship.

The following week, during a 20-13 victory at the University of Chicago, Pincura suffered a shoulder injury that sidelined him for the homecoming game the next week against Illinois. Sophomore backup William "Tippy" Dye replaced Pincura and helped lead Ohio State to a 6-0 victory over the Fighting Illini, directing the offense to 376 total yards while scoring the game's only touchdown on a 63-yard punt return.

Pincura's injury and Dye's subsequent performance as his backup have, over the years, led to Dye being credited with being the last starting quarterback at Ohio State before 2006 Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith to beat Michigan three straight times.

However, like many popular legends, that story is more steeped in myth than truth.

Dye was tabbed by Schmidt to start the 1935 game against the Wolverines, but at Senior Tackle the night before the game, team captain Gomer Jones took the sophomore QB aside and asked if he would step down and allow Pincura to start his final game as a Buckeye. Dye quickly agreed, and when the idea was presented to Schmidt, the coach happily accepted the change, calling Pincura "one of the smartest field generals I've seen in all my years of coaching."

With Pincura starting at quarterback, Ohio State went on to roll to a 38-0 win in Ann Arbor, piling up 447 total yards during what remains the largest margin of victory for the Buckeyes in the 115-game history of the series.

Pincura earned honorable-mention All-America honors in 1935 and went on to play professionally in the NFL for the old Cleveland Rams. He later returned to his native Lorain, where he spent 40 years with the U.S. Steel Corp. before retiring in April 1978. He died Feb. 12, 1979, in Lorain at the age of 64.

The only other Ohio State quarterback between Pincura and Fields to wear jersey No. 1 was Bob Atha, who was Art Schlichter's backup from 1978 to 1981. Atha, who served as the Buckeyes' primary placekicker throughout his career, completed 20 of 41 passes for 264 yards with one touchdown and three interceptions.

Braxton Miller switched his jersey number from 5 to 1 in 2015, but by then, shoulder injuries had forced the former quarterback to move to a receiver position. Miller was credited in 2015 with a pass completion on his only attempt that season, but it came late in the first quarter of a 20-13 win against Northern Illinois when he took a shotgun snap and tossed the ball to teammate Jalin Marshall as he crossed in front of Miller.



S Fuller Nominated For Campbell Trophy

Ohio State senior safety Jordan Fuller was nominated for the prestigious William V. Campbell Trophy, which is awarded to the most outstanding senior scholar-athlete by the National Football Foundation and the College Football Hall of Fame.

The winner of the Campbell Trophy is selected in December from a list of 12-15 scholar-athletes selected by the NFF Awards Committee. Each of the finalists will receive an \$18,000 postgraduate scholarship.

Fuller, a two-time captain, will attempt to become the 22nd NFF National Scholar-Athlete in Ohio State history and OSU’s third winner of the Campbell Trophy after Bobby Hoying (1995) and Craig Krenzel (2003) previously won the award when it was the Vincent dePaul Draddy Award.

Only Nebraska, with 23 NFF Scholar-Athlete award winners, has more national scholar-athletes than Ohio State. The other schools with the most NFF National Scholar-Athletes include Notre Dame and Penn State (18), Army (16), Georgia and USC (13), Stanford and Yale (12) and Texas (11).

The rigorous criteria for the award include a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.20, outstanding football ability, superior academic application and performance, and exemplary school leadership and community citizenship.

Fuller carries a 3.6 grade-point average in business marketing and has earned a multitude of academic honors as a Buckeye. The Old Tappan, N.J., native was a first-team Academic All-American in 2018, second-team Academic All-American in 2017, Big Ten Conference Distinguished Scholar in 2018 and Academic All-Big Ten Conference honoree both years.

Fuller is only the 14th two-time captain in Ohio State history and leads current Buckeyes in tackles (169) and solo tackles (129). He led the team in tackles in 2018 and was second – by one tackle – in 2017.

Beyond the gridiron and the classroom, Fuller is involved in the community. He is on the executive board for a campus organization called RAS or Redefining Athletic Standards. Among the many events he helped organize and run are a Back-to-School Bash for local community children and a seminar titled The Buckeye Way: Sexuality, Identity and Relationships.

Fuller took part in the Eugene D. Smith Leadership Institute this summer as a “Bucks Go Pro” intern with the Anomaly Sports Group. He was a sports law intern and chose that area to “better understand the business side of sports.”

He has also worked the Columbus City Schools Special Olympics and the

Football Special Skills Invitational. Using his platform in a positive way, Fuller spoke at a Celebration for Martin Luther King in January and represented Ohio State at Big Ten media days in July.

Ohio State co-defensive coordinator and secondary coach Jeff Hafley does not have enough good things to say about Fuller.

“Jordan Fuller is first class,” Hafley said. “He’s respectable. He’s smart. He’s engaged. He has the respect of everyone on the team. He is a quiet leader, but when he has to say something, he does, and everyone listens. You can always use him as an example, in terms of how hard he practices, how deliberate he practices and how he always does the right thing.”

Ohio State’s 21 NFF National Scholar-Athletes include Jacoby Boren (2015), Brian Robiskie (2008), Craig Krenzel (2003), Ahmed Plummer (1999), Greg Bellisari (1996), Bobby Hoying (1995), Joey Galloway (1994), Greg Smith (1992), Greg Frey (1990), Joe Staysniak (1989), Mike Lanese (1985), Dave Crecelius (1984), John Frank (1983), Joe Smith (1982), Jim Laughlin (1979), Brian Baschnagel (1975), Randy Gradishar (1973), Rex Kern (1970), David Foley (1968), Willard Sander (1965) and Arnold Chonko (1964).

True Freshmen Earn Playing Time Against UC

Ohio State had seven true freshmen enter the blowout victory against Cincinnati. Some played while the game was still close, while others came in after the Buckeyes gained a sizeable advantage on their way to a 42-0 win at Ohio Stadium.

Wide receiver Garrett Wilson highlighted the group by reeling in his first collegiate reception, which happened to be a contested, 9-yard touchdown he brought down in the corner of the end zone. Fellow wideout Jameson Williams played but did not impact the box score.

Linebacker Cade Stover made his Buckeye debut and led the freshmen with two tackles, including one solo stop. Defensive end Zach Harrison played early in the game but did not record any stats.

Running backs Marcus Crowley and Steele Chambers entered the game after it was well out of reach for Cincinnati. Crowley carried once for 2 yards, and Chambers carried twice for 16 yards. Chambers made his Scarlet and Gray debut and impressed on a 12-yard run where he ran through a Cincinnati defender and picked up a first down.

Offensive lineman Dawand Jones made his collegiate debut on field goal defense. Jones used his size (6-8, 360 pounds) to clog up the middle, freeing Chase Young to extend up and block a Cincinnati field-goal attempt and help preserve the shutout.

Another Buckeye who made his debut was Kentucky graduate transfer quarterback Gunnar Hoak, who is a nearby Dublin native.

Ohio State Drops To Sixth In AP, Coaches Poll

Despite their dominant 42-0 win against Cincinnati, the Buckeyes fell one spot in both the AP poll and the coaches poll to No. 6.

Ohio State dropped down in the AP poll because it was jumped by LSU, following the Tigers’ 45-38 victory against Texas. The Tigers leaped from No. 6 to No. 4 in the AP poll after their big win, surpassing Ohio State and Oklahoma, who defeated South Dakota handily, 70-14.

2019 Ohio State Football Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Result/Time (ET) | TV | 2019 Record |
|--|------------------------|------------------|----------|--|
| Aug. 31 | FLORIDA ATLANTIC | W, 45-21 | FOX | 0-2 (0-0 Conference USA) |
| Sept. 7 | CINCINNATI* | W, 42-0 | ABC | 1-1 (0-0 American Athletic Conference) |
| Sept. 14 | at Indiana | 12 p.m. | FOX | 2-0 (0-0 Big Ten) |
| Sept. 21 | MIAMI (OHIO)* | TBA | TBA | 1-1 (0-0 Mid-American) |
| Sept. 28 | at Nebraska | TBA | TBA | 1-1 (0-0 Big Ten) |
| Oct. 5 | MICHIGAN STATE* | 7:30 p.m. | ABC/ESPN | 2-0 (0-0 Big Ten) |
| Oct. 18 | at Northwestern* | 8:30 p.m. | FS1 | 0-1 (0-0 Big Ten) |
| Oct. 26 | WISCONSIN* | TBA | TBA | 2-0 (0-0 Big Ten) |
| Nov. 9 | MARYLAND | TBA | TBA | 2-0 (0-0 Big Ten) |
| Nov. 16 | at Rutgers | TBA | TBA | 1-1 (0-1 Big Ten) |
| Nov. 23 | PENN STATE* | TBA | TBA | 2-0 (0-0 Big Ten) |
| Nov. 30 | at Michigan* | 12 p.m. | FOX | 2-0 (0-0 Big Ten) |
| Dec. 7 | Big Ten Championship** | 8 p.m. | FOX | |
| * 2018 bowl team | | | | |
| ** at Indianapolis (Lucas Oil Stadium) | | | | |

Become A Buckeye Sports Bulletin VIP

Here’s a chance to show your support for Buckeye Sports Bulletin and help ensure the future of BSB as a viable print publication. We are now offering a VIP upgrade to your subscription, with exciting VIP benefits for as little as an additional \$50 to your existing subscription.

Your VIP subscription can pay for itself. VIP subscribers will receive 20 percent off all purchases of non-sale items at Conrads College Gifts for a year. Conrads will also offer private sales for BSB VIP subscribers throughout the year.

VIP subscribers will also enjoy a 5 percent discount on any Ohio State football trip booked through Reynolds Travel. For this year’s trips, see the Reynolds Travel ad in Buckeye Sports Bulletin.

And VIP subscribers will receive a certificate good for \$10 dollars off at Roosters restaurants, the “Fun, Casual Joint.”

There will also be special private sales on tickets, dining and travel throughout the year, and other benefits are sure to be added.

“The Buckeye Sports Bulletin VIP program will help us hold the line on subscription rates despite rising costs,” BSB publisher Frank Moskowitz said. “Those who can afford to do so can help those who are less fortunate but share the same passion for Buckeye Sports Bulletin.”

With the \$50 Brutus VIP upgrade, Buckeye Sports Bulletin subscribers will have their names and cities listed in the annual Football Preview issue and the Michigan issue as supporters of BSB. Those who add \$100 to their subscription will have their names and cities listed in all 24 issues each year as BSB Scarlet patrons. Those who donate \$125 or more will be designated as Elite patrons in each issue.

To upgrade your existing subscription to VIP status, with all the benefits that come with that designation, go to buckeyesports.com/vip-memberships to pay by credit card, or call us at (614) 486-2202 during regular business hours. If readers have questions on this new program, they can call the same number.

The following are our charter Wachsman Elite, Elite and Scarlet VIP subscribers:

Wachsman Elite Donor: Roosters Restaurants.

Elite Donors: B2, Reston, Va.; Phillip Blue, Prior Lake, Minn.; Chalk Fry, Sarasota, Fla.; Paul Hackett, The Villages, Fla.; James Hamilton, Murrysville, Pa.; Paul Lappert, Columbus; Dan Laville, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dr. Jonathan Lucas, Portsmouth, Ohio; Jim Reichler, Crestone, Colo.; Charlie Shaffer, Edison, Ohio; Dan van Blaricom, Dublin, Ohio; Elliott Wettstein, Waverly, Ohio; Anonymous, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Anonymous, Girard, Ohio; Anonymous, Lancaster, Ohio; Anonymous, Lewisburg, W.Va.

Scarlet Donors: Marty Brumbaugh, Troy, Ohio; Dennis Dahm, Sandusky, Ohio; Tom Goila, Cincinnati; Bill Judy, Dublin, Ohio.

Behind the Buckeyes, Notre Dame and Auburn both moved up one spot, to No. 7 and No. 8, respectively, while Michigan dropped from No. 7 to No. 10 after the Wolverines’ double-overtime victory against Army.

In the coaches poll, LSU surpassed Ohio State to No. 5 but not Oklahoma. Notre Dame moved up to No. 7 during an open week, while Florida jumped from No. 10 to No. 8 with a 45-0 victory against UT Martin. Auburn slid up to No. 9 from No. 13 with a 24-6 win against Tulane.

Injured Bearcat In Stable Condition

Cincinnati safety Kyriq McDonald is in stable condition after being carted off the field against Ohio State. He received treatment at Ohio Stadium after collapsing on the field during a play and experiencing convulsions.

Early in the first quarter, McDonald was defending an Ohio State run as Ohio State

H-back K.J. Hill came to block him. Before Hill could make contact, McDonald lost his balance and fell on his side shaking.

ESPN sideline reporter Allison Williams said she spoke with McDonald’s mother, who said her son has a history of seizures.

The Cincinnati bench went out to McDonald near midfield to wish him well as medical staff drove him off the field. Ohio State players J.K. Dobbins, Chase Young and Rashod Berry went all the way out to midfield to show respect to McDonald. Buckeye fans gave him a standing ovation.

McDonald was evaluated and released from a Columbus area hospital and was able to return to Cincinnati with the team.

OL Dawand Jones, Enokk Vimahi Shed Black Stripes

The aforementioned Jones and Enokk Vimahi became the 12th and 13th members of Ohio State’s 2019 recruiting class to have their black stripes removed, which signals their

From The Pages Of BSB

35 Years Ago – 1984

Linebackers Larry Kolic and Mark Pfister defected from the Ohio State football camp following the Oregon State game Sept. 8, stayed away from the team for a week and returned Sept. 16.

Reasons for the two temporary defections were unknown, but there was some speculation that the two experienced linebackers may have been unhappy with the publicity freshman Chris Spielman received after his debut. However, neither player had given any reasons for the decision.

Kolic, a 6-1, 242-pound junior from Smithville, Ohio, had redshirted the previous year and returned as a starter. He was the only defensive regular to be given a winning performance by the coaches after the Oregon State game.

Pfister, a sophomore from Columbus, had his career slowed by an ulcer, a severe knee strain, a shoulder separation and a hand injury. Healthy, he had worked his way up to the second unit, backing up Kolic.

Apparently the two players indicated to Earle Bruce that they wanted to return to the team prior to their actual return the Sunday following the Washington State game on Sept. 15.

"I said there would be no talking until Sunday," Bruce revealed during his weekly press luncheon during Monday, Sept. 17. "I didn't want to upset our preparation for the game."

30 Years Ago – 1989

Greg Frey stood in a corner of the Ohio State locker room, head bowed and shaking slowly from side to side.

It was almost a year to the day that Frey had to answer questions concerning the Buckeyes' 42-10 pounding at the hands of Pittsburgh. Now, the junior quarterback had to do the same thing all over again after a 42-3 loss to Southern Cal.

"I have to admit, I'm shocked right now," Frey said. "I totally did not expect this. I don't like to look back to last year, but it's the same thing. They outplayed us, but we're a better team than we showed."

Frey entered the game as college football's number one quarterback in pass efficiency. But a ferocious pass rush by USC, led by junior linebacker Junior Seau, pressured Frey into an afternoon which featured numerous hurried passes, three sacks and two or three Trojans around him on virtually every play.

Frey managed to complete only 13 of 28 passes against the Trojans for 135 yards and no touchdowns.

25 Years Ago – 1994

When can one team beat another by 24 points and still be downright surly about the outcome? When you are Ohio State and defeat non-conference rival Pittsburgh 27-3 in your home opener while committing five turnovers and nine penalties.

The Buckeyes rolled up 512 yards of total offense with a nice balance of 295 on the ground and 217 in the air. They scored points in every quarter of the game and successfully throttled a Pitt offense that had been averaging 485.5 yards per game, nearly 300 of it on the ground.

But it was the five turnovers – four fumbles and one interception – and the nine costly penalties that turned the temperature of an already ovenlike OSU locker room up a few degrees.

"We can't keep on doing ourselves this way," said OSU tailback Eddie George. "Nobody knows more than me the price you pay when you don't hang on to the football. We have to do better than we've been doing. It's as simple as that."

20 Years Ago – 1999

Back in the friendly confines of Ohio Stadium, Ohio State played like it was accustomed to in a home opener.

The Buckeyes rallied from a 10-0 deficit behind the play of quarterback Steve Bellisari and receivers Ken-Yon Rambo and Reggie Germany to take a 42-20 win over UCLA before 93,283 in a rare night game at the venerable Horseshoe on Sept. 11.

"I am so happy for our football team," said OSU coach John Cooper, whose team evened its record at 1-1. "This was a hard-fought win. The crowd was really jacked up and they helped us."

Bellisari came off the bench in the second quarter and helped lead the 13th-ranked Buckeyes to four touchdown drives against the Bruins (1-1), who played without 11 players – including seven projected starters – who were finishing out two-game suspensions for their parts in a parking scandal on the UCLA campus.

15 Years Ago – 2004

As Wisconsin hosted Central Florida Sept. 4 in a televised game, the world wasn't exactly riveted, at least not most of it. Yet followers of college football were a little curious to see if the Big Ten's attempt at a marginal use of instant replay would have a positive effect on the game.

In one instance, a UW defensive touchdown was nullified after a look-see from the replay officials upstairs determined it was clear the defender, Dontez Sanders, touched his knee to the ground while scooping the ball, taking six points off the board.

In another use of the replay, the game was delayed a full five minutes after the replay booth informed the referee on the field to re-spot the ball twice, changing the ball position by a mere yard.

10 Years Ago – 2009

On Sept. 12, eighth-ranked Ohio State allowed a nearly game-long lead slip away thanks to inefficiency on both sides of the ball en route to an 18-15 loss to No. 3 Southern California at Ohio Stadium.

The offense failed to capitalize on opportunities to

score many more than 15 points as Terrelle Pryor was just 11 of 25 passing and the Buckeyes averaged just 2.9 yards on 30 rushing attempts. The defense finally gave way to the embarrassment of riches that constituted the USC offense at the skilled positions. The Trojans marched 86 yards on 14 plays for the winning touchdown, eating up 6:10 of the fourth-quarter clock and leaving Ohio State only 1:05 to try to take back the lead. Instead, the Buckeyes gained zero net yards on four plays, turning the ball over on downs with 21 seconds left on the clock.

Five Years Ago – 2014

An Ohio State team that had entered the season with a lot of holes to fill sprang a bunch of leaks Sept. 6 in a 35-21 loss against Virginia Tech.

Coaches and players alike agreed in a somber post-game interview room at Ohio Stadium that the only way to avoid sinking as the season wore on was to go back to work on the many deficiencies the Hokies had exposed, some physical and others mental.

"We have enough skill on this football team to get by people," head coach Urban Meyer said. "It didn't look like it, but we have to get by people – or what you saw today you'll see every week."

One Year Ago – 2018

Ohio State offensive lineman Branden Bowen had won the starting right guard spot for the 2017 season and shone in his first few games, playing a key role for the Buckeyes. During a 62-14 win over Maryland on Oct. 7, though, Bowen broke his leg, forcing him to miss the rest of the season.

That injury led to a pair of surgeries for the 6-7, 312-pound junior from Draper (Utah) Corner Canyon, but he worked his way back to become a partial participant in spring practice. Bowen was expected to compete for, and likely win, a starting spot once again heading into the 2018 season. But he was seemingly limited in fall camp, and fifth-year senior Demetrius Knox was named the starter at right guard before the opener, for which Bowen did not dress.

Three days later, Bowen posted on Instagram that he had undergone a third surgery because the leg had never quite healed properly. Ohio State said he was out indefinitely.

"This past year has been by far the most challenging year of my life," Bowen wrote in his social media post. "I found out a couple weeks ago that my fibula hadn't fully healed and was not connected (known as a non-union) and would most likely never fully heal on its own."

"As frustrating as this injury has been, I know it's going to make me stronger after it's all said and done. I know God has a plan for me. I'll be back and better than ever."

status as full-fledged members of the Buckeyes' football program.

A three-star prospect from Indianapolis Ben Davis, Jones arrived on campus in June at 6-8 and 380 pounds. Head coach Ryan Day recently told reporters he's dropped nearly 25 pounds since his arrival.

Ohio State posted a video on its Twitter account, featuring assistant athletic director of player development Ryan Stamper.

"This guy came in a basketball guy," Stamper said in the video. "We converted him to football. He's getting tougher every day, getting better every day."

Vimahi came to Columbus as a four-star prospect out of Hawaii, the first scholarship player at Ohio State from the Aloha State. Unlike Jones, Vimahi was tasked with gaining weight upon his June arrival and is now pushing 300 (up from 257).

"I just want to thank you for taking me in," Vimahi said in the video. "It wasn't easy coming from Hawaii, but what we've got here is special, and it's all worth it."

Zeke Becomes NFL's Highest-Paid RB

Former Ohio State running back Ezekiel Elliott became the highest-paid running back in NFL history, signing a six-year, \$90 million contract with Dallas on Sept. 4.

The Cowboys included \$50 million of guaranteed money in the deal to the talented back who was holding out. The six-year contract begins in 2020 after his rookie deal is up, making the overall contract more than \$100 million.

Elliott has dominated since being drafted No. 4 overall by Dallas, rushing for 1,631 yards and 15 touchdowns in his rookie year. Last season, he ran for 1,434 yards and six scores while also dramatically increasing his numbers in the pass game with 77 receptions for 567 yards and three touchdowns.

While at Ohio State, Elliott rushed for 200 yards in three straight games – the Big Ten championship, College Football Playoff semifinal and the national champi-

onship – helping to lead the Buckeyes to a national title in the 2014 season.

The following season, Elliott ran for 1,821 yards – his second straight year at Ohio State eclipsing 1,800 yards – and 23 touchdowns on 7.6 yards per carry.

Dozens Of Former Buckeyes On NFL Rosters

The start of the NFL season leaves many looking for jobs, with teams having to cut down from 90 players to a 53-man roster.

As we reported, many former Ohio State players were cut or otherwise moved off their team's active rosters. Some of the players have found homes on practice squads, while others are still searching.

Tyvis Powell (Dallas Cowboys), Rod Smith (New York Giants) and Marcus Baugh (Carolina Panthers) reverted to their teams' injured reserves after being waived and going unclaimed. However, Powell was removed from the IR on Sept. 6

and cut by Dallas.

The Jacksonville Jaguars initially placed Terrelle Pryor on injured reserve, but he became a free agent on Sept. 3 after reaching an injury settlement with the team.

Johnnie Dixon was cut by the Texans but became a member of the Arizona Cardinals' practice squad. Dante Booker is also on the Cardinals' practice squad after playing for them this preseason. Mike Weber, a seventh-round pick by Dallas, was waived from the active roster but added to the Cowboys' practice squad.

The Cowboys also placed Noah Brown on the Physically Unable to Perform list, which indicates he will not be able to play for the first six weeks of the NFL season while he recovers from a knee injury. Brown is still eligible to return to play this year if he is added to their active roster later in the season.

Carlos Hyde was traded from the

Continued On Page 6



INSIDER

Continued From Page 5

Kansas City Chiefs to the Texans in exchange for offensive tackle Martinus Rankin.

Hyde, who signed a one-year, \$2.8 million with the Chiefs this offseason, never gained traction on the running back depth chart in Kansas City during the preseason but is expected to once again split carries with Duke Johnson. Hyde and Johnson shared a backfield in Cleveland to start the 2018 season.

Kurt Coleman was initially released by the Buffalo Bills, but the nine-year NFL veteran was re-signed to the Bills' active roster. Cardale Jones was cut by the Los Angeles Chargers, but the Seattle Seahawks added him to their practice squad.

With all of those moves, Ohio State had 44 players on NFL active rosters entering the regular season.

Ohio State Inducts 10 Into Hall Of Fame

Ohio State inducted 10 Buckeyes into the Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame on Sept. 6. The 2019 class includes Boyd Cherry (football), Justin Fry (baseball), Jim Foster (women's basketball coach), A.J. Hawk (football), Stan Lyons (men's track and field), Thad Matta (men's basketball coach), Mike Nugent (football), Andrew Pierce (men's track and field), Natalie Spooner (women's ice hockey) and R.J. Umberger (men's ice hockey). More on this story can be found on page 20.

Women's Volleyball Debuts At Covelli Center

The Ohio State women's volleyball team made its debut in the brand-new Covelli Center, hosting the 15th annual Sports Imports D.C. Koehl Classic to open the 2019 campaign.

An extremely young team, the Buckeyes still performed well to start the season, improving to 2-1 on the weekend. The Scarlet and Gray swept Lehigh (25-16, 25-20, 25-14) before dropping a five-set thriller to Texas Tech (25-21, 22-25, 20-25, 25-23, 12-15) in the opening doubleheader.

Then Ohio State rebounded with a 3-1 win (25-19, 25-16, 24-26, 25-17) against Virginia Commonwealth the following day to conclude the tourney.

Sophomore Mia Grunze recorded a career-high 30 kills and 30½ points against Texas Tech. Through three matches, the Waterford, Wis., native hit .304 and averaged 4.91 kills per set. Freshman Jenaisya Moore excelled against VCU, hitting .340. Another freshman, Mac Podraza, dished out 66 assists against the Red Raiders.

BSB Staff Saw Much Tighter Game With UC

While Andrew Lind correctly saw Ohio State scoring 42 points, BSB staffers predicted a much closer game with Cincinnati than the eventual 42-0 blowout when they made their thoughts known in the weekly "Staff Predictions" at the electronic BuckeyeSports.com. Lind's prediction was 42-24, the widest margin of Buckeye victory. Joe Dempsey had it 34-20, Wyatt Crosher 27-17, and Patrick Mayhorn saw a battle to the wire at 24-20.

The BSB staffers will be posting their predictions the morning of each game throughout the season.

Access to BuckeyeSports.com is free to all BSB print subscribers and is a good way to keep track of the breaking news between print issues of Buckeye Sports Bulletin as well as compare your game-score forecast to that of the BSB staff.

Don't miss news from Ryan Day's Tuesday press conferences or practice during the week. The BuckeyeSports.com website is available 24/7/365 with all the breaking news posted, including the latest in recruiting, and then discussed by readers and staff on the BuckeyeSports.com Forum. Subscribers can also read the entire print issue of BSB before it has even hit the post office.

If you are not already taking advantage of BuckeyeSports.com, simply email your name, address and preferred email address to subscriptions@buckeyesports.com, and we will send back simple instructions on how to access the site. Don't forget, subscriptions@buckeyesports.com is our email address, not the website. We will send you directions on how to access the site.

If you are a subscriber and have been unable to access any features on the site, please give us a call at (614) 486-2202 and we will help you gain access.

Readers who have been experiencing postal delivery problems, as mentioned, can also read the complete edition of each issue of Buckeye Sports Bulletin online at BuckeyeSports.com on Mondays during football season and Tuesdays the rest of the year. Your copy of the paper will still arrive in your mailbox at its usual time.

If you have any questions about BuckeyeSports.com or your mail service, feel free to call us at the above number.

Freshman Kylie Murr, senior Camry Halm and junior Hannah Gruensfelder made the majority of the defensive plays for the Buckeyes.

The trio combined for 102 digs in the three matches, led by Murr's 4.75 per set. Senior Elle Sandbothe electrified the crowd on multiple occasions, making a variety of highlight-reel plays.

BTN Announces Hoops Schedule

The Big Ten Network announced its 2019-20 television schedule for men's and women's basketball, with nearly 200 total games across the entire season.

BTN will air at least 133 men's basketball games, including 75 conference games and 10 Big Ten tournament games, as well as at least 64 women's basketball games, including four ACC-Big Ten

Challenge matchups and 12 conference tournament games.

Men's non-conference play begins with a doubleheader on Tuesday, Nov. 5, when Juwan Howard and Fred Hoiberg make their Big Ten coaching debuts as Michigan faces off against Appalachian State and Nebraska takes on UC-Riverside, respectively.

The men's basketball schedule also features a pair of notable neutral-site games. On Saturday, Dec. 21, Purdue will take on Butler in the Crossroads Classic in Indianapolis at 2:30 p.m. ET, and on Saturday, Jan. 4, Penn State will host Iowa at the historic Palestra in Philadelphia.

Men's conference play gets started on Dec. 7 with a pair of Saturday games featuring Indiana at Wisconsin and Penn State at Ohio State, the first of 11 conference games appearing on BTN in December.

In February, BTN will once again be home to Super Saturday at Madison Square Garden, with Rutgers and Michigan wrestling squaring off before the Scarlet Knights and Wolverines basketball programs take to the hardwood at 4:30 p.m. ET.

The women's non-conference schedule gets rolling on Wednesday, Dec. 4, with back-to-back doubleheaders in the ACC-Big Ten Challenge. On night one, Nebraska welcomes the Duke Blue Devils to Lincoln before Iowa hosts Clemson. On Dec. 5, Virginia travels to Rutgers before Louisville heads to Ohio State for a border battle.

Women's conference play tips off on Dec. 28 with a Saturday night doubleheader showcasing Michigan State at Indiana and Michigan at Maryland.

Both men's and women's conference tournaments will take place at Bankers Life Fieldhouse in Indianapolis. From March 4-7, BTN will broadcast nearly the entire Big Ten Women's Basketball Tournament, including both semifinal games, before closing the year with the first 10 games of the B1G Men's Basketball Tournament.

All basketball programming can be streamed via the web, smartphones, tablets and connected devices on the Fox Sports app.

Cucos Taqueria

The Great Taste of Mexico
only at Cucos Taqueria

Happy Hour
MONDAY - FRIDAY 4-7PM

2162 W. HENDERSON RD. COLUMBUS, OH 43220
(614) 538-8701 | CUCOSTAQUERIA.COM

Come watch all the games on Big Screen TVs!

SUMMIT
PERFORMANCE **SPI** INSTITUTE

Train to be the BEST you can be!
Designing fitness programs to meet your personal needs.

Personal Training

Group Fitness Training

Sports Specific Training

Owned and Operated By:
Brent Johnson
614-570-9918
B-fit.training@hotmail.com

Located at 2378 East Main Street in Bexley, Ohio



CONRADS

college gifts

your
#1 stop
buckeye
shop
since
1969

OSU STADIUM FAVORITES!

CHECK FOR MORE ONLINE! WWW.CONRADS.COM

**SIGN UP TO RECEIVE
WEEKLY SPECIALS IN
YOUR INBOX!**



**E5-2: Authentic
Buckeye Leaf Stickers**
Vinyl.
\$8.95

2019 Football Schedule

Aug 31 - FAU Owls
Sept 7 - Cincinnati Bearcats
Sept 14 - at Indiana Hoosiers
Sept 21 - Miami, OH RedHawks
Sept 28 - at Nebraska Cornhuskers
Oct 5 - Michigan State Spartans
Oct 12 - First Bye Week
Oct 18 - at Northwestern Wildcats
Oct 26 - Wisconsin Badgers
Nov 2 - Second Bye Week
Nov 9 - Maryland Terrapins
Nov 16 - at Rutgers Scarlet Knights
Nov 23 - Penn State Nittany Lions
Nov 30 - at TTUN
Dec 7 - Big 10 Championship
at Indianapolis, IN

A1-24: Athletic O Sport Tees

Gray.
S, M, L, XL,
2XL, or 3XL.
Football,
lacrosse,
cheerleading,
and more!
**\$18.95
to \$24.95**



A1-50: Athletic O Hawaiian Print Shirt

Red, pattern.
S, M, L,
XL,
or 2XL.
\$69.95



D6-6: Athletic O Logo Mini Messenger Crossover Bag

Black.
Adjustable strap,
stadium approved.
\$18.95



C5-8: Youth Block O Hat

Red-gray.
Adjustable.
\$19.95



Block O 'College of' Tees and Crewneck Sweatshirts

Gray.
Agriculture, Architecture, Arts and Sciences,
Business, Dentistry, Education, Engineering,
Law, Medicine, Music, Nursing, Pharmacy,
Social Work, Veterinary Medicine, and more!
S, M, L, XL, 2XL, or 3XL.

B7-263: Tees \$21.95 to \$23.95

B6-135: Sweatshirts \$39.95 to \$43.95



B1-14: Ladies Block O Hawaiian Shirt

Red-white-gray.
S, M, L,
or XL.
\$69.95



A5-136: Ticket Holder with Lanyard

gray-clear.
\$7.95



A1-28: Ohio A & M 150th Year Shirt

Red.
M, L, XL,
or 2XL.
\$33.95



A1-139: Athletic O Purse with Device Pocket

Scarlet red and gray.
Stadium approved.
\$27.95



D5-58: Ohio State Athletic O Logo Sports Hats

Snapback
adjustable.
Cheerleading,
football,
wrestling, and
more in store
or online.
\$23.95



D5-8: Buckeyes State Patch Hat

White-gray.
Adjustable.
\$21.95



Check in on Instagram
[instagram.com/CONRADSOSU](https://www.instagram.com/CONRADSOSU)



Follow us on Twitter
[twitter.com/CONRADSOSU](https://www.twitter.com/CONRADSOSU)



Friend us on facebook
[facebook.com/CONRADSCOLLEGE GIFTS](https://www.facebook.com/CONRADSCOLLEGE GIFTS)

316 West Lane Avenue, Columbus Ohio, 43201

614-297-0497

osu@conrads.com

1-888-443-8678

www.conrads.com

Buckeyes' Defense Puts Forth Another Stellar Effort

Continued From Page 1

opening holes for Dobbins.

"They did a great job," Day said of the line. "And J.K., when he got to the second level, he was rolling today. I thought it was great getting him going, and the offensive line did an unbelievable job."

The defense, meanwhile, pitched its first shutout since a 56-0 win over Rutgers in 2017. Cincinnati had three drives end in Ohio State territory, which ended in a blocked field goal, an interception and a forced fumble at the 1-yard line.

"It's what we see in practice every day," Day said of his defense. "Going up against them in spring and during preseason, I knew they were going to be tough, and they're getting there. It's not a finished product by any means, but they're getting there. I thought they were running around tackling well and creating turnovers against a good Cincinnati team."

The Buckeyes held the Bearcats to 273 total yards, marking the second straight week Ohio State held its opponent under 300 yards. And unlike the Aug. 31 win over Florida Atlantic, Ohio State did not allow Cincinnati to string together a pair of late-game touchdowns to make the game appear closer than it actually was.

"Last week, when some of the depth got in there, they went right down the field and scored on us, and that didn't sit well with those guys, so the challenge was not let them score," Day said. "To strip



ANDREW LIND

SILVER BULLETS FIRING ON ALL CYLINDERS – Ohio State and fifth-year senior defensive tackle Robert Landers held Cincinnati to less than 300 yards of total offense and kept them off the scoreboard in a 42-0 win on Sept. 7.

Columbus Mobility Specialists & CMS

Like Us On
facebook 



- Lowered Floor Vans - VMI
- Wheelchair Accessible Van Rentals
- Hand Controls
- Wheel Chair Lifts
- Stair Lifts
- Electronic Driving Controls
- Automotive Repairs
- Scooters for Sale or Rent

MENTION THIS AD FOR
\$15.00 OFF
YOUR NEXT SERVICE

Cannot be combined with any other offer.
One time usage. Expires 2/29/20

6330 Proprietors Rd., Suite C
Worthington, OH 43085
www.columbusmobility.com

Cell (614) 512-2216
Phone (614) 825-8996
Fax (614) 825-8997
lp@columbusmobility.com

OHIO STATE FOOTBALL TICKETS!

We have your seats to the season's hottest action!



For Your Ticket Connection Call:

DREAM SEATS
YOUR TOTAL TICKET SOURCE

1611 W. FIFTH AVE. COLUMBUS, OH 43212
(614) 340-8989

www.dreamseats.com

Home &
Away Games!

All NCAA & NFL
Games in Stock!

all events ★ all cities ★ all the time ★ all events ★ all cities ★ all the time ★ all events ★ all cities ★ all the time

COVER STORY

the ball out on the 1-yard line shows that we've got a backbone, shows that we're going to keep on fighting, and I thought that was a good sign for the defense."

Co-defensive coordinator Jeff Hafley echoed those sentiments, noting he challenged the defense to keep the Bearcats out of the end zone.

"A shutout to me at any level is so hard to get, and I think for the staff and for the players, I think it's special," Hafley said. "It's hard to shut out anybody, and I think

that's a good offense, so it's special. And it's hard to do."

Ohio State has now won 42 straight games against in-state opponents, dating back to a loss to Oberlin College in 1921. And while the Buckeyes were surely happy to dispatch the Bearcats with such ease, they enter Big Ten Conference play at Indiana on Sept. 14 relatively untested.

"I'm disappointed we couldn't give them a real game," Fickell said. "I'm sure they are in some ways, too."



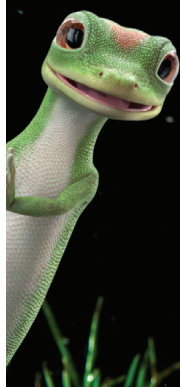
Starliner Diner
Now in Old Hilliard!

4121 Main Street • Hilliard 43026
614-529-1198 • starlinerdiner.com

SAVE WITH THE HOME TEAM.

Get a quote from your local **GEICO** office.

GEICO
Local Office

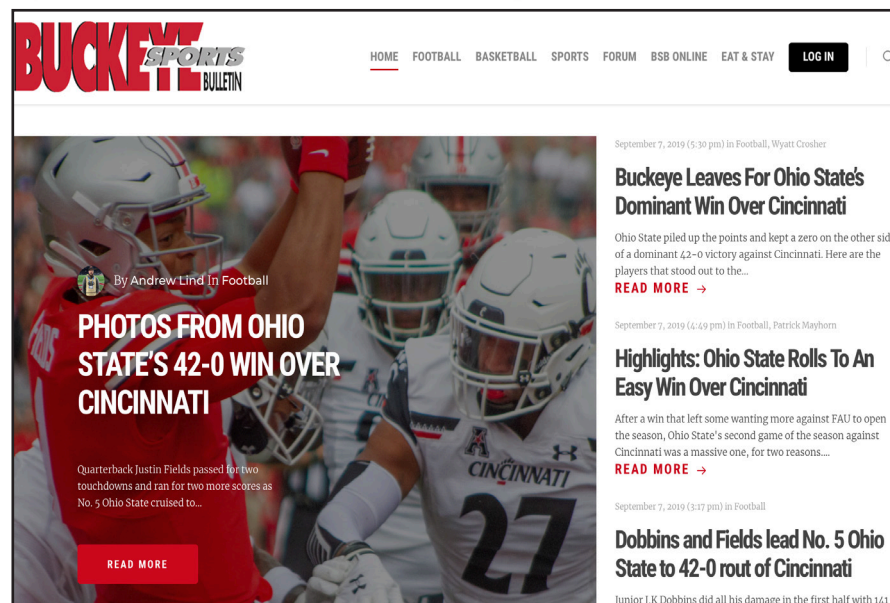


614-336-4240
7370 Sawmill Rd Columbus

Some discounts, coverages, payment plans and features are not available in all states or all GEICO companies. GEICO is a registered service mark of Government Employees Insurance Company, Washington, D.C. 20076; a Berkshire Hathaway Inc. subsidiary. GEICO Gecko image © 1999-2016. © 2016 GEICO.

SEE WHAT YOU'VE BEEN MISSING ON BUCKEYESPORTS.COM

Free To Print Subscribers



BUCKEYE SPORTS BULLETIN

HOME FOOTBALL BASKETBALL SPORTS FORUM BSB ONLINE EAT & STAY LOGIN

September 7, 2019 (5:30 pm) In Football, Wyatt Crosher

Buckeye Leaves For Ohio State's Dominant Win Over Cincinnati

Ohio State piled up the points and kept a zero on the other side of a dominant 42-0 victory against Cincinnati. Here are the players that stood out to the...

[READ MORE →](#)

September 7, 2019 (4:49 pm) In Football, Patrick Mayhorn

Highlights: Ohio State Rolls To An Easy Win Over Cincinnati

After a win that left some wanting more against FAU to open the season, Ohio State's second game of the season against Cincinnati was a massive one, for two reasons....

[READ MORE →](#)

September 7, 2019 (3:17 pm) In Football

Dobbins and Fields lead No. 5 Ohio State to 42-0 rout of Cincinnati

Junior I.K. Dobbins did all his damage in the first half with 141...

[READ MORE](#)

Buckeye Sports Bulletin has expanded its online presence to a full-service website to complement the 24 annual print editions. Access to BuckeyeSports.com is free to all print subscribers and includes numerous great features like:

- Daily features, analysis and breaking news stories
- A fan forum where readers can interact with the BSB staff and other subscribers while catching up on the latest Buckeye news
- Rosters, scholarship charts, schedules and commit lists for the football team to keep up to date with the Buckeyes
- Electronic versions of the BSB print editions
 - The BSB Quickly archive

To sign up for this free service send an email to subscriptions@buckeyesports.com and we will send you easy-to-follow instructions on how to enjoy reading Buckeye Sports Bulletin online

Running Back J.K. Dobbins Delivers Against UC

Coming off a game where he averaged just 4.3 yards per carry, Ohio State junior running back J.K. Dobbins left the victory against Florida Atlantic with a bad taste in his mouth.

Head coach Ryan Day noticed a peeved Dobbins throughout the week of practice leading up to the game against Cincinnati.

"J.K. was irritated all week," Day said. "Just the same kind of thing – nothing fit right last week, just didn't feel right."

GAME NOTEBOOK

Joe Dempsey

Dobbins said he didn't feel good against FAU and was displeased with his performance.

The talented tailback did not get down on himself, though, instead trusting his hard work that made him the first Buckeye back to rush for more than 1,000 yards in his first two seasons.

"Just don't press," Dobbins said of his approach to the game with UC. "Stay with the game plan and just realize I know how to run. I was a little more focused on me rather than anything else."

Sticking to the script, Dobbins excelled against the Bearcats. The 5-10, 217-pounder gained 141 yards on the ground on 17 carries – all in the first half of the 42-0 win.

The La Grange, Texas, native also scored two first-half touchdowns, including a gashing run that took the wind out of Cincinnati's sails. With 7:36 remaining until halftime, Dobbins took a carry to the left side, made a sharp cut and burst through the hole, accelerating for a 60-yard touchdown, giving Ohio State a 21-0 lead after the ensuing PAT.

Dobbins, as usual, was quick to praise the work of the offensive linemen who paved the way for his big game, particularly mentioning the gaping hole opened up by fifth-year senior guard Jonah Jackson and junior tackle Thayer Munford on the left side.

"It means a lot," he said of the play of the



ANDREW LIND

BACK ON TRACK – Ohio State junior running back J.K. Dobbins rushed for 141 yards and two touchdowns on 17 carries in the 42-0 win over Cincinnati. His 8.3 yards per carry were his highest since the 2017 Big Ten Championship game against Wisconsin (10.2 YPC).

offensive line. "I'm blessed and thankful for that. Hopefully they're behind me so I can create some more and put on a show some more. It was being patient off the block. Jonah and Thayer blocked well over there, the whole offensive line. The O-line is playing pretty good."

Dobbins' backfield mate, sophomore quarterback Justin Fields, liked what he saw from the junior captain and the big men up front.

"I think that kind of gave him a big dose of confidence, too," Fields said of Dobbins. "The O-line did a great job with the run game and pass game. It all starts up front."

One of those big men up front, sophomore center Josh Myers, emphasized how much it

meant to break Dobbins for a big-time run.

"We're so excited for him, and that's something our offensive line wanted for him really bad," Myers said of Dobbins. "We really wanted to get that really bad."

After going into halftime with a 28-0 lead, 141 rushing yards and one reception for 5 yards, it appeared Dobbins' day may have been done.

Redshirt freshman Master Teague and junior Demario McCall – the team's primary backup running backs – filled in for Dobbins to open the second half. However, after Teague was stopped for a 1-yard loss on first-and-goal from the Cincinnati 3, the coaches reinserted Dobbins.

Though it may have seemed like Dobbins

was put in to punch the ball in himself, Ohio State called a quarterback run, with the tailback as the lead blocker. Dobbins paved the way, laying out the UC defender, and Fields scored unscathed.

"J.K. told me before the play just follow me," Fields said. "So, I followed him, and we got in the end zone."

The All-Big Ten running back showed he is an all-purpose back, and perhaps more importantly, a team-first player.

"It was amazing," Dobbins said. "I honestly like doing a great block better than a touchdown run. It's a great feeling. It shows I can do more than run the ball."

Defense Stifles Bearcats

After a disappointing second-half performance defensively against FAU, Ohio State bounced back against Cincinnati.

The Buckeyes held the Bearcats to 273 yards, forced two turnovers and shut them out. Co-defensive coordinator Jeff Hafley lauded the performance of the players and his fellow coaches, satisfied with the way Ohio State closed the game out.

"When guys know what they're doing and they trust what they're doing, and they do it over and over and over again, they become confident," Hafley said. "When you don't know what you're doing, you're usually not confident. Our defensive staff did an incredible job today, along with our whole entire staff."

"Speaking defensively, I think the staff did a great job preparing them. We knew exactly what we were going to get, and our players were confident in that. They were confident in the technique, the scheme, and then you've just got to give those guys credit. They played fast and physical for the whole entire game today, and I think the players deserve a ton of credit."

Talented Cincinnati tailback Michael Warren was held to just 15 yards on 10 carries, and the entire Bearcat rushing attack managed only 107 rushing yards on 34 carries for a meager 3.1 average. Junior linebacker Tuf Borland, who recorded three tackles and an

Hole-In-One Commemorative Ring®

Celebrate that perfect shot

The ultimate reward for the ultimate achievement in golf.

Custom made in Gold or Silver
Includes your name and the date of the big event.

Call or stop by today

American Awards, Inc.
2380 Harrisburg Pike
614-875-1850
www.awardsohio.com

Game Analysis

What Worked Well

The Ohio State defense thrived against Cincinnati, allowing just 273 yards and holding the Bearcats scoreless. The Buckeyes stifled talented Cincinnati running back Michael Warren, who could muster only 15 yards on 10 carries. Overall Cincinnati gained just 107 rushing yards on 34 carries for a 3.1 average. The Buckeyes rushed the passer with great success, recording five sacks, including a strip sack by Shaun Wade. Ohio State also combined for seven tackles for loss, making it difficult for Cincinnati to gain any momentum offensively. In order to keep its shutout intact, the Ohio State defense also forced two turnovers in the red zone, including a Tuf Borland interception and a forced fumble by Dallas Gant.

What Didn't Work

It is difficult to find something wrong with the Buckeyes' 42-0 demolition of Cincinnati, but the kickoff unit could have been better. Junior kicker Blake Haubeil booted three kicks that were returned by the Bearcats. Haubeil placed one kickoff at the 8-yard line, but Bearcat returner Tre Tucker gained 19 yards to the UC 27 on the runback. Another one of Haubeil's

kicks came up short at the Cincy 12, but solid coverage downed Tucker at the 26. Ohio State's kickoff coverage struggled on a Haubeil kickoff down to the UC 8, where Tucker ran the ball back 30 yards to the Bearcat 38 before Haubeil brought him down. The Ohio State kicker botched his final kickoff, placing it out of bounds at the UC 12, giving the Bearcats the ball at the 35.

Play Of The Game

Ohio State started its second drive of the second quarter with the ball at its 39-yard line and 8:06 until halftime. Sophomore quarterback Justin Fields took a sack for a 4-yard loss to open the drive. On second-and-14, Cincinnati jumped offsides, setting up second-and-9 from the OSU 40. After taking the snap with 7:36 left, Fields handed the ball to J.K. Dobbins, and the junior running back broke the game open, dashing 60 yards down the Ohio State sideline to put the Buckeyes up 21-0 with the ensuing PAT. The team captain from La Grange, Texas, showed why he considers himself the best tailback in the nation, accelerating past the Cincinnati defense.

– Joe Dempsey

interception, was naturally glad to win but kept things in perspective.

"The expectations are to play at a high level, we know that," Borland said. "Obviously, we're very happy with the way things have gone the past couple of games, but at the same time we're not content. As a defense we have a lot to prove. These first two games aren't the way we want to be. They're steppingstones."

The Buckeyes recorded five sacks as a team, including 1½ from junior defensive end Chase Young. The All-Big Ten end from Hyattsville, Md., disrupted Cincinnati's offense from the start, wreaking havoc in the Bearcat backfield. Young was proud of the defense's performance and said it will be even better once Taron Vincent and Jonathon Cooper return.

"I feel we were clicking on all cylinders today, but I feel like the best is yet to come. We still have some little mistakes we can fix. If we can do that, we can be successful as well."

"We've got some guys down. When Coop comes back that's going to add another piece to the defense. We're still going to keep working and try to be the best we can be."

The suffocating defense of Ohio State also totaled seven tackles for loss, three pass breakups and two forced fumbles, along with Borland's interception.

Early in the second quarter, junior cornerback/safety Shaun Wade rushed off the edge and stripped Cincy quarterback Desmond Ridder from behind, but the Bearcats recovered. Then late in the fourth quarter, sophomore linebacker Dallas Gant stripped sophomore tailback Tavion Thomas at the OSU 1, and junior corner Marcus Williamson recovered, keeping the shutout intact.

Defensively, Ohio State played about as well as it could have against Cincinnati. According to Young, however, the best is yet to come.

"It definitely gives us a lot of confidence," Young said. "It definitely shows how good we can be because we still haven't reached our potential yet."

First TD For Wilson

True freshman wide receiver Garrett Wilson came to Ohio State from Austin (Texas) Lake Travis with sky-high expectations as a five-star recruit and the No. 2 wideout in the nation. Often those expectations can overwhelm a young student-athlete.

Wilson is not like most freshmen.

Day was impressed with how the young

wideout handled adversity in just his second game as a college athlete.

"Garrett had a mistake early in the game," Day said. "He could have gone in the tank, didn't, and came back, made a catch for us."

The catch Day alluded to marked the first of Wilson's career, and while more are sure to come, it was a memorable one. Facing third-and-8 from the Cincinnati 9-yard line with 1:59 until halftime, Fields threw a precision pass to the corner of the end zone, which Wilson hauled in for six.

"The touchdown to Garrett Wilson was off the charts," Day said. "That throw and catch

there, that was NFL material there. Top shelf – it's what we call the back of the end zone."

Wilson's snag had a certain "wow" factor, and the talented receiver may have caught those outside the program by surprise, but Fields and company have become accustomed to those types of plays from Wilson.

"For me and Garrett, and I think everybody else on the team, they know that's not a circus catch for Garrett. That's pretty much routine for him," Fields said. "He definitely has my trust. He gained all that in the spring and just this summer. When I saw that, I already knew he was going to catch the ball."



The Coffee's Always Ready,
Day Or Night.

Starbucks at John Glenn International
Locations In Every Concourse | Pre-Security Food Court Location Open 24 Hours



JOHN GLENN
INTERNATIONAL

FLYCOLUMBUS.com

Ohio State Rolls To Easy Win Over Cincinnati

By **CRAIG MERZ**
Buckeye Sports Bulletin Staff Writer

The Ohio State players and coaches were complimentary of the Cincinnati program under former Buckeye standout Luke Fickell heading into the Sept. 7 showdown in Columbus. They went so far as to say the Bearcats of the American Athletic Conference were more like a Big Ten team.

As it turned out on a brilliantly sunny afternoon, Cincinnati was indeed like a Big Ten school – Rutgers.

The No. 5 Buckeyes' 42-0 thrashing of their in-state rival was their first shutout since a 56-0 beatdown at Rutgers on Sept. 30, 2017, and the first at home since Oct. 1, 2016, also against Rutgers (58-0).

"It definitely gives us a lot of confidence," said OSU junior defensive end Chase Young. "It definitely shows how good we can be because we still haven't reached our potential yet."

Junior J.K. Dobbins did all his damage in the first half with 141 yards on 17 carries and two touchdowns, and sophomore quarterback Justin Fields had another big game.

Dobbins had TD runs of 4 and 60 yards when the Buckeyes (2-0) took a 28-0 halftime lead. He played sparingly in the second half and did not have a carry in the final two quarters before 104,089 fans in Ohio Stadium who enjoyed the 72-degree noon kickoff.

Fields followed a five-TD performance against Florida Atlantic in his OSU debut by running for two TDs and tossing two more. He was 20 of 25 passing for 224 yards and the two touchdowns and had nine rushes for 42 yards with two scores.

Ohio State has won 42 consecutive in-state games since a 7-7 tie with Wooster College in 1924 and has a 45-game in-state unbeaten mark since losing 7-6 to Oberlin in 1921.

It was a dour homecoming for Fickell, the former Ohio State nose tackle, assistant coach and for the 2011 season interim coach after the firing of Jim Tressel and before the hiring of Urban Meyer.

Quick Start

Ohio State got as far as the Cincinnati 34 on the opening drive, but a holding penalty against graduate left guard Jonah Jackson during a run by Fields stalled the effort and junior Drue Chrisman delivered a 38-yard punt that was downed at the 1 by sophomore Chris Olave.

UC gained 2 yards in three plays, and the Buckeyes took over at the Cincinnati 41 after junior Demario McCall's 3-yard punt return. OSU was mired in a third-and-8 when Fields scrambled for 12 and 10 more were added for defensive holding to put the ball at the 17.

Fields found senior Austin Mack at the right sideline for 10, and on the next play Fields kept the ball and ran up the middle

from the 7 for the score to make it 7-0 at 8:28 to finish the five-play series in 1:31.

OSU's next possession was also aided by a Bearcats' holding in the secondary. It came after a 26-yard pass to Hill, who made the grab at the Ohio State 48 but fumbled it back to the 44. The infraction moved the ball to the UC 46.

Later needing a yard on fourth down, Fields was stopped for no gain.

Cincinnati (1-1) was denied points early in the second quarter when Young blocked a 32-yard field-goal try by Sam Crosa. Graduate defensive back Damon Arnette recovered the ball and fumbled it before junior linebacker Tuf Borland again recovered for OSU at the 13.

"That was a big play in the game, kind of a momentum swing for us early," OSU coach Ryan Day said.

The Bearcats had driven deep with the help of a 25-yard pass from Desmond Ridder to Alec Pierce, a converted fourth down and a roughing-the-passer call on sophomore nose tackle Tommy Togiai.

OSU used 1:49 to go 87 yards in six plays for a 14-0 lead at 9:40 of the second quarter when Dobbins went through a gaping hole from the 4.

Fields had four completions for 59 yards on the drive. Senior wideout Binjimen Victor had two of them for 32 yards, Olave made a catch for 21 and Dobbins added a 24-yard run on the drive.

Dobbins increased the lead to 21-0 with his 60-yard sprint with 7:26 remaining before halftime. He took the handoff, cleared the line and veered left toward the end zone. It was the second-longest run of his career behind a 77-yarder vs. Wisconsin in 2017.

OSU was relentless and marched 88 yards in eight plays in 3:31 to go up 28-0 on the first career catch for true freshman Garrett Wilson. He reached over cornerback Cam Jefferies to snare the toss in the left corner for the 9-yard score with 1:53 remaining.

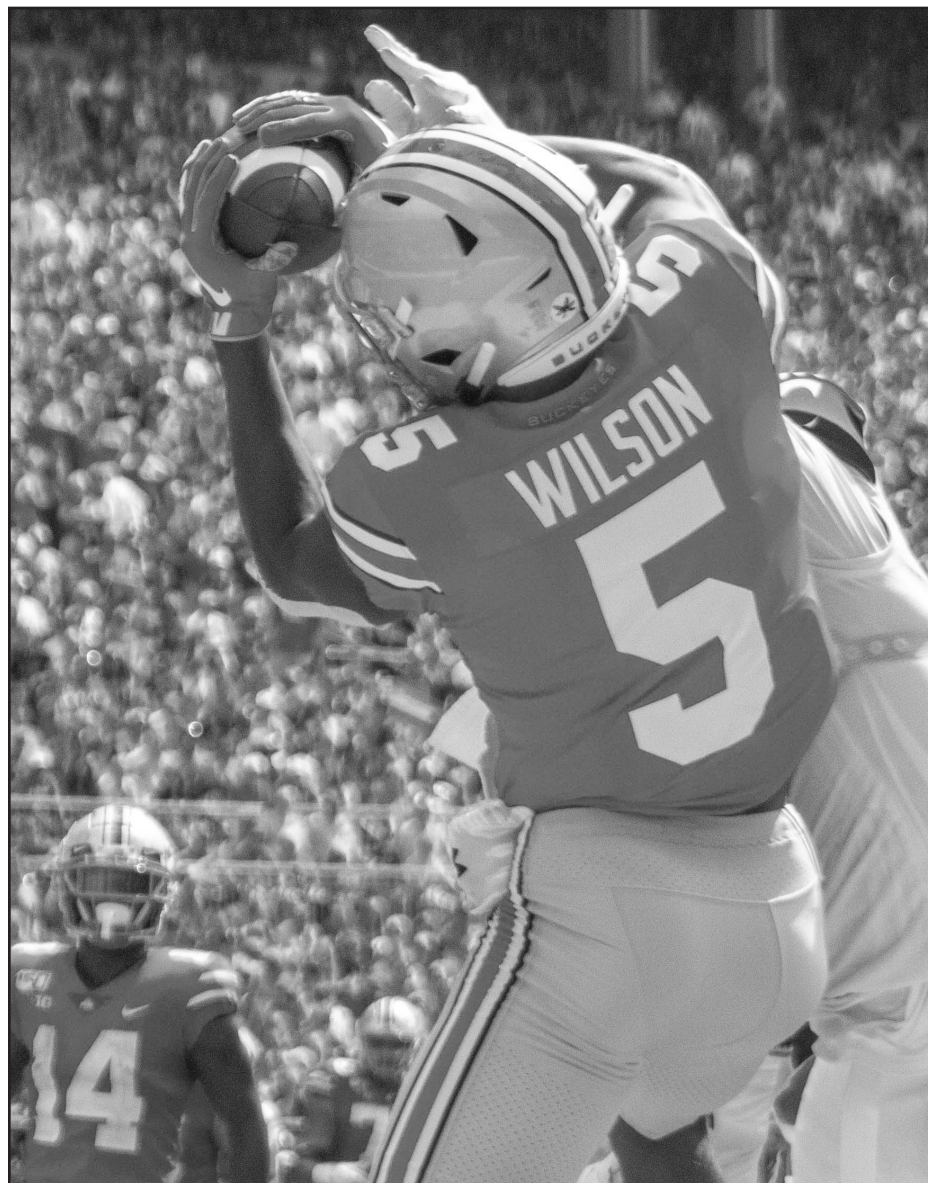
The key play in the drive was a 39-yard catch by Olave along the right sideline after Fields rolled right under pressure, setting the Buckeyes up at the UC 11.

OSU gained 356 yards with 20 first downs in the first half while the Bearcats had 108 yards and six firsts.

Finishing The Job

Redshirt freshman Master Teague did much of the work on a 54-yard scoring drive in the third quarter, but Dobbins returned and threw a block to spring Fields for a 4-yard run and a 35-0 advantage at the 3:32 mark of the third. Teague had runs of 12 and 13 yards in the nine-play trek that consumed 3:52.

Cincinnati reached the OSU 4 before the end of the quarter only to see the Buckeyes preserve the shutout when sophomore cornerback Shaun Wade popped receiver Rashad Medaris and Borland made the interception and took it 42 yards to the OSU 45.



ANDREW LIND

FIRST OF MANY – Freshman wide receiver Garrett Wilson caught his first career touchdown reception in the second quarter of Ohio State's 42-0 win over Cincinnati on Sept. 7.

The Buckeyes chewed up 55 yards in nine plays, using 4:27 to make it 42-0 at 11:30 of the fourth quarter when Hill made a nice catch for a 5-yard six-pointer. That would be the end of the day for Fields, who was replaced by graduate Chris Chugunov.

Cincinnati's last chance to score blew up when sophomore linebacker Dallas Gant forced Tavion Thomas to fumble at the OSU 1 and junior cornerback Marcus Williamson recovered in the end zone for a touchback with 2:35 left.

Gunnar Hoak replaced Chugunov for the final series in his OSU debut after transferring from Kentucky. The Buckeyes ran three plays for 18 yards including a 12-yard run by freshman Steele Chambers before Hoak took a knee at the OSU 36 to end the game.

Numbers

Ohio State had 508 total yards (238 passing, 270 running) while UC gained 273 (166, 107). The Buckeyes led in first downs 31-13.

The Bearcats were hurt by 10 penalties for 78 yards. OSU had two for 25.

Teague carried 11 times for 60 yards. Hill led in receptions with eight for 57 yards and a TD, and Victor's team-high 69 yards came on five catches.

Arnette topped the OSU defense with six tackles (three solo), and Young had 1½ of the Buckeyes' five sacks.

Cincinnati QB Desmond Ridder was 13 of 20 with an interception. His favorite target was Pierce with four catches for 93 yards. Thomas ran for 58 yards on 11 rushes.

TOPSOIL



VERY RICH PULVERIZED
OR UNPULVERIZED
"SOIL PLUS"

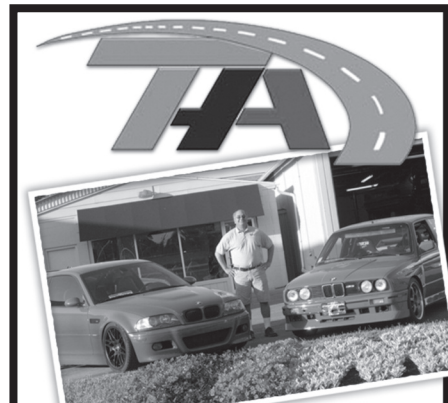
BLENDED SOIL WITH SAND and ORGANIC COMPOST
RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL
CRUSHED LIMESTONE, WASHED SAND & GRAVEL

ANY SIZE LOAD • IMMEDIATE DELIVERY ANYWHERE

Buy Where the Professionals Do • Delivered on Time - Every Time, It Doesn't Cost Any More!
Columbus' Largest

JONES FUEL COMPANY

350 Frank Road • 443-4611 • 1-800-TOPSOIL
www.jonestopsoil.com



Tom Hatem Automotive

*Serving all of Columbus'
European automotive repair needs
for over 23 years.*

www.HatemAutomotive.com
service@hatemautomotive.com

1407 West Fifth Avenue
Columbus, OH 43212

614-486-5277

The Numbers Game

Ohio State 42, Cincinnati 0

Sept. 7, 2019 – Ohio Stadium; Columbus, OH.

| Score by Quarters | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | F |
|-------------------|---|----|---|---|---|----|
| CINCINNATI (1-1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | – | 0 |
| OHIO STATE (2-0) | 7 | 21 | 7 | 7 | – | 42 |

First Quarter

OSU – Fields, 7 yard run (Haubeil kick), 8:28; 5 plays, 41 yards, 1:31 TOP.

Second Quarter

OSU – Dobbins, 4 yard run (Haubeil kick), 9:40; 6 plays, 87 yards, 1:49 TOP.

OSU – Dobbins, 60 yard run (Haubeil kick), 7:26; 2 plays, 61 yards, 0:40 TOP.

OSU – Wilson, 9 yard pass from Fields (Haubeil kick); 1:53, 8 plays, 88 yards, 3:31 TOP.

Third Quarter

OSU - Fields, 4 yard run (Haubeil kick), 3:32; 9 plays, 54 yards, 3:52 TOP.

Fourth Quarter

OSU – Hill, 5 yard pass from Fields (Haubeil kick), 11:30; 9 plays, 55 yards, 4:27 TOP.

Att. – 104,089

Weather – 72 degrees, mostly cloudy; wind NW 7 mph.

Team Statistics

| | Cincinnati | OSU |
|--------------------------|------------|---------|
| First Downs | 13 | 31 |
| Rushing | 7 | 13 |
| Passing | 5 | 13 |
| Penalty | 1 | 5 |
| Rushes-Yards | 34-107 | 46-270 |
| Passing Yards | 166 | 238 |
| Passes (Comp.-Att.-Int.) | 13-23-1 | 22-27-0 |
| Offensive Plays | 57 | 73 |
| Total Net Yards | 273 | 508 |
| Third Down Efficiency | 3-14 | 7-11 |
| Fourth Down Efficiency | 1-1 | 0-1 |
| Punts-Avg. | 8-41.9 | 3-43.0 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 2-1 | 2-0 |
| Penalties | 10-78 | 2-25 |
| Time of Possession | 28:39 | 31:21 |

Individual Statistics

RUSHING (Att.-Net Yds.) – UC: Thomas 11-58; Bryant 3-25; Warren 10-15; Montgomery 1-12; Ridder 9-(-3). **OSU:** Dobbins 17-141; Teague 11-60; Fields 9-42; Chambers 2-16; McCall 5-11; Crowley 1-2; Team 1-(-2).

PASSING (Comp.-Att.-Int.-Yds.-TD) – UC: Ridder 13-20-1-166-0; Bryant 0-3-0-0-0. **OSU:** Fields 20-25-0-224-2; Chugunov 2-2-0-14-0.

RECEIVING (Rec.-Yds.) – UC: Pierce 4-93; Deguara 3-46; Cloud 3-5; Geddis 1-13; Thomas 1-6; Medaris 1-3. **OSU:** Hill 8-57; Victor 5-69; Mack 3-24; Olave 2-60; Wilson 1-9; Gill 1-9; Dobbins 1-5; Harris 1-5.

PUNTING (No.-Avg.-Long) – UC: Smith 8-41.9-48. **OSU:** Chrisman 3-43.0-46.

PUNT RETURNS (No.-Yds.) – UC: None. **OSU:** Hill 3-25; McCall 1-3.

KICKOFF RETURNS (No.-Yds.) – UC: Tucker 3-61. **OSU:** McCall 1-25.

MISSED FIELD GOALS (Yds.) – UC: Crosa 0. **OSU:** None.

FORCED FUMBLES – UC: Hicks **OSU:** Gant, Wade.

FUMBLE RECOVERIES (No.-Yds) – UC: None. **OSU:** Williamson 1-0.

INTERCEPTIONS (No.-Yds.) – FAU: None. **OSU:** Borland 1-42.

SACKS (No.-Yds.) – UC: Wright 1.0-4. **OSU:** Young 1.5-11; Smith 1.0-7; Wade 1.0-7; White 1.0-1; Harrison 0.5-4

TACKLES FOR LOSS (No.-Yds.) – UC: Sanders 1.0-7; Wright 1.0-4; Tucky 1.0-3; Curtis 1.0-2; Pitts 1.0-1. **OSU:** Harrison 2.5-7; Young 1.5-11; Smith 1.0-7; Wade 1.0-7; White 1.0-1.

TACKLES (Solo-Asst.-Tot.) – UC: Forrest 6-1-7; Hicks 5-2-7; Jeffries 5-1-6; White 5-1-6; Pitts 3-3-6; Vann 3-2-5; Sanders 3-1-4; White 3-1-4; Bryant 3-1-4; Young 3-1-4; Brooks 2-2-4; Tucky 1-1-2; Dublanko 0-2-2; Pierce 1-0-1; Cloud 1-0-1; Taylor 1-0-1; McConnell 1-0-1; Ward 1-0-1; Beavers 1-0-1; Ponders 1-0-1; Brown 0-1-1. **OSU:** Arnette 3-3-6; Browning 4-1-5; Fuller 4-1-5; Harrison 2-3-5; Werner 0-5-5; Okudah 3-1-4; White 3-0-3; Proctor 2-1-3; Young 2-1-3; Riep 1-2-3; Borland 0-3-3; Gant 2-0-2; Smith 2-0-2; Mitchell 1-1-2; Stover 1-1-2; Jean-Baptiste 1-1-2; Hamilton 0-2-2; Wade 1-0-1; Haubeil 1-0-1; Wint 0-1-1; Cornell 0-1-1.

PLAYERS IN THE GAME – UC: Offense, Metz, Cooper, Robinson, James, Ferguson, Ridder, Warren, Deguara, Labelle, Huber, Taylor. Defense, Sanders, Ponder, Taylor, Pitts, Young, Wright, Beavers, Bryant, Forrest, Hicks, Jeffries. Reserves, Tucky, Tucker, Geddis, Thomas, Bryant, White, Pierce, Cloud, Ward, Medaris, Montgomery, Crosa, Smith, Dublanko, Vann, McConnell, Brooks, Jones, Brown. **OHIO STATE:** Offense, Fields, Dobbins, Mack, Victor, Hill, Farrell, Munford, Jackson, Myers, Jackson, Bowen. Defense, Young, Hamilton, Cornell, Friday, Werner, Borland, Browning, Harrison, Arnette, Okudah, Fuller. Reserves, Olave, Gill, Crowley, Gill, McCall, Teague, Chugunov, Wilson, Mitchell, Jean-Baptiste, Riep, Smith, Hill, Harris, Stover, Gant, Williamson, Chambers, Wint, Wade, White, Proctor, Chrisman, Haubeil.

Season Statistics

| 2019-20 Game-By-Game | | | |
|----------------------|---------------------|-------------|---------|
| Date | Opponent | Result/Time | Crowd |
| Aug. 31 | (5)FLORIDA ATLANTIC | 45-21 | 103,228 |
| Sept. 7 | (5) CINCINNATI | 42-0 | 104,089 |
| Sept. 14 | at Indiana | 12 p.m. | |
| Sept. 21 | MIAMI (OHIO) | TBA | |
| Sept. 28 | at Nebraska | TBA | |
| Oct. 5 | MICHIGAN STATE (18) | 7:30 p.m. | |
| Oct. 18 | at Northwestern | 8:30 p.m. | |
| Oct. 26 | WISCONSIN (14) | TBA | |
| Nov. 9 | MARYLAND (21) | TBA | |
| Nov. 16 | at Rutgers | TBA | |
| Nov. 23 | PENN STATE (13) | TBA | |
| Nov. 30 | at Michigan (10) | 12 p.m. | |

OSU's gameday AP ranking is in parentheses before the opponent, while the opponent's ranking is after the name.

| Team Statistics | | |
|-------------------------|-------|--------|
| | OSU | Opp |
| First Downs | 55 | 30 |
| Rushing | 27 | 11 |
| Passing | 22 | 17 |
| Penalty | 6 | 2 |
| Average Per Game/Rush | 237.5 | 64.5 |
| Average Per Game/Pass | 251 | 186 |
| Total Offense | 977 | 250.5 |
| Total Plays | 147 | 130 |
| Average Per Game | 73.5 | 65 |
| Average Per Play | 6.6 | 3.9 |
| Penalties-Yards | 9-87 | 15-113 |
| Fumbles-Lost | 4-2 | 4-1 |
| Third Down Efficiency | 14-25 | 8-31 |
| Percentage | 56% | 26% |
| Fourth Down Efficiency | 0-1 | 2-2 |
| Percentage | 0% | 100% |
| Sacks-Yards | 9-73 | 3-10 |
| Time Of Possession Avg. | 31:30 | 28:30 |

Score

| By Quarters | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | Tot. | Avg. |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|----|------|------|
| Ohio State | 35 | 21 | 14 | 17 | 0 | 87 | 43.5 |
| Opponents | 0 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 0 | 21 | 10.5 |

| Individual Statistics | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Rushing | Att. | Net | Avg. | TD | Long |
| J.K. Dobbins | 38 | 232 | 6.1 | 3 | 60 |
| Justin Fields | 21 | 103 | 4.9 | 3 | 51 |
| Master Teague | 19 | 109 | 5.7 | 0 | 21 |
| Demario McCall | 7 | 22 | 3.1 | 0 | 6 |
| Marcus Crowley | 5 | 29 | 5.8 | 0 | 8 |
| Steele Chambers | 2 | 16 | 8.0 | 0 | 12 |
| TEAM | 2 | -4 | -2 | 0 | -2 |
| OSU Totals | 94 | 507 | 5.4 | 6 | 60 |
| OPP Totals | 79 | 129 | 1.6 | 1 | 21 |

| Passing | Comp. | Att. | Pct. | Yds. | TD-INT | Effic. |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------|
| J. Fields | 38 | 50 | 76 | 458 | 6-0 | 192.5 |
| Chris Chugunov | 3 | 3 | 100 | 12 | 0-0 | 121 |
| OSU Totals | 41 | 53 | 77 | 470 | 6-0 | 156.8 |
| OPP Totals | 39 | 63 | 62 | 372 | 1-2 | 107.6 |

| Receiving | Rec. | Net | Avg. | TD | Long |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| K.J. Hill | 11 | 78 | 7.1 | 1 | 26 |
| Binjimen Victor | 7 | 134 | 19.1 | 1 | 33 |
| Chris Olave | 7 | 128 | 18.2 | 1 | 39 |
| Austin Mack | 5 | 45 | 9.0 | 0 | 12 |
| Jeremy Ruckert | 4 | 38 | 9.5 | 2 | 25 |
| J.K. Dobbins | 2 | 19 | 9.5 | 0 | 14 |
| Jaelen Gill | 2 | 7 | 3.5 | 0 | 9 |
| Demario McCall | 1 | 7 | 7.0 | 0 | 7 |
| Garrett Wilson | 1 | 9 | 9.0 | 1 | 9 |
| Jaylen Harris | 1 | 5 | 5.0 | 0 | 5 |
| OSU Totals | 41 | 470 | 11.5 | 6 | 39 |
| OPP Totals | 39 | 372 | 9.7 | 1 | 46 |

| Scoring | TD | EPK | EPR | EPRC | FG | PTS |
|-------------------|-----------|--------------|-----|------------|------------|-----------|
| Justin Fields | 3 | – | – | – | – | 18 |
| J.K. Dobbins | 3 | – | – | – | – | 18 |
| Blake Haubeil | – | 12-12 | – | – | 1-1 | 15 |
| Jeremy Ruckert | 2 | – | – | – | – | 12 |
| Binjimen Victor | 1 | – | – | – | – | 6 |
| Chris Olave | 1 | – | – | – | – | 6 |
| K.J. Hill | 1 | – | – | – | – | 6 |
| Garrett Wilson | 1 | – | – | – | – | 6 |
| OSU Totals | 12 | 12-12 | – | – | 1-1 | 87 |
| OPP Totals | 2 | 2-2 | – | 1-1 | 2-2 | 21 |

| FG Distance | 0-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ | Total |
|-------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Blake Haubeil | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| OSU Totals | 0-0 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 |
| OPP Totals | 2-2 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | 2-2 |

| Punting | No. | Yds. | Avg. | Bk | Long |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Drue Chrisman | 7 | 304 | 43.4 | 0 | 59 |
| OSU Totals | 7 | 304 | 43.4 | 0 | 59 |
| OPP Totals | 17 | 760 | 44.7 | 0 | 70 |

| Interceptions | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Long |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|----------|
| Tuf Borland | 1 | 42 | 42.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Josh Proctor | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| OSU Totals | 2 | 42 | 21.0 | 0 | 0 |
| OPP Totals | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |

| Punt Returns | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Long |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Demario McCall | 3 | 43 | 14.3 | 0 | 35 |
| K.J. Hill | 5 | 38 | 7.6 | 0 | 16 |
| OSU Totals | 8 | 81 | 10.1 | 0 | 35 |
| OPP Totals | 3 | 5 | 1.6 | 0 | 5 |

| Kickoff Returns | No. | Yds. | Avg. | TD | Long |
|-------------------|----------|-----------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| Demario McCall | 3 | 77 | 25.6 | 0 | 26 |
| Chris Olave | 1 | 15 | 15.0 | 0 | 15 |
| OSU Totals | 4 | 92 | 23 | 0 | 26 |
| OPP Totals | 5 | 91 | 18.2 | 0 | 30 |

| Def. Leaders | Solo | Ast. | Tot. | TFL-Yds. | Sacks |
|---|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|---------------|
| Jordan Fuller | 8 | 4 | 12 | – | – |
| Jeff Okudah | 7 | 3 | 10 | 1.0-1 | – |
| Malik Harrison | 5 | 5 | 10 | 4.5-22 | 1.5-17 |
| Pete Werner | 3 | 6 | 9 | 1.0-3 | – |
| Baron Browning | 6 | 3 | 9 | 1.0-1 | – |
| Chase Young | 5 | 3 | 8 | 3-28 | 3-28 |
| Brendon White | 5 | 1 | 6 | 2.0-3 | 1.0-1 |
| Damon Arnette | 3 | 3 | 6 | – | – |
| Tuf Borland | 2 | 4 | 6 | – | – |
| Jashon Cornell | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2.0-16 | 1.0-8 |
| Javontae Jean-Baptiste | 2 | 2 | 4 | – | – |
| Amir Riep | 2 | 2 | 4 | – | – |
| Antwuan Jackson | 3 | 0 | 3 | 1.0-2 | – |
| Robert Landers | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0.5-5 | 0.5-5 |
| Isaiah Pryor | 2 | 1 | 3 | – | – |
| Josh Proctor | 2 | 1 | 3 | – | – |
| OSU Totals | 80 | 48 | 128 | 19.0-97 | 9.0-73 |
| OPP Totals | 99 | 46 | 137 | 10.0-31 | 3.0-10 |
| Fumbles Forced: 4 – Jeff Okudah, Jashon Cornell, | | | | | |
| Dallas Gant, Shaun Wade. | | | | | |
| Fumbles Recovered: 1 – Marcus Williamson. | | | | | |

BSB Quotebook: Ohio State 42, Cincinnati 0

Ohio State head coach Ryan Day on the near pick-six by junior defensive end Chase Young: "I almost blew out my Achilles jumping up and down because I thought we had that. Still feel a little loose there. But Chase comes back with a blocked field goal, and anytime you have a chance for a blocked field goal, there's a chance it goes back. That was a big play in the game, kind of a momentum swing for us early."

Day on the wide receivers helping sophomore Justin Fields become a better quarterback: "We lost Terry (McLaurin) and Parris (Campbell) and Johnnie (Dixon) last year. It was a whole different crowd. This is a whole new group. Tight ends are involved with it. Running backs are involved with it."

"We're building and learning. You'll probably see more different pass combinations than we've had in the past. Last year was a lot more crossers than it is now. And we'll keep building that package as we go. But I think the receivers are doing a good job. The older guys are stepping up, and the young guys, we've got to keep bringing them along."

Day on if he watched Michigan's double-overtime win against Army: "No, no. We

were singing and dancing in the locker room."

Fields on what he thinks the potential of Ohio State is this season: "I think we can be as good as we want to be. If everybody stays focused, we limit the injuries on the team, I think we can do big things this year."

Young on if these first two games show the potential this Ohio State team has: "We've definitely seen sparks, we definitely feel like we've almost touched the surface of what we can be."

"I feel like if we just keep capitalizing on the mistakes that we made in past games that we can really be real good."

Ohio State linebacker junior Tuf Borland on his first career interception: "Shaun Wade made a great play on the ball, the defensive line got pressure, the ball popped up right into my lap, so that's kind of nice. So all-around team effort."

Young on if Borland gave him grief for the dropped interception: "Nah, I said, 'Tuf, you have better hands than me.'"

Ohio State co-defensive coordinator and secondary coach Jeff Hafley on Young's impact: "It's huge. I mean, you get

them behind the sticks or you get them to third down, and good luck. I mean, that's what it looked like today from upstairs. We pressured a little bit more than we had, we showed enough, but just watching that D-line get after it is awesome."

Hafley on the defense's performance in a shutout effort vs. Cincinnati: "Our guys came to play today. They played fast and physical for the entire game. They're playing with an edge to them, and they deserve a ton of credit."

Ohio State junior cornerback Jeff Okudah on earning a shutout against the Bearcats: "I think it's just a testimony of us doing what we set out to do, to be able to prove that Ohio State is not to be messed with."

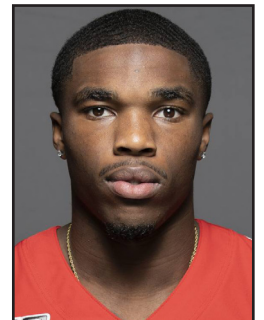
Cincinnati head coach Luke Fickell on his team's performance after being shut out against Ohio State: "These guys weren't prepared, and I'm the one who had to make sure they're prepared. We have a ways to go. We have a lot of things we can get better at. Big stages you have to play your best ball, whether it's big plays, handling the adversity. It's back to the grind for us."



Justin Fields



Chase Young



Jeff Okudah

NEWLY RENOVATED—VISIT NOW!



PRESENTED BY

Dinsmore

KIDS EXPLORE FREE

It's a great place to be a kid! Kids age 12 and under can now explore the Reds Hall of Fame and Museum for FREE, courtesy of the H. C. S. Foundation. Bring the whole family and experience Reds history today!

*Kids Explore Free not valid for school groups and other groups of 10 or more. Please call (513) 765-7923 for more information on these groups.



REDSMUSEUM.ORG



@REDSMUSEUM



REDS MUSEUM



@REDSMUSEUM

Chrisman Gets Kick From Having Fun, Punting

By CRAIG MERZ
Buckeye Sports Bulletin Staff Writer

Ohio State junior punter Drue Chrisman is known for his offbeat ways which include numerous viral videos about his ability to flip water bottles and making them land upright on various objects.

He also gained famed for proposing to girlfriend Avery Eliason on the field at halftime of the 2019 spring game when she thought she was going to participate in a field-goal kicking contest.

Of course, Chrisman's Twitter followers (numbering 13,019 as of Sept. 5) knew about Eliason by following Chrisman's T-shirt each August when the Buckeyes moved into their off-campus hotel to begin fall practice.

His first year as a freshman he wore one that read "I (heart) Mormon girls." A year later it was more specific: "I (heart) my Mormon girlfriend," and finally this year it was "I (heart) my Mormon fiancée."

If it sounds like Chrisman (6-3, 220) enjoys himself, he does. But when it comes to performing when it matters, the Cincinnati LaSalle product is all business.

He was a semifinalist his first two seasons for the Ray Guy Award as the best collegiate punter, and he's on the preseason watch list again.

He was third-team All-Big Ten last year when the Buckeyes were sixth nationally in net punting average at 41.8 yards. He averaged 43.2 yards per punt with a long of 65. He dropped 29 punts inside the 20, the second most in school history.

In this season's Aug. 31 opener against Florida Atlantic he put two of his four punts inside the 20 and had a long of 59 yards for a 43.8-yard average. The net punt average was 42.5 from 5 yards on three returns, and that bothered Chrisman.

"We put a lot of emphasis on net," he said Sept. 3. "A lot of guys look at average, but we want zero return yards. We gave up a couple (returns) last game, so I'm kind of upset about that."

The Lawrenceburg, Ind., native admitted he enjoyed being able to air one against Florida Atlantic rather than look to place the ball. He punted from the OSU 37 to the Owls' 4, and there was no return.

"I really tried to boot one. I finally saw some field in front of me and let it rip," he said. "I definitely tried to drive that one."

The Ohio State defense held FAU to a three-and-out to force a punt, and the Buckeyes took over at their own 48 and marched 10 plays for a touchdown to make it 35-6.

It was another reminder of how a good punter can make a difference. Most notably Chrisman put five second-half punts inside the 6-yard line at Michigan State last season, which led to nine points to increase a precarious 7-6 lead in the 26-6 victory.

Chrisman said his greatest satisfaction is pinning a team inside the 10.

"That's what I strive for, the closest I can get them to the goal line," he said. "I know our defense it going to stop them. Then we'll get the ball back around

midfield. That's just a plan to win right there. Just playing downhill all the time. Anytime I can pin them back and on their heels, that's when I love it."

Chrisman said it's too early to compare where he is to other punters nationally.

"I'll hear about it later in the season," he said. "Everybody's kind of up and down, but near the end of the season you see guys coming to the top. I try not to focus on it too much. I try to focus on myself."

Urban Meyer was not only Chrisman's head coach his first two seasons but also oversaw the special units. With Meyer's retirement, new head coach Ryan Day brought in Matt Barnes from Maryland to take over the special teams, but Chrisman hasn't noticed a difference in expectations.

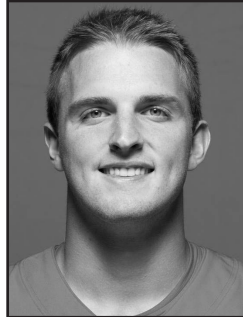
"It's Ohio State," he said. "That's the tip of our spear. We put a lot of emphasis on it. It hasn't changed one bit. Coach Barnes has done a great job. Coach Day is involved in the kicking unit as well. There's been no drop-off."

As good as Chrisman is, it takes 10 other players to have a successful punt unit, beginning with graduate long snapper Liam McCullough.

"A really bad snap is anything that's really not on Drue's waist," McCullough said.

He also handles the snaps for junior kicker Blake Haubeil with Chrisman doing the holding. The trio have worked together the past three seasons and have developed chemistry.

"It comes down to being as consistent as possible and getting repetitions because when I'm getting that work in that's part of my preparation," Haubeil said. "It's helping with my confidence. It's very important for Liam, me and Drue to be in sync."



Drue Chrisman

Practicing away from the offense and defense in their own little world has enabled the trio to forge a friendship, one that helped Chrisman pull off his marriage proposal to the unsuspecting Eliason.

"We like to have fun, but we take our jobs just as serious, if not more serious, than anybody in the country," McCullough said.

That extends to the offseason. Haubeil talked in August about his extensive stretching routine every day to stay limber.

Chrisman traveled to Birmingham, Alabama, to attend training sessions at One on One Kicking, an organization that's helped produce four Ray Guy Award winners.

Once Chrisman gets the snap from McCullough and puts his right foot on the ball, it's up to the gunners lined up wide to get downfield as quickly as possible to make tackles or, in the best-case scenario, down the ball without a return.

"That's a really important position that nobody was going to talk about, but it's huge for us," Day said. "It won us the Michigan State game."

Those gunners are usually from the wide receivers or defensive backs units and include some of the most gifted players on the team.

"That means a lot," Chrisman said. "People say it all the time, we put our best people on special teams. We're going to put our best athletes out there running downfield and causing a fair catch. It gives you a lot of confidence seeing the guys on the outside knowing that if you have a low hang time they're still going to be in their face. It takes a lot of pressure off me."

Terry McLaurin, a rookie with the Washington Redskins, was as good as there was at the gunner spot, so the Buckeyes have been looking for a suitable

replacement.

"I loved Terry," Chrisman said. "He was probably the best in the business, but it seems like every year we have another guy step up and fill that role. There's shoes to be filled, but our guys are doing really well at it."

Sophomore receiver Chris Olave has moved to the forefront.

"Johnnie Dixon, Parris Campbell and Terry, they all set the standard for the receiving room to play on special teams and on offense," Olave said. "I'm just following their lead, and hopefully I can get on that level one day. I love special teams. I want to be on the field to make an impact on all teams. Whenever I get on the field, I try to do what it takes to win."

The best part of being on the punt unit? "Playing downhill, pinning them inside the 20," Olave said.

Chrisman said communication is key in making sure everyone is on the same page.

"Especially later in the game if you need a big punt, you want to reach them on the sideline before they go out there and say, 'We need you here. I don't care if you're tired or anything, we've got to get this one,'" he said.

The Buckeyes' second game of the season vs. Cincinnati at Ohio Stadium on Sept. 7 was special for Chrisman.

"Certainly, being from Cincinnati, everybody's going to be watching even more than other weeks," he said.

He was not offered by the Bearcats and said many of his friends followed OSU.

"I remember when I started getting recruited by Ohio State, a lot of them were pushing for Ohio State," he said. "There were a lot of Buckeye fans at the school I went to, but I'm sure there's just as many Cincinnati fans."

Against Cincinnati on Sept. 7, he had three punts for a 43.0 average. Two punts were downed inside the 10-yard line, and he was named Ohio State's special teams player of the week as a result.



First Merchants Bank has all the financial banking tools to make your life as efficient as possible. For more information, please call 614.583.2200 or check us out at FirstMerchants.com.

COMMERCIAL BANKING | PERSONAL BANKING | PRIVATE WEALTH

Investment Management solutions provided by First Merchants Private Wealth Advisors may not be FDIC insured, are not deposits of First Merchants Bank, and may lose value. Investments are not guaranteed by First Merchants Bank and are not insured by any government agency.



GENBNK-ADPR-OhioBuckeyes-1118

Sky-High Expectations Surround Jeff Okudah

By WYATT CROSHER
Buckeye Sports Bulletin Staff Writer

Expectations are not a new thing for Jeff Okudah.

When the cornerback from South Grand Prairie High School in Grand Prairie, Texas, committed to the Buckeyes, he was a consensus five-star prospect, the No. 8 overall recruit and the No. 1 cornerback in the country for the 2017 class.

And Okudah's first season wasn't a breakout year, but it served as a strong start. The true freshman found time in all 14 games, finishing the 2017 campaign with 17 tackles, a pass breakup and a fumble recovery.

But Okudah was not fully healthy throughout that season, battling with a labrum injury that required surgery between his freshman and sophomore years.

With shoulder surgery in the rearview mirror, Okudah showed even more flashes a season ago, even with veteran corners Damon Arnette and Kendall Sheffield being the top options. Okudah finished the year with eight pass breakups, which tied Sheffield for the team lead, 34 tackles and another fumble recovery.

Okudah, now a junior and one of the highest-rated corners in college football to start the season, said he thinks he came into his own down the stretch of the 2018 season.

"We had a stretch where we played Michigan State, Maryland, Michigan and Northwestern, Washington, so that stretch of playing those good teams, I think I was able to really just finally break through," Okudah said. "I think that stretch just carried on to the spring. (New co-defensive coordinator and secondary coach Jeff) Hafley has helped me with some technical stuff, and then now coming to the season I feel more comfortable than ever."

After missing the game against Nebraska on Nov. 3 due to a groin injury – the only game Okudah has missed to this

point in his collegiate career – Okudah had five of his eight breakups in the final five games of his sophomore season, but none of his performances stood out as much as his one in the Rose Bowl.

Against Washington, Okudah was dominant, finishing with five tackles, which matches his high at Ohio State, and two pass breakups while looking consistently impressive in shutting down the Huskies' wide receivers.

That game, as well as his entire body of work at Ohio State, has brought those expectations Okudah has always had up to entirely new levels.

"I wouldn't say I arrived. I think I'm just getting better and just more confident in my abilities," Okudah said. "When you're able to go out there and just not worry about your strength or my shoulder, it's just going out there and playing full speed, and I just need to be able to keep doing that every week consistently."

The heightened expectations put on Okudah by the masses can be seen in predictions for the 2020 NFL draft. CBS Sports' Ryan Wilson had him at the end of the first round at pick 32. ESPN's Mel Kiper moved Okudah up into the middle of the first round at No. 15. Walter Football's Charlie Campbell had the cornerback all the way up to No. 10. ESPN's Todd McShay had Okudah at No. 4.

For now, Hafley said Okudah cannot think about any of that, at least not with so much of the season left to play.

"Here's what I tell Jeff: 'It's one day at a time. Projections don't mean anything,'" Hafley said. "He's got to go out and prove it every single day."

With Hafley comes a new system that is less reliant on press-man coverage, which is something that may allow Okudah to show off more of his ability.

"When you just play so much press man, you kind of really don't realize the toll it puts on your body over the course of a 14-game season, like just running back and forth and just always being fatigued," Okudah said. "I think the biggest change



ANDREW LIND

BEST IN AMERICA – Junior corner Jeff Okudah could very well be Ohio State's next first-round pick at defensive back.

is I'm able to just play my speed more, my ability to break on the ball."

This was seen in the Buckeyes' opener

against Florida Atlantic, where Okudah finished the game with six tackles (a new game high for the junior corner), a pass

Let our friendly staff take care of you before, during & after the game.

Enjoy your favorite team on our many HD flat-screen TVs

Shade RESTAURANTS

NFL Ticket

NFL Ticket

Friends, Fun & Great Food!

Shade on the Canal
19 S. High St.
Canal Winchester
614-837-9873

Shade on 30th St.
850 S. 30th St.
Heath
740-788-9287

Shade on State St.
994 E State St.
Athens
740-566-1009

Help BSB Grow

Loyal Buckeye Sports Bulletin readers frequently ask us what they can do to help keep BSB vibrant in this increasingly electronic age. One of the things readers can do is introduce BSB to new readers who might find our Ohio State sports content interesting.

In order to help you do that, we are offering an opportunity to send four free trial issues to potential subscribers. We will then offer your potential subscriber a very special offer to get them to join the fold of loyal Buckeye Sports Bulletin readers.

We are also offering a special \$19.95 subscription rate for gifts for our service men and women. It's nice to send a little bit of home to those all over the world who are protecting us. Don't forget to include an APO address when applicable and remember, any subscription includes electronic access to BSB, so our Buckeyes in uniform will be able to enjoy their BSB immediately, wherever they are.

This four free trial issue offer is not good for current subscribers. This offer is to introduce readers to Buckeye Sports Bulletin. You can conveniently email your names and addresses to subscriptions@buckeyesports.com or mail them to P.O. Box 12453, Columbus, Ohio, 43212.

OHIO STATE FOOTBALL

breakup and both his first tackle for loss and first forced fumble in his collegiate career.

The performance was a good start, but Okudah said that it will take more than a good start, both for his season and in every game that Ohio State plays on the defensive side of the ball.

"Coach Hafley was telling us that that's one of the best first halves of defense that he's seen, but I think the next step is to be able to go four quarters and really just show that the Silver Bullets are back," he said.

In his second performance of the season, Okudah racked up four tackles, three of which were solo tackles, helping Ohio State's defense dominate on all fronts in a 42-0 victory against Cincinnati. In that game, junior linebacker Tuf Borland secured his first collegiate interception. Okudah did not.

With a "1" being added to two defensive categories for Okudah in the opening game of his junior season, there is one more "0" that will continue to be a point of focus as his season continues on.

"I'm not leaving here with zero interceptions on a stat sheet," Okudah said.

Under Hafley's system, Okudah will get plenty of opportunities to find that first career interception. For the newly acquired coach, who is coming from multiple years of experience with cornerbacks at a professional level, there are certain characteristics from those NFL players that he sees in Okudah. And none of the characteristics that Hafley said specifically have to do with the talent that Okudah possesses.

"What separates him from other people is his mind-set, and that's what the great ones have," Hafley said. "That's what he

does. He works."

Okudah talks to Hafley all the time about managing expectations, the secondary coach said, but for the cornerback who is showing up as high as fourth on the names of major analysts' draft boards, he has looked to Hafley for more than just helping him take it game by game.

"He just lets me know that if I perform within his system and do what he tells me to do, that I have a chance to be a great player," Okudah said. "That's all I need is a chance."

The chance that Okudah has this season is to be the next member of the Ohio State secondary to be a first-round pick. In recent years, it has been a strong trend, with Malcolm Jenkins, Bradley Roby, Eli Apple, Marshon Lattimore, Malik Hooker, Gareon Conley and Denzel Ward all being selected in the first 32 picks over the past 10 NFL drafts.

Further than that, the majority of those names have become major difference-makers in their respective defensive schemes. Okudah is aware of this, and he knows that the expectation is now on him. There are no more freshman growing pains to go through, no more veterans taking snaps away from him, he is simply the guy in the Buckeyes' secondary.

That doesn't mean he is alone, as Arnette is there as a fifth-year safety net, as are senior safety Jordan Fuller, junior safety Brendon White and a bevy of backups who also hold plenty of potential.

But Okudah is ready for the breakout season many are predicting for him in 2019. And with two games down, those five-star, top-corner-in-the-class level of expectations don't look to be too far off three years later.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!



PRESENTED BY
Dinsmore

New for 2019, the Reds Hall of Fame and Museum is proud to announce **FREE** general admission for all active and retired military personnel, courtesy of the Sargent Family Foundation.

Visit  REDSMUSEUM.ORG for more information.

*Does not include collectible gift



*Best taco
Al Pastor
in the City!*



**MULTIPLE TV'S
TO WATCH THE GAMES**

**DUBLIN • 7370 Sawmill Rd.
614-726-9185**

Serving Alcohol with Full Bar

Sun-Thurs | 11am-12am • Fri & Sat | 11am-1am

**Columbus • 5221 Godown Rd.
614-538-0211**

Sun - Thur | 11am - 12am • Fri & Sat | 11am - 1am

**Gahanna • 1376 Cherry Bottom Rd.
614-471-4717**

Mon-Sun | 11am - 11pm

Jashon Cornell's Versatility Shines For Buckeyes

By JOE DEMPSEY
Buckeye Sports Bulletin Staff Writer

Jashon Cornell came to Ohio State as the No. 7 strongside defensive end in the country, the No. 1 prospect in Minnesota and a consensus top-100 recruit nationally.

Due to a variety of reasons, including the Buckeyes' immense defensive line depth, position switching, a hernia and a sprained ankle, Cornell did not meet his lofty expectations in his first few seasons.

Throughout his first three seasons on the field, Cornell primarily played defensive end, recording seven tackles for loss and three sacks.

Entering the 2019 campaign as a fifth-year senior, Cornell moved to defensive tackle, playing the three-technique full time. Many veteran players would be opposed to a position switch so late in their careers, but Cornell welcomed the transition.

"It feels good to be back at three-tech. I feel like that's my position," Cornell said. "I can hold it down at the three-tech. I feel like with my pass-rush ability and run-stopping ability, I feel like I am a three-technique."

Associate head coach and defensive line coach Larry Johnson noticed an improved Cornell throughout camp and spoke about the position change Aug. 8.

"He's been around, he knows the system now, and now this is the last shot," Johnson said. "He's got a chance to be the three-technique, and I think he sees the goal now and what can be possible. He's got all the tools. He's everything you thought he would be, so now it's about doing it on the field."

Not long after Cornell raved about how he felt at home at the three-technique and Johnson praised him for his job in that role, the Buckeyes lost multiple significant contributors to injury.

Starting defensive end Jonathon Cooper, reserve ends Tyreke Smith and Tyler Friday and defensive tackle Taron Vincent all suffered undisclosed injuries, holding them out of Ohio State's season



ANDREW LIND

WHATEVER IS ASKED – Fifth-year defensive lineman Jashon Cornell tallied five tackles (three solo), two tackles for loss, one sack and one forced fumble through two games at end and tackle.

opener against Florida Atlantic. With four key members of the defensive line sidelined, Johnson turned to his versatile veteran to help the team.

"We thought about it for a little bit, if we were going to move him or not," Johnson said. "The first thought was not to move him because he'd played so well at the three-tech position. But we felt going into the game the first time, we didn't want a

freshman to start at that position because they're a running team, so we had a conversation with Jashon."

Johnson had to approach Cornell for what may have been a difficult conversation because of how far the St. Paul, Minn., native had come to gain a firm grasp on the three-tech position.

"I wasn't disappointed," Cornell said. "It's next man up. You can't be selfish.

We're a family around here. Once a guy goes down and you need help, I'm here for you. I didn't think about myself. I thought about the team. If the team needed me to play defensive end this week, I was going to play defensive end."

A team-first attitude is invaluable, but more than selflessness is necessary to switch positions at the FBS level. Cornell's intelligence and attention to detail allowed

Tickets To Events Anywhere

Concerts • Theatre • Sporting Events

MAIN EVENT
TICKET SERVICE

"Your Ticket Solution"



(614) 488-9957 • 888-842-5877

www.ticketsohio.com

1350 W. Fifth Ave., Ste. 24

We Buy OSU Football Tickets!

OSU Football & Basketball
Cleveland Browns
Blue Jackets
Nationwide Arena
Schottenstein Arena
NFL • NBA • NHL

Press
Pub + on 5th
GOOD FOOD + FINE DRINKS

Voted one of Columbus' Best Places to Eat at the Bar

Open for lunch daily!

1505 W. 5TH AVE.
NEAR GRANDVIEW AVE.
614-817-1198

MON - THU: 11:00 AM TO 11:30 PM
FRI - SAT: 11:00 AM TO 1:30 AM
SUN: NOON TO 11:30 PM
KITCHEN 'TIL 1/2 HOUR BEFORE CLOSE NIGHTLY

741 N. HIGH ST.
IN THE SHORT NORTH
614-298-1014

MON - SAT: 11:30 AM TO 2:30 AM
SUN: NOON TO 2:30 AM
KITCHEN 'TIL 1 AM NIGHTLY

fine drinks

~ PRESSCOLUMBUS.COM ~

him to be ready when his number was called.

"I know the playbook, so I already knew what the defensive end was doing because I played next to Coop so I know what he's doing," Cornell said. "It gave me an advantage because with me knowing what the guy next to me is doing, it helped me transition so much easier."

Cornell defined the Buckeyes' "next man up" mantra in his return to defensive end against FAU, recording four tackles (three solo), one sack and two TFL and forcing a fumble. His performance was not lost among his teammates, with junior defensive end Chase Young saying he always knew Cornell had it in him.

Fellow fifth-year senior Damon Arnette, a cornerback, admired Cornell's readiness to make an impact when given the opportunity.

"Part of our culture is called competitive excellence," Arnette said. "When your number is called, what are you going to do when you get in? And Jashon definitely stepped up to his challenge and his calling, and I'm very proud of him."

Although Cornell excelled during the 32 snaps he took at defensive end against FAU, Johnson wanted to move him back to take advantage of his abilities at the three-technique.

"I prefer him back at the three-technique position because my philosophy, our three-technique has to be a great pass rusher," Johnson said. "Jashon brings a different level at that position. We're going to move him back and continue to go forward."

Part of what makes Cornell such an effective pass rusher is his deceptive athleticism and speed. The 6-3, 285-pound D-lineman chased down a jet sweep across the field against FAU, looking more like a

linebacker than a lineman.

"It just shows I like to get off the ball," Cornell told BSB of the play. "I can run fast – I'm sneaky fast. I look like a big guy out there, but I can take off when I need to."

Displaying hustle and determination helps make those plays, but effort alone cannot make plays at the FBS level. Johnson also took note of Cornell's exceptional speed as a defensive lineman, particularly one who plays in the interior.

"He can run, he's a 4.65 guy in the 40-yard dash, so he's got the speed," Johnson said. "He does a really good job in the running game. Now it's just become a transitional pass rusher. That means you've got to learn how to counter moves, and that's what we're working on. If he gets that, he's got a chance to have a good season."

Someone who has had the firsthand displeasure of blocking the versatile Cornell is starting left tackle Thayer Munford.

"He's a man of many talents, for real," Munford told BSB of Cornell. "He can actually go speed, and you don't really expect him to go speed how he's built. So, when he goes speed, you get caught off guard."

Cornell has enjoyed success rushing off the edge in the past, including a sack for minus-7 yards in the Rose Bowl against Washington and his strip sack against FAU. However, he thinks his pass-rushing ability shines more on the inside.

"My pass-rush ability is so much better as a three-technique," Cornell said. "I have free will to bull rush, long arm, go outside on the edge, rush inside – I have so many more opportunities with my pass-rush ability."

Although it may seem like the congestion of big bodies among the interior of the line would make it more difficult to

operate, Cornell prefers to rush from the three-tech spot than from the edge.

"Outside, we have to worry about containment coming off the edge," Cornell said. "Inside, you have the will to come inside or outside, so I can rush the offensive guard inside or I can rush him outside. I have more opportunities to use more moves."

Depth has become a staple of the Ohio State defensive line, which prides itself on full-speed reps and keeping the big men up front fresh.

"It's about how we can do it as a whole," Cornell said when asked of his position's production. "The three-technique, we're here to wear the offensive guard out. When one guy goes out, the next guy that goes in should be better."

Junior Haskell Garrett and sophomore Taron Vincent rotated with Cornell throughout camp as the Buckeyes' three-technique trio. While they are competing for playing time, Cornell said the group is really honest with each other and not afraid to help one another.

"It will help us a lot because you can never take a day off because the guy behind you is on your tail," Cornell said. "We're pushing each other to get better. We critique each other on every single thing we do, because if we don't, we're not going to be great players."

It is not common for a fifth-year player to emerge as a starter and make an impact after an underwhelming first four years in a program. However, Cornell altered his focus, graduated with a degree in family resource management and turned all his attention to football.

"The biggest difference from last year to this year is I've been doing a really good

job of taking care of my body and my mental," Cornell said. "If you take care of your mental, stuff on the field comes easier. If you take care of your body, you feel good waking up from the practice."

Spending extra time in the training room and film room while improving his diet, Cornell approaches Ohio State football like a profession, and his teammates have noticed a difference.

"In the past few years, he doesn't get tired as much anymore," Munford told BSB. "He just goes hard, and when he goes hard and the offensive line is tired, you can see it on film."

Experiencing both success and tough times, Cornell has gained valuable perspective during his Buckeye tenure.

"I believe everything happens for a reason," Cornell said. "God put me in this place, put me in a situation right now for me to be successful. I feel if I haven't – I've been moving around here and there – it's because I haven't been doing what I was supposed to be doing."

"Last year was a need for me to be at defensive end. And now the need is for me to be at three-technique, and I'm enjoying being at three-technique."

Back at the three-technique healthier and hungrier than ever before, Cornell is motivated to leave his mark on the Ohio State program.

"I always have a chip on my shoulder," Cornell said. "I've been forgotten. Coach J is like, 'They don't know what's coming.' The storm is coming because they forget about Ohio State defensive linemen. We reload, reload, reload every year. I feel like the storm is coming because we have something to prove."

The Ohio State University Alumni Association

GUIDE YOUR CAREER

3,200+

active employers working with Alumni Career Connection

4,500+

AlumniFire members ready to network

The Buckeye Network reaches **9,000+** active members on LinkedIn

BOND WITH FELLOW BUCKEYES

Join one of **121** Regional Clubs

Connect with one of **48** Societies supporting your interests



Attend special events—**168** hosted in FY16

PAY FORWARD



More than **150** volunteer projects done by Buckeyes in 2016

TRAVEL THE WORLD

Join one of **30+** trips with Alumni Tours



GET SOCIAL

Follow along to stay up to date with The Ohio State University Alumni Association



32,515 Likes



34,300 Followers



540,000+ alumni across the globe



YOU'RE A BUCKEYE FOR LIFE

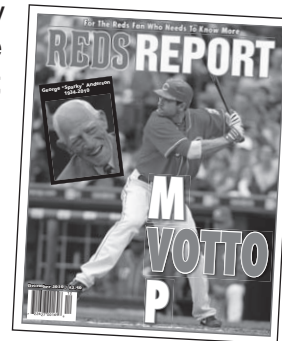


THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

REDS FANS!

Follow The Reds Year-Round In Reds Report

Reds Report is must reading for every Reds fan. Each information-filled issue includes player features; historical articles; extensive minor league coverage with features on top prospects, complete statistics and farm club updates; box scores and game summaries for every Reds game; complete team and individual statistics; a Reds memorabilia section and much more.



1 Year (12 issues) — \$44.95

Send to: Reds Report • P.O. Box 12453 • Columbus, Ohio 43212

- ☐ Please send me a one-year (12 issues) subscription to **Reds Report** for \$44.95.
- ☐ My check or money order is enclosed. Check # _____
- ☐ Charge to my: ☐ Discover ☐ MC ☐ Visa ☐ AMEX

Exp. Date _____

Card No. _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

For Faster Service On Credit Card Orders Call

1-800-760-2862

Hall Of Fame Inductees Humbled By Honor

By JOE DEMPSEY
Buckeye Sports Bulletin Staff Writer

Ohio State inducted 10 Buckeyes into the Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame on Sept. 6.

The 2019 class includes Boyd Cherry (football), Justin Fry (baseball), Jim Foster (women's basketball coach), A.J. Hawk (football), Stan Lyons (men's track and field), Thad Matta (men's basketball coach), Mike Nugent (football), Andrew Pierce (men's track and field), Natalie Spooner (women's ice hockey) and R.J. Umberger (men's ice hockey).

A two-time All-American, a national champion and the fifth-leading tackler in school history, Hawk was a surefire Hall of Famer, but the talented former linebacker did not expect the news.

"It's crazy, it's something I never really thought about until I got the call," Hawk told Buckeye Sports Bulletin. "But it's a huge honor."

The Centerville, Ohio, native was particularly excited to be inducted with fellow Centerville native and longtime teammate and friend Mike Nugent.

"It makes it more special to go in with Nuge, too," Hawk said. "I grew up with him, and I've known him and his family forever. It works out perfectly – the timing and everything about it. Our kids get to come and everything."

Nugent, also a two-time All-American, left Ohio State as one of the most decorated athletes in school history. However, Nugent probably never would have received the opportunity if it weren't for Mark Dantonio, who was the recruiting coordinator at Michigan State during the kicker's recruitment.

Nugent lost a kick-off to earn a scholarship against another MSU recruit and was

still searching for a home. Dantonio joined the Buckeyes as defensive coordinator and suggested Nugent, although Ohio State already had Josh Huston at the spot.

Nugent eventually became the go-to man for the Scarlet and Gray, and the rest is history. Nugent owned or shared 22 school records when he finished his time in Columbus and still holds 16 records including most career points (356), kicking points, single-season field goals (28 in 2002), career field goals (72) and 50-yard field goals in a season (five in 2004) and career (eight).

Hawk also struggled to gain big-time scholarship offers despite on-the-field success. He admitted that he was probably going to play at Miami (Ohio) with his brother if Ohio State never offered.

Fortunately for both Hawk and the Buckeyes, he received an offer following an OSU camp before his senior season. Despite being somewhat overlooked as a recruit, Hawk said that his focus was not on his doubters.

"I think everyone's kind of motivated by different things," Hawk said. "I never really was trying to prove people wrong. I had two older brothers, so I remember them telling me, 'Who cares? Prove people right. Prove Coach (Jim) Tressel right. Those guys that offered you, they think you deserve to be there for a reason, so prove them right. Don't waste time and waste energy trying to prove people wrong.' I always stuck with that through my career."

A four-year letter winner and three-time All-Big Ten honoree, Hawk recorded 394 tackles, 41 tackles for loss and 15 sacks during his Ohio State tenure. Even with all the success, Hawk still vividly remembers the strong influence of the team's veterans when he arrived in 2001,



JOE DEMPSEY

ENSHRINED FOREVER – Ohio State inducted (from left to right) Jim Foster, A.J. Hawk, Thad Matta, Andrew Pierce, Justin Fry, R.J. Umberger, Natalie Spooner and Mike Nugent into its Athletics Hall of Fame on Sept. 6.

specifically mentioning Mike Doss, Donnie Nickey, Craig Krenzler, Robert Reynolds and Tim Anderson.

"Once I got there, I think I learned real quick from the upperclassmen what it was like to be a college player, what it took," Hawk said, "how to be a true pro even at the college level. Those guys did it the right way, and I learned so much from them. I owe a bunch to them. I learned really quickly what it was like and what was needed if you wanted to compete at a high level."

Beyond the gridiron, Ohio State honored Matta, who is the winningest men's basketball coach in school history. During his illustrious 13-year tenure, Matta led the Buckeyes to two NCAA Final Fours (2007, 2012), four Big Ten tournament titles and five Big Ten regular-season titles.

"I was talking on the radio the other day, and we talked about Matt Sylvester's shot (a buzzer-beater to down No. 1 Illinois on March 6, 2005) and just what that did for the program," Matta said when asked of his favorite moment. "But there are so many great moments, and it's so hard to pinpoint."

Umberger represented the men's hockey program. He earned JOFA West Second-Team All-American and First-Team All-Central Collegiate Hockey Association honors in 2003, when he posted a career-high 26 goals, 27 assists and 53 points while helping guide the Buckeyes to the NCAA tournament.

"It's a huge honor," Umberger told BSB. "I'm so privileged right now to be here for this. I consider Ohio State one of the top five schools in the country, and when you start thinking about some of the best inductees, you go through the prestigious names – it's surreal, it's amazing to say the least, really."

The Ohio State men's hockey team has gone to the NCAA tournament for three consecutive years, and it has become an expectation for the Buckeyes.

"I think that's great," Umberger said of the team's success. "That's what we wanted – that's one of the reasons I went here. I wanted that for the program. They're in the right direction with Coach (Steve) Rohlik. They've achieved a lot in the last few years, and now they're in consideration of being one of the top schools for hockey, and that's right where they should be."

Spooner represented the women's hockey program, of which she is the No. 1 goal scorer with 100 career goals. She was a four-year letter winner for the Buckeyes and is one of the most decorated Buckeyes in program history.

"It's amazing, it's almost a family," Spooner, a native of Scarborough, Ontario, Canada, said

when asked what it means to be a Buckeye. "When I was coming into Ohio State, I didn't really – I mean, I'm from Canada and we don't have schools like this. It's like a movie. Just to see the pride behind the Buckeyes and the sports organizations – it was something I wanted to be a part of, and it's an honor to be a Buckeye."

"And I take a lot of pride being a Buckeye and telling people now, 'I went to Ohio State.' And it's really cool how many people know about the school, even in Canada, and watch Ohio State sports."

After her Ohio State career, where she was an All-American and a three-time All-Western Collegiate Hockey Conference honoree, Spooner represented Canada while playing professional hockey in the country. Spooner became the first woman to win a gold medal and the Clarkson Cup in the same year in 2014.

"I was very surprised, but it's an honor," Spooner said of being inducted. "There are some amazing athletes and coaches and people that I'm being inducted alongside, so I was pretty speechless when I found out that I was being inducted. But I'm excited. I get to spend a weekend back here at Ohio State, so I'm just excited to see everyone and to see the campus again and to really feel the Buckeye pride while I'm here."

Each of the inductees excelled at the highest level in his or her respective sport at Ohio State and beyond.

Fry holds the Ohio State baseball career records for wins (36), innings pitched (419 2/3) and strikeouts (382), earning first-team All-American and Big Ten Pitcher of the Year honors in 1999.

Foster holds the highest winning percentage in the history of Ohio State women's basketball (.772) and won six straight Big Ten championships and four Big Ten tournament titles.

Pierce racked up eight Big Ten championships and two conference athlete of the year awards along with two Big Ten Athlete of the Championship honors in track and field. The team captain was a six-time All-American who won two gold medals at the World University games in the 400-meter dash and the 4x400m relay.

Lyons won four consecutive Big Ten pole vault titles before a legendary coaching career at Butler, where he received 13 Coach of the Year awards.

Cherry, a Columbus native, was the first All-American on the Ohio State football team, earning letters from 1912-14. The versatile athlete also was a three-year letter winner in basketball and baseball, serving as captain for both teams.



Reynolds Travel "On the Road Again" for 2019 Ohio State Football Away Games

OSU vs. Indiana: Sept. 13-15 – 2-night motorcoach trip with accommodations at the French Lick Resort and Casino, breakfast daily, game tickets and enroute to French Lick enjoy a cruise on the Ohio River in Louisville with lunch. \$699 pp based on two to a room. Land-only package available also.

OSU vs. Nebraska: Sept. 25-30 – 5-night motorcoach trip with 1 overnight in each direction: 1 night at Juner's Castle Casino in Rock Island, Ill.; 3 nights at the Embassy Suites in Omaha, Neb., with breakfast daily, city tour of Lincoln, game tickets and transportation; and 1 night on return at the Marriott Pere Marquette in Peoria, Ill. \$1,199 pp based on two to a room. **Also offering air trip Sept. 26-29** with roundtrip air from Columbus to Omaha and 3 nights at the Embassy Suites in Omaha with breakfast daily, game tickets and transportation, and city tour of Lincoln. \$1,449 pp. Land only package available for Omaha portion.

OSU vs. Northwestern: Oct. 17-20 – 3 nights motorcoach trip to Chicago with game on Friday nights permitting extra free time in Chicago with 3 nights in downtown Westin Magnificent Mile Hotel in the center of downtown Chicago with breakfast daily, game tickets and transportation and Mafia themed tour of Chicago. \$979 pp based on two to a room. **Also offering air trip Oct. 17-20** with 3 nights in Chicago at the

Westin Magnificent Mile Hotel in the center of downtown Chicago with breakfast daily, game tickets in Ohio State section with transportation, roundtrip airport transportation and Mafia themed tour of Chicago. \$1,289 pp based on two to a room. Land only package is available.

OSU vs. Rutgers: Nov. 14-17 – 3 night motorcoach trip to New York with 3 nights accommodations in the heart of Manhattan at the Sheraton Times Square with breakfast daily, Tour of Hudson River Valley, game tickets with transportation. \$1,149 pp based on two to a room. **Also offering air trip from Nov. 14-17** with 3 nights at the Sheraton Times Square with breakfast daily, airport transportation roundtrip, tour of the Hudson River Valley, game ticket and transportation. \$1,589 pp based on two to a room. Land only package is available.

OSU vs. Michigan, "Big Game in the Big House": Nov. 29-30 – 1 night motorcoach trip with accommodations for Friday night at the MGM Resort and Casino in Detroit including breakfast on Saturday and game ticket with return to Columbus after the game. \$609 pp based on two to a room.

Reds vs. Indians trip: July 6-7, 2019 – motorcoach trip and overnight in Cincinnati including two games with club seating. \$489 pp based on two/room.

Trips fully escorted by Reynolds Travel, offering Ohio State trips since 1978. Visit our website at www.reynoldstravel.com to see more.



8934 Commerce Loop Dr.
Columbus, OH 43240
Phone: 614-847-8008
Toll Free: 866-880-0577

JOIN OUR 150TH CELEBRATION!

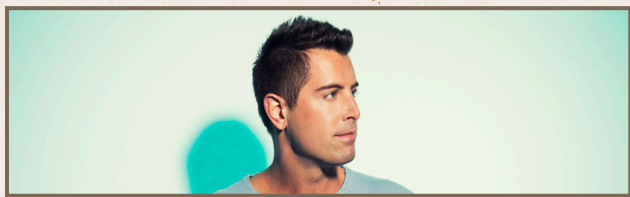
SEPTEMBER 2019



SEPT. 2-5

MONDAY — 2:10

- Post-game Faith Concert featuring Jeremy Camp, presented by Prasco



TUESDAY — 6:40

- Bark In The Park, presented by Kroger, Rachael Ray™ Nutrish® & Milk-Bone®. Exclusive packages available at Reds.com/DogDay

WEDNESDAY — 6:40

THURSDAY — 12:35

- Senior Days, presented by Humana
Fans 50 and older may purchase tickets at half-price* and get free same-day admission to the Reds Hall of Fame and Museum presented by Dinsmore



SEPT. 6-8

- 4 for \$48 Ticket Deal - 4 Tickets + 4 Hats ONLY \$48
Reds.com/4for48

FRIDAY — 7:10

- Fiesta Rojos, presented by Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky Toyota Dealers
- Fireworks Friday, presented by Adams Recovery Center

SATURDAY — 4:10

- Ken Griffey Jr. 150 Series Bobblehead, presented by Kroger (first 20,000 fans)
- Ohio Lottery Post-Game Concert featuring The Avett Brothers - Free to all fans with a game ticket



PHOTO BY: CRACKERFARM

SUNDAY — 1:10

- FAMILY SUNDAY, presented by Klosterman Bakery
- Family Sunday Ticket Offer*
1 Full-Price Ticket + 3 Half-Price Tickets
- Raisel Iglesias Fathead®, presented by Raising Cane's (Kids 14 & younger)



SEPT. 20-22

FRIDAY — 7:10

- Fireworks Friday

SATURDAY — 4:10

- 150th Anniversary Commemorative Blanket, presented by John Morrell (first 20,000 fans)
- DraftKings Showdown Game



- Run the Bases Days, presented by Raising Cane's
Fans of all ages can line up after the game to run the bases!

SUNDAY — 1:10

- FAMILY SUNDAY, presented by Klosterman Bakery
- Family Sunday Ticket Offer*
1 Full-Price Ticket + 3 Half-Price Tickets
- Jesse Winker Fathead®, presented by Nathan's Famous (Kids 14 & younger)
- Fan Appreciation Day - Prizes will be given away to lucky fans throughout the game! Postcard entries accepted.
- 2019 Reds Team Photo (all fans)



SEPT. 24-26

TUESDAY — 6:40

- Marty Brennaman Oversized Replica Ticket, presented by Humana (first 20,000 fans)

WEDNESDAY — 6:40

- Commemorative Marty Brennaman Print, presented by Clark Schaefer Hackett (first 20,000 fans)

THURSDAY — 12:35

- Reds Handheld Radio, presented by Kroger and Laura's Lean Beef (first 20,000 fans)



(513) 381-REDS (7337)



reds.com/TICKETS

*Some restrictions apply. Schedule and promotions subject to change.

Hoosiers Hope To Finally Upset Buckeyes

By **PATRICK MAYHORN**
Special To Buckeye Sports Bulletin

Every season lately, it feels as though Indiana gives Ohio State far more of a game than the Buckeyes anticipated, and every season, Ohio State is able to survive the upset bid. Going back to 2011, former head coach and current Buckeye assistant Kevin Wilson's first year at Indiana, Ohio State and the Hoosiers have played eight times, and in those eight games, Ohio State has been tested into the second half six times, with the two exceptions coming in 2013 and 2018.

Outside of those two, however, it has become the expectation that Ohio State will possibly overlook the Hoosiers, and Indiana will make it a game until Ohio State pulls away in the fourth quarter. Even after Wilson relocated from Bloomington to Columbus, replaced by current head coach Tom Allen, Indiana remains a consistent thorn in Ohio State's side.

With the Buckeyes still among the nation's elite early this season, and Indiana still scrappy but in the middle of the Big Ten pack, it would be easy to see a similar story for this year's matchup.

Outside of the obvious history between these two teams (see related story, page 24-25), Indiana looks well built to be the exact kind of team that challenges the top of the Big Ten enough to scare them, but not enough to win anything of significance. That starts at the head of the offense, redshirt freshman quarterback Michael Penix Jr. Penix, who was named the starter over incumbent senior Peyton Ramsey just days before the season started, is one of the highest-risk, highest-reward quarterbacks in the Big Ten.

He enters the game with 532 yards and three scores on 63 percent passing, and his gunslinger mentality has created plenty of plays already for the Hoosiers but also gets him into trouble. He can make any throw on the field, but he may know that all too well and tends to force things that aren't there, especially against zone coverage. Ohio State should be able to handle that, but his talent and potential cannot be ignored and could cause serious trouble for the Buckeyes if he has a good game.

There's plenty of talent around Penix as well, including one of the top receiving corps in the conference, led by fifth-year senior Nick Westbrook, slot expert Whop Philyor, junior Ty Fryfogle and tight end Peyton Hendershot. The line is still improving, as is the rushing attack under star sophomore Stevie Scott, but this is an offense that has the potential to do a ton of damage with big plays if Ohio State isn't ready for it.

That potentially explosive offense is led by former Fresno State offensive coordinator Kalen DeBoer, known for his preplay motion. Motion gave Ohio State's defense fits last season, especially against Maryland, so being prepared for that could be the key for Ohio State in this game, even more important than dealing with the talent that Indiana has.

Defensively, Indiana has been consistent for several years now. Tom Allen is a 4-2-5 coach through and through and will continue to throw nickel back Marcelino Ball out on the field on almost every play.

Indiana's scheme and its focus on stopping the pass make them a unique challenge for Justin Fields and Ohio State's still improving passing attack. It's obvious that the offense isn't quite up to full capacity yet, and against a team that plays five defensive backs on nearly every play, that could be an issue. Fields will have to continue to be smart with the ball to avoid any easy giveaways, and much to the dismay of Buckeye fans, that could mean another conservative game plan.

While their alignments would imply success against the passing game, and very well could this year as mentioned, Indiana actually struggled at defending the pass last season, in large part because of its defensive line. The line was unable to generate any consistent pressure, and that doomed the back seven.

With just two starters back up front, Indiana could be in for another year of very little pass rush, but defensive tackle Jerome Johnson has been impressive early and racked up 1½ sacks against Ball State in week one. He can't do it on his own, but if he can get any help from anyone else on the line, Indiana should improve its pass coverage

Players To Watch

Penix has only two games under his belt, but he has one of the best arms in the Big Ten. With the skill-position players around him, he's far more dangerous than Ramsey was, and he can pick apart Ohio State if the Buckeyes don't confuse him with zone or get after him with pressure from the edges.

While there are plenty of experienced receivers to throw to, Westbrook and Philyor are really the biggest parts of this offense for Ohio State to worry about. Westbrook has 103 yards and a score on three receptions to this point in the season but racked up 590 yards and four scores on 42 receptions last year and served as the lone big-play threat last season. He is no longer isolated in that role, but he is still the most explosive receiver on the roster.

Philyor is the more efficient option and will do most of his work from the slot. He isn't lightning fast, and he isn't the most physical player in the world, but he runs clean routes, blocks well and catches everything thrown his way. He has 10 receptions and 141 yards through two games, and while his production was modest last season (23 receptions, 235 yards, one score), he seems to be on the precipice of a breakthrough early this season. Indiana may need him to break through, because outside of Hendershot (15 receptions, 163 yards, two touchdowns in 2018), they don't have a ton of proven efficiency to throw to.

Running the ball, Scott was a breakout star in 2018 with 1,137 yards and 10 touchdowns on 228 carries, seemingly out of nowhere. Indiana

Get To Know ... Indiana

About Indiana

- **2019 record:** 2-0 (0-0 Big Ten Conference)
- **Team Information:** Offensive Formation – Spread; Defensive Formation – 4-2-5; Starters Returning – Offense 5, Defense 7, Specialists 2.
- **Head Coach:** Tom Allen, 12-15, third year (all at Indiana).
- **Series History:** 90th meeting; Ohio State leads 74-5-12.
- **School Facts:** Location – Bloomington, IN; Enrollment – 48,514; Nickname – Hoosiers; Color – Crimson; Conference – Big Ten (East Division); Stadium – Memorial Stadium (Surface, FieldTurf; Capacity – 52,656).

Top Offensive Returners

| Rushing | Att. | Net | Avg. | TD |
|---------------|------|-----|------|----|
| Stevie Scott | 31 | 109 | 3.5 | 3 |
| Sampson James | 13 | 22 | 1.7 | 1 |
| Michael Penix | 9 | 79 | 8.8 | 0 |

| Passing | Comp.-Att. | Pct. | Yds. | TD-INT |
|---------------|------------|------|------|--------|
| Michael Penix | 38-60 | 63.3 | 523 | 3-2 |

| Receiving | Rec. | Net | Avg. | TD |
|-------------------|------|-----|------|----|
| Whop Philyor | 10 | 141 | 14.1 | 0 |
| Peyton Hendershot | 9 | 121 | 13.4 | 1 |
| Ty Fryfogle | 8 | 67 | 8.4 | 0 |

Team Offensive Stats

Points Per Game – 43.0
Rushing Yards Per Game – 131.0
Passing Yards Per Game – 383.5
Total Offense Avg. Per Game – 514.5

2019 Schedule

| Date | Opponent | Time/Result (ET) |
|----------|----------------------|------------------|
| Aug. 31 | at Ball State | W, 34-24 |
| Sept. 7 | EASTERN ILLINOIS | W, 52-0 |
| Sept. 14 | OHIO STATE | 12 p.m. |
| Sept. 21 | UCONN | 12 p.m. |
| Sept. 28 | at Michigan State | 12 p.m. |
| Oct. 12 | RUTGERS | 12 p.m. |
| Oct. 19 | at Maryland | 12 p.m. |
| Oct. 26 | at Nebraska | 12 p.m. |
| Nov. 2 | NORTHWESTERN | 12 p.m. |
| Nov. 16 | at Penn State | 12 p.m. |
| Nov. 23 | MICHIGAN | 12 p.m. |
| Nov. 30 | at Purdue | 12 p.m. |
| Dec. 7 | Big Ten Championship | 8 p.m. |

Top Defensive Returners

| Def. Leaders | Solo-Ast. | Tot. | TFL-Yds. | Sacks |
|----------------|-----------|------|----------|-------|
| Reakwon Jones | 6-9 | 15 | 0.5-1 | 0 |
| Marcelino Ball | 5-5 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Devon Matthews | 7-3 | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Micah McFadden | 5-4 | 9 | 1.5-4 | 0.5 |
| James Miller | 4-3 | 7 | 2.0-6 | 0.5 |

| Interceptions | No. | Yds | Avg | TD | Long |
|---------------|-----|-----|------|----|------|
| Ja'Von Hicks | 1 | 29 | 29.0 | 0 | 29 |

Team Defensive Stats

Points Per Game Allowed – 12.0
Rushing Yards Per Game Allowed – 76.0
Passing Yards Per Game Allowed – 181.0
Total Offense Avg. Per Game Allowed – 257.0

fans had high expectations for his second season, and while he still has tons of talent, he was fairly bottled up against Ball State in week one, putting up just 48 yards on 19 carries, though he did find the end zone twice. He bounced back a bit against Eastern Illinois, but it's hard to take too much from a game against an FCS opponent. Unfortunately for Indiana, it seems that a lot of its rushing issues stem from a struggling offensive line, which means Scott may not be a huge issue for Ohio State.

Defensively, Indiana is led by a group that hopes to surge back into the top 50 after a drop-off last season. Because that drop-off was caused largely by inexperience, it's pretty easy to see that move back into the higher levels of defense, especially with a player such as Johnson at tackle. Johnson is one of the best tackles in the Big Ten and has shown it already in this young season, as he sits with seven tackles, and three for a loss after two games. He's the closest thing this line has to a game-changer, and with a run stuffer like Juan Harris next to him and good but not great ends in Allen Stallings IV and Alfred Bryant, Johnson is expected to lead Indiana's pass rush.

He should get some help from the new-look linebacker group, and specifically from Reakwon Jones. Jones is entering his fifth year in the program, but because of injuries, he has only one true season of experience under his belt, last year, where he picked up 36 total tackles, 4½ of which came behind the line.

On the other side, at Indiana's version of the

nickel/hybrid back, is Ball, a fourth-year junior. Ball went down with a devastating injury in 2017 that cut what was expected to be his breakout season short, but he bounced back in 2018 with 59 total tackles, 7½ TFL and 2½ sacks. He's the best havoc player that Indiana has, and he'll likely be tasked with spying Fields, covering the flats and adding pass rush if Indiana has no early luck getting into the backfield.

In the backfield, Indiana's youth movement last season should pay dividends this year. The Hoosiers started sophomore Raheem Layne (39 tackles in 2018) at cornerback last season and gave significant playing time to juniors Khalil Bryant (38) and Andre Brown Jr. (29), as well as underclassmen such as Bryant Fitzgerald (31, three interceptions), Devon Matthews (20, one interception) and Jaylin Williams (22, one interception). Layne, Brown, Fitzgerald and Matthews are the starters, but every one of these names is worth watching because they all see significant time.

Ultimately, if Indiana wants to pull off the upset, it will come down to the passing game on both sides of the ball. The Hoosiers have the explosive quarterback and the experienced defensive backfield to make plays in the passing game and to force Fields into mistakes. If the Hoosier offensive line can hold up at all, this could be another classic Indiana-Ohio State game. However, it would take an excellent performance from just about every key player for Indiana to finally pull off the upset instead of once again falling short.

www.theredbricktapandgrill.com

292 E. Gates St. Columbus
(614) 444-2742

HAPPY HOUR 3-8pm Mon-Fri
Half off all 30 drafts • Half off select appetizers
Craft bottle specials all day

100 Craft Beers!

New Food & Cocktail Menu

Newly Renovated Patio with Fire Pit

Handmade Pizzas & In-House Smoked Meats



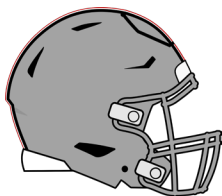
You Can Count On These Services From

THE QUICKPRINT CENTRE

1399 GRANDVIEW AVENUE • COLUMBUS, OHIO 43212
614-488-2683 • FAX 614-488-0059 • qpoh@aol.com

| | | |
|-----------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Offset-Printing | Digital Color Copies | Digital B&W Copies |
| Typesetting | Ship UPS | Rubber Stamps |
| NCR Forms | Fax Service | Business Cards |
| Laminating | Announcements | Binding |
| Brochures | Wedding Invitations | Labels |

...a full service graphics facility

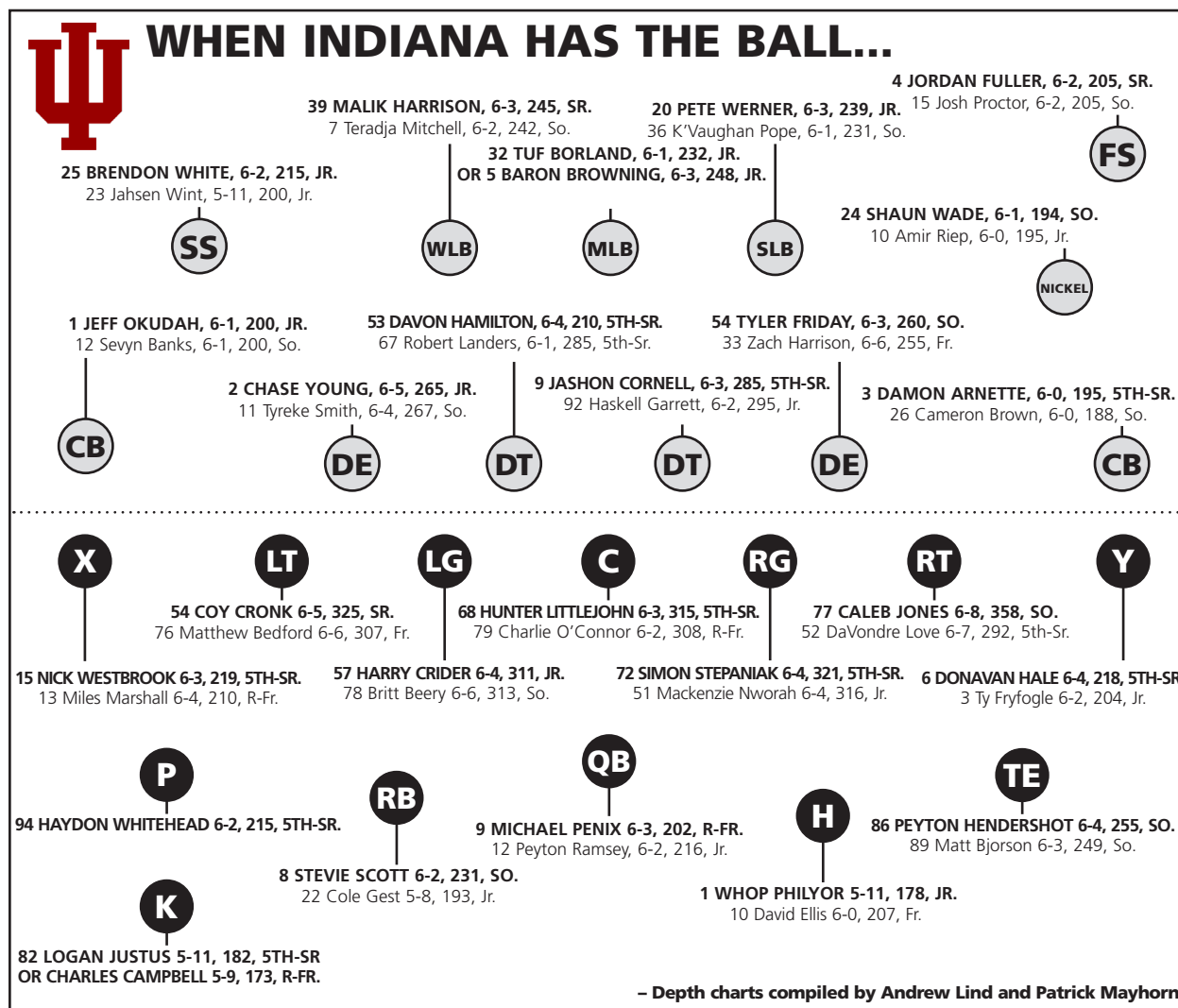
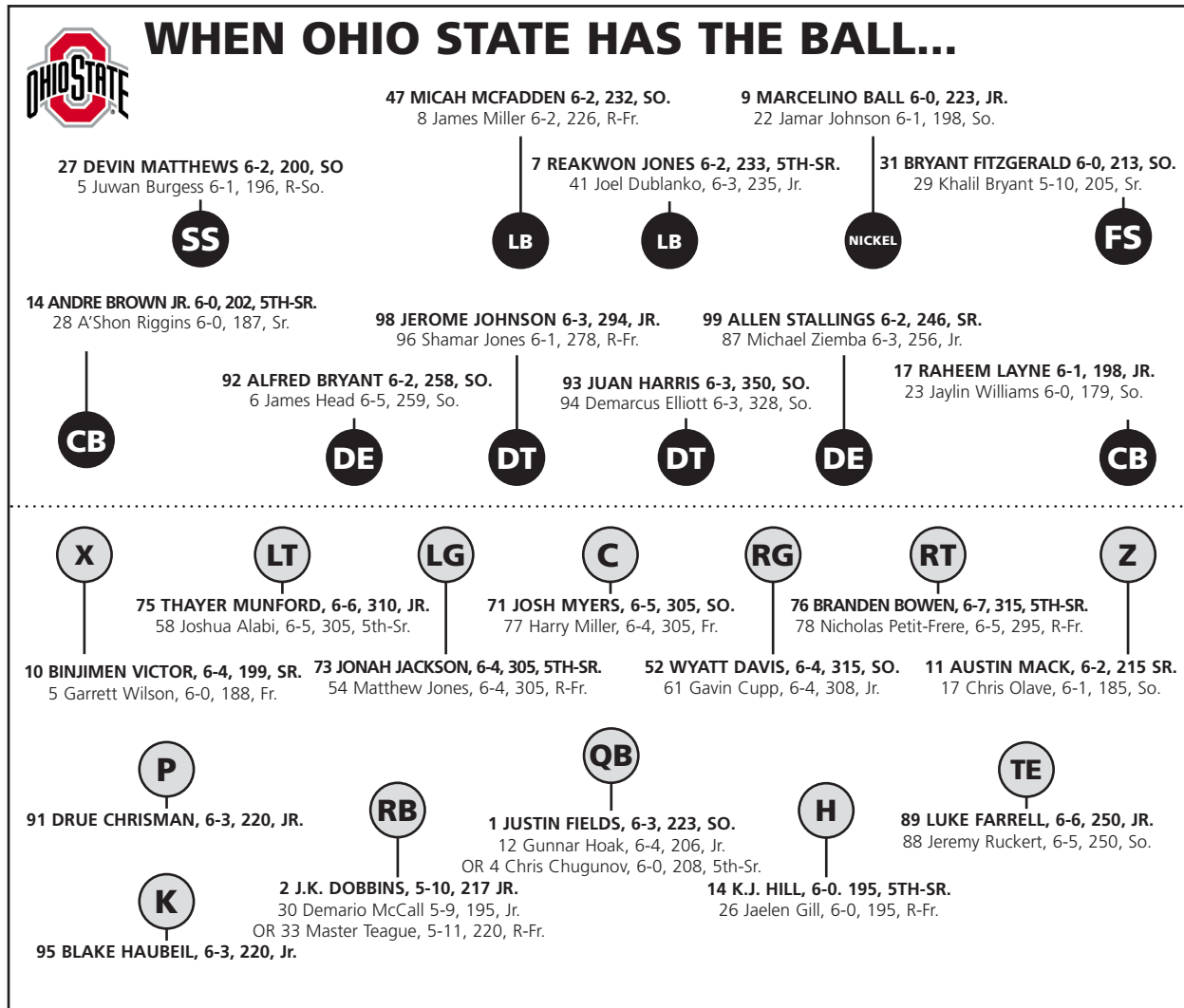


Ohio State vs. Indiana

Saturday, Sept. 14, 2019 • Noon • FOX
Memorial Stadium; Bloomington, Ind.



Projected Depth Charts



- Depth charts compiled by Andrew Lind and Patrick Mayhorn

How We See It

OHIO STATE RUSH OFFENSE VS. INDIANA RUSH DEFENSE

J.K. Dobbins emerged from a first-game snooze to hammer the Cincinnati Bearcats to the tune of 141 yards on 17 carries (8.3 average) and touchdown runs of four and 60 yards, all in the first half in the 42-0 win on Sept. 7. Credit to the improving offensive line for gashing holes, but Dobbins was patient when daylight was lacking and proved tough to tackle – all traits of the previous great OSU running backs he aspires to be. He can throw a mean block too, something that Ezekiel Elliott was known for. Backup redshirt freshman Master Teague shows promise as well after battering his way to 60 yards on a 5.5 average vs. Cincinnati. It's hard to get a read on who or what Indiana is after beating Ball State 34-24 and Football Championship Subdivision (or, Division I-AA as old-timers know it) Eastern Illinois 52-0. This much is known, the Hoosiers held Columbus to seven yards on three carries. That's EIU's running back Robert Columbus. **EDGE: OHIO STATE**

INDIANA RUSH OFFENSE VS. OHIO STATE RUSH DEFENSE

Indiana sophomore Stevie Scott is a legitimate threat coming off a season in which he gained 1,137 yards and a 5.0 average. He ran for 61 yards on 12 carries (5.1) vs. Eastern Illinois. Buckeye fans will keep an eye on freshman Sampson James, a four-star recruit from suburban Indianapolis who decommitted from Ohio State. He'll be eager to put on a show, and the Buckeye defense will be eager to shut him down. James was lackluster vs. EIU with only 22 yards on 12 totes (1.8). The Buckeyes limited Cincinnati to 107 rushing yards on 34 attempts (3.1) and did a number on a pretty good back, Michael Warren. He had 10 runs for 15 yards. Even a non-genius understands that's a microscopic 1.5 average. The OSU defensive line is getting it done even though Jonathon Cooper has been out with an injury the first two games. Control the line, control the Hoosiers. **EDGE: OHIO STATE**

OHIO STATE PASS OFFENSE VS. INDIANA PASS DEFENSE

Sophomore quarterback Justin Fields is growing up right before our eyes. His improvement in looking for second and third receivers and making better reads on when to run or stay in the pocket contributed to him completing 20 of 25 for 224 yards with two TDs and no picks vs. Cincinnati. He had a beautiful rollout to Chris Olave and placed a five-yard scoring strike to K.J. Hill where no one else could get it. Fields has developed good chemistry with Binjimen Victor, and true freshman receiver Garrett Wilson made a tough touchdown catch look easy. If there is a negative, it's that coach Ryan Day wants the receivers to do a better job of breaking free if the initial route is not open to give Fields more options. Indiana had three sacks against Eastern Illinois for what that's worth, but the Buckeyes need to be aware of a veteran secondary that returns safety Bryant Fitzgerald and cornerbacks A'Shon Riggins and Andre Brown Jr. **EDGE: OHIO STATE**

INDIANA PASS OFFENSE VS. OHIO STATE PASS DEFENSE

Sophomore Michael Penix won the QB battle with Peyton Ramsey and touted Utah transfer Jack Tuttle. Like Fields, Penix showed improvement from the first game of the season and was 14 for 20 for 197 yards and two touchdowns with receptions to seven receivers against Eastern Illinois. Penix posted those number in less than two quarters. Ramsey was 13 of 14 for 226 yards and two touchdowns, and Donovan Hale had five catches for 110 yards and a TD. The Buckeyes had five sacks vs. Cincinnati so expect the heat to be applied to the Hoosiers. **EDGE: OHIO STATE**

SPECIAL TEAMS

Logan Justus is a dependable kicker for the Hoosiers. Last season he made all 11 attempts from 40 or more yards and 15 of 18 overall. This year he is 4-4 including two from 40-49 yards and a 50-yarder. Punter Haydon Whitehead is reliable as well. The Buckeyes can count on Drue Chrisman to flip field position with his punts. Demario McCall had a kickoff return of 25 yards against Cincinnati and is due to break a long one. **EDGE: EVEN**

INTANGIBLES

Indiana is coming off its largest margin of victory in Memorial Stadium history, albeit against an extremely inferior opponent, but confidence is confidence and the Hoosiers are known for having some nutty games against the Buckeyes in Bloomington, such as the 52-49 loss in 2012, a 34-27 defeat in 2015 and even the 49-21 setback two years ago. **EDGE: INDIANA**

STAFF PREDICTION

Based on the recent games vs. Indiana, there must be a note of caution for the Buckeyes heading into the Big Ten opener. However, the first road game is also a good way to test how well Ohio State may respond to adversity, and it feels like the answer is the Buckeyes will be fine. **OHIO STATE, 45-17**

Indiana's 31 Years Of Failure Against OSU

By WYATT CROSHER
Buckeye Sports Bulletin Staff Writer

For a generation of college football fans, an Ohio State-Indiana matchup has meant only one thing: an Ohio State win.

It has been 31 years and 27 games since the Hoosiers' most recent victory against the Buckeyes, and aside from a 27-27 tie in 1990, it has been nothing but heartbreak for Indiana fans since that 41-7 blowout of Ohio State on Oct. 8, 1988, dubbed Darkest Day II by the media after Ohio State had lost the previous year in what Earle Bruce called the darkest day in Ohio State football history.

That 1988 season, the Buckeyes, coached by John Cooper, finished with a 4-6-1 record, putting up mediocre numbers on both sides of the ball. Greg Frey was Ohio State's quarterback that season and struggled to find his footing. In his sophomore season, Frey threw for 2,028 yards with eight touchdowns and 13 interceptions.

On the other end, Indiana had a respectable 8-3-1 record, finished No. 20 in the AP Poll and ended the season on a high note with a 34-10 Liberty Bowl win against South Carolina.

Bill Mallory's group was led by a great offensive duo in quarterback Dave Schnell and running back Anthony Thompson. Schnell's dual-threat ability allowed him to throw for 1,877 yards, rush for 307 and score 14 combined touchdowns, albeit while throwing 13 interceptions. Thompson was a force for the Hoosiers, rushing for 1,686 yards and 26 touchdowns.

Thompson, who ran for 190 and four touchdowns in the '88 game against Ohio State, would finish ninth in Heisman voting in 1988 and improve to second in 1989 after another impressive season with 1,793 yards and 24 touchdowns.

The Stats

But that was it for Indiana's success – wins in 1987 and 1988 over Ohio State, both of which were by three scores or more.

Overall, the Buckeyes have a 74-12-5 record against Indiana, but that record explodes to 54-2-2 in the 58 most recent matchups between the two teams.

Not only has Indiana not beaten Ohio State in 26 straight efforts, but the Hoosiers have not outperformed the Buckeyes in any of the past 30 seasons, unless the 2010 vacated season – when Ohio State previously went 12-1 before having all 12 wins taken away – is taken into account.

Since 1988, Ohio State has a 305-75-3 record, good for a 79.6 percent win rate. The Buckeyes are also 14-15 in bowl games and have been in the AP top 25 in each of their seasons.

On the other hand, Indiana has a 137-217-2 record over the past 30 seasons, winning only 38.5 percent of its games. The Hoosiers have made a bowl game only six times in that stretch and have come away with only one bowl win – a 24-0 victory over Baylor in the 1991 Copper Bowl, which is now named the Cheez-It Bowl.

Throughout all 26 games, Ohio State averages 36.0 points per game with a 19.6 average win margin. That leaves Indiana at 16.4 points a contest, which drops to 14.9 points per game at Ohio Stadium. The Buckeyes' point total moves up to 36.6 points when inside the 'Shoe and drops to 35.2 when at Bloomington.

Since their last win, the Hoosiers have come close a handful of times, with five of the 25 losses coming by one possession,



JOSH WINSLOW

CLOSE CALL – Indiana quarterback Nate Sudfeld, pictured here during the 2013 loss to Ohio State, nearly led the Hoosiers to an upset of the Buckeyes one year prior. Ohio State held on late to win that game 52-49.

including two of the seven most recent games in the series.

The Notable Games

Oct. 14, 1989: In the game that turned the tide back in the Buckeyes' favor, Ohio State came into the matchup with a 2-2 record, with both defeats coming in blowouts against ranked opponents USC and Illinois. Frey was back at the helm, and tailback Carlos Snow and fullback Scottie Graham returned in the backfield, splitting carries in a run-first offense.

On the other side, Schnell and Thompson also returned, and Thompson made sure to add to his Heisman campaign early in the season. The Indiana back ran for 177 yards and three touchdowns in the game. But the Snow-Graham combo in the backfield proved to be enough for Ohio State to pull through, as the pair combined for 260 yards on the game.

The Buckeyes pulled the victory out, escaping with a 35-31 win on their home field.

Oct. 13, 1990: The following year was the last time to this date that the Hoosiers avoided the taste of defeat at the hands of Ohio State.

After the Buckeyes pulled ahead 27-17 heading into the fourth quarter on two Frey touchdown passes and a run from Graham, Indiana's Vaughn Dunbar scored from 6 yards out and kicker Scott Bonnell hit the game-tying kick from 20 yards with 1:09 remaining. The 27-27 score stuck for the remainder of the game.

Nov. 13, 1993: In a rare ranked battle between the two teams, No. 5 Ohio State, fresh off its first non-win of the season in the form of a 14-14 tie to then-No. 15 Wisconsin, came

home for a matchup against No. 19 Indiana.

The Hoosiers started the season winning seven of their first eight games before losing a battle against then-No. 19 Penn State 38-31, meaning both teams came in without much in the way of momentum.

The vast majority of the excitement from this game came in the second quarter, when 27 of the 40 combined total points were posted. After a scoreless first quarter, the scoring started with a 4-yard connection from quarterback Bobby Hoying to wide receiver Joey Galloway to give Ohio State a 7-0 lead. Tim Williams tacked on a field goal to give the Buckeyes a 10-point cushion before Indiana scored 10 unanswered in the quarter to tie the game back up.

Senior Bret Powers replaced Hoying at quarterback before halftime, and he connected with receiver Buster Tillman to give the Buckeyes a 17-10 lead, a lead they would not give up.

But that was not without a strong effort from the Hoosiers, who eventually found themselves down 13 points heading into the fourth quarter after a pair of Williams field goals.

Running back Jermaine Chaney scored a 21-yard touchdown to bring IU within six, but it was not enough for Indiana, as Ohio State again came out victorious, 23-17.

Nov. 18, 1995: The first blowout in this OSU-wins-every-matchup era came in the '95 season, when the 10-0 Buckeyes faced off against the 2-7 Hoosiers. Ohio State had 541 yards of total offense to Indiana's 168 and was led by running back Eddie George, who rushed 26 times for 130 yards and two touchdowns in the 42-3 win.

Through the air, Hoying threw only 17 times, completing 12 of them for 203 yards

and two scores. Wide receiver Terry Glenn came down with both of the touchdown catches and finished the game with five receptions for 103 yards. The final score was the largest margin of victory since the Buckeyes stomped the Hoosiers 48-7 in 1985. It would be the last win of the season for Ohio State, which was ranked No. 2 at the time of the victory before dropping the next two games to Michigan and to Tennessee in the Citrus Bowl to end the season.

Sept. 28, 2002: The second matchup in the series for the Jim Tressel era came during the national championship run, and the result was a lopsided win that came at exactly the right time.

The Buckeyes were coming off a hard-earned 23-19 victory against Cincinnati and needed a big win to get the ball rolling in the right direction. The Indiana matchup gave them an opportunity but was by no means an automatic blowout, as the Buckeyes had won by only a modest 27-14 score a season before.

This time, Ohio State came in motivated, taking a 7-0 lead after the first quarter on a 2-yard run by Maurice Clarett. Another Clarett touchdown run with 5:42 to go in the half gave the Buckeyes a 14-3 lead, but Indiana kept it close with a 17-yard TD catch by Tyke Spencer from quarterback Gibran Hamdan.

With only 2:09 to work with, the game threatened to be within one score at halftime, but Ohio State benefited from a 28-yard kick return from Chris Gamble and an Indiana personal foul moved the ball up to the Hoosiers' 45-yard line, which the Buckeyes capitalized on.

In just 80 seconds, Ohio State went five plays for 45 yards, ending it with another touchdown from Clarett, his third of the

game. The Buckeyes would close the game out with 17 unanswered points in the third quarter, highlighted by a 43-yard touchdown run by Gamble. Ohio State went on to win the game 45-17, leading by as much as 35 before an Indiana garbage-time touchdown.

Oct. 21, 2006: The 2000s decade was not kind to the Hoosiers in this matchup. In the seven games against Ohio State over this span, Indiana failed to score more than 10 points in four of them, while the Buckeyes scored 27 or more in every game.

The '06 game was likely the ugliest for the Hoosiers, but it started out in their favor, if only briefly.

Yes, 4-3 Indiana did hold a lead over 7-0, No. 1 in the country Ohio State, with kicker Austin Starr hitting a 34-yard field goal midway through the first quarter.

That moment of excitement was ruined by a 23-yard touchdown pass to Rory Nicol from quarterback Troy Smith, giving Ohio State a 7-3 lead that only grew larger from there.

The Buckeyes scored 44 straight points after falling behind to win 44-3, led by a 220-yard, four-touchdown performance through the air by Smith, helped out by 105 yards by running back Antonio Pittman and 65 rushing yards from Beanie Wells.

Nicol would find the end zone again in the third quarter, except this one came from a throw by wide receiver Ted Ginn from 38 yards out. Ginn would finish with a 749.2 quarterback efficiency rating with his one throw and tallied five catches for 72 yards and a receiving touchdown.

Oct. 13, 2012: Tressel's era of domination against Indiana would end after the 2010 season, and what followed, after a 34-20 victory in the Luke Fickell era, was Urban Meyer's reign, a reign that had a tendency to allow Indiana to get close to ending the streak in nearly every matchup between the pair of teams.

Meyer's inaugural year may be remembered for Ohio State finishing it 12-0 but being unable to go to a bowl game due to NCAA sanctions. But what is likely less remembered is that the winning streak against Indiana was severely tested, resulting in the closest outcome since the 1990 tie.

What makes this one particularly strange was that this was not head coach, and future Ohio State offensive coordinator, Kevin Wilson's finest season with Indiana, with the Hoosiers finishing the 2012 campaign 4-8.

The Buckeyes got the scoring started early on a 12-yard run by wide receiver Corey Brown and a 35-yard field goal by Drew Basil for a 10-0 lead. But the Hoosiers scored touchdowns on back-to-back drives, both capped off with runs by Stephen Houston. The second of those touchdowns came following a blocked punt by Isaiah Roundtree that set up the Hoosiers at the OSU 16-yard line, and they led 14-10 early in the second quarter.

The rest of the game featured plenty of back-and-forth scoring, including two touchdowns of 65 yards or more in the third quarter – one on a run for 67 yards by Ohio State quarterback Braxton Miller and the other on a 76-yard pass from quarterback Cameron Coffman to receiver Shane Wynn.

But even with plenty of scoring on both sides, the scale was tipping toward another Ohio State win when Miller found wide receiver Devin Smith from 46 yards out for a 52-34 lead with 6:47 to go in the fourth quarter.

Miller and Smith connected only twice on the day, but the receptions went for 106 yards and two touchdowns.

Indiana did not throw in the towel, as backup quarterback Nate Sudfeld hit wide receiver Duwyce Wilson from 12 yards out to cap off a 10-play, 74-yard drive to make the game 52-41

with 1:40 to go.

Indiana then recovered an onside kick and went 48 yards in 35 seconds, scoring on a 25-yard pass from Sudfeld to Houston then hitting a two-point conversion to make it a three-point game.

But the miracle comeback effort was all for naught, with Ohio State recovering the ensuing pooch kick and running the clock down to zero for a tight 52-49 win. The 49 points were the most allowed by the Buckeyes all season.

Oct. 3, 2015: The most recent matchup between these two teams to end with a one-possession difference came four seasons ago, a year after Ohio State's national championship campaign.

Even though the Buckeyes had a loaded roster and the No. 1 ranking in the country, the Hoosiers jumped out to a 10-0 lead after a Griffin Oakes field goal and a 1-yard touchdown run by Devine Redding. A pair of Jack Willoughby field goals cut the deficit, but the Buckeyes still went into halftime down 10-6 against a team that had finished 4-8 the season prior.

Running back Ezekiel Elliott got it going in the second half, scoring on runs of 55 and 65

yards in the third quarter to put the Buckeyes on top for the first time in the game. Between Elliott's runs, though, Redding did manage to find another score, making it 20-17 in favor of the Buckeyes with only a quarter to play.

Quarterback Cardale Jones found receiver Michael Thomas six seconds into the fourth quarter to give the Buckeyes some breathing room for the time being, but it would not last long as Indiana hit a field goal with 10:37 to play to bring it back within seven points.

But on the first play from scrimmage following the field goal, Elliott would not be contained, breaking off another huge run, this time from 75 yards out to make it 34-20.

And still, the Hoosiers brought it right back. Quarterback Zander Diamont, on Indiana's first play from scrimmage on the drive, ran it 79 yards to house to bring the deficit back to seven.

The teams exchanged punts until Indiana was given the ball at its own 43 with 3:44 on the clock with a chance to go for the tie or even the win. The Hoosiers drove down the field, getting to first-and-goal on the Ohio State 6-yard line. After a 1-yard rush, an

Indiana false start, an incomplete pass and second 1-yard run, it was fourth-and-goal, with 9 yards separating the Hoosiers from a potentially monumental upset.

On the final play, Diamont threw it to Ricky Jones, but the pass fell incomplete and the Buckeyes narrowly kept the streak going with a 34-27 win.

Where It Stands Now

Indiana notoriously played Ohio State close under Meyer, with its offense making plays and finding the end zone much more consistently than before.

Even in 2018, the 49-26 final score that the Buckeyes ended up putting out did not tell the whole tale of a game that remained close throughout much of the first three quarters until Dwayne Haskins threw two scores in the final 15 minutes.

It remains to be seen if Ohio State under Ryan Day will play the Hoosiers more like Tressel, who, even though he was known as the coach who didn't blow out teams, often blew out the Hoosiers, or Meyer, where the Indiana games were frequently interesting.



NOBODY SELLS CHEVYS FOR LESS

SERVING CENTRAL OHIO FOR OVER 100 YEARS

GOOD JOB, BAD CREDIT? NO WORRIES.

Contact **Tim Tweed**, General Sales Manager
ttweed@byersauto.com | (614) 582-2731

WE ALWAYS HAVE OVER 500 CARS TO CHOOSE FROM



We've got HUNDREDS of gently used cars! Late model, low mileage, and more!

GRAND OPENING
 PRE-OWNED SUPER CENTER



FIND NEW ROADS

CHEVROLET 

(614) 441-4912

WWW.BYERSCHEVY.COM

1-71, EXIT 97, 5887 N MEADOWS DRIVE, GROVE CITY, OH 43123

Ruckert Opens Sophomore Season With Bang

By **ANDREW LIND**
 Buckeye Sports Bulletin Staff Writer

When Ohio State head coach Ryan Day met with the media for his last press conference before the season on Aug. 29, he told reporters the Buckeyes' offense would resemble the record-setting attack from last fall.

For the most part, he was right.

Starting quarterback Justin Fields threw four touchdown passes and ran for another in the 45-21 victory over Florida Atlantic just two days later, tying the departed Dwayne Haskins with a school-record five total touchdowns in his first career start. But Fields also lined up under center on numerous occasions and threw two touchdowns to a tight end, both of which seemed like foreign concepts under former head coach Urban Meyer.

"I think when you look at college football today, I think it's important to have a balance," Day said in his postgame press conference on Aug. 31. "I think it's important to be able to line up under center and run the football, play-action pass, do some things and also run spread and run with tempo."

Sophomore tight end Jeremy Ruckert was on the receiving end of both of those touchdown passes to the tight end and finished the day with four catches for 38 yards.

The Lindenhurst, N.Y., native entered the game with just one career reception but saw an increased role thanks to an undisclosed injury to senior Rashod Berry. He was quick to deflect praise for his individual performance, however, and instead credited his unit for their help, as well as their continued growth throughout the offseason.

"I got lucky and made a couple big plays," Ruckert said. "I think as far as the leadership of the older guys – Luke (Farrell), Jake (Hausmann) and Rashod, they just really bring it on us and make sure we bring it every day. Our group has won the award for the best group in the winter and the spring, so we were just trying to strive every day to be on time



JOSH WINSLOW

BEEN A WHILE – Sophomore Jeremy Ruckert looks to become the first Ohio State tight end since Ben Hartsock in 2003 to reach 30 catches in one season.

for everything and make sure we give 100 percent all of the time, and it ended up paying off."

The 6-5, 250-pound Ruckert was wide open in the middle of the field on his first touchdown catch, with no defenders within a 10-yard radius. The 25-yard reception gave the Buckeyes a 14-0 lead in the first quarter and Fields his first-ever touchdown pass at Ohio State.

"It feels like you're waiting a couple years for the ball to get there," Ruckert said, "but I was happy to be in that situation and make a play. If we got that look, we were going to run it. We were confident in it. Justin's a great player. He put it right

on me. If I dropped it, it would have been a big deal. I was too open to mess it up."

Ruckert was also wide open in the back of the end zone on his second score, a play in which Farrell diverted defenders away from him. The 3-yard grab gave the Buckeyes a 35-6 lead in the third quarter.

"It's exciting," Ruckert said. "Those two plays, as you can tell, I didn't do anything special. I was just in the right place at the right time, and it was executed by the team. It was just all a perfect outcome, and it's exciting to have my family here to enjoy it."

The transition to college wasn't easy for Ruckert, who was more of a receiver than a tight end in high school. But given the work

he's put in to learn the position, Ruckert's coaches and teammates were not surprised by his performance that afternoon.

"He's had a great preseason camp and he's improved a lot, specifically in his blocking, and you know when you block well, we're going to throw you the ball more," said fifth-year senior offensive tackle Branden Bowen. "It was nice to see him really get after it."

As someone who lined up out wide rather than beside the tackle throughout high school, Ruckert admits that he struggled with blocking when he first arrived at Ohio State. And despite his lofty recruiting rankings, he was never going to see the field until he learned to block.

"I turned on the film from a couple days ago and watched the film of last camp," Ruckert said. "Where I am now, it looks like it's night and day. I wasn't scared of throwing myself in there and being physical. It was just the fact of being technical with it and using my natural strength and speed in blocking."

Ruckert's two-touchdown day is the first by an Ohio State tight end since Nick Vannett – who is now with the NFL's Seattle Seahawks – scored twice against Rutgers in 2014.

So is this finally the year the tight end is used as a receiving threat rather than an extension of the offensive line, thus ending an old narrative that pops up every offseason? Could Ruckert be the first tight end since Ben Hartsock in 2003 to reach 33 receptions in a single season?

That remains to be seen, especially after Ruckert was used more as a blocker and decoy in the 42-0 win over Cincinnati on Sept. 7.

One thing is for certain, though: Ruckert is a dynamic athlete who could be another lethal weapon in an Ohio State offense full of them. It's just a matter of making him a priority rather than ignoring the tight ends, as the coaching staff has done in years past.

"It's been a long time coming," Ruckert said.

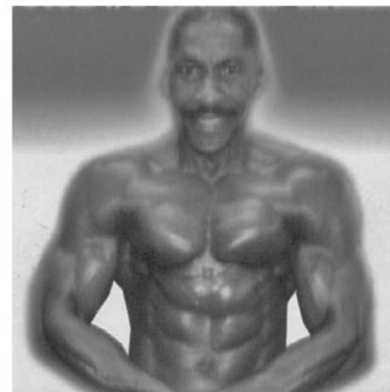
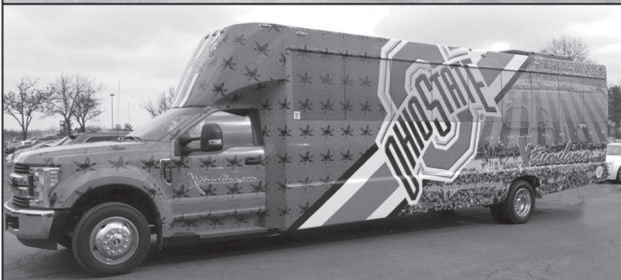


WWW.XTREMELIMO.COM
614.483.3300



- Weddings
- Proms
- Business Events
- Bachelor & Bachelorette Parties
- Any Celebration!

Our fleet is detailed and maintained to the highest safety and comfort standards in the industry.



TIM SWANSON
 Certified Personal Trainer

Flat Stomach • Weight Loss • Strength Training • Cardio Kick-Boxing • Boot Camp

614-886-9331
 foreverfitswan@yahoo.com

Attention Reds Fans

Here's a chance for Buckeye Sports Bulletin readers who are also Cincinnati Reds fans to enjoy a year of Reds Report, BSB's sister publication covering the Reds, for just \$9.95, a \$33 savings over the regular \$42.95 rate. Take advantage of this special offer for BSB readers and we will also send you a voucher good for two free tickets to your choice of select Reds games this season.

This will be another interesting year for Reds Report readers as our extensive Reds minor league system coverage becomes more critical with the team in the midst of its rebuilding project. You will also enjoy stories, columns, statistics and box scores for the major league club.

Just send your \$9.95 to P.O. Box 12453, Columbus, Ohio, 43212 or call (614) 486-2202 for credit card orders. You must mention the Reds BSB Special.



**The Best Selection of Ohio State
Gifts & Sportswear!**

Order Toll Free

(800) 628-4678

Order Online

www.collegetraditions.com



10721 Oxford Football Sport Tee
S-XL \$16.99 XXL \$18.99 3XL \$19.99



21937 Women's Light Gray Crew
S-XXL \$39.99



51908
Black Softshell
Full Zip Jacket
S-XL \$79.99
XXL \$81.99

61910
Nike Black Block O
Adjustable Cap
\$24.00



20001
Red Athletic Logo Crew
S-XL \$48.00 XXL \$50.00
3XL \$53 4XL \$55 5XL \$57



96951
Buckeye
Necklace
\$9.99



91218
5" Stubby
Brutus
\$14.99



80081
Red Athletic
Logo Mug
\$10.99



"Your Head to Toe Buckeye Source"

Relationships, Evaluation Key For Ohio State

Recruiting is all about relationships, so there's no doubt Ohio State put itself at a disadvantage on the recruiting trail when head coach Ryan Day hired four new defensive coaches in January.

But co-defensive coordinator Greg Mattison, co-defensive coordinator/secondary coach Jeff Hafley, linebackers coach Al Washington and assistant secondary coach Matt Barnes all hit the ground running, establishing new relationships throughout the country while also relying on those they'd already formed throughout their respective coaching careers.

Since then, the Buckeyes have landed 17 commitments – bringing their total for the 2020 recruiting class to 22 – and now sit at No. 4 in the 247Sports team recruiting rankings.

RECRUITING OUTLOOK Andrew Lind

With that, Day was recently asked about his staff's approach, particularly when it comes to evaluating players who are either under the radar or simply haven't been found by other programs.

"You ask a lot of questions," Day said. "You talk to high school coaches and ask, 'Who are the best kids in the area?' You talk to people, especially the people you trust. In recruiting, there are a lot of different skills.

"There's communication and the connections you make, but there's also evaluation, and I think evaluating is very critical nowadays."

That faith in others and the ability to evaluate talent has paid off handsomely for Ohio State, as Day and his staff have uncovered a number of undervalued prospects whom they expect to contribute



ANDREW LIND

BONDING OPPORTUNITY – Ohio State offensive commits (from left to right) Josh Fryar, Jakob James, Grant Toutant, Paris Johnson and Luke Wypler attended the Buckeyes' win over Cincinnati.

despite their modest recruiting rankings.

That includes Jersey City (N.J.) St. Peter's Prep linebacker Cody Simon; Muskegon, Mich., athlete Cameron Martinez; Warren (Mich.) De La Salle offensive tackle Grant Toutant; Beech Grove, Ind., offensive guard Josh Fryar; Olney (Md.) Good Counsel linebacker Mitchell Melton; Pickerington (Ohio) Central defensive end Ty Hamilton; Cincinnati Elder offensive guard Jakob James; and Norwalk, Ohio, offensive tackle Trey Leroux – all of whom were considered three-star recruits at the time of their respective commitments.

Top Prospects Watch Win Over Cincinnati

For the second consecutive game, Ohio State welcomed several commitments from the 2020 recruiting class to campus for unofficial visits for the 42-0 win over Cincinnati.

That list included Cincinnati Princeton five-star offensive tackle Paris Johnson Jr.; Rockwall, Texas, four-star wide receiver Jaxon Smith-Njigba; Montvale (N.J.) St. Joseph Regional four-star center Luke Wypler; Cincinnati Princeton four-star defensive end Darrion Henry; Cincinnati Elder three-star tight end Joe Royer;

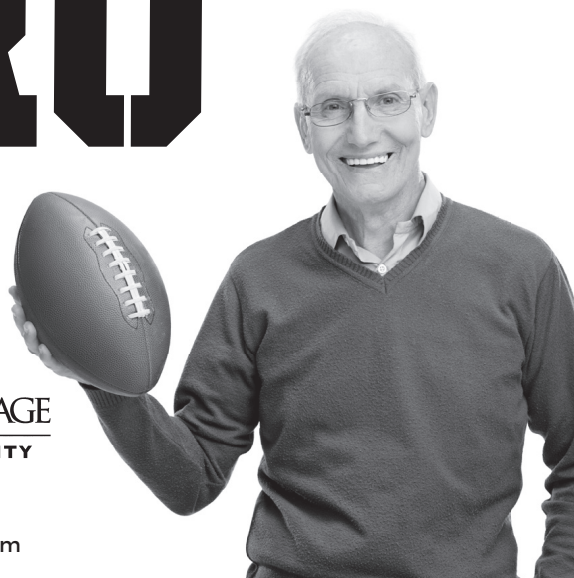
Warren (Mich.) De La Salle three-star offensive tackle Grant Toutant; Beech Grove, Ind., three-star offensive guard Josh Fryar; and Cincinnati Elder three-star offensive guard Jakob James.

Johnson, Toutant and Fryar also attended the Aug. 31 win over Florida Atlantic, while the Sept. 7 matchup with Cincinnati marked the first-ever college football game for Wypler.

Pickerington (Ohio) North five-star defensive end Jack Sawyer, one of four Ohio State commitments from the 2021 recruiting class, was also in attendance. He's been to both games this season.

LIVE LIKE A PRO

Retirement Living for Champions



MAYFAIR VILLAGE
A SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY

3011 Hayden Road
Columbus, OH 43235
MayfairVillageRetirement.com

Call 614.889.6202 today to schedule a personal tour.

MANN DULANEY

ATTORNEYS AT LAW



PROTECT YOUR PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

*Mann Dulaney advocates for Ohio's
licensed professionals before their licensing boards.*



- Lawyers
- Nurses
- Pharmacists
- Physicians
- Dentists
- Speech and Hearing Professionals
- Mental Health Professionals
- Physical and Occupational Therapists

DON'T BE A SITTING DUCK

Don't face a board investigation or hearing alone.

Protect yourself. Free initial confidential consultation.
Statewide Practice.

MANN DULANEY, LLC www.m-dlegal.com
Attorneys at Law (614) 763-2322
211 Bradenton Avenue • Dublin, Ohio 43017

ASK AN ANALYST

With Buckeye Grove's Marc Givler

Ohio State's coaching staff recently self-reported a minor NCAA rules infraction involving on-campus photo shoots and recruiting itineraries. As a result, the Buckeyes were unable to have contact with prospects from the 2021 recruiting class until Sept. 8 – or, in some unspecified cases, Sept. 15.

How does that impact Ohio State's recruiting efforts in a very important contact period?

"It's an annoyance for the coaching staff, for sure, but I don't see it as a major long-term issue. While they can't directly reach out to recruits, the coaches can still get prospects to call them through their high school coaches, so there is still a means for communication.

"It shouldn't be a major setback long term but definitely something they'll want to avoid in the future as they lose that ability to make that immediate impact by directly reaching out to key guys on Sept. 1 – which is when the contact period for juniors begins."

Sammamish (Wash.) Eastside Catholic four-star wide receiver Gee Scott Jr. was among the handful of Ohio State commits who were on campus for the Buckeyes' season-opening win over Florida Atlantic.

I understand the distance from home coupled with his high school football schedule makes such a trip difficult until his senior season ends in mid-November, but do you think there is any concern about him taking an official visit this early in the season – especially with the home-state Washington Huskies offering this summer and trying to get him on campus this fall?

"In speaking with Scott's family, it was very much a decision to completely table recruiting during the season, and this was the last weekend he could visit before his senior year kicked off.

"If you believe that – and I do – that would certainly add up to someone who is firmly committed. There was a time early on when Washington could have made this interesting, but I believe the offer came in too late. You always have to recruit your committed guys to the end, but Scott seems as solid as he can be."

Ohio State already has one of the nation's top-rated quarterbacks committed in Scottsdale (Ariz.) Chaparral four-star Jack Miller, but there have been continued conversations about possibly adding a second signal caller in the

current recruiting class for depth purposes.

It appears that realistic options are few and far between, though, so where do you think the Buckeyes turn at that position? And, if not a senior, do you think the staff could or should address the issue through the transfer portal after the season?

"I believe C.J. Stroud out of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., is currently the front-runner. I'm sure they'll continue to evaluate guys like Stephenville, Texas, three-star Kade Renfro – a North Texas commit – and Pickerington (Ohio) Central three-star Demeatric Crenshaw, but Stroud has seemingly emerged as the preference.

"It continues to be a delicate situation with how to approach this in the right way with Miller and making sure they don't sour him on things through this process, as the Buckeyes really need to add two bodies to the quarterback room this offseason.

"A transfer portal situation could certainly arise during the season, but you wonder how much long-term help that really gives you. It becomes more and more difficult to successfully integrate transfers, and I don't think they want a repeat of this season when it's an entire room of transfers."

The Buckeyes also notably welcomed Johnson and Henry's teammate Jaheim Thomas, a Cincinnati commit who once had significant interest in Ohio State.

The Buckeyes already have a pair of commitments at linebacker from the previously mentioned Melton and Simon, as well as a pledge from Bellflower (Calif.) St. John Bosco four-star athlete Kourt Williams, who could play linebacker or safety at the next level, so it's unclear if Thomas' visit was because of a renewed interest in Ohio State or as a courtesy given his commitment to the Bearcats.

Another RB Target Emerges

After missing out on Tucson (Ariz.) Salpointe Catholic five-star Bijan Robinson and Deerfield Beach, Fla., four-star Jaylan Knighton in late July and early August, Ohio State has combed the country in search of new running back targets.

As mentioned above, the Buckeyes pride themselves on evaluation and their ability to find diamonds in the rough. But running backs coach Tony Alford had to do little more than turn his television to ESPN on Aug. 30 to discover Miami (Fla.) Columbus three-star Henry Parrish.

The 5-10, 183-pound Parrish – who is considered the 52nd-best running back and No. 770 prospect overall in the class of 2020 – rushed for 324 yards and three touchdowns in a rout of Miami Belen Jesuit on Aug. 30.

He then made SportsCenter's top 10 that evening on a play in which he spun past several defenders and stiff-armed another on his way to the end zone from 27 yards out.

Ohio State has yet to offer Parrish, who committed to Pittsburgh back in June. But Alford has expressed interest in building that relationship in hopes that he'd consider taking an official visit this fall.

The Buckeyes aren't the only program looking to flip Parrish from his commitment, as Miami (Fla.) and South Carolina have both been in contact in recent weeks, as well.

Buckeyes Hit With NCAA Minor Violation

As first reported by Lettermen Row on Sept. 1, Ohio State has self-reported two minor recruiting violations to the NCAA after sending impermissible photos to prospective recruits and printing a prospect's name on his visit itinerary.

As a result, the Buckeyes' coaching staff was unable to have contact with prospects from the class of 2021 until Sept. 8 – or can't until Sept. 15, depending on the recruit. It is unclear which players will have to wait, though.

While seemingly every program in the

country takes and shares professional photo shoot images with recruits during their visit to campus, they're apparently not allowed to send them until Sept. 1 of their junior year. There was some confusion about the rule because coaches are allowed to text prospects and their families while they're on campus, but photos cannot be included.

Ohio State also printed a player's name on an itinerary that was given to him and his family while on an unofficial visit this summer, which was quickly pointed out by the Buckeyes' compliance department as an NCAA violation.

Elliot Donald Includes OSU Among Top Schools

Pittsburgh Central Catholic four-star defensive end Elliot Donald, the nephew of Los Angeles Rams defensive tackle and reigning NFL Defensive Player of the Year Aaron Donald, included Ohio State in his top eight schools on Aug. 26 alongside LSU, Michigan, Notre Dame, Penn State, Pittsburgh, Texas A&M and West Virginia.

The 6-3, 225-pound Donald is considered the eighth-best strongside defensive end

Continued On Page 30

Buckeye Sports BulletinBoard

RULES AND RATES: 20 cents per word, 10 cents for more than one insertion. Minimum order of \$5. No agency discounts. Make checks payable to Buckeye Sports Bulletin. We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

All ads are uniformly set with the first two words set in boldface capital letters at no charge. However, no other words may be set in boldface.

Anyone planning a larger or more distinct ad may receive our ad rate card upon request. We reserve the right to request additional information or merchandise be submitted from advertiser prior to acceptance of an ad, and we reserve the right to refuse advertisements considered objectionable.

Deadline is one week prior to publication date. Call (614) 486-2202 or write P.O. Box 12453, Columbus, Ohio, 43212 for info.

FOR SALE! Woody Hayes glasses frames from 1963. The real ones. Call (513) 947-0120 or (937) 402-9765.

WANTED TO buy: OSU football memorabilia and equipment, programs, pennants, glasses, books, jerseys, helmets, ticket stubs. One item or a hundred. Will travel. Call George at (614) 506-1081.

FOR SALE — OSU-MICHIGAN Game, 1975 - original RADIO broadcast on CD! Woody's last great team & Archie's last UM game as Bucks go 11-0! Three-disk set runs 3½ hours! Listen in your car! \$25 + \$3 S & H. Call 1-630-527-8890!

WANTED TO buy: OSU basketball tickets/stubs from the 1960s, '70s, '80s, '90s & 2000s. Call Mike at (704) 995-0414.

WANTED TO buy: OSU football memorabilia, programs, ticket stubs, pennants, championship rings, gold pants, helmets, autographs, game-used equipment, small or large collections. Call Chris at (419) 957-6789.

CLEAN BUCKEYES – 6.3-pound cases at just \$12 per case, plus shipping! This is dry weight, as these buckeyes have been hand cleaned and dried – beautiful! Get them here first! Call (630) 527-8890!

BSB PUBLISHER Frank Moskowitz and other members of the BSB staff are available to speak at your business, social or alumni group meetings. Informative and fun. Call (614) 486-2202 for details.

Buckeyes Hand Out Several New Scholarship Offers

Continued From Page 29

and No. 85 prospect overall in the class of 2021, as he recorded 14 tackles for a loss, 8½ sacks and two forced fumbles to lead the Vikings to the state playoffs last fall.

The Buckeyes extended an offer to Donald back in January, and he visited campus for the first and only time for Student Appreciation Day on March 23. He has maintained contact with linebackers coach Al Washington in the months since. Washington was his primary recruiter as the defensive line coach at Michigan last fall.

Donald has no plans to take any visits this fall as he'll instead focus most of his attention on his junior season. It's safe to say the Buckeyes will have plenty of interest in getting him on campus when he chooses to ramp up his recruitment, though.

C Ryan Linthicum Eliminates Buckeyes

Ohio State missed the cut for the nation's top-ranked center, as Damascus, Md., four-star Ryan Linthicum named Clemson, Michigan and Virginia Tech as his final three schools.

The 6-5, 275-pound Linthicum visited Columbus this summer, and he had nothing but good things to say about the program afterward. But the Buckeyes already hold a commitment from Montvale (N.J.) St. Joseph Regional four-star offensive lineman Luke Wypler, and the plan is to have him play center at the next level. Depth isn't a concern, either, as Ohio State fully expects Josh Myers to man the position for the next two seasons

before giving way to Harry Miller in 2021.

The Wolverines were once perceived to be the favorite to land Linthicum's pledge, but momentum has swung in favor of the Tigers thanks to his relationship with his teammate and five-star defensive end Bryan Bresee, a Clemson commit. A decision could come anytime in the next few weeks, though he's set to visit Clemson on Sept. 21.

TE Cam Large Commits To Wisconsin

Although he took an official visit to Ohio State this summer, Dedham (Mass.) Noble and Greenough School three-star tight end Cam Large committed to Wisconsin on Aug. 27.

Large's decision wasn't exactly a surprise, with the Buckeyes already holding a commitment from Cincinnati Elder three-star Joe Royer. The staff considered taking two tight ends this cycle, but tight numbers in the class and the emergence of tight ends on the current roster have changed that thought process.

If things change, though, the most realistic option for Ohio State would be to try to flip Grandview Heights, Ohio, three-star tight end Luke Lachey from his commitment to Iowa.

Lachey, the son of former Buckeye offensive lineman Jim Lachey, does not have an offer from the staff but camped in Columbus this summer and has had continued conversations with offensive coordinator and tight ends coach Kevin Wilson in the months since.

It's much more likely that Ohio State looks to add two players at the position as part of the 2021 recruiting class. Current tight ends Rashod Berry, Luke Farrell and Jake

OSU Football Verbal Commitments

Players in the class of 2020 who have issued verbal commitments to play football at Ohio State. (Star ratings are from the 247Sports composite rankings.)

| Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Stars | High School |
|--------------------|------|------|-----|-------|-------------------------------------|
| Paris Johnson | OT | 6-8 | 295 | ★★★★★ | Cincinnati Princeton |
| Jack Miller | QB | 6-4 | 210 | ★★★★ | Scottsdale (Ariz.) Chaparral |
| Luke Wypler | OC | 6-4 | 285 | ★★★★ | Montvale (N.J.) St. Joseph Regional |
| Jaxon Smith-Njigba | WR | 6-1 | 188 | ★★★★ | Rockwall, Texas |
| Gee Scott Jr. | WR | 6-3 | 207 | ★★★★ | Sammamish (Wa.) Eastside Catholic |
| Jakob James | OG | 6-5 | 275 | ★★★ | Cincinnati Elder |
| Trey Leroux | OT | 6-8 | 355 | ★★★ | Norwalk, Ohio |
| Lejond Cavazos | CB | 6-1 | 190 | ★★★★ | Bradenton (Fla.) IMG Academy |
| Julian Fleming | WR | 6-2 | 199 | ★★★★★ | Catawissa (Pa.) Southern Columbia |
| Jake Seibert | K | 6-1 | 190 | ★★★ | Cincinnati La Salle |
| Grant Toutant | OT | 6-7 | 320 | ★★★ | Warren (Mich.) De La Salle |
| Ty Hamilton | DE | 6-3 | 250 | ★★★ | Pickerington (Ohio) Central |
| Clark Phillips | CB | 5-11 | 178 | ★★★★ | La Habra, Calif. |
| Cody Simon | OLB | 6-1 | 218 | ★★★★ | Jersey City (N.J.) St. Peter's Prep |
| Darrion Henry | DT | 6-5 | 279 | ★★★★ | Cincinnati Princeton |
| Joe Royer | TE | 6-5 | 225 | ★★★ | Cincinnati Elder |
| Mitchell Melton | OLB | 6-3 | 235 | ★★★ | Olney (Md.) Good Counsel |
| Cameron Martinez | ATH | 6-0 | 183 | ★★★ | Muskegon, Mich. |
| Josh Fryar | OL | 6-6 | 305 | ★★★ | Beech Grove, Ind. |
| Mookie Cooper | WR | 5-9 | 193 | ★★★★ | St. Louis Trinity Catholic |
| Lathan Ransom | S | 6-1 | 193 | ★★★★ | Tucson (Ariz.) Salpointe Catholic |
| Kourt Williams | ATH | 6-1 | 216 | ★★★★ | Bellflower (Calif.) St. John Bosco |

Players in the class of 2021 who have issued a verbal commitment to play football at Ohio State.

| Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Stars | High School |
|----------------|------|-----|-----|-------|-----------------------------|
| Jack Sawyer | DE | 6-6 | 220 | ★★★★★ | Pickerington (Ohio) North |
| Kyle McCord | QB | 6-3 | 204 | ★★★★ | Philadelphia St. Joseph's |
| Jayden Ballard | WR | 6-2 | 175 | ★★★★ | Massillon (Ohio) Washington |
| Ben Christman | OT | 6-6 | 299 | ★★★★ | Richfield (Ohio) Revere |

Hausmann will have exhausted their eligibility by then. Sophomore Jeremy Ruckert could also potentially forgo his final season of eligibility and enter the NFL draft.

Buckeyes Extend Handful Of New Offers

With the aforementioned recruiting restrictions, Ohio State has been slow in handing out offers this month. It doesn't impact the current recruiting cycle, though, which is why the Buckeyes extended an offer to Dalton, Ga., three-star running back Jahmyr Gibbs on Sept. 5.

Alford has been in contact with the 5-11, 194-pounder for several weeks now and finally

offered following Gibbs' 438-yard, eight-touchdown performance in the Catamounts' season-opening win. He was just the 19th player in state history to rush for more than 400 yards – and did so in just three quarters of work.

Gibbs has been committed to Georgia Tech since May but seems receptive to the idea of visiting Ohio State this fall.

The Buckeyes also offered 2021 Muskego, Wis., four-star safety Hunter Wohler and 2021 Winnetka, Ill., four-star offensive tackle David Davidkov before the restrictions went into effect. Wohler camped in Columbus this summer, while Davidkov – a three-sport athlete who also wrestles and plays rugby – has yet to visit.

CLASSIC COMFORT FOOD Redefined

CAP CITY
Fine Diner and Bar

GRANDVIEW
614.291.3663
1299 Olentangy River Road
Serving Dinner Mon - Thurs 4 - 10 p.m.
Sat 3 - 11 p.m. | Sun 3 - 9 p.m.
CapCityFineDiner.com

A Home for Hands that Build.™

The Strait & Lamp Group

Strait & Lamp Lumber
A Division of The Strait & Lamp Group

Dublin Millwork
A Division of The Strait & Lamp Group

Linworth Lumber
A Division of The Strait & Lamp Group

5th Ave. Lumber
A Division of The Strait & Lamp Group

Lumbercraft
A Division of The Strait & Lamp Group

NOW HIRING
at all locations
Please reach out on
our website

www.straitandlamp.com

A Look Back At Recruiting From The Pages Of BSB

30 Years Ago – 1989

Delandual Conwell, a 6-1, 200-pound tailback/cornerback from Ironton, Ohio, was drawing interest with his 4.5 speed and 275-pound bench press that helped him earn Street & Smith's preseason All-America honors as a defensive back.

"I'm checking out Ohio State, of course, and Purdue and Michigan and Michigan State have all written," Conwell said. "So have a lot of others, big and small. There are a lot of things still open. I'm going to keep the door open there."

25 Years Ago – 1994

The Ohio State coaches were not sure whether they would bring in another scholarship quarterback this recruiting season since the position appeared to have plenty of competition for years to come. Starter Bobby Hoying had one year remaining, and four other QBs were also in the fold counting redshirt freshmen Stanley Jackson, Tom Hoying and Mark Zban and true frosh Steve Baird.

But Cincinnati Roger Bacon slinger Jeremy Ahrens at least showed he was interested in Ohio State during the weekend of Sept. 17 by attending OSU's home opener with Pittsburgh.

Ahrens was one of about two dozen prospects who made an unofficial visit for the game, a 27-3 Buckeye victory.

Ahrens, 6-4 and 200 pounds, was considered to be one of the five best quarterback prospects in Ohio. A big senior season might land a scholarship at a major program. If not, chances were he might walk on with the Buckeyes.

20 Years Ago – 1999

His motto said everything you needed to know about Larry Kinnard of Alliance, Ohio.

"I have a little saying that 'All things are possible,' " Kinnard said. "And my mom tells me, 'Son, you can do anything you want to do as long as you put your mind to it.' "

With that type of belief system in place, it was no wonder that on March 8, Kinnard became the first verbal commitment in Ohio State's 2000 football recruiting class.

From Ohio State's perspective, the lure to Kinnard was clear. He was a 6-7½, 275-pound lineman with nearly unlimited

potential.

But Kinnard hadn't always favored the Buckeyes.

"All through elementary and middle school, I was a Michigan fan," he said. "It's kind of ironic that I end up going to the archrival of Michigan."

15 Years Ago – 2004

More than half of the high school seniors already committed to Ohio State for the class of 2005 were in Columbus Sept 11 to take in the OSU-Marshall matchup.

Joining them to make up the stable of visitors were a few notable Ohio seniors and a strong contingent from western Pennsylvania.

Among the verbals, offensive linemen Alex Boone and Jim Cordle, defensive lineman Todd Denlinger, quarterback Rob Schoenhof and wide receivers Andre Amos and Brian Hartline all made the trek to Ohio Stadium. So did Raceland (Ky.) Raceland-Worthington kicker Aaron Pettrey, who had graduated from high school and was scheduled to enroll at OSU in January as a grayshirt member of the recruiting class.

It was Amos' first visit to a Buckeye game since committing to the program in late August, and he said afterward that he rather enjoyed himself.

"I talked to a lot of people and recruits," he told BSB. "It was fun. I really enjoyed myself. The game was really exciting."

The top uncommitted player at the game was Columbus Brookhaven linebacker/tight end Alex Daniels, the No. 6 player in the state. Among the Pennsylvania visitors were Pittsburgh Penn Hills running back Ed Collington and Pittsburgh Woodland Hills defensive back Darrin Walls.

10 Years Ago – 2009

It may not have been the weekend Ohio State was hoping for on the field, but the 18-15 loss to USC did not stop the Buckeyes from adding to their recruiting class of 2010.

After taking in Ohio Stadium while the Buckeyes hosted the Trojans, four-star wide receiver Corey Brown from Springfield (Pa.) Cardinal O'Hara decided that he had seen

enough and issued his verbal commitment to the Buckeyes.

"I was watching the game and they played USC real tough," Brown told BSB. "I realized they can compete with anybody and they play all the top schools. Then when I saw the facilities, they were amazing. The weight room was nice and the academic support is unreal. They're big on getting a degree and stuff. That's what they're about."

Entering the weekend, Brown said he had no idea he would wind up issuing a verbal commitment to the Buckeyes while on his unofficial visit. He became verbal member No. 13 in OSU's class of 2010.

Five Years Ago – 2014

Through no fault of his own, the most anticipated prospect on Ohio State's visitor list for the Virginia Tech game was unable to make it. Plantation (Fla.) American Heritage four-star quarterback Torrance Gibson had to reschedule his official visit because his high school game was moved to Sept. 6.

That had the potential to also affect his planned Oct. 20 announcement date, as it was unlikely that he would get back to Columbus before then. He did, however, reiterate that Ohio State still led in his recruitment.

"They have a great business school, a great coaching staff and an awesome campus," he said. "The offense is just me. It just fits me as a quarterback."

One Year Ago – 2018

When Urban Meyer returned to the Woody Hayes Athletic Center the morning of Sept. 3, the head coach's welcome back to football operations for Ohio State's week of practice came with a surprise visitor.

Cincinnati St. Xavier 2020 five-star offensive tackle Paris Johnson (6-7, 295) spent Labor Day in Columbus on campus with his family, recruiting assistant Ed Terwilliger and Meyer.

Johnson and his family had made frequent trips up and down Interstate 71 to see the Buckeyes, but their latest day at the WHAC further showed the offensive tackle's commitment to OSU. Johnson had joined the 2020 class when he announced his commitment to Meyer's program on June 28.



The Ultimate Tailgate

AVAILABLE FOR CHARTER

Hotel Suite, Conference Room,
and Private Jet...All Rolled into One



Close the deal.....
at 65 mph!

 **Coach Quarters™**
CORPORATE HOSPITALITY & TRANSPORT

www.coachquarters.com • 614-738-8889

Columbus • Cincinnati • Nashville



Michigan Survives Two-Overtime Scare From Army

It took two additional periods of play, but Michigan was able to survive a serious threat from Army at home on Sept. 7.

The Wolverines' 24-21 win didn't come without a fair number of challenges, and Michigan was just feet away from losing the game in regulation, when Army's 50-yard field-goal attempt with one second to play was partially blocked by Nico Collins and just missed past the right upright.

BIG TEN NOTES

Patrick Mayhorn

In overtime, Army struck first with a short run up the middle, but Michigan quickly responded with a touchdown of its own, though nearly missing the extra point. The second overtime appeared to present an opening for the Black Knights as Michigan was forced to settle for a field goal, but a third-and-long fumble by Army's Kelvin Hopkins gave Michigan the win.

Maryland, Purdue Roll, Nebraska Loses In OT

While the Wolverines struggled with the triple option, it was a huge weekend for three Big Ten teams, as Maryland and



MICHIGAN FOOTBALL/TWITTER

SLOPPY SHEA – Michigan quarterback Shea Patterson (2) fumbled the ball twice in the Wolverines' 24-21 double-overtime win over Army on Sept. 7.

Purdue both captured big wins over Power Five opponents.

Maryland kicked off the huge day for the Big Ten with a blowout win over

Syracuse, 63-20 in front of a Maryland home crowd. It was a strong showing for quarterback Josh Jackson, who tossed for 296 yards and three scores while throwing

just one interception. Even more impressive was halfback Javon Leake, who racked up 107 yards and two scores on just seven carries. The Terrapins ran for 354 yards

Is your
whole team
covered?

Join today for just
\$74/year and cover your
entire household for just
\$38/year per membership.

AAA.com/Join

ALWAYS WITH YOU

BUCKEYE SCOREBOARD

on the day.

It wasn't quite as dominant a showing for Purdue, but the Boilermakers impressed against Vanderbilt in a 42-24 victory. Purdue was led by a massive performance from quarterback Elijah Sindelar, who threw for 509 yards on 34 completions and added five touchdowns. The Boilermakers ran for just 31 yards, but they didn't seem to need the production on the ground.

While the Terps and Boilermakers looked good, it was a less-than-ideal day for the third Big Ten team that played against a Power Five opponent. Despite a 17-0 halftime lead, Nebraska fell in overtime to Colorado on the road, 34-31. The Cornhuskers were led by quarterback Adrian Martinez, who threw for 290 yards and two scores but threw an interception on Nebraska's attempt at a game-winning drive.

In overtime, the Buffs took the lead with a field goal and set Nebraska up with a 48-yard attempt of their own after a sack on third down. Nebraska kicker Isaac Armstrong's attempt was not close, and the Cornhuskers fell to 1-1 on the season.

Elsewhere, Wisconsin, Indiana and Iowa rolled over Central Michigan, EIU and Rutgers, respectively, while Illinois beat UConn, Penn State took care of Buffalo, Michigan State dismantled Western Michigan, and Minnesota knocked off Fresno State, 38-35, in double overtime.

Wisconsin's Cephus Decision Under Investigation

In 2018, Wisconsin receiver Quintez Cephus was accused by two women of sexual assault, and after he was charged in August, he was kicked off Wisconsin's team. A year later, Cephus was acquitted by a jury and promptly reinstated by the Badgers, in time for him to play in week one against South Florida.

Now, following that decision, the two women have hired an attorney to investigate that decision to reinstate by the university, according to the Wisconsin State Journal.

The attorney, John Clune, is one of America's most well-known attorneys for cases like this, having represented a woman who accused former NBA player Kobe Bryant of sexual assault back in 2004 and then representing a former Florida State student who accused Jameis Winston of similar crimes in 2015. He was involved with the recent Baylor sexual assault scandal as well.

Clune called the decision unprecedented and claimed that the accusers were not involved at all in the process to determine if Cephus should be reinstated, which would be a violation of due process rights under Title IX.

"They've done either a horrible job at explaining their decision-making or they did something illegal," Clune said. "Right now, it looks like both, but that's what we've been trying hard to find out."

Northwestern QB Green Out For The Season

Northwestern may have picked Hunter Johnson over T.J. Green prior to its opening loss against Stanford, but when Green came in for Johnson late in the game, it appeared that the competition was still open. Now, the competition has closed, though not for any positive reasons, because Green was officially declared out for the season during Northwestern's off week.

Green went down with a severe foot

Aug. 31 FLORIDA ATLANTIC, W 45-21.
Sept. 7 CINCINNATI, W 42-0; **14** at Indiana, 12 p.m.; **21** MIAMI (OHIO); **28** at Nebraska.

Oct. 5 MICHIGAN STATE, 7:30 p.m.; **18** at Northwestern, 8:30 p.m.; **26** WISCONSIN.

Nov. 9 MARYLAND; **16** at Rutgers; **23** PENN STATE; **30** at Michigan, 12 p.m..

Dec. 7 Big Ten Championship Game at Indianapolis, 8 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

Oct. 30 CEDARVILLE (exhibition).

Nov. 6 CINCINNATI, 8:30 p.m.; **10** UMASS-LOWELL, 4 p.m.; **13** VILLANOVA, 7 p.m.; **18** STETSON, 8:30 p.m.; **22** PURDUE FORT WAYNE; **25** KENT STATE, 6:30 p.m.; **29** MORGAN STATE, 9 p.m..

Dec. 4 North Carolina; **7** PENN STATE; **15** Minnesota, 6:30 p.m.; **17** SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE, 7 p.m.; **21** Kentucky at Las Vegas, 5:15 p.m.; **29** West Virginia at Cleveland, 12 p.m.

Jan. 3 WISCONSIN, 7 p.m.; **7** Maryland, 7 p.m.; **11** Indiana, 12 p.m.; **14** NEBRASKA, 6:30 p.m.; **18** Penn State, 12 p.m.; **23** MINNESOTA, 6:30 p.m.; **26** Northwestern, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 1 INDIANA, 12 p.m.; **4** Michigan, 7 p.m.; **9** Wisconsin, 1 p.m.; **12** RUTGERS, 7 p.m.; **15** PURDUE 12 p.m.; **20** Iowa, 7 p.m.; **23** MARYLAND, 4 p.m.; **27** NEBRASKA, 9 p.m.

March 1 MICHIGAN, 4 p.m.; **5** ILLINOIS, 7 p.m.; **8** Michigan State, 4:30 p.m. **11-15** Big Ten Tournament at Indianapolis.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Nov. 3 Urbana (exhibition); **10** Valparaiso in Springfield, Ohio; **13** Cincinnati; **17** OHIO, 2 p.m.; **21** Kent State; **24** UCONN, 3 p.m.; **29** South Dakota in Las Vegas; **30** Northern Iowa in Las Vegas.

Dec. 5 LOUISVILLE, 8 p.m.; **8** RADFORD, 2 p.m.; **15** Stanford; **17** Sacramento State, 10:05 p.m.; **28** PURDUE; **31** Minnesota.

Jan. 6 Maryland; **9** MICHIGAN, 6 p.m.; **12** PENN STATE, 2 p.m.; **16** Michigan State, 6 p.m.; **19** ILLINOIS, 2 p.m.; **23** Iowa, 8 p.m.; **30** MARYLAND, 6:30 p.m.

Feb. 2 Nebraska; **6** Illinois, 8 p.m.; **9** WISCONSIN, 2 p.m.; **13** MINNESOTA, 7 p.m.; **16** Indiana; **19** NEBRASKA, 7 p.m.; **22** Rutgers; **25** NORTHWESTERN, 6 p.m.; **29** Purdue.

March 4-8 Big Ten Tournament in Indianapolis.

CROSS COUNTRY

Aug. 30 Miami (Ohio) at Oxford, Ohio, Men 2/5; Women 1/5.

Sept. 14 Commodore Classic at Nashville, Tenn.; **28** Ohio State Invitational at Columbus, Ohio.

Oct. 18 Nuttycomb Wisconsin Invitational at Madison, Wisc.;

Nov. 3 Big Ten Championships at Columbus, Ohio; **15** NCAA Regional Championships at Madison, Wisc.; **23** NCAA Championships at Terre Haute, Ind.

MEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Oct. 6 WESTERN (exhibition); **11** Western Michigan at Toledo, 5 p.m.; **18-19** OMAHA; **25-26** Mercyhurst.

Nov. 1-2 MICHIGAN; **8-9** Notre Dame; **22-23**

Penn State; **30** MICHIGAN STATE.

Dec. 1 MICHIGAN STATE; **6-7** MINNESOTA; **27-28** COLGATE.

Jan. 3 Cornell at Las Vegas; **4** Army at Las Vegas; **10-11** Wisconsin; **17-18** NOTRE DAME; **24-25** Minnesota; **31** Michigan.

Feb. 1 Michigan; **7-8** PENN STATE; **21-22** Michigan State; **28-29** WISCONSIN.

March 6-8 Big Ten Tournament First Round; **14** Big Ten Tournament Semifinals; **21** Big Ten Tournament Championship.

WOMEN'S ICE HOCKEY

Sept. 27-28 ST. LAWRENCE.

Oct. 4-5 St. Cloud State; **11-12** WISCONSIN; **18-19** Minnesota State; **25-26** MINNESOTA.

Nov. 1-2 Bemidji State; **15-16** MINNESOTA DULUTH; **22-23** Colgate; **29-30** CORNELL.

Dec. 14-15 Princeton at Las Vegas;

Jan. 10-11 MINNESOTA STATE; **17-18** Minnesota; **24-25** QUINNIPIAC; **31** BEMIDJI STATE.

Feb. 1 BEMIDJI STATE; **7-8** Minnesota Duluth; **15-16** Wisconsin; **21-22** ST. CLOUD STATE; **28-29** WCHA First Round.

March 1 WCHA First Round; **7-8** WCHA Final Faceoff; **14** NCAA Quarterfinal; **20** NCAA Frozen Four; **22** NCAA Championship.

FIELD HOCKEY (2-1)

Aug. 17 OHIO (exhibition); **25** at Michigan (exhibition); **30** UMASS, W 7-0.

Sept. 2 BOSTON, W 3-2; **6** at James Madison, W 3-0; **8** at Virginia, L 2-1; **13** CENTRAL MICHIGAN, 4 p.m.; **15** LOUISVILLE, 1 p.m.; **20** NORTHWESTERN, 3 p.m.; **27** at Iowa, 3 p.m.; **29** at Indiana, Noon.

Oct. 6 at Ohio, 2 p.m.; **11** MICHIGAN, 4 p.m.; **13** STANFORD, 3 p.m.; **18** RUTGERS, 3 p.m.; **20** MARYLAND, Noon; **25** at Penn State, 6 p.m.; **27** at Kent State, 1 p.m.

Nov. 2 at Michigan State, 1 p.m.; **7** Big Ten Tournament Quarterfinals at Penn State, TBA; **8** Big Ten Tournament Semifinals at Penn State, TBA; **10** Big Ten Tournament Championship at Penn State, TBA.

MEN'S SOCCER (3-1)

Aug. 17 XAVIER (exhibition), T 1-1; **20** MT. VERNON NAZARENE (exhibition), W 7-1; **24** at Butler (exhibition), L 2-1; **30** WOLSTEIN CLASSIC vs. CSUN, L 4-3.

Sept. 1 WOLSTEIN CLASSIC vs. UIC, W 1-0; **6** Dayton Classic vs. Dayton, W 1-0; **8** Dayton Classic vs. EIU, W 3-2; **13** at Bowling Green, 7 p.m.; **17** at South Florida, 7 p.m.; **21** PENN STATE, 7 p.m.; **24** WEST VIRGINIA, 7 p.m.; **27** at Northwestern, 8 p.m.

Oct. 2 MICHIGAN, 7 p.m.; **6** at Rutgers, 11 a.m.; **12** CLEVELAND STATE, 7 p.m.; **16** at Kentucky, 7 p.m.; **19** at Michigan State, 7 p.m.; **25** MARYLAND, 7 p.m.; **29** at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Nov. 3 WISCONSIN, 3 p.m.; **9** Big Ten Tournament Play in Game, TBA; **10** Big Ten Tournament Quarterfinals, TBA; **15** Big Ten Semifinals, TBA; **17** Big Ten Tournament Final, TBA.

WOMEN'S SOCCER (0-3)

Aug. 22 LOUISVILLE, L 2-1; **25** MISSOURI, L 3-1; **28** at UCF, T 1-1.

Sept. 1 at South Florida, Cancelled; **6** at Texas A&M, L 1-0; **8** at TCU, 8 p.m.; **13** MIAMI (OH), 7 p.m.; **15** OHIO, 6 p.m.; **19** MICHIGAN STATE, 8 p.m.; **22** MICHIGAN, 2 p.m.; **27** at Wisconsin, 6 p.m.; **29** at Minnesota, 2 p.m.

Oct. 3 MARYLAND, 7 p.m.; **6** PENN STATE, 2 p.m.; **10** at Purdue, 8 p.m.; **13** at Indiana, Noon; **17** NORTHWESTERN, 7 p.m.; **20** ILLINOIS, 2 p.m.; **27** at Iowa, 2 p.m.

SWIMMING & DIVING

Oct. 18 Texas A&M, 6 p.m.; **19** Louisville at College Station, Texas.

Nov. 1 Virginia Tech at State College, Pa.; **2** Penn State; **8** KENYON & AKRON, 6 p.m.; **15** DENISON, 6 p.m.; **21-23** OHIO STATE INVITATIONAL.

Dec. 4-7 AT&T Winter National Championship at Atlanta.

Jan. 3-4 KENTUCKY; **18** MICHIGAN; **24-25** Shamrock Invitational at South Bend, Ind.; **31** Pittsburgh.

Feb. 14-16 OHIO STATE WINTER INVITATIONAL; 19-22 Women's Big Ten Championship at Iowa City, Iowa **26-29** Men's Big Ten Championship at Bloomington, Ind.

March 1 LAST CHANCE MEET (women's); **8** LAST CHANCE MEET (men's); **14-16** CSCAA National Invitational at Cleveland & NCAA Zone Diving at West Lafayette, Ind.; **19-21** NCAA Championships (women's); **25-28** NCAA Championships (men's).

WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL (5-2)

Aug. 30 LEHIGH, W 3-0; TEXAS TECH, L 3-2; **31** VCU, 3-1.

Sept. 6 at Pittsburgh, L 0-3; **7** vs. Duquesne at Pittsburgh, Pa., W 3-0; vs. Green Bay at Pittsburgh, Penn., 6 p.m.; **13** vs. Tulane at Bowling Green, Kent., 2 p.m.; vs. Western Kentucky at Bowling Green, Kent., 8 p.m.; **14** vs. Bowling Green at Bowling Green, Kent., 5 p.m.; **19** MIAMI (OH), 6 p.m.; **20** ILLINOIS STATE, 10 a.m.; DAYTON, 8 p.m.; **25** at Maryland, 6 p.m.; **29** at Michigan, 2 p.m.

Oct. 4 MICHIGAN STATE, 7 p.m.; **6** MICHIGAN, 1 p.m.; **11** at Rutgers, 7 p.m.; **12** at Penn State, 7 p.m.; **16** IOWA, 8 p.m.; **19** PURDUE, 7 p.m.; **23** RUTGERS, 6 p.m.; **26** at Illinois, 6 p.m.; **30** at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

Nov. 2 MARYLAND, 7 p.m.; **8** WISCONSIN, 7 p.m.; **10** MINNESOTA, Noon; **15** at Purdue, 7 p.m.; **16** at Indiana, 7 p.m.; **22** NORTHWESTERN, 7 p.m.; **24** ILLINOIS, 1 p.m.; **29** at Iowa, 8 p.m.; **30** at Nebraska, TBA.

WRESTLING

Nov. 2 Michigan State; **10** STANFORD; **15** Pittsburgh; **17** VIRGINIA TECH.

Dec. 1 CORNELL; **6-7** Cliff Keen Invitational at Las Vegas.

Jan 3-5 ARIZONA STATE; **10** RUTGERS; **17** Wisconsin; **19** ILLINOIS; **24** Iowa; **26** Minnesota; **31** MARYLAND.

Feb. 2 Nebraska; **9** NORTHWESTERN; **15** Penn State.

March 7-8 Big Ten Championship; **19-21** NCAA Championship.

injury during the third quarter against Stanford and immediately had surgery upon arrival at the local hospital. He also sustained a head injury during the game.

This is his final year of college football, but he is expected to apply for a sixth-year waiver.

Big Ten Top Performers

It was another huge week for the aforementioned Moore, who reeled in 13 receptions for 220 yards and a touchdown in Purdue's win over Vanderbilt. His 24 receptions and 344 yards on the season both lead the NCAA in their respective categories.

Moore wasn't the only receiver to put on a show, as Iowa's Ihmir Smith-Marsette scored twice on just four receptions while putting up 113 yards. He's becoming a big-play machine for the Hawkeyes, as his scores came from 58 and 23 yards out. The Hawkeyes rolled Rutgers, 30-0.

Lastly, Wisconsin has a top performer

yet again, but this time it isn't Jonathan Taylor, rather, his backfield partner. Quarterback Jack Coan threw for 363 yards and three scores while missing

on just seven of his 33 attempts in just his second game as a starter. Wisconsin used his performance to crush Central Michigan, 61-0.



Join Us as We Support the Buckeyes
on the Road & More!!

Membership is only
\$75.00 per year!

For information, check us out
at www.buckeyeboosters.com
or call 614-326-3300.

JOIN NOW!

Membership Opportunities:

- Annual Kick-Off Dinner
- Travel to EVERY Football Away Game
- Annual Celebrity Golf Outing
- Meetings at the Woody Hayes Athletic Center with coaches

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____

Zipcode: _____ Telephone: _____

Mail check to: Buckeye Boosters, 921 Chatham Ln., #301F, Columbus, Oh 43221

Chris Holtmann Happy For Thad Matta's Induction

Ohio State men's basketball coach Chris Holtmann understands the pressure of trying to replicate the success of former coach Thad Matta. That's why Holtmann is glad that the university recognized his predecessor's accomplishments by inducting him into the Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame on Sept. 6.

COURT REPORT Craig Merz

Matta is the all-time program leader in victories with 337 from 2005-17, reached the Final Four in 2007 and '12 and won four Big Ten tournament titles and five regular-season championships before being fired after the 2017 season.

Holtmann has always credited Matta for building the program to national prominence and has carried on the tradition with NCAA Tournament bids his first two seasons since coming to Columbus.

"His tenure here, I've spoken about it, it's the best," Holtmann said Sept. 7 during a media session at halftime of the OSU-Cincinnati football game. "I'm glad he and his family are back to enjoy the fruits of his labor here.

"It's hard to win games, it's hard to win championships and when you look at Thad's teams winning as many games as they did, it's easy to really appreciate that."

Holtmann was most impressed by the loyalty and friendship Matta forged with his former players. Several attended the Hall of Fame dinner, including Golden State's D'Angelo Russell and Evan Turner of the Atlanta Hawks.

"You want to talk about unbelievable ambassadors," Holtmann said. "D'Angelo came by and spent some time with our guys (Sept. 6), worked out with them. Evan, we know what he's done. He gave us a bunch of money to renovate our gym.

"They are fully invested in what we're doing. They follow us every game, and it's pretty special to see that fraternity of guys."

Holtmann said having success through his first two seasons has made for a smooth transition from the Matta era.

"I feel good about what we started to do, and hopefully we can get our program to the level that he had rolling, particularly in the middle of his tenure," Holtmann said. "He turned this into a really special program for a number of years."

Matta Of Fact

Matta, unshackled by the burdens of coaching and the accompanying physical fatigue caused by back issues that plagued him his final seasons at Ohio State, was jovial and feisty during his induction speech.

He said his former center Greg Oden was unique because of his skills for a big man.

"Greg Oden is an anomaly in college basketball," he said. "There never has been nor will there ever be a player as dominant as Greg Oden."

Matta related the problem he had with a young, headstrong Turner, who would later earn Big Ten and national Player of the Year honors in 2010.

"His freshman year he was the most difficult damn player to coach that I ever dealt with," Matta said. "I've got to be honest with you, one day in practice I think he's the only player I actually put my hands on.

"I didn't mean any harm by putting my hands on him, I only wanted his undivided attention so I karate kicked the side door open, gently placed him outside the door and said, 'Evan, you either grow up or go back to Chicago. I don't care which one it is, but I can't take it anymore.'"

With the story finished, Matta looked at Turner and said, "Thanks for coming back."

Matta told of the seedy side of recruiting when trying to get Russell to Columbus for the 2014-15 season.

"He commits to us like he said he would. As the recruiting period went on, right before signing date in November the cheating bastards started coming out and offering his family money, lots of money," Matta said.

OSU Men's Basketball Verbal Commits

Players in the class of 2021 who have issued verbal commitments to play basketball at Ohio State. (Star ratings are from the 247Sports composite rankings.)

| Player | Pos. | Ht. | Wt. | Stars | High School |
|-----------------|------|------|-----|-------|----------------------------|
| Kalen Etzler | PF | 6-8 | 195 | ★★★★ | Convoy (Ohio) Crestview |
| Meechie Johnson | CG | 5-11 | 160 | ★★★★ | Cleveland Garfield Heights |

"He stayed true to his word and I told him, 'You're going to get yours on the back end, my man, trust me.'"

Russell did. He has a four-year, \$117 million contract with the Warriors after being acquired from the Brooklyn Nets in July.

Matta ended his speech by thanking his wife, Barbara, for her support and unsung philanthropy in Columbus but joked that the night belonged to him.

He said he was going to go out with his buddies and if, "I want to go streaking through the quad down to the gymnasium, then see if KFC is open on the way home, I'm going to do it because it's my night."

Dials It Up

Former Buckeye standout Terence Dials, the 2006 Big Ten Player of the Year, was named director of professional development on Sept. 4 as the replacement for Scoonie Penn, who joined the staff of the NBA's Memphis Grizzlies.

Dials' duties include providing and arranging professional development and community services for the program, according to a university release.

He'll also help arrange internships, mentors and other personal and career growth opportunities. His title is different than that of Penn (director of player development) but some of the work is the same.

"I was looking to change the position a little bit because it's a noncoaching position to make it more about getting our guys prepared for what comes next," Holtmann said. "Obviously, football has done a great job with that. I just thought Terence with his playing/professional experience in Columbus would be the best candidate."

Dials, a 2015 inductee into the Ohio State Athletics Hall of Fame, played 132 games for the Buckeyes (2002-06) and scored 1,566

points to rank 14th all-time at OSU while his 867 rebounds are No. 5.

"I couldn't be happier to be a part of a program that gave me the opportunity to live my dream," Dials said in the release. "Helping grow these young men who represent our university is an honor. I can't wait to jump right in and be part of the basketball staff at Ohio State."

Holtmann also announced the hiring of Robbie Rucki and former Ohio State player Andrew Dakich as program assistants. Their jobs include administrative tasks involving camps, clinics, gameday events and campus tours among other duties.

Dakich spent last season as a graduate assistant for the Buckeyes after playing the 2017-18 season as a graduate transfer from Michigan.

"Andrew has been great," Holtmann said. "He's excited about coaching and excited about our team. He's been a real asset to our program."

The irony is that by promoting Dakich from program assistant to a full-time position, Holtmann is taking the first step in getting rid of him – in a good way.

"You've got to understand," Holtmann said, "with a lot of support staff, and certainly with him, it could only be for a year then we're trying to help him move on to the next spot where he can continue to further his coaching career."

On The Tube

The schedule continues to come together with the Sept. 5 announcement by the Big Ten of its TV times and designations for all conference games and select nonconference matchups.

For example, the Buckeyes' Nov. 6 season opener vs. Cincinnati at Value City Arena will be on FS1 at 8:30 p.m. Other nonleague games of note include Villanova on Nov. 13 (7 p.m., FS1); vs. Kentucky at Las Vegas on Dec. 21 (5:15 p.m., CBS); and vs. West Virginia at Cleveland on Dec. 29 (noon, CBS).

OSU's first two Big Ten games before Christmas will be on BTN – Dec. 7 vs. Penn State (TBD) and Dec. 15 at Minnesota (6:30 p.m.). Among notable games are Wisconsin on Jan. 3 (7 p.m., FS1); Indiana on Feb. 1 (noon, ESPN/ESPN2); Purdue on Feb. 15 (noon, Fox); Michigan on March 1 (4 p.m., CBS); and the regular-season finale at Michigan State on March 8 (4:30 p.m., CBS).

Key Recruit

Holtmann has one scholarship available for the 2020 recruiting cycle, and he hopes to have it filled in the early signing period Nov. 13-20.

Three-star power forward Zed Key (6-8, 215) from Glen Head (N.Y.) Long Island Lutheran visited Ohio State the weekend of Sept. 6-7 and attended the football game, where he had his picture taken with Turner and posted it on his Twitter account.

Key, who is ranked 157th nationally and 31st at his position in the class of 2020, has been offered by the likes of Cincinnati, Florida, Georgia, Notre Dame and Wisconsin, in addition to OSU.

A refreshing experience awaits you.




OSU FANS
Receive 10% OFF
Use the code: **OSU**
online or when
calling in






Fairfield BY MARRIOTT 7150 Sawmill Rd.
Columbus, OH 43235
614-389-3036

3831 Park Mill Run Dr.
Hilliard, OH 43026
614-270-4893

BW Best Western.

Complimentary Hot Breakfast Bar | Complimentary High Speed Internet | Heated Indoor Pool | Restaurants Walking Distance

OSU Relying On Sophomores For Leadership

The 2018-19 season for Ohio State was one that featured a bevy of graduate transfers playing out their final seasons as head coach Kevin McGuff cleared out his roster for the upcoming class of 2019.

But the three freshmen who came in during the so-called transitional season made quite an impact and are now expected to be leaders in just their second seasons.

DOUBLE DRIBBLE Wyatt Crosher

Sophomore guard Janai Crooms and sophomore forwards Dorka Juhasz and Aaliyah Patty played in all but two of the games last season – Juhasz missed two games due to injury – with the trio combining for 53 total starts.

They were the No. 1, 3 and 6 scorers on the team and are each expected to continue making an impact while the freshmen get acclimated. Except this time, the second-year players are also expected to bring an added level of leadership to the locker room.

"I wasn't such a leader last year because there were the older girls," Crooms said. "This year, having so much experience from playing and knowing what the coach wants, I have a little background to know what he wants, so I can just tell the freshmen and they just follow along with that."

This trio of players is going from inexperienced players who need to develop to the third-, fourth- and fifth-most experienced players who will likely be eligible to play in the upcoming season, pending the approval of guard Braxtin Miller's immediate eligibility appeal.

For Patty, having that experience from a season ago will only help moving forward.

"It was just us trying to put our pieces together in a short amount of time, but this year, I feel like it's the same thing," Patty said of being more familiar with things. "It makes us step up faster. I mean we're kind of the older people this year, we have seven freshmen and three sophomores, two seniors, so I feel like we have to step up a lot this year, and us playing a lot last year is really helping us to lead this team this year."

Juhasz may be expected to be even more of a leader than the other two sophomores. As a true freshman, the 6-4 forward from Hungary was the team's leading scorer and rebounder, and she said she knows the expectations will be higher. But Juhasz is ready for those expectations and has the same personal goals for herself heading into her second year of college ball.

"I'm trying to look at it like, 'OK, that was my freshman year, so I need to give more and more this year,' and I'm really preparing to show even more, and I know what the game is like here now," Juhasz said. "I have even higher expectations for myself, and I want to be a leader."

Juhasz is putting an emphasis on the two European freshmen on the team – Aixa Wone Aranaz from Spain and Rebeka Mikulasikova from Slovakia – using her leadership characteristics that she said

Super Sophomores

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Guard 3 • Janai Crooms | Forward 14 • Dorka Juhasz | Forward 32 • Aaliyah Patty |
| 5-10 • So. | 6-4 • So. | 6-3 • So. |
| Pickerington (Ohio) Central | Pecs (Hungary) PTE Babits | Lombard (Ill.) Montini Catholic |
| Averaged 8.8 points, 3.5 rebounds and 2.2 assists per game last season. | Led team in scoring with 11.7 points per game in 27 games played (25 starts). | Shot 46.3 percent from behind the three-point line. |

come naturally to her.

"I really want to take care of them, and I want to help give them every help that they need this year," Juhasz said of Aranaz and Mikulasikova. "I feel like it was always inside of me, this characteristic, because in Europe I had many teams where I had to be the leader and I had to lead my team. I think I was just born with it."

It is hard to pin down what the expectations should be for a team loaded with talent, but also a team that consists of almost entirely underclassmen. For Patty, she said she knows the talent that is on this team and that this upcoming year will be helpful for the growth of the group regardless of the outcome.

"We have a lot of talent, a lot," Patty said. "This year I think it's going to be a learning experience for us, but even with that, I feel like we could still be so good with all the talent that we have."

"It kind of gets me ready for the coming years. I mean, learning this year and then continuing to put it together the next three or four years is going to be great for us."

It may seem like lofty expectations for three sophomores to lead seven freshmen to much in their first season. But these three sophomores all proved to be viable in their first year among a load of fifth-year players and are more prepared with in-game experience than most sophomores in college basketball.

Juhasz puts it in simple terms: "Even if it's just one year of experience, I feel like it can help a lot."

Waterman Returns As Part of Coaching Staff

Not even a year after leaving the basketball program as a player, Makayla Waterman is returning in a new role. The former Ohio State forward is joining the coaching staff in the 2019-20 season as a student manager.

A season ago, Waterman was already looked at as a coach of sorts, as she was the only fifth-year player on the team to have played her entire collegiate career with the Buckeyes.

Juhasz saw her leadership during her freshman campaign.

"(Waterman) was there to help me, because she was here for five years, so she could really help with everything with coaches, workouts," Juhasz said. "If I did something wrong, she would always help me."

While becoming a major contributor off the court as a leader and voice for the team, Waterman also saw her stats improve, averaging a career-high 7.6 points and 5.3 rebounds per game while starting in 24 of the 27 games she played in during the season.

Waterman, fittingly, was selected for the WBCA "So You Want to be a Coach" Program in her redshirt senior year and

led the team with 40 blocks.

The fifth-year forward, who missed her freshman season due to a torn ACL, notched a double-double, the only one of her Ohio State career, in a losing effort against No. 2 UConn, tallying 11 points and 12 rebounds.

Waterman will help to fill a coaching staff that is still searching for a replacement for Patrick Klein, who was the associate head coach of the Buckeyes before stepping down due to allegations of violations of NCAA rules and university policy.

Buckeyes Slated For ESPN In UConn, Maryland Games

The television schedule and tip-off times for the majority of the year were released, with Ohio State set to appear on TV for at least 11 of its games.

The first game the Buckeyes will appear on TV for is arguably the toughest opponent on the schedule: a 3 p.m. home game against Geno Auriemma's UConn

Huskies. The game will be on ESPN on Nov. 24.

Ohio State will have one other game on ESPN, a Jan. 6 game against Maryland set for ESPN2, but no tip-off time has been set for that matchup at this point.

Aside from ESPN, the Buckeyes have seven games on the schedule that will air on the Big Ten Network. Those are a Dec. 5 home game against Louisville as part of the Big Ten/ACC Challenge, a Jan. 9 matchup with Michigan, also at home, a Jan. 16 road game against Michigan State, a Jan. 23 game on the road vs. Iowa, a Jan. 30 home matchup with Maryland, and the final two games of the season: Feb. 25 at home against Northwestern and Feb. 29 against Purdue in West Lafayette, Ind.

The 11th game that will be on television will come in the Big Ten tournament. All other conference games, as well as a selected number of the nonconference matchups, will be available to watch online at BTN Plus.

ON THE ROAD WITH THE BUCKEYES

Travel Partners
Specialty Tours

**JOIN TRAVEL PARTNERS
SPECIALTY TOURS FOR A
WEEKEND IN CHICAGO TO
WATCH THE BUCKEYES TAKE
ON THE NORTHWESTERN
WILDCATS!**

OCTOBER 18-20, 2019

\$899 PER PERSON*
*BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- ROUND TRIP NON-STOP AIR FROM COLUMBUS
- TWO NIGHTS HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS THE HILTON CHICAGO
- HOTEL TAXES AND FEES
- GROUP HOTEL CHECK-IN
- BREAKFAST INCLUDING TAX AND GRATUITY DAILY
- OHIO STATE VS. NORTHWESTERN GAME TICKET
- ROUND TRIP AIRPORT AND GAME DAY TRANSFERS ON DELUXE MOTOR COACH
- FULLY ESCORTED BY TRAVEL PARTNERS SPECIALTY TOUR STAFF

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO BOOK A RESERVATION,
PLEASE CALL KYLE AT 614-792-6204 OR EMAIL, [KYLE.LEWIS@BUCKEYECRUISE.COM](mailto:kyle.lewis@buckeyecruise.com)
DEPOSIT OF \$100 PER PERSON DUE AT BOOKING, FINAL IS DUE AUGUST 1, 2019
SINGLE, TRIPLE, & QUAD RATES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

A BREAKTHROUGH SOLUTION FOR MEN

Seeking Better Erections & Optimal Sexual Performance

Stop waiting for that little blue pill to kick in, Elite Body and Laser has a non-invasive procedure that goes to the root the problem and corrects E.D. at the source.

Schedule a FREE private consultation

| | |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| ✓ | Non-Invasive, In-office Treatment |
| ✓ | Drug & Surgery Free |
| ✓ | Increase Sensitivity |
| ✓ | Long Lasting Results |



**50%
Off**

**Your first
treatment**

Expires 12/30/19



Elite
Body & Laser Center

614-334-4944

60 Powell Road, Lewis Center, OH 43035

www.EliteBodyandLaser.com

OHIO STATE ATHLETICS

Win Could Spark OSU

By PATRICK MAYHORN
Special To Buckeye Sports Bulletin

Ohio State could have been forgiven for a large celebration following a 57th-minute goal by Devyn Etling on Sept. 1 against Illinois-Chicago. It was, after all, the first goal of the game for either team, and it came just five minutes after the end of a weather delay that nearly put an end to the early-season matchup. Taking the lead at that point in the game is a big deal, and coming from where Ohio State men's soccer has come from in the past year, jubilation would be understandable and even expected.

It was Ohio State's recent history, however, that prevented too much excitement. Etling, Jack Holland and a few other players congregated in the corner and Etling capped the goal with a slide, but outside of that, it was business as usual. Business as usual has not been the norm at Ohio State since second-year head coach Brian Maisonneuve took over in April 2018, just a month after longtime head coach John Blum called it a career.

That sudden change, along with a young roster lacking the top-end talent of years past, led to the worst season in school history, a brutal 1-15-2 campaign that saw seven one-goal losses and four overtime games, none of which ended with a victory for the Buckeyes. For the young Ohio State team, the inability to look at a lead as something to protect, rather than something to celebrate as the end-all-be-all, reflected the transition. The Buckeyes were lacking confidence and had no chance to conduct business as usual when they needed to close out games.

Ohio State went 17 regular-season games, dating back to last season, unable to close out a game and grab a win. The Buckeyes had their chances, including in the 2019 opener, a 4-3 loss to Cal State Northridge, but it just seemed like the killer instinct had yet to click for the young team. Entering this season, they knew that the rebuild was nowhere near done, but year two is designed to build confidence and to build a base.

It's still far too early to say anything definitively, but in the construction of Ohio State's new foundation, a subdued celebration of that goal looked like the first brick. Ohio State looked like it had been there before, even though most of the players on the roster really haven't been there. Twelve of the 25 players on the roster are either underclassmen who have only ever known a one-win season in Columbus or transfers from other schools, brought in by Maisonneuve to add support to his locker room.

In speaking to BSB, Maisonneuve singled the transfers out as key contributors, and contribute they did in Ohio State's first win in 17 tries.

"The transfers have done a really good job of coming in, catching the locker room, catching what we're doing, X's and O's, and a lot of credit to the returners for accepting them and helping them to integrate sooner than later. I expect all of those guys to contribute."

Although the transfers were the biggest news of the offseason, it was two homegrown, familiar faces who actually bagged the game-winning goal for Ohio State. A beautiful ball from Holland, a senior, to redshirt sophomore Etling served as the breakthrough for Ohio State, and as Maisonneuve tells it, that duo could be one of the most important on the team this season.

"Both of them had a great weekend," the coach said. "Devyn starts it. When you talk about hard work, you look at a No. nine (striker/attacker) who works as hard as Devyn does, and his work rate is incredible. He battles for every ball, he defends, he makes runs into the channel, he holds balls up. His work rate starts it."

"Jack is a player that, senior year, he's got a

lot in him, and even for how well he played over the weekend, I don't think he's reached his full potential yet. He's got a great cultured left foot, he sees the field really well, he can score from distance, he can bring players into the game. He's got a lot of tools in his bag. We have to continue to get the most out of him just in terms of his defending, his commitment, and I think he's done a really good job of turning that corner."

With one win finally in its back pocket, Ohio State has gotten the monkey off its back. The team no longer has to look to break a winless streak that was rapidly approaching 20 games and can stop thinking about the past every time it enters the final 15 minutes with a lead. Is it enough to spark the confidence for a legitimate improvement in results? Again, it's hard to say that right now. However, Maisonneuve thinks that there was a noticeable difference in confidence already.

"I think this group has confidence now, not only in scoring but also in keeping the zero in defending. I felt a sense of confidence, like we're going to lock it down and we're going to walk out here with a result."

Continuing that is the hard part. One win is a huge and should not be relegated to an afterthought, but as they did with that 57th-minute goal, Ohio State knows that it can't get complacent or spend too much time celebrating a single win. A trip to Dayton for the Dayton Classic tested that, and the Buckeyes answered the call, beating Dayton 1-0 with a 92' minute goal, and then knocking off Eastern Illinois, 3-2, on an 90' minute strike.

Regardless of positive results in the Dayton Classic, or really, for the rest of Ohio State's season, the goal remains the same. The staff is preaching patience, growth and confidence. Wins are great, and Ohio State would obviously love to go and win every game for the rest of the season, but Maisonneuve knows what is and isn't realistic and has set goals that reflect that.

"Right now, during the fall, it's such a fast season that results are important no matter what, but we're still at a stage where we need to continue our growth and development. Results are important, don't get me wrong, but we have to step on the field and continue to do what we do. It starts in practice, and then what we do on the field, our habits, our principles have to be there, and we have to leave it all on the field."

With all this talk about progress, growth, taking it one game at a time and trying not to dwell on the past, it could feel like the Buckeyes aren't taking the time to enjoy the first positive on-the-field result in more than a year. It could feel like that subdued, calm celebration wasn't appropriate for the magnitude of one win for a program in the very start of a rebuild. Wins are few and far between in the early years of a project like this, and while they can't be dwelled on, they can be celebrated.

Although the team didn't show it and Maisonneuve would never say it without adding the importance of continued development to it, that win did feel good. There's simply no way that it couldn't. With that winless streak firmly in the past, even the always-determined Maisonneuve took a moment to celebrate.

"To see it all come together, there was some really good things on Friday (Aug. 30), but we kind of let that one slip through our fingers, and then to finally get that win on Sunday was fantastic and so much deserved by those guys."

In order to better introduce BSB readers to Ohio State's Olympic sports teams and athletes, we have shifted to more featured-oriented coverage of the various squads. Buckeye Sports Bulletin will provide a roundup of all games, matches and meets involving OSU's teams each Monday on our BuckeyeSports.com website, free to all print subscribers.

Ohio State's Early-Season Success Is No Accident

There is no such thing as a bearcat in Ohio, and the Cincinnati Bearcats were practically nonexistent Saturday in Ohio Stadium. As much as Cincy fans wanted it to be a competitive game, reality set in early as the Buckeyes proved to still be the strongest college football program in the state of Ohio, by far.

COACH'S CORNER Bill Conley

Luke Fickell's homecoming was more like a rude awakening for the proud former Buckeye who is doing his best to bring the Cincinnati football program to a place of national notoriety but, in reality, is a long way off. Cincinnati just doesn't have the caliber of players to compete with one of the nation's most storied programs in all of college football, one which Luke Fickell has been an instrumental part of as a player and a coach.

After two impressive wins against Florida Atlantic and Cincinnati, it is apparent the Buckeye coaching staff has found some keys to early success in 2019. There is every reason to believe this Ohio State team has the potential to grow into something very special, if eyes stay focused on the task at hand and they take every opponent seriously. One game at a time is the coaching cliché that needs to be adhered to, and Ryan Day seems to live by it.

Run/Pass Mix

One of the keys to this season's fast start has been an offensive scheme that is more traditional in the sense of the run and pass mix. In the first two games, the Ohio State offensive staff has called ninety-four runs and fifty-three passes.

Although this is a little tilted toward the run side, it makes it tougher for opposing defenses to determine what's coming at them each play. Down and distance is obviously

one of the clues to what a team may run on a given play, but the multiple sets and personnel grouping used by the Buckeye offense to keep opposing defenses off balance.

Add to this the dual-threat talents of Justin Fields and you have a formula that has helped the Buckeyes reach 2-0. The Buckeyes have had an offensive output of 87 points in their first two games with no signs of slowing down. Ohio State offensive production in the red zone is near perfect in scoring 7 of 8 times, all by touchdowns.

The Buckeye offensive machine has a lot of weapons in its arsenal, and they seem to be throwing them all at the opposition. In wins over the Owls and the Bearcats, the opportunity to touch the pigskin has been spread out to six different ball carriers and 10 different receivers. Buckeye coaches have used offensive formations that range from no-back empty sets to three-tight-end power ones.

Opponents take precious practice time preparing for these multiple looks in order to find a scheme that may stop the highly efficient and productive Buckeye offense. To make matters even tougher for foes is the fact that Ohio State can substitute at will fresh and talented athletes for four quarters. The Buckeyes have enough of these athletes to make the big play and to grind it out, a lot of ways to be dangerous to the opposition.

Dominating O And D Lines

The emphasis Ohio State recruiting has put on to the quantity and quality of linemen, both sides of the ball, is really paying off. It has been the goal for quite some time to concentrate on bringing in top-notch defensive linemen, due to the need for players who are equally talented at rushing the passer and being stout against the run. The Buckeye staff has had success in recruiting some of the very best, whether it's the Bosa brothers from Florida or Chase Young from Maryland, from coast to coast. Building depth up front is vital for a team that plays a long and physical schedule like Ohio State.

The efforts to bring in top-quality linemen have, even more recently, expanded to the offensive side of the ball. This year's offensive

line may be one of the deepest and most talented ever to play in Ohio Stadium. Due to an exceptional strength and conditioning program that emphasizes everything from power training to nutrition, this group of Buckeye offensive linemen is both strong and athletic. They have provided Justin Fields the time needed to sit in the pocket along with opening up holes for Buckeye running backs.

Domination in the trenches is still the key to winning championships, and though early in the season, the Buckeyes have owned the line of scrimmage both offensively and defensively.

Defensive Scheme

The most notable difference between the 2018 squad and this year's centers around the defensive scheme and philosophy. In two games, opposing offenses have put up just 21 points, amassed only 501 total yards and converted only 25.8 percent of their third-down attempts.

The Ohio State defense has also sacked opposing quarterbacks nine times along with recording 19 tackles for loss with the longest run from scrimmage by the first two opponents being just 21 yards.

Statistics, however, only tell part of the story. This year's defense has been aggressive and intimidating while being extremely sound in pass coverage and open-field tackling. Defensive backs are keeping the ball in front of them and preventing the big play along with showing great convergence on the ball carrier in terms of run support. The only thing the defense hasn't done yet is score a touchdown, but look for that to change in the near future.

What's In Store

Ohio State goes to Indiana to open its Big Ten schedule. It's the first conference challenge for Ryan Day, who has been successful in his first game as a full-time head coach and against an in-state opponent. Coach Day has passed the first two tests with flying colors so far, and look for that to continue in Bloomington.

The Hoosiers so far are undefeated with a less-than-impressive opening win against Ball State but a 52-0 shellacking of Eastern Illinois. One would expect the Buckeyes to keep up their offensive firepower and defensive domination despite being on the road. It's doubtful Indiana will have the same depth, speed and athleticism as Ohio State, but the Hoosiers are playing at home and will give the Buckeyes their best shot.

It's been an interesting first two weeks for other Big Ten teams. Michigan survived in double overtime against Army this week while Nebraska blew a big lead, gave up 24 fourth-quarter points and ended up losing to Colorado in overtime. Maryland has scored 142 points in its first two games, and a rebuilding Penn State team is also undefeated. It should be an exciting Big Ten season, and for the Buckeyes it's still one game at a time.

Known as one of the top recruiters in college football, Bill Conley is a national championship-winning coach and player at Ohio State who suited up for Woody Hayes and spent 17 years on the staffs of Earle Bruce, John Cooper and Jim Tressel.

OHIO STATE FOOTBALL TICKETS

All Games Available
Reserve Your Seats Today!

Dependable
and Courteous
service since 1991

CALL:
614-889-2989

OR FIND US ONLINE AT:
USAseats.com

TICKETS Galore



BBB Rating: A+

28 South High Street, Dublin, Ohio 43017
614-889-2989 1-800-829-8457



**SPRINGHILL SUITES®
MARRIOTT**

>>> NEWLY RENOVATED <<<

Minutes from The Ohio State University,
downtown Columbus & Nationwide Arena.

- Complimentary hot breakfast buffet
- Complimentary parking and Wi-Fi
- Convenient location within 1 mile of the university
- All suite property - mini-fridges, microwaves and sleeper sofas




SpringHill Suites Columbus OSU
1421 Olentangy River Road | Columbus, OH 43212
614.297.9912 | www.springhillsuitesosu.com

Ohio State Follows Its Stars To Win Big Again

Week one against Florida Atlantic didn't tell us a whole lot. Week two against Cincinnati did. There's a lot to like about the 2019 Ohio State Buckeyes and their chances for big things this season.

EXNER POINT Rich Exner

Cincinnati is not a power conference team. But Cincinnati was good enough to get enough votes to be ranked just outside the top 25 heading into the game against the Buckeyes. And Cincinnati was good enough a year ago to win 11 games – behind only seven other teams nationally.

The Buckeyes dominated every phase of the game, teamwise and individually. Here are some takeaways:

Justin Fields

I liked what I saw of Fields against Florida Atlantic but was uncertain about his ceiling and when he would get there. Fields against Cincinnati appeared more settled both in the pocket and outside the pocket. He hit deep passes, touch passes and long sideline throws. He ran at the right times and passed at the right times.

We're just two games into Fields' career at Ohio State, but based on what he showed against Cincinnati, I fully expect Fields to become a first-round NFL draft choice by the time he's done at OSU.

The only concern I have is the possibility of injury, as much as Fields runs, because there's not a Joe Burrow or Tate Martell to step in. But at least West Virginia graduate transfer Chris Chugunov did get some time late in the game.

Chase Young

A high school All-American in 2016, we've been hearing about Young for a long time. This season, we're getting to see why like never before. Dominating.

That's the easiest way to describe Young's play from defensive end. He is a beast to defend and keep away from the quarterback. Officially, he had 1½ sacks against the Bearcats, but he impacted far more plays. Plus he blocked a field-goal attempt, pivotal in the Buckeyes' shutout.

Following the Bosa brothers, Young looks like the next first-round defensive end draft choice from Ohio State. He is the star of what probably is Ohio State's best unit – the defensive line.

Hard-Hitting Defense

Young, Jeff Okudah, Shaun Wade, the list goes on and on. Early signs indicate this is the hardest-hitting, toughest-tackling Ohio State defense in some time. They don't miss tackles, and they tackle cleanly with authority.

A lot of Buckeye opponents this year are going to wake up very sore on Sunday mornings.

Smart Plays By Athletes

Talent and smarts on the football field can be lethal. This week's award for this category goes to sophomore wide receiver Chris Olave.

I'm not speaking to his two catches for 60 yards. I'm referring to his downing (or catching) of a Drue Chrisman punt at the 1-yard line.

Olave used his speed to get down the field, set up just short of the goal and waited for the punt to land. Then he caught the ball on a tricky bounce.

That put UC in a deep hole. The Bearcats punted four plays later, and Ohio State got to start its first touchdown drive just 41 yards from the end zone.

Garrett Wilson

Wilson needed exactly one catch for me to understand all the hype about this five-star recruit out of Austin, Texas. He showed skill (great hands), savvy (boxing out the defender) and athletic ability (a spin jump for the ball) on his 9-yard touchdown reception from Fields late in the second quarter.

Some receivers show special talent early in their careers that tell us great things are ahead. Cris Carter as a freshman was the first I remember in this category. He went on to a Hall-of-Fame career in the NFL.

Michael Thomas showed glimpses of such talent early in his OSU career, even when his time was limited. A year ago, Thomas led the NFL with 125 receptions. The possibility is there for Wilson. I want to see more of him before making any such bold predictions. But the one-catch review is very good.

Dobbins And/Or The Run Blocking

After the first quarter, I texted some friends with this question: "I like Fields' passing even better this week, but what's with Dobbins and/or the run blocking?"

Against Florida Atlantic, Dobbins averaged a mere 4.3 yards a carry to gain his 91 yards. Then, in the first quarter against Cincinnati,

Dobbins was averaging a worse 3.4 yards a carry – 24 yards on seven carries.

Was 2019 destined to be a repeat of 2018, when Dobbins managed just 4.6 yards a carry – the lowest average by a 1,000-yard Buckeye rusher since John Brockington in 1970? Were we to forget hopes of Dobbins returning to his freshman form, when he averaged an explosive 7.2 yards a carry?

Well, in the second quarter, things started to click. Dobbins went for 24 yards on his first carry in the second quarter. Later in the quarter came a 60-yard touchdown run. After that sluggish first quarter, Dobbins ran 10 more times in the game for 117 yards – a whopping average of 11.7 yards per carry.

He finished with a total of 141 yards on 17 carries, averaging 8.3 for the day. That's the Dobbins, and run game powered by the line, that could become a powerful combination with Fields' passing. Watch closely against Indiana for signs of whether it will continue.

The Transfer Era

One quick look at the top 10 last week drives home the point of how impactful transfer quarterbacks have become, whether they are undergraduate transfers or graduates moving on to another school.

No. 4 Oklahoma is quarterbacked by Alabama transfer Jalen Hurts.

No. 5 Ohio State is quarterbacked by Georgia transfer Justin Fields.

No. 6 LSU is quarterbacked by Ohio State transfer Joe Burrow.

No. 7 Michigan is quarterbacked by Ole Miss transfer Shea Patterson.

Go down the list and you'll find even more.

From Where They Come

Ohio State is loaded with lots of players from lots of places across the country, but look no further than quarterback to identify the importance of national recruiting.

The last three Ohio State starters – Fields (from Georgia), Dwayne Haskins (Maryland) and J.T. Barrett (Texas) – are from out of state.

Over the last 50 years, that makes 14 of 26 Buckeye regulars from out of state. Here's the breakdown, based on the top passer each season: Ohio (12): Rex Kern (Lancaster), Don Lamka (Cleveland), Art Schlichter (Washington Court House), Tom Tupa (Brecksville), Greg Frey (Cincinnati), Kirk Herbstreit (Centerville), Bobby Hoving (St. Henry), Justin Zwick (Massillon), Troy Smith (Cleveland), Todd Boeckman (St. Henry), Braxton Miller (Huber Heights) and Cardale Jones (Cleveland).

Out of state (14): Greg Hare (Maryland), Cornelius Greene (District of Columbia), Rod Gerald (Texas), Mike Tomczak (Illinois), Jim Karsatos (California), Kent Graham (Illinois), Stanley Jackson (New Jersey), Joe Germaine (Arizona), Steve Bellisari (Florida), Craig Krenzel (Michigan), Terrelle Pryor (Pennsylvania), Barrett, Haskins and Fields.

Ohio State Fans!



**Weekly September through November
Five times from January through mid-March
Biweekly mid-March through mid-May
Monthly December, June through August**

Some Ohio State sports fans need more information on the Buckeyes than they can find in their local newspaper. Buckeye Sports Bulletin is for those fans. By subscribing to Buckeye Sports Bulletin, they receive 24 issues a year featuring:

- In-depth coverage of all Ohio State sports
- The latest comments from coaches and players
- The latest in recruiting information
- Personality profiles
- Features on former Buckeye greats
- Rosters, schedules, statistics, photos
- Check us out on the Web at www.BuckeyeSports.com



- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year, \$99.95 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 Year, First Class Mail, \$149.95 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Years, 159.95 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Years, First Class Mail, \$269.95 |

I want to know more about Ohio State sports. I am enclosing \$ _____

☐ Money Order ☐ Check ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa ☐ Discover ☐ Amer. Express
Credit Card # and Exp. Date _____

**Credit Card Orders Accepted 24 Hours A Day
Call (614) 486-2202 or (800) 760-2862**

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____

Mail To: **Buckeye Sports Bulletin**
P.O. Box 12453
Columbus, Ohio 43212
www.BuckeyeSports.com

CONRADS College Gifts

Since 1969 • Your #1 Stop Buckeye Shop

E7-80 • 10 x 12"
\$74.95
2007-2013 Authentic Ohio Stadium Turf and Photo

316 West Lane Ave. • Columbus
614-297-0497
www.conrads.com

Buckeyes' Blowout Of Bearcats Was Unexpected

THE VIEW FROM 15TH & HIGH Frank Moskowitz, Publisher

Count me among the many who thought that Luke Fickell and his Cincinnati Bearcats would put up a better fight than they did in Ohio State's 42-0 domination of its neighbors from down I-71. The visitors were coming off a strong 2018 season and a win over UCLA in their '19 opener and were led by Buckeye mainstay Fickell, who was sure to have his team ready for an attempt at a program-making upset.

In order for Cincinnati to beat the Buckeyes, I figured, they would have to start fast and hang around for all 60 minutes. Keep it a game until the fourth quarter and you have a shot. Just ask Army!

I believed that the Bearcats would, indeed, hang around for at least a half, maybe longer, before Ohio State's superior talent and depth would wear UC down and the Buckeyes would score a solid, if not spectacular win.

Cincinnati actually trailed only 7-0 after a period, but the wheels were already starting to come off by then. You can point to the Buckeye offense, which racked up 508 yards and the 42 points, or the defense, which held UC to just 273 yards and on three different occasions thwarted potential scoring threats with big plays, for helping overwhelm the Bearcats.

But I maintain that it was the Buckeye special teams that kept Cincinnati from making it a more competitive game in the early going, as would have been needed for the upset.

For the second game in a row, Ohio State opened the game with a solid kick return from Demario McCall, this time setting up shop at the OSU 29. The Buckeyes appeared ready to move the ball with ease, marching to the Bearcat 34 before a holding call on Jonah Jackson slowed the Buckeye advance. The Buckeyes would get back as far as the 39, and Drue Chrisman was forced to punt.

This could have been a moral and physical victory for the Bearcats to start the game, but any advantage they may have gained was quickly washed away when Chrisman buried them at the 1, essentially setting up Ohio State's first touchdown.

UC could move the ball only out to the 3, and a 41-yard punt and a short McCall return gave the Buckeyes the ball at the Cincinnati 41. It took Justin Fields and Co. just five plays to cover that distance with Fields doing the honors from 7 yards out.

But Fickell's club did not look like a team destined to be blown out.

They stopped Ohio State on a fourth-and-1 after the Buckeyes had marched 59 yards to the UC 20, and then the Bearcats started a march of their own, maintaining that 7-0 margin into the second quarter as they held the ball for 12 plays and 8:01 of clock time while driving all the way down to the OSU 14 before stalling. Still, a field goal and a 7-3 game well into the second quarter would have been another possible moral and physical victory.

Instead, 6-5 all-everything Chase Young blocked Sam Crosa's 32-yard field-goal attempt. It took Fields and Ohio State just six plays and 1:49 to cover 87 yards for a 14-0 lead, and the rout was on as, unlike the previous week, the Buckeyes did not let up on the gas. They led 28-0 at the half, putting UC in a difficult hole on the road against a top-five team.

Special teams advocates Jim Tressel and Urban Meyer would both have been proud, and Ryan Day seems to be carrying on the special teams tradition from those national championship coaches.

Fields Continues To Improve

Although Fields looked good in his first collegiate start against Florida Atlantic, he looked even better against Cincinnati, which presum-

ably featured a better defense – led by former Buckeye Marcus Freeman at defensive coordinator – than the Owls.

He was effective through the air (20 of 25 for 224 yards and two scores without a pick and just one sack), on the ground (nine carries for 42 yards and two more scores) and with game management, spreading the ball around to a variety of playmakers and allowing Ohio State to mount a balanced attack (238 yards passing and 270 yards rushing) for a second straight week.

The sophomore looked much more willing to throw the ball away than the previous week, and he is also willing to slide at the end of a run rather than absorb an unnecessary hit. This is not the type of slide that Dwayne Haskins demonstrated in the early part of last season, when he would go down with ample real estate in front of him (he clearly looked like he was protecting himself). Instead, Fields gets the yardage available and then goes down before the hit.

This makes me think of what ended up being a hot topic on the radio shows following the game and something that I have given a lot of thought to as well.

Radio callers and your humble publisher wonder how long the coaching staff should keep Fields in the game when the team is winning by scores of 45-21 and 42-0? It's a three-pronged question.

Despite his early brilliance, Fields is an inexperienced quarterback who will be facing many tough teams, teams better than the Owls and Bearcats, in the weeks ahead. Getting him as much game experience as possible is mandatory. On the other hand, the Ohio State quarterback room is thin and also lacking in experience as a whole. Any aspirations for this season would be greatly hampered if Fields were to go down, so limiting his exposure to injury is paramount.

Add to that the fact that the players such as Chris Chugunov and Gunnar Hoak also need game experience in case Fields does go down, and you see the dilemma.

I probably would have taken Fields out a little earlier in both games. Ohio State led 35-6 with 2:37 left in the third quarter against FAU, but Fields didn't come out until 3:01 of the final period. Against the Bearcats, Ohio State led 35-0 with 3:32 to play in the third. Fields played until the 11:30 mark in the fourth. Chugunov got one series in, and then Hoak came in to run out the final 2:35.

We really haven't had a chance to see what either of these reserves can do, but it is pretty obvious it is not as much as Fields.

Many of the postgame callers pointed out that star running back J.K. Dobbins played very little after the first half, allowing Master Teague, in particular, to get relevant work, racking up 60 yards on 11 tries. But Dobbins is a proven performer and doesn't need the game reps that Fields needs.

One interesting thing about Fields' brief time with the Buckeyes is that he doesn't seem to have a particular preference as a receiving target. In the first two games, five receivers have caught four or more passes, led by K.J. Hill with 11. Chris Olave and what appears to me to be a much improved Binjimen Victor have seven, Austin Mack five and tight end Jeremy Ruckert has his four from the opener against FAU.

Sometimes a quarterback who has been in a system longer than Fields has been at Ohio

State develops a chemistry with and a preference for a particular receiver.

I hope that the targeting of Ruckert in game one was not just a passing fancy, something to eat up opponents' practice time. Buckeye fans – and observers – have been waiting too long for a Buckeye team to take advantage of the tight end.

I also hope now that we have transitioned from Meyer to Day that the new offense will take advantage of a QB with running ability, but not rely on it, especially given what is the current depleted state of the quarterback depth chart.

Take a look at these rushing numbers from the starting quarterbacks under Meyer: 2012 – Braxton Miller: 227 carries, 1,271 yards, 5.6 average; 2013 – Miller: 171, 1,068, 6.2; 2014 – J.T. Barrett: 171, 938, 5.5; 2015 – Barrett: 115, 682, 5.9 (shared starting duties with Cardale Jones); 2016 – Barrett: 205, 845, 4.1; 2017 – Barrett: 165, 798, 4.8.

With the gunslinging Haskins at the helm and Day firmly in control of the offense in 2018, Haskins' number dropped to 79 carries for 108 yards and a 1.4-yard average.

But in the first six years of the Meyer era, the primary starting quarterback averaged 176 carries for 934 yards and a 5.3-yard average per carry. That's a lot of yards and an outstanding average per try, especially when you consider those numbers are weighed down by the subtraction of sacks and their accompanying negative yardage. Plenty of schools would be thrilled to have a lead running back with those numbers.

But with those yards also come those 176 carries. That's a lot of wear and tear on the guy who has to lead your offense, whether the play call is a run or pass. And that's not to mention the fact that by the end of the Meyer with Barrett era, everyone in the house knew who was going to get the ball at crunch time.

In his limited action, Fields has shown that he is both a gifted runner and passer. Whether he is as good a runner as Miller or passer as Haskins remains to be seen.

But I'm hopeful that Day and his staff will use Fields running the ball as a lethal option in a varied offense rather than the primary focus of the attack. Over a 13-game season, all but guaranteed for Ohio State, Fields' current two-game numbers project to 137 carries for 670 yards and a 4.9-yard average. That's a lot less wear and tear than the 227 carries Miller had in 2012 (in 12 games, no less) or the 205 for Barrett in 2016 (13 games).

One last thing relevant to Fields and the phantom tight end against Cincinnati.

In the opener against Florida Atlantic, Ohio State several times lined Fields up under center – verboten during the Meyer years. Was that just for show as well? When the Buckeyes faced a fourth-and-1 at the UC 20 late in the first quarter, with their offensive line starting to come around, they came out in some convoluted formation and the Bearcats stuffed Fields. If Ohio State had gone on to score on that drive, the rout of Cincinnati might have been even worse.

Why make things so complicated? Just take the shortest distance between two points.

Dobbins Gets Untracked

One of the reasons Ohio State should have to rely less on Fields to carry the ground load is the presence of Dobbins,

who seemed to revert to his sensational freshman form after his workmanlike but unspectacular 2018 season while sharing time and snaps with Mike Weber.

Following a 2018-esque game against FAU, where Dobbins still managed to gain 91 yards on 21 carries (4.3 average) with a score and a long of 17, he exploded for 141 yards on 17 carries, good for an 8.3-yard average, two scores and a long of 60 in, as mentioned, little more than a half of action.

Seeing as I have been projecting, that would work out to be 247 carries for 1,508 yards and 20 touchdowns over 13 games. In his breakout freshman campaign, he carried 194 times for 1,403 yards and a 7.2-yard average with seven scores. An interesting note about Dobbins that 2017 season: he had only nine negative yards in 14 games.

I predict that Dobbins' number will only get better as the offensive line continues to coalesce and improve and opposing defenses have to take into account Fields' varied skills more and more.

Who Is Best?

The fast start by Young has created a debate as to who is better, either of the Bosa boys or Ohio State's current defensive line star. This is a little like arguing who was the better hitter – Babe Ruth, Ted Williams or Hank Aaron. They're all great. In this case, however, they all played for the same team and played back-to-back-to-back.

At this time last season we were debating who was better, Joey or Nick, after Nick got off to a fast start of his own. In the first two games of 2018, Nick Bosa had nine tackles, three sacks, five tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and a quarterback hurry in limited action due to blowouts. He was on his way to another monster game against TCU with five more tackles, another sack and another forced fumble before suffering his season-and Ohio State career-ending injury.

After two games this year, Young has eight tackles, three sacks and tackles for loss, a pass breakup and a blocked kick. I believe, however, that the stat sheet does not reflect how disruptive Young has been. I'm sure I was saying the same thing about Nick last season.

As I write, I'm going to say that Joey was the best of the three for the simple reason that he played a full junior season – well, almost full after he got booted from the Fiesta Bowl for a chintzy targeting call. We will never know what Nick might have done in a full 2018 season, and we don't know what Young is going to do during the rest of 2019.

I know this much. These are three really good football players. And when Young makes the inevitable jump to the next level, the Buckeye defensive end trio will have the combined wealth of a small third-world country.

I know this also. As well as Ohio State's defensive line has been playing, think how much better they might be when/if (Ohio State is so tight-lipped about injuries now) senior captain Jonathon Cooper returns.

One Last Thing

I have heard people point out that Ohio State defeated Cincinnati in both 2002 and 2014 and went on to win the national championship each of those years. Caution! Don't forget that the Buckeyes also defeated UC in 2004 and ended up 8-4.

Let's take it one week at a time and enjoy what is sure to be an entertaining (and hopefully successful) season!



Join Us For A Summer Duo You Won't Forget: Jeff Ruby's \$49 Signature Pairing!

Each feature includes:

- Jeff Ruby's Signature 8 oz. Filet Mignon
 - 2 Huge Grilled Tiger Shrimp
 - House-Made Mashed Potatoes
 - Choice of Freddie or Caesar Salad

For Reservations Please Call 614.686.7800 Or Visit JeffRuby.com

89 E. Nationwide Blvd. | Columbus, OH 43215

Does not include alcohol, tax, or gratuity. Valid only at Jeff Ruby's Steakhouse in Columbus, OH through September 30, 2019. Not valid in combination with any other discount or promotion. No cash value.