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*Battling For Top Spot With Karsatos***Tupa Narrowing Quarterback Gap***By Craig James*

Forget the possibility of tailback Keith Byars receiving the Heisman Trophy after the 1985 football season. Mention only in passing the many vacancies on the offensive line that coach Earle Bruce has to fill before Ohio State meets Pittsburgh on Sept. 14.

Of all the topics of discussion surrounding the upcoming edition of the Buckeyes, fans seem the most interested in the battle for the number one spot at quarterback, now that Mike Tomczak has completed his tour of duty and is trying to find a job with the Chicago Bears.

JIM KARSATOS, junior-to-be and Tomczak's back-up, would seem to be the heir apparent. On three occasions when Tomczak was sidelined with an injury during the past two seasons, Karsatos started and led OSU to three victories (against Michigan State in 1983, and against Oregon State and Washington State last year). In 1984, Karsatos completed 23 of 38 passes for 334 yards and two touchdowns.

Meanwhile, Tom Tupa, a freshman, was the third-string quarterback last season. He didn't have a pass attempt to his name in 1984, but made his name known as the Buckeyes' punter, finishing fifth nationally with a 47.1 yard average for a new Ohio State single-season record.

With the arrival of spring practice, Tupa made his move. When the pre-summer drills

were completed on April 27, many onlookers wondered if Karsatos actually had the position sewn up.

MOST WOULD AGREE that Tupa had the edge during two intra-squad scrimmages. At Berea, Ohio, on April 19, the sophomore-to-be connected on 19 of 28 passes for 195 yards and a touchdown while leading the Gray team to a 17-14 win. Karsatos was 14 of 25 for 153 yards and one score.

During the Scarlet and Gray Game held on April 27 in Ohio Stadium, Tupa continued to impress fans by making 11 of 18 aeriels for 122 yards against primarily OSU's number one defense. Karsatos, who had some receivers that couldn't hold onto the ball, was only nine of 20 for 121 yards. Again, Tupa's team, this time the Scarlet, won 21-10.

In Karsatos' defense, he also had to contend with linebackers bursting through an inexperienced offensive line and zeroing in for the kill all afternoon. But Tupa had made his point: if Karsatos wants the quarterback job, he's going to have to battle for it.

"TUPA'S COMING ON a little bit," Bruce stated after the spring game. "It's evident he's really competing for that position. Not taking anything away from Jim Karsatos, but I really believe Tupa's in the running now. He seems to be getting better every game he plays. I think it takes away from his punting, though. I can see that."

In the coach's mind, although impressed by what he sees, he has already decided that Karsatos will come back in August for pre-season workouts as the leading contender for the quarterback slot.

"But I think Tupa's gaining," said Bruce. "I think if Tupa works hard, he'll be in the running. Tupa needs all the experience he can get. We were only working two quarterbacks this spring, so he got a lot of work."

TUPA IS WELL AWARE of the situation. "I came in wanting to play quarterback, but Jim's first-team right now," he said. "There's no doubt about that. He did well last year when he was in games and he should be first."

It would be more graphic if a sportswriter could describe the challenge between the two quarterback contenders like a boxing title fight, but that isn't the case.

"Jim and I have been friends since I came in," said Tupa. "We're working against each other, but we root for each other. If he makes a good play, I congratulate him. We're friends on the field and off the field."

"You want to see him do good, and I imagine he wants me to do good. It's not right to earn a position by another's mistakes. Jim's doing a good job right now."

BRUCE AGREES, SAYING Karsatos had a good spring and proved to be exceptional in passing the ball and leading the team down the field. So how does Karsatos rate himself at the moment?

"Right now, just good, because I know I can

*Jim Karsatos*

be a lot better," he replied. "If I just concentrate on things I've got to work on, I can become a better quarterback."

"I think one of the weak points I have to work on, as I've said all along, is my running skills and abilities. As far as strength — I think the experience I've gained. And I love to throw the ball; that's always a strength. Knowing the system helps, because we can adjust the system any way. As long as it all fits in, I can run it."

Part of Karsatos' preparation for spring practice was a weight loss program, in which he has dropped 25 pounds (he's now down to 219). That in itself, he feels, has made him quicker. But one of his strongest assets is his past experience.

"You can always use more experience," he said. "That never hurts at all. But I think I've gotten a good taste of what I'm going to be seeing. It's going to help me a lot. I started those few games and it gave me a lot of confidence."

"I've had a long time to prepare myself, so I guess I can't get too nervous."

Confidence has also played a big part in Tupa's development.

"At the start of spring practice, I really didn't know much about what would happen if I got in there," Tupa said. "But since our scrimmages, I'm a lot more confident about what I'm doing out there. I feel I've improved since spring ball began. I think I can see

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The View From 15th and High

By Frank L. Moskowitz, BSB Editor

Look For Karsatos To Get Nod Come Fall

Some thoughts on the recently finished Ohio State spring football practices.

Jim Karsatos will be, in this writer's opinion, the starting quarterback come Sept. 14. He has the arm, he has the experience and it's his job to lose in game situations, not in practice. If Doug Smith had latched on to a couple of catchable Karsatos aeriels in the Scarlet and Gray game, the California signal-caller would be getting rave reviews right now.

However, I definitely have a higher opinion of Tupa as a

As *Buckeye Sports Bulletin* went to press it was learned that Ohio State women's basketball coach Tara Van Derveer would be leaving to take the head position at Stanford.

Van Derveer had led the Lady Buckeyes to four straight Big Ten titles. We will have complete details on Van Derveer's departure and a possible successor in our June issue.

quarterback now. It can only be an advantage to both players to have competition at quarterback, and it has to be comforting to OSU coach Earle Bruce to know that if Karsatos fails, he'll have another quarterback on hand.

I'M GOING TO reserve

judgement on OSU's new "bubble defense," which features two down linemen (probably Darryl Lee and Henry Brown) and a player in the middle (probably Larry Kolic) in an upright position. The thing that troubles me is that in the past, the Buckeyes have had trouble mounting an effective pass rush and I want to see if pass rushing will be a problem out of this set.

One of the main reasons for trying this alignment is to get the best 11 defensive players on the field, and Kolic is probably one of the 11 best.

I have always maintained that if I were the coach, I wouldn't have let Kolic back on the squad after last season's double departure. The times I've met Larry, I've found him a likable guy, and I think he's a fine football player. Discipline-wise, it was bad policy to allow him back.

However, Larry has something to prove — that he can be a reliable member of the Ohio State football team. And if he recognizes that and works hard, he could actually end up setting a positive example for other players on the team. It will be an interesting aspect of the team to watch in the coming season.

One thing I think is certain is that the Buckeyes will probably field the strongest defensive squad they've had in years. The

secondary will be solid, the linebackers awesome and the defensive line might just come around.

I have total faith in new defensive coordinator Gary Blackney. If the job he did with the secondary last year is any indication, he has a great grasp of defensive concepts.

WITH INJURIES AND split squads, it was hard to tell who had the upper hand in the battle for offensive line jobs, other than Rory Graves and Bob Maggs.

At Ohio Stadium, starters for the Scarlet were Maggs at center, Tom Glancey and Greg Zackeroff at guard and Graves and Larry Kotterman at tackle. For the Gray it was Rich Morris at center, Jim Gilmore and Tim James at guard and Jay Shaffer and Dan Bachorski at tackle.

DON'T BE SURPRISED if ex-NFL and USFL performer Lenny Willis fills the final spot on Ohio State's coaching staff. Bruce has been slow in filling the spot, leading to speculation that he is waiting for Willis to earn enough credits to graduate before offering him the job.

I think Willis would make a fine addition to the staff.

Archie Griffin was reportedly offered the job, but turned it down.

IF YOU'RE KEEPING track of football recruits, add Tom Moore to your list. The 6-3, 230-pounder out of Orrville, Ohio has been signed on to handle long snaps.

ONE RECRUIT WHO was present for spring drills was Canadian Srecko Zizakovic. OSU recruiting coordinator Bob McNea reports that Bruce was a bit skeptical about signing on a player without U.S. football experience, but McNea reports that the 6-6 linebacker had a good spring.

He'll most likely red-shirt next season as the Bucks try and beef him up from 22 to 245 and give him a little more experience.

YOU'LL HAVE TO wait a few years for it, but the dream rematch is finally coming. Ohio State will host Notre Dame on Sept. 30, 1995 and travel to South Bend on Sept. 28, 1996.

The last time the two schools met was in 1936.

The Irish have won both previous contests between the two grid powers. In 1935 the Irish downed the Buckeyes in Columbus, 18-13, in a game many call the greatest ever played in Ohio Stadium. The Irish won the following year in South Bend, 7-2.

The Buckeyes continue to add attractive schools to their grid schedule, announcing also that they would travel to Missouri on Sept. 27, 1997 and would host the Tigers on Sept. 19, 1998.

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Spring Games Feature Passing Attack

By Craig James

One word seemed to characterize Ohio State's two recent spring scrimmages — passing.

That seems strange, when one considers that the football Buckeyes have been and probably always will be a tailback-oriented offensive team. But when fans saw star runner Keith Byars gain only 50 yards during the intra-squad contest held April 19 at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, Ohio, and 34 yards in the Scarlet and Gray game on April 27 in Ohio Stadium, something was definitely amiss.

Not to worry, said OSU coach Earle Bruce. The coaching staff knows a little bit about what Mr. Byars, the nation's leading rusher last year, can do.

"He's done all we've asked of him," said Bruce. "If you see him, he's into the ball game up to his ears. He's had a good spring. He's done a lot of good things this spring."

"We haven't asked him to run the ball very much; we haven't had to prove him as a football player. But he's worked hard. He's improved as a football player. You see him use that stiff arm effectively and run over people in the secondary. That's a pretty strong runner."

Instead, the coaching staff

concentrated on trying to fill the many vacancies on the offensive and defensive lines, in addition to an opening that a lot of people are keeping their eyes on — quarterback.

Jim Karsatos went in and out of the spring season as the Bucks' number one man, but sophomore-to-be Tom Tupa stormed in and narrowed the gap considerably between the two players.

In both the Berea and Columbus spring games, the team that featured Tupa as its starting quarterback was the victor.

In the first scrimmage up north, Tupa completed 19 of his 28 pass attempts for 195 yards and one touchdown, a seven-yarder thrown on the run to flanker Nate Harris to give the Gray squad an initial 6-0 lead.

Karsatos wasn't exactly having a bad night, however. The junior-to-be hit his man 14 out of 25 times, for 153 yards, including a seven-yard scoring strike of his own to tight end John Hutchison that gave the Scarlet a 14-6 lead at the half.

The Scarlet's other touchdown was picked up by Byars on a three-yard run in the first quarter. Both scores were followed by Jeff Compton's extra-point kicks.

The Gray tied the score in the third period after tailback Roman Bates reached the end zone from the one-yard line, followed by a Tupa run for the two-point conversion.

Ironically, it was third-string quarterback Scott Powell, who replaced Tupa, who keyed the winning drive for the Gray in the final minutes. Powell, who made

five of nine passes for 44 yards, drove his team 43 yards in seven plays to the Scarlet 20. With only 20 seconds left, kicker Rich Spangler came in and nailed a 37-yard field goal to hand the Gray a 17-14 win.

Most valuable offensive player honors went to tight end Ed Taggart who caught 13 passes for 119 yards, notable considering that the junior-to-be had only 14 pass receptions during the entire 1984 season. Ray Holliman, a defensive tackle for the Scarlet, was the other MVP winner after making 10 stops.

The Scarlet and Gray game was won by the Tupa-led red team, 21-10, before a crowd of 17,500 in Ohio Stadium.

Both squads went scoreless in the first quarter as one Scarlet drive was halted when a Tupa pass was picked off by safety Terry White. Two Gray drives were thwarted when Karsatos' passes fell incomplete on one and by a holding penalty on the second.

The Scarlet got a break in the second frame when flanker Jamie Holland grabbed a Taggart punt and ran left for 44 yards to the Gray 10. Three plays later, Byars went in from the one to score. Compton's PAT made it 7-0.

The Gray came back immediately on its next possession to knot it 7-7 with an option pass — Karsatos to Bates to flanker Dino Dawson — that covered 54 yards. Spangler hit the PAT with 4:54 left.

There was still time enough for the Scarlet to add a touchdown before intermission, and Holland got things going by returning the

kickoff 43 yards to his own 47. Tupa completed three of five passes, two to Byars, and moved his squad to the Gray 14.

There was a brief setback as Byars, looking to throw an option pass of his own, ran away from trouble and fell down on the Gray 27. But Tupa made up the ground later with a completion to Holland that brought the Scarlet down to the Gray five. After Byars picked up three yards to the two, fullback George Cooper plowed through the line for the TD. Compton's kick made it 14-7.

Only the Gray team was successful in getting on the scoreboard in the third period. Keyed by three completions, Karsatos and his teammates got all the way down to the Scarlet four, but after an overthrow to Taggart in the end zone on third down, they had to settle for a 20-yard field goal by Spangler.

The Scarlet's last touchdown was academic. Powell, now in for the Gray, was stopped for a loss and then threw three incomplete passes, which turned the ball over to the Scarlet.

Two plays later, Worthington, Ohio walk-on tailback Hayden Humphrey ran in with the ball from the three with 57 seconds remaining in the game. Compton added the final point.

Tupa was 11 of 18 for 122 yards in the passing department; Karsatos nine of 20 for 121 yards. Hutchison for the Scarlet and Taggart for the Gray tied with four receptions each. Bates, for the Gray, was the leading rusher with 70 yards, followed by Humphrey for the Scarlet with 67.

Holland, who caught three passes for 45 yards in addition to his three punt and one kickoff return, was voted most valuable player on offense. Scarlet linebacker Chris Spielman, who totaled 17 tackles (five solos, 12 assists), won the defensive award.

"The offense has to improve at least 50 percent," commented Bruce when the game was over, not impressed by the number of quarterback sacks, penalties and dropped balls he saw. "As far as the running game, we have to probably go a little farther than that. Passing the football, we can do that."

"We'll have to mix the pass with the run a little more in the early part of the football season."

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Quarterback Battle Will Continue

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things better. I'd be confident going into the first game (as a starter). Confidence takes a lot of pressure off a person.

"Last year, I came in and everything was all fresh to me. I feel I've got it down since I've come in. The system is complex at first, but once you know it, you have a feel for what you're doing out there and it comes easier."

Despite Bruce's apprehensions about a player of his taking on two jobs, Tupa has no doubt that he can quarterback and punt.

"I feel you can be equally as good in one thing as you are in another," he said. "If you are, then it's great. You can do it. I don't feel that either one is going to hurt the other one."

Although both quarterbacks like to put the ball up, they are both comfortable with the fact that they will be leading a run-oriented offense, the staple of OSU football.

"I know with Keith back there, you've got a Heisman Trophy candidate," said Karsatos. "We're going to run the ball. We've got to show his talents, because he can make us win games."

"I think what I can do is help by opening up the offense, throwing

the ball a little more and spreading things out and giving Keith more room to run inside, which is going to help us win."

With Karsatos on track, Bruce says he has no set timetable for Tupa to reach a certain level in order to overtake Karsatos.

"We're not going to push Tupa," the coach stressed. "We don't think we have to. We're going to let Tupa come around. He's just got to mature. He'll apply the pressure if he gets the chance."

"The thing that's hurting him is inexperience. He hasn't had much experience in our offense."

"But it's going to get better."

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No Phone Call For Several Senior Bucks

When the words "Draft Day" are heard by potential NFL players, thoughts quickly turn to financial

security. However, Draft Day isn't always kind to college seniors. Ohio State had seven players

who were possible selections in the 1985 draft, but when the twelfth and final round closed, only three

had been chosen.

For the second consecutive year, a Buckeye lineman was tabbed as a first round selection: Jim Lachey, OSU's 6-6, 274-pound guard, was taken as the 12th overall selection, by the San Diego Chargers. In the '84 draft, the New York Giants made Bill Roberts their first choice.

Also selected from OSU were center Kirk Lowdermilk (3rd round, 59th pick) by the Minnesota Vikings, and tackle Mark Krerowicz (6th round, 147th pick) by the Cleveland Browns.

Lachey, picked on many postseason All-American teams, may be moved to tackle by San Diego, possibly replacing aging veteran Ed White, 38. Lachey didn't seem to care what position he played, though. When chosen, he said, "I'm just so excited. I'm glad it's all over with, but it's hard to believe it's all true."

Lowdermilk was very excited about going to Minnesota, even though Pitt's Bill Fralic, considered to be the best lineman in the draft, wasn't.

"Kirk Lowdermilk wants to play football. He doesn't care. I'm not going to turn something like this down. Anyway, I didn't have a choice."

Krerowicz was pleased about going to Cleveland, as he had grown up in Toledo, and had been a long time Browns fan. Krerowicz (6-4, 280) says he, like Lachey, may be moved to a new line position.

"Because of my size, they are looking at me as a guard."

The other OSU players expected to be taken, quarterback Mike Tomczak, guard Scott Zalenski, defensive tackle Dave Morrill, and defensive back Kelvin Bell, were all overlooked.

However, Tomczak signed a free-agent contract with his hometown team, the Chicago Bears, while Morrill signed on as a free-agent with Cleveland, and Zalenski signed with the Washington Redskins.

The surprise of the draft was Wisconsin. The Badgers saw 11 of their players taken, including three first-rounders. Richard Johnson, defensive back, went to the Houston Oilers; Al Toon, wide receiver, was tabbed by the New York Jets; and the surprising pick of Darryl Sims, defensive end, was made by the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Other Big Ten players taken in the first round were Michigan defensive tackle Kevin Brooks (Dallas) and defensive tackle Kevin Allen from Indiana (Philadelphia). The breakdown of Big Ten picks is as follows: Wisconsin (11), Michigan State (4), Northwestern (4), Illinois (3), Iowa (3), Minnesota (3), Ohio State (3), Indiana (2), Purdue (2), and Michigan (1).

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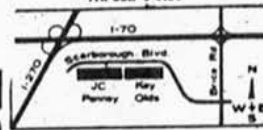
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Injuries Hamper Spring Grid Progress

By Craig James

As spring practice for the Ohio State football team drew to a close late last month, coach Earle Bruce wasn't exactly displeased with what he saw during the sessions. Then again, in one area especially, he was far from happy.

At least there was some relief in the knowledge that there are still four months to go before the Buckeyes' opening kickoff against Pittsburgh in September.

"I think we've got a ways to go," said Bruce. "Our offensive line has got a ways to go, that's all there is to it. I think we can have a good team in the fall if the offensive line can come along."

"That's a very critical area for us right now. We can pass the football, but we've got to be able to run it. That's hard-nosed football."

The offensive line is where OSU was hurt the most as graduation claimed four of the Buckeyes' five starters from the 1984 season. With only tackle Rory Graves back, Bruce and his staff are still looking at job applicants for the open positions. So far, only Bob Maggs, a part-time starter who has played at tackle and center, has stepped forward to apparently lock up the spot in the middle.

"I think Bob Maggs is a super player," Bruce remarked. "He'll be an outstanding center. At all other positions, we need to improve."

We're going to have to really work."

More progress probably would have been made this past spring if the team hadn't been riddled with injuries and other setbacks. Backup tailback John Wooldridge missed drills due to "personal problems," so Roman Bates was moved over from fullback. Fullback Barry Walker missed the spring due to a head injury, as did starting flanker Mike Lanese because of mononucleosis and quarterback Gary Clift because of shoulder surgery.

Another fullback, Mark Pfister, who was switched over from linebacker, also sat out some practices due to a shoulder injury, so George Cooper emerged as the number one fullback going into August.

The list went on: tight end Alex Higdon, head injury; offensive lineman Tim Odom, knee injury; defensive lineman Reggie Graves, shoulder surgery; linebacker Mike McCray, shoulder surgery; offensive lineman Ron Paulsen, knee surgery; safety Dwight Smith and cornerback Sean Bell, ankle injuries; and offensive lineman Mike Madigan, broken arm.

"Injuries have been very costly for us this spring," the coach complained. "We've got to get everyone healthy for two-day practices in August, there's no

doubt about that. If we want to have a good football team, a lot of players are going to have to practice a lot in August. We need to improve."

But the picture of the developing 1985 edition of the Buckeyes isn't all gloom and doom, by any means. Ohio State is stocked with talent on offense at tailback, where senior-to-be Keith Byars will undoubtedly be the top pre-season candidate for the Heisman Trophy, at wide receiver with Lanese and Cris Carter, at tight end with Ed Taggart and at quarterback, where a full-scale war has developed between Jim Karsatos and Tom Tupa.

On defense, the outlook is even better since OSU returns all its linebackers and its entire defensive backfield.

Although the defensive line needs rebuilding, Bruce isn't as concerned about that prospect as he is about the offensive line.

Darryl Lee, Henry Brown and Ray Holliman are battling head-to-head for the two tackle positions, while linebackers Larry Kolic, now back in the fold, and Fred Ridder are doing likewise for the stand-up middle guard (Mike linebacker) spot in the new bubble defense.

"We've got the basis for a good skilled game, as far as offensive football goes," said Bruce. "As far

as our receivers and our running backs and our quarterbacks, we'll be all right there."

"Defensively, I think we'll put together a good defensive football team, because we've got some good linebackers, defensive backs and basically our defensive linemen, I think, will improve. They've got a lot more experience than the offensive line, so defensively, we'll have a good football team. Offensively, we've got a ways to go."

Depth is another concern, and the coach pointed out that the members of the new freshman class coming in will be looked at closely, especially offensive linemen prospects.

All in all, Bruce labels the spring session results as satisfactory.

"I don't think this has been an unproductive spring," he said. "We found out some things that we're going to have to do to be a good football team. You not only find out who can play, but you find out maybe who cannot play right away and who's going to take a little more seasoning."

"But there's flashes of some people being able to contribute here."

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MICHIGAN MEMORIES: BILL MYLES

Myles Has Closet Full Of Gold Pants

By DARRELL DAWSON

Buckeye Sports Bulletin Staff Writer

Having been a member of the Ohio State athletic department for nearly 25 years, the number of Gold Pants Bill Myles has collected is surpassed only by the number of memories he has relating to the Michigan series.

Myles was an assistant coach under Woody Hayes for the 1977 and '78 seasons then under Earle Bruce from 1979-84. All told, the teams he was a part of went 4-4 against the Wolverines.

After stepping off the sidelines following the 1985 Rose Bowl, Myles became an associate athletic director. He has performed a variety of administrative duties ever since, including his current position as associate AD for the lacrosse, soccer, tennis, field hockey and softball programs.

Myles had direct involvement with the football team when it beat the Wolverines in 1987, '94 and '98, giving him seven total pairs of Gold Pants, small charms given to Buckeyes since 1934 as a reward for beating Michigan.

Few people, if any, currently employed by Ohio State can say they have that many pairs.

"It's on a different level (than other OSU traditions) because you carry it with you," Myles said. "You carry it on a necklace, your wife carries it, or your fiancée or your girlfriend, or you give it to your father."

"When you give your Gold Pants to someone, that's making a tremendous statement. One guy told me he told his girlfriend, 'If we ever break up, the only thing I want back is my Gold Pants.' An engagement ring and all those things don't matter as much as Gold Pants."

For the record, Myles' wife, Lorita, has six of the gilded keepsakes. He gave his daughter, Debbie, a pair soon after OSU beat the bad guys in her senior year.

Maybe Myles was destined to go through the Michigan experience from day one.

He was born Nov. 21, 1936, the day Francis Schmidt led OSU to a 21-0 home victory over the Wolverines. Since then, The Game has been played eight more times on his birthday, with the Buckeyes going 5-3-1 in those nine games.



Bill Myles

Myles Vs. Michigan

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1978 — Michigan 14, Ohio State 3
1979 — Ohio State 18, Michigan 15
1980 — Michigan 9, Ohio State 3
1981 — Ohio State 14, Michigan 9
1982 — Ohio State 24, Michigan 14
1983 — Michigan 24, Ohio State 21
1984 — Ohio State 21, Ohio State 6

The last time OSU played Michigan on Nov. 21 was 1998, when the Buckeyes won 31-16 to cap a Big Ten co-championship season.

"(Former OSU coach John Cooper) told me we should get this game on your birthday all the time because we've been pretty good on it," Myles said.

Under Woody

Myles didn't have much success against the Maize and Blue in the two games he served under Woody Hayes.

And they did not love the Old Man up in Ann Arbor.

"I can remember Woody standing in the tunnel with us saying, 'Boy, it's really great, 100,000 people here (booing) and I'm the only one that's right,'" Myles said, recalling 1977. "He enjoyed them booing because that was respect. You didn't boo, at that time, the Northwesterners of the world. Wherever we went they booed, wherever they go now, they boo. That's respect."

"You don't boo Akron when they come here, but they boo Michigan when they come here."

Hayes wasn't as cool following the game, Myles recalled. The Buckeyes outgained the Wolverines 402-207 in the yardage column and took a 23-10 edge in first downs, but OSU lost 14-6, sending Michigan to the Rose Bowl.

"I remember coming out of the game people hollering at Woody, people bending over at him," Myles said. "People were selling toilet paper for \$5 with his face on each sheet. I remember somebody reaching over and trying to hit him or something and him knocking the guy back over in the bleachers."

"Everyone wanted to bother this guy."

Myles can still hear Hayes saying a little something about Michigan each day during practice.

"He'd say, 'Get me the pictures.' He wouldn't say movies," Myles recalled. "When he said get me the pictures, you knew he was only talking about Michigan, otherwise he would say get me the pictures from Northwestern, get me the pic-

tures from Purdue.

"But when he said, 'Get me the pictures,' you knew he was talking about Michigan."

Under Earle

Things immediately got better for Myles and the Buckeyes against their biggest rival once former Hayes assistant Earle Bruce took over in 1979.

"Coming down the tunnel up at Michigan my first game with Earle, his eyes were huge," Myles said. "I kind of touched him and said, 'Earle, it can't be that important. There's going to be 200 million Chinese who don't even know we're playing this game.' That loosened him up, but I said, 'But there's 10 million people in Ohio that do.'"

"He kind of hit me on the arm and said, 'But we're going to take them today. This is ours. We're ready.'"

Sure enough, they were.

Trailing 15-12 in the fourth quarter, OSU linebacker Jim Laughlin blocked a punt from Michigan's Bryan Virgil. Todd Bell picked it up for OSU and ran 18 yards for the game-winning touchdown. The 18-15 victory gave OSU a perfect 11-0 regular season.

"With Woody we were playing not to lose," Myles said. "We didn't beat Michigan and Michigan didn't beat us. It was the idea that you're going to make a mistake. That's why the games were boring. We were waiting on them to make a mistake and they were waiting on us. That was the Michigan game."

"Earle put a different thing on it. He started opening it up. He tried some trick plays with the guard carrying the ball, he tried the fumblerooski, he threw the ball at times they least expected it. Earle was

quite an offensive guy and he had Woody in him in that he was fundamentally sound. He was quite a competitor."

While with Bruce, Myles also experienced moments such as the famous play in the 1981 game when fullback Vaughn Broadnax paved the way blocking for Art Schlichter to run for a 6-yard touchdown that became the game winner.

He also had a front-row seat for running back Keith Byars' performance in 1984, when Byars scored three times en route to a 21-6 victory and a Rose Bowl berth.

The Greatest

In addition to his coaching and administrative duties through the years, Myles also has been widely thought of as an OSU football historian.

He notes with pride that over 6.6 million people have seen the series in person since 1922 — about a million more than any other rivalry.

Myles said all of this even though he had been an assistant to Tom Osborne at Nebraska before coming to Columbus. The 'Huskers have some pretty special rivalries themselves, with Colorado, Kansas and, above all, Oklahoma.

"It's a great rivalry they have with Oklahoma and I'm not putting it down, but I'll say this: These two states (Ohio and Michigan) touch each other; we recruit the same guys," he said.

"When I was at Nebraska, we didn't recruit so many guys from Texas or Oklahoma like they did. Michigan gets a lot of their guys from Ohio."

"It's an altogether different situation. It's just the greatest thing anybody can be in."

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