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*Freshman Tailback Runs Wild Against Utah***Bryant Exciting In First OSU Start**

By Dave Waitkus

Earle Bruce might not be a scientific genius, but he solved Problem A by introducing Item B into the Ohio State football equation.

The "B" in this case stood for Bryant, as in Jim Bryant, a freshman tailback from Harrisburg, Pa., who wears the number — 41 — of former Buckeye star Keith Byars. Bryant gave 89,645 fans in Ohio Stadium a dose of Byars-type power football in his first college start as Ohio State massacred Utah 64-6.

"I was hoping to start at the end of the season, but I didn't expect it this soon," admitted Bryant, who single-handedly engineered OSU's first touchdown drive and finished with 145 yards on 19 carries. "When Coach (Lenny) Willis told me in practice Monday that I was starting, I thought he was messing with me. I thought he just wanted me to take some hits from the first-team defense."

**THE PROMOTION** was real, however, and the powerful 6-0, 212-pound youngster ignited a slumbering OSU offense. With Bryant serving as the catalyst, Vince Workman — the man Bryant replaced in the Buckeye backfield — roared to life with 168 yards on 16 attempts and two more touchdowns. Combined, the two

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— James Bryant



tailbacks accounted for 319 of Ohio State's 394 rushing yards against the 0-2 Utes.

"We got a very fine game from Bryant early, and Workman seems to do well in competition with the young man," said Ohio State coach Earle Bruce. "He excites our football team. He also excites Vince Workman, and I think (Workman) was better because of

that today."

Workman admitted that "he got me pumped up. Jimmy's a good back and he really got us going today. I wanted to show the press and the fans that we are a good football team."

**WHEN ASKED TO** compare himself with Workman, Bryant replied, "When I watch Vince run, he's quick and he's able to cut around the

tacklers. I see myself as the type who can get the ball and run over someone before I'll cut around them."

That was the case in Ohio State's opening series of plays against Utah, as Bryant took handoffs and dashed for 25, 11 and 30 yards. After moving the Bucks to the Utah one, he again got the call and responded with a leaping touchdown. The entire series simply reeked of Byars football.

"It's too early to compare him (Bryant) with Byars," warned Bruce. "He's a hard runner. You don't knock him down with one hit and that's what Keith was good at — he didn't go down with one or two tackles, he kept going. As soon as this young man gets some experience and confidence he needs, I think he'll be that type of runner, also."

When asked the same question, Bryant responded, "I wouldn't go that far. It's too soon. I love it, and I'm glad that everybody feels so highly about me to compare me with Byars. I would like to follow in his steps."

**ON THIS DAY**, however, Bryant stepped up the Ohio State offense to the tune of a school-record 715 yards. Bryant and Workman led nine Ohio State rushers onto the field, including George Cooper, who added 33 yards and four more Buckeye touchdowns.

The key, though, was his ability to spark Workman. Under fire since his first three 1986 games produced only 162 yards and a 2.7 per-carry average, Workman was definitely in need of a boost.

Concerning Bruce's maneuver, which might have been construed as a blow to Workman's ego, Bryant said, "Vince and I are close. We don't look at it as a battle. We try to help each other reach our goals. I'm just hoping to come in and learn the plays. I hope we both get over 1,000 yards this season."

**WORKMAN AGREED WITH** the 19-year-old's assessment of the situation. "I was happy for him," he said. "We were both cheering each other on coming in and out of the game."

"Jimmy's running made me want to get in there," Workman continued. "He was out there breaking tackles, and I wanted to get in there and break some tackles."

Both runners also admitted that another previous Ohio State problem — line blocking — paved the way for their host of long gainers and touchdowns.

"The offensive line did a great job of opening the holes," said Workman. "It was easy for the running backs."

**ALTHOUGH IT WAS** his first start, Bryant did have 12 attempts and 51 rushing yards to his credit coming into the game. In several of those rushes, he exhibited that "hard-to-



James Bryant (41) Dives In For OSU's First Touchdown Against Utes

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# Karsatos Followed Buckeye Game Plan To Near Perfection

By Jim Wharton

Ohio State quarterback Jim Karsatos had a week to mull over his performance against Colorado.

After what his coach said was not one of his better efforts in a narrow 13-10 win over the Buffaloes, Karsatos tucked his head between his legs and slipped off to ponder the outcome of the game. Always willing to talk to the press after a game, Karsatos ducked out of Ohio Stadium, refusing to discuss what had just transpired.



Karsatos

But a week later Karsatos was back, guiding the Buckeyes to a near-flawless 64-6 execution of Utah in a game in which Ohio State rolled up a school and Big Ten-record 715 yards. "Not perfect," said Karsatos. "We made a couple of mistakes, a couple of things we'd like to change. But nothing really happened when we made mistakes."

If not perfect, then at least close.

Karsatos, playing the first half and OSU's first three possessions of the third quarter, had one of his best days in a Buckeye uniform. He completed 15 of 22 passes for 224 yards and one touchdown while not throwing an interception.

"He had a good day today," said Ohio State coach Earle Bruce of Karsatos. "Most of the time he was directing the team well. He did what we asked him to do effectively today. He checked off well and he ran the team very efficiently."

Karsatos felt it was a vast improvement over his showing of a week earlier when he completed only 11 of 24 passes for 118 yards as the Buckeye offense, lacking drastically in execution, sputtered to the narrow victory.

"Today," said Karsatos, "I played a lot better. I was consistent. I felt really relaxed out there from the start."

The senior signal-caller was asked to offer a reason.

"I don't know," said Karsatos. "I'll have to look at the films to see what I did. But my checking was good. We just took what they gave us and the line just blew them out."

Karsatos, bothered — as were his running backs — by an offensive line which had not been executing well in the first three games of the season, heaped praise on the Buckeye beef in front of him.

"The line played a great game," he said. "The holes were there and the running backs were hitting them hard. I had all day to throw. It's nice when you can just sit in there and pick your receivers. They (the line) put it together this week. I knew they would."

Karsatos said the game plan, which a week earlier had been severely criticized, was the key to the record-setting offensive outburst by the Buckeyes.

"We got the game plan early (in the week) and we just kept working on it," he said. "We did a lot of walk-throughs, a lot of mental stuff, which helped us tremendously."

Studying the game plan made Karsatos more effective against the Utes.

"I think I worked hard this week," he said. "I knew the offense. I knew exactly what they (the Utes) were going to run defensively and I knew where they'd be and where my receivers would be."

"I went over it. I learned it. At the beginning of the week we had the game plan in our hands. I had a chance to study it. That's going to help a lot because we can run it throughout practice and I can look at things."

Karsatos said he also looked at the 13-play, 78-yard drive to Pat O'Morrow's game-winning field goal the week before as being an indicator that better things were to come of the Buckeye offense.

"I think the last drive last week was a great confidence builder, especially with the offensive line," he said. "We still have some work to do, but I think once we got rolling, we were just playing great football."

There were those, however, who questioned just how much of a test the

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Ohio State's Eric Kumerow (14) is all smiles after recovering Utah fumble in first quarter. Fred Ridder (90) shares happy moment with teammate.

## Kumerow's Efforts Spark OSU Defense

While he said it didn't start out that way, it appeared that Ohio State outside linebacker Eric Kumerow had a personal vendetta against Utah quarterback Larry Egger.

Kumerow, a 6-6, 242-pounder, was in Egger's face almost all afternoon as the Buckeyes romped to a 64-6 victory on Sept. 27.

"We knew they were going to be passing a lot," said Kumerow, a junior out of Oak Park-River Forest High School in River Forest, Ill., "so we just went out there with our ears pinned back. We were using a few new things like stunts and stuff."

Kumerow, who led the Buckeyes in tackles for losses last year with 10, recorded only four stops against Utah but constantly applied pressure on Egger. The Ute quarterback, who had completed 17 of 29 passes for 207 yards and three touchdowns in a season-opening 37-30 loss to San Diego State, did his darndest to avoid the rush of Kumerow.

"He came free from me a couple of times," said Kumerow, who himself came to Ohio State as a quarterback. "I would have liked to have brought him down with the ball in his hands a couple of more times."

Kumerow, though, did reach Egger and sacked the Utah signal-caller on one occasion. The Utes had a second-and-five at their own 30 midway through the third quarter when Kumerow, on a blitz, nailed Egger for a seven-yard loss.

Tempers flared when Egger came up pushing and shoving Kumerow. "I might have been pushing him a little bit extra after he was down and he didn't appreciate that," said Kumerow. "But I wasn't going to let it bother me."

On the occasions when Kumerow didn't get the sack on Egger, he wreaked enough havoc to cause problems. On a third-and-eight late in the first quarter, an Egger pass was way short after Kumerow hit him from the blind side.

On another occasion, when teammate Srecko Zizakovic pressured Egger into a short pass, Kumerow bobbled and dropped what would have been a sure-score interception.

It was a big victory for the Buckeyes.

"I think we needed this going into the Big Ten," said Kumerow. "We got a good performance out of our offense and defense."

"We'll just work extra hard this week to get ready for the Big Ten conference."

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## Workman Aided By Bryant's Fast Start

Vince Workman watched from the sidelines as James Bryant, who had replaced him at tailback in the starting lineup for Ohio State, lit up the Buckeye faithful with his brilliant running on the first offensive series of the game.

Bryant also lit up Workman. "It got me kind of pumped up," said Workman, a 5-11, 184-pound sophomore out of Dublin, Ohio. "Jimmy's a good back and he showed that today."

So, too, did Workman. After entering the game on Ohio State's third possession midway through the first quarter, he dashed off a personal-best 168 yards in 16 carries and scored two touchdowns — two rushing, one on a pass from quarterback Jim Karsatos.

But maybe he thought he might never be in a huddle again after the way Bryant ran.

"Not really," said Workman. "I was happy for him and I was cheering him on. We were both cheering for each other and when we came off the field, we were helping each other out."

"I just wanted to do my best, do the best I can and do what I know I can do," continued Workman, who topped his season yardage total (162 yards in 59 carries) in one game. "He was

breaking tackles. I felt if he can do it, I can do it. I just ran as hard as I could. I didn't want to be tackled."

Workman, who moved into the number one tailback spot himself after John Wooldridge went down before the Washington game with a knee injury, was quick to assess the reasons for his and Bryant's being able to run with relative ease.

"The offensive line," he shouted. "They just did a great job of opening the holes. There really wasn't much for the running backs to do but run against the defensive backs."

Ohio State ran over, around and through the Utah defense to the tune of 394 yards.

"They weren't as physical as some teams (OSU has played)," said Workman. "I don't know why. Everybody just got pumped up and got together and we just ran them over."

The Buckeyes, according to Workman, had other reasons for getting their act together.

"There's been a lot of talk in the press," he said. "Everybody wanted to show the press and our fans that we can be a good team. We weren't playing like we could, before. Today, everything just came together for us."

## Spielman Hopes Win Will Slow Criticism

Chris Spielman thought Ohio State's 64-6 romp over Utah would slow the flow of criticism that has been flooding the Buckeye waters.

"I think one thing it helped," said Spielman, "was that every time you read the newspaper or turn on the radio, you're seeing the Buckeyes being criticized and how terrible we are and how terrible Coach Bruce is."

"I'd like to say Coach Bruce has done an excellent job of keeping us ready to play and keeping our morale up and I know the players on this team have all the confidence in the world in him."

Spielman admitted there were those on the squad who were mentally hurting after what had transpired in the early going.

"Sure we were down," said the Massillon, Ohio, junior. "You're going to be when you're Ohio State and you lose two ball games."

But the preparation for Utah was intense.

"This is the hardest we've worked in practice since I've been here," said Spielman, who was in on a team-leading 11 tackles against the Utes. "I think a lot of credit goes to Coach Bruce and the captains and the coaching staff and a couple of other guys who are leaders on the team. They kept the morale up."

"Coach Bruce and the coaches did an excellent job of not dwelling on the games and not persisting in telling us the mistakes that we made. They said let's forget about it and kept telling us we're a good football team. We've just got to put things together and we've been working hard in practice."

The hard work paid off.

"That win was a real big lift," said Spielman. "I guess they say there's three seasons: there's the non-conference games, conference games and bowl games. This is one of those things where you win big. The guys in the offensive line, Bob (Maggs) and them, I think they're starting to get the old Ohio State confidence back."

"The way Vince (Workman) and Jimmy (Bryant) ran, the way Jim (Karsatos) threw the ball, the way the receivers caught the ball, those things are all important."

And there also was a big effort by the OSU defense.

"The way the defense played is important," said Spielman. "We're starting to grow; we're starting to become more confident in each other, which definitely is important."

"When you hold a team that averaged 30-some points a game last year to six points, it's a momentum-getter. We're going into the Big Ten and we did what we wanted to do today. We won two ball games back to back and it's important that we had this type of week."



Official Aids George Cooper After Fourth TD

## Four Touchdown Runs Have Cooper In Clouds

George Cooper had not yet come down from his cloud as he talked about his four-touchdown performance in Ohio State's 64-6 blitzing of visiting Utah.

"There weren't too many plays that weren't working today," said Cooper, sweat still pouring down his brow long after a post-game shower. "The line was blocking great, all the tailback plays were working and that just opened it up for the fullback. Did you see me catch a couple of passes?"

Cooper was not quite the workhorse Ohio State fans have witnessed in fullbacks over the years, but he was, for the first time in a long time, the man on call in short-yardage situations. His four scoring jaunts — the first time that had been done by a Buckeye in one game since Keith Byars tallied five times against Illinois in 1984 — added up to only 12 yards. On the afternoon Cooper, who scored only three touchdowns in 12 games last fall, carried eight times for 33 yards.

"It felt pretty good," said the 6-2, 246-pound junior out of Wyandanch, N.Y. "I never saw holes that big all last year. The offensive line was really blocking great. It was easy."

Cooper, who had gained 53 yards in 13 carries through the first three games, was glad to be a part of the newfound OSU offense.

"I guess he had confidence in me today," said Cooper of Buckeye coach Earle Bruce.

And with all the ingredients mixing

### "Quotebook"

for a decisive victory, there was a lot of confidence gained in the game.

"This win gives us confidence for the Big Ten," said Cooper. "Now that we scored some points, we can gear it up from here."

Cooper hopes to continue to be a part of the offense.

"I'd like to see some more plays for George Cooper to the outside," he said, "because when the DBs (defensive backs) see me coming, they drop to the ground."

OSU DEFENSIVE back William White thought the victory, and the manner in which it was accomplished, could not have come at a better time with the Big Ten season opening Oct. 4.

"The timing is great," said White. "We wanted to go into this game and have a big win to get ready for the Big Ten season. We're not out of the race because we haven't played any Big Ten teams. A win like this is just going to get us ready and fired up to have a good week of practice to get ready for Illinois."

Destroying the visiting Utes as convincingly as Ohio State did was, as White saw it, something that had to be done.

"The papers said a lot of things

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# Bruce Wearing Wide Grin After Big Win

Ohio State football coach Earle Bruce wore a smile almost as wide as his ... as his ... well, almost as wide as another part of his body.

"That's a great day for Ohio State," said Bruce, shortly after his team had destroyed Utah 64-6 on Sept. 27. "That's 600 victories for our football program and naturally that's quite a milestone. I'm just happy our football team was part of that."

Bruce hardly knew where to begin in recapping a record-setting offensive performance and a defensive effort which totally throttled a team which had a reputation of being just short of a BYU when it comes to passing.

"They did an outstanding job today, both offensively and defensively," said Bruce. "We capitalized on some mistakes early by Utah and got the game out of hand."

For sure, Ohio State led 14-0 before the Utes (0-2) ran their first play from scrimmage. By the time Utah ran its fourth play of the day, the Buckeyes were on top 21-0, thanks to fumble recoveries by John Sullivan and Eric Kumerow.

The onslaught continued through four quarters and 57 different OSU players.

The running game, which had produced only 304 yards in the first three games, churned out 394 net yards. The passing attack, which had picked up 424 yards in losses to Alabama and Washington and a narrow victory over Colorado, netted 321 against the Utes. With an OSU and Big Ten-record 715 total yards, Bruce had to be pleased.

"We mixed the pass and the run effectively," he said. "We had a very fine performance out of our tailback position. (James) Bryant did an outstanding job early and (Vince) Workman seems to run very, very well when in competition with a young man and he did a good job."

Bryant, a freshman out of Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg, Pa., was making his first start in a Buckeye uniform. The 6-0, 212-pounder with an ability to drive inside or scamper outside, delighted the 89,645 Ohio Stadium fans by carrying four times for 67 yards and a touchdown on the Bucks' first possession.

Before he took a seat on the bench early in the second half after suffering a bruised thigh, Bryant had picked up 145 yards in 19 carries.

"We decided we were going to play him more so we had to give him more opportunities in practice," said Bruce, after earlier in the week saying Bryant may still not be ready for a starting assignment. "He is a very hard runner. He still has a little bit to learn of our offense, naturally. He made a few different plays today that a seasoned veteran would not make. But he's a freshman and I thought he did an outstanding job of running the ball."

"He excites our football team and he also excites Vince Workman, because he ran a little better today."

Workman, a 5-11, 184-pound sophomore who had rushed for 162 yards in 59 carries through the first three games, surpassed that yardage figure in one game by netting 168 yards in 16 carries. Workman scored two Buckeye touchdowns, one of them on a pass from quarterback Jim Karsatos.

It was the first time two Buckeye backs had rushed for over 100 yards in the same game since Tim Spencer (142) and Vaughn Broadnax (101) did it against Baylor early in the 1982 season.

"Yes, we planned to run," said Bruce, after the Buckeye ball carriers had added up more rushing yards in a single game than any OSU team since the 1980 squad ran up 418 in a 63-0 victory over Northwestern. "You've got to know we're going to run our tailbacks. I think I told everyone we're going to do that until we establish it."

Bruce also may have established that he is prone to rubbing it in. With OSU leading 57-6 and less than six minutes left in the game, backup quarterback Tom Tupa was sent a passing play on a fourth-and-10 at the

Utah 33. Tupa hit sophomore wide receiver Everett Ross on a 33-yard TD pass.

"I thought we'd give him a chance to throw the football," explained Bruce. "I guess you could run the quarterback sneak, but that's not the practice we need. We need to run our football team the way we see it. Fourth-and-10's a passing down for us."

There then was mention of a fourth-and-one call late in the first half. Critics questioned Bruce, already leading 28-3, going for a field goal. Freshman kicker Pat O'Morrow booted

it through from the 40 and OSU led 31-3 with 43 seconds left in the first half.

"That was the right decision," said Bruce. "I just didn't think we should come away dry. You needed to come away with some points. With the score 28-3 it was kind of ridiculous not to go for the field goal. We add three points and that's 28 (point lead) and that's what you want to do, build your lead. I thought that was the right decision by far. We've come up on short yardage and come up short. We needed points

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# Buckeyes Pass Test By Destroying Utah

By Dave Waitkus

The only thing that could have spoiled Ohio State's fun against Utah in Ohio Stadium would have been the following disclaimer:

"This was a test. This was only a test of the Ohio State offensive football system. For the past 60 minutes, you have witnessed what could happen if the Buckeyes are angered. If this would have been an actual game, you would have been instructed to tune to another stadium. This concludes our test. We now return you to your regular season."

According to the record books, though, it was a real game. Ohio State did indeed bring out the heavy artillery. In fact, the Buckeyes completely destroyed Utah, leaving the U.S.A. with only 49 states.

"I think we did an outstanding job today, both on offense and on defense," said Ohio State "commander" Earle Bruce, shortly after the smoke cleared in Ohio Stadium and the scoreboard showed Ohio State 64, Utah 6. "We capitalized on some mistakes early, and I think we got a very fine performance from our tailback position. This is going to help our confidence a lot."

Perhaps all the mismatch earned Utah — who came out of the Western Athletic Conference (WAC) at 0-1 and left an embarrassed 0-2 — was two lines in the book of Ohio State football trivia.

The first question might be: "Who was the opponent when Ohio State won its 600th football game, joining notables Michigan, Notre Dame, Texas, Alabama, Penn State and Nebraska in Division I-A?" The answer: "Utah, 1986."

Next: "Against what team did the Buckeyes set their current single-game offensive record, and what was that total?" The answer again: "Utah — 715 yards."

What? Are you kidding? Ohio State had scored just 30 points and had only 728 yards of total offense when it went into the game with a 1-2 record. How could that be?

Well, for starters, it might have been due to a young man from Harrisburg, Pa., known as Jim Bryant.

Making his first-ever start in a college football game, Bryant — who replaced Vince Workman at the starting tailback position — got the first call of the contest. He responded with a twisting 25-yard romp, which nearly matched OSU's longest run of the season.

On his second carry, the 6-0, 212-pound freshman took a pitch and ran 11 more yards. Carry number three produced a tackle-breaking 30-yard crowd-pleaser to the Utes' one-yard line. Then, despite the thought that OSU had entered "George Cooper Land," Bruce again called on number 41. Bryant responded by leaping over the goal for the Buckeyes' first of nine



Vince Workman On 18-Yard Run Against Utah

touchdowns. "Bryant is a very hard runner," claimed Bruce, after the youngster had rolled up 145 yards on 19 carries and one TD. "He excites our football team. He also excites Vince Workman, and I think he (Workman) was better because of that today."

Before Workman was able to prove his worth, however, the Buckeye defense popped up to further disorient the pass-happy Utes. On the kickoff following Bryant's score, Utah ran a well-conceived reverse. The problem, however, was that returner Greg Holder fumbled on a well-conceived hit by Buckeye Greg Rogan, and John Sullivan recovered for OSU on the Utah 48.

Mixing the run and pass effectively, the Buckeyes charged in for their second score in less than half a quarter. This time, Cooper got the call from two yards away. The big fullback bulled into the end zone for the first of his four TDs, and a blowout was in the making.

Now, it was time for Utah to uncork its passing attack, right? Wrong again.

Following a successful kick return — by day's end Utah would be well-skilled in that department — the Utes ran two straight running plays. The second took Eddie Johnson up the right sideline, but he fumbled on a hit by Buckeye safety David Brown. Linebacker Eric Kumerow was on hand to recover, and the Bucks were back on offense at their own 33.

After a swing pass to Cooper moved OSU to midfield, Workman replaced Bryant. He found the running almost as easy, as gaping holes opened by the offensive line netted six, three and four yards.

The Buckeyes bogged down momentarily at the Utah 36, but quarterback Jim Karsatos remedied the situation when he hit a streaking Nate Harris for 34 yards to the two. Then, it was "Cooper Time."

If the crowd of 89,645 focused on number 44, they weren't disappointed. Cooper again got the call and he dove over for the score. Shockingly, with 4:38 left and a 21-0 lead in the first period, Ohio State had nearly equaled its season scoring total.

"We're just beginning the season, so to speak," said Bruce, as Ohio State evened its record at 2-2 on the eve of the Buckeyes' Big Ten opener with Illinois. "We lose two and everybody's ready to throw in the chips. I think we proved today that we do have a good football team."

Utah finally got untracked in the second quarter and dented the scoreboard with a 42-yard field goal by Andre Guard. Then, it was time for Workman to go to work.

The Dublin, Ohio, sophomore, who eventually earned game rushing honors with 168 yards on 16 attempts, actually rtdined his first big gainer of the day when he fumbled after a 21-yard jaunt to the Utah 28. The Utes could not muster a scoring drive, though, and OSU was off and running again at its own 39.

Karsatos, who also broke out of his early-season slump in a big way, went to the air for most of the march, which covered 61 yards in just seven plays.

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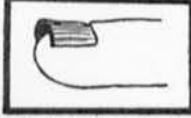
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# The Numbers Game

## Ohio State 64, Colorado 6

COLORADO	0	3	3	0	6
OHIO STATE	21	10	20	13	64

OSU — Bryant 1 run (O'Morrow kick) 13:46  
 OSU — Cooper 2 run (O'Morrow kick) 8:28  
 OSU — Cooper 1 run (O'Morrow kick) 4:38  
 UTAH — Guardi 42 fld goal 13:19  
 OSU — Workman 13 pass from Karsatos (O'Morrow kick) 6:17  
 OSU — O'Morrow 40 field goal :39  
 OSU — Workman 2 run (O'Morrow kick) 11:47  
 UTAH — Guardi 42 field goal (9:17)  
 OSU — Cooper 7 run (O'Morrow kick) 7:51  
 OSU — Cooper 2 run (kick failed) 3:02  
 OSU — Workman 9 run (kick failed) 12:19  
 OSU — Ross 33 pass from Tupa (O'Morrow kick) 5:36  
 Att. — 89,645

	UTAH	OSU
First Downs	20	36
Rushing	6	17
Passing	12	16
Penalty	2	3
Rushes-Yards	20-111	54-394
Passing Yards	240	321
Passes	48-24-2	32-21-0
Offensive Plays	68	86
Total Net Yards	351	715
Third Down Eff.	4-14	9-13
Punts	4-32.0	1-55.0
Fumbles-Lost	4-2	1-1
Penalties	7-44	5-46
Time Of Possession	24:07	35:53

### Individual Statistics

**RUSHING** (Att.-Net Yds.) — UTAH: E. Johnson 9-72; Bero 2-16; Betz 1-15; G. Johnson 3-14; Hardy 1-6; Mendonca 1-3; Egger 3-(-15). OHIO STATE: Workman 16-168; Bryant 19-145; Cooper 8-33; Walker 4-27; Robinson 2-15; Ross 1-7; Harris 1-3; Tupa 1-2; Holland 1-(-1); Karsatos 1-(-5).

**PASSING** (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD) — UTAH: Egger 42-22-2-215-0; Mendonca 6-2-0-25-0. OHIO STATE: Karsatos 22-15-0-224-1; Tupa 10-6-0-97-1.

**RECEIVING** (Rec.-Yds.) — UTAH: E. Johnson 6-51; McEwen 6-50; Holder 4-52; Harry 3-52; Bero 3-14; Hughes 1-12; C. Jones 1-9. OHIO STATE: Harris 3-72; Carter 3-65; Ross 3-60; Taggart 3-39; Cooper 3-33; Workman 2-19; Holland 2-17; Dawson 1-11; Bryant 1-5.

**PUNTING** (No.-Ave.-Lg.) — UTAH: Lieber 4-32.0-45. OHIO STATE: Tupa 1-55.0-55. **PUNT RETURNS** (No.-Ave.-Lg.) — UTAH: Hardy 1-12.0-12. OHIO STATE: Ross 1-17.0-17.

**KICKOFF RETURNS** (No.-Ave.-Lg.) — UTAH: Hughes 9-21.4-34; Holder 1-38.0-38; Hardy 1-10.0-10. OHIO STATE: Holland 3-23.0-33.

**DEFENSIVE FUMBLES RECOVERED BY** — UTAH: McMillian. OHIO STATE: Kumerow, J. Sullivan.

**INTERCEPTIONS** — UTAH: None. OHIO STATE: Rogan, Craig. **TACKLES FOR LOSS** — UTAH: Wingert (2), M. Jones, Manu. OHIO STATE: Kumerow, Kee, Team.

**TACKLES** (Solo-Ass.-Tot.) — UTAH: Wingert 5-7-12; Wheelwright 1-8-9; Pritchett 3-6-9; G. Smith 3-4-7; Fields 2-5-7; Kennedy 2-4-6; M. Jones 3-3-6; Peterson 3-2-5; Patterson 1-4-5; Wagner 1-4-5; Vedder 1-4-5; Jacobsen 1-3-4; B. Jenkins 1-3-4; F. Bonifacio 2-2-4; Manu 1-2-3; Harris 0-3-3; Argyle 1-2-3; Hawn 1-1-2; Baker 1-1-2; Holder 2-0-2; Rivers 1-1-2; Harry 1-0-1; Meredith 1-0-1; C. Jones 1-0-1; McMillian 0-1-1. OHIO STATE: Spielman 5-6-11; Gordon 5-4-9; Leach 3-3-6; Rogan 4-1-5; White 4-1-5; Kumerow 1-3-4; Smith 3-1-4; D. Brown 1-3-4; Kee 3-1-4; Isaman 0-3-3; Dumas 2-1-3; J. Sullivan 0-3-3; Showalter 2-1-3; Graves 0-2-2; Jackson 1-1-2; M. Sullivan 2-0-2; Thomas 0-1-1; Craig 0-1-1; Higdon 1-0-1; Ridder 0-1-1; H. Brown 0-1-1; Team 1-0-1.


### Players In The Game

UTAH — Manu, Williams, B. Jenkins, McKenna, Pearson, Rivers, McMillian, Baker, Argyle, Wagner, Hawn, Meredith, Vedder, Patterson, Wingert, Harris, F. Bonifacio, McGriff, Kennedy, Pritchett, Fields, Robertson, M. Jones, G. Smith, Wheelwright, Jacobsen, Peterson, Lieber, McEwen, Harry, Holder, J. Jenkins, Hansen, Knerim, Poti, New, Bryant, Parson, Snyder, Kaminski, Cullity, Watson, C. Jones, Griggs, French, D. Smith, Egger, Mendonca, Hughes, E. Johnson, G. Johnson, Bero, Betz, Sigloch, Hardy, Guardi.

OHIO STATE — Taggart, Hutchison, Hoak, Palmer, Staysniak, Moxley, Uhlenhake, Ji, Davidson, Maggs, Moore, Zackeroff, Coles, Kotterman, Shaffer, Carter, Ross, Karsatos, Tupa, Powell, Bryant, Workman, Robinson, Cooper, Matlock, Walker, Gresock, Harris, Holland, Dawson, O'Morrow, Kumerow, Graves, H. Brown, Zizakovic, Garber, Ridder, M. Sullivan, Thomas, Keenan, Lee, Showalter, Isaman, Higdon, Spielman, Leach, Craig, Kee, J. Sullivan, Gordon, Dumas, White, Jackson, Rogan, Smith, D. Brown, Tupa, Frantz.

## Season Statistics

	OPP	OSU	RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	AVG	TD	LG		
<b>FIRST DOWNS</b>	73	78										
Rushing	41	38	Workman	75	350	20	330	4.4	2	43		
Passing	28	33	Bryant	31	203	7	196	6.3	1	30		
Penalty	4	7	Cooper	21	90	4	86	4.1	4	12		
<b>NET YARDS RUSHING</b>	715	698	Woodriddle	10	31	1	30	3.0	0	7		
Attempts	178	161	Walker	4	27	0	27	6.8	0	11		
Yards Gained	798	772	Holland	3	26	8	18	6.0	1	26		
Yards Lost	83	74	Robinson	2	15	0	15	7.5	0	8		
Average Per Game	178.8	174.5	Ross	1	7	0	7	7.0	0	7		
Average Per Play	4.0	4.3	Harris	1	3	0	3	3.0	0	3		
<b>NET YARDS PASSING</b>	574	745	Karsatos	10	18	16	2	0.2	0	10		
Attempted	94	110	Tupa	2	2	12	-10	-5.0	0	-2		
Completed	52	62	*Team*	1	0	6	-6	-	-	-		
Had Intercepted	8	3										
Percentage	.553	.564	<b>PASSING</b>	<b>ATT</b>	<b>COMP</b>	<b>INT</b>	<b>YDS</b>	<b>FC</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>LG</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>BT</b>
Average Per Game	143.5	186.3	Karsatos	95	55	3	629	.579	3	35	1	3
Average Per Play	6.1	6.8	Tupa	15	7	0	116	.467	1	33	1	12
<b>TOTAL NET GAIN</b>	1289	1443	<b>RECEIVING</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YARDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>LG</b>	<b>SA</b>	<b>BT</b>		
Total Plays	272	271	Carter	16	247	15.4	2	22				
Average Per Game	322.3	360.8	Taggart	9	81	9.0	0	21				
Average Per Play	4.7	5.3	Workman	9	72	8.0	1	15				
<b>POINTS</b>	72	94	Harrie	8	120	15.0	0	35				
Touchdowns	7	12	Cooper	8	81	7.6	0	17				
Rush-Pass-Other	2-4-1	8-4-0	Holland	5	70	14.0	0	21				
EXP Kicking	6-6	12-10	Ross	4	70	17.5	1	33				
EXP Rushing	0-0	0-0	Bryant	2	13	6.5	0	8				
EXP Passing	1-0	0-0	Dawson	1	11	11.0	0	11				
Field Goals	10-8	7-4	<b>SCORING</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>R--P-O</b>	<b>EPA-K</b>	<b>EFF</b>	<b>EFF</b>	<b>AT-FG</b>	<b>PTS</b>		
Safeties	0	0	Cooper	4	4-0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	24		
Average Per Game	18.0	23.5	O'Morrow	0	0-0-0	12-10	0-0	0-0	7-4	22		
Average Per Play	15-0	19-1	Workman	3	2-1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	18		
<b>PUNTS-HAD BLOCKED</b>	583	788	Carter	2	0-2-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	12		
Touchback-Inside	1-4	2-5	Eryant	1	1-0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6		
Average Per Punt	38.9	41.5	Holland	1	1-0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6		
Net Average	34.2	36.3	Ross	1	0-1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	6		
<b>PUNT RETURNS-FC</b>	11-1	10-0	<b>FIELD GOALS</b>	(7-4, .571)								
Yards	99	70	O'Morrow (7-4, .571)	42-	37+	44-	29+	34-	19+	40+		
Average Per Return	9.0	7.0	<b>FG DISTANCE</b>	0-29	30-39	40-49	50+	<b>TOTAL</b>				
<b>KICKOFF RETURNS-FC</b>	19-0	18-0	O'Morrow	2-2	2-1	3-1	0-0	7-4				
Yards	508	385	<b>PUNTING</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>YARDS</b>	<b>AVG</b>	<b>NET/AVG</b>	<b>TD</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>PK</b>	<b>LG</b>	
Average Per Return	-26.7	21.4	Tupa	18	788	43.8	698/38.8	2	5	1	58	
<b>INTERCEPTIONS</b>	3	9	*Team*	1	0							
Yards	3.7	10.3	<b>Opponents</b>	1	2	3	4	<b>TOTAL</b>				
Average Per Return	3.7	11.4	3	30	15	24	72					
<b>FELTIES-Yards</b>	23-18.5	18-17	Ohio State	24	24	30	16	94				
Offense	13-82	8-61	<b>Opponents</b>	1	2	3	4	<b>TOTAL</b>				
Defense	6-68	6-65	3	30	15	24	72					
Special Teams	3-15	4-31	Ohio State	24	24	30	16	94				
FUMBLES-Lost	12-7	9-5	<b>Opponents</b>	1	2	3	4	<b>TOTAL</b>				
<b>THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY</b>	23-55	20-52	3	30	15	24	72					
Percentage	.418	.385	Ohio State	24	24	30	16	94				
<b>SACKS BY</b>	2-15	5-32	<b>Opponents</b>	1	2	3	4	<b>TOTAL</b>				
<b>TIME OF POSSESSION</b>	122:27	117:33	3	30	15	24	72					
Average Per Game	30:36	29:23	Ohio State	24	24	30	16	94				
<b>SCORE BY QUARTER</b>			<b>Opponents</b>	1	2	3	4	<b>TOTAL</b>				
			3	30	15	24	72					
			Ohio State	24	24	30	16	94				



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## Bruce Pleased

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and I thought that was the right decision."

Bruce noted the importance in the strong showing his squad made.

"We needed something to give us some confidence," he said. "We needed something to show us what we can do. We start executing well and we'll have a good football team, both offensively and defensively."

Speaking of the offense, which had been plagued by breakdowns in blocking in the first three games, what did Bruce have to say about the line after the shellacking of Utah?

"I thought the line did a good job," said Bruce, "of giving us time to throw the football and boy did they open some holes."

Turning to his defense, Bruce really did not have much to say.

"What can I say?" asked Bruce. "They did the job against a passing football team again, holding them to two field goals, which I thought was significant when they've been averaging over 33 points." But did Bruce and his staff really learn anything from the one-sided triumph over Utah? After all, with one of Bruce's favorite expressions being something about playing against the "Sisters of the Poor," one writer thought Utah might fit that category.

"That isn't fair," Bruce replied, trying to drown the roar of laughter going through the room. "Utah last year was 8-4. They were at the top (actually second to Air Force) in the Western Athletic Conference, averaging 33 points a game."

"When they came in here, they were looking for a victory and everybody was talking about that. Obviously Utah was looking to take it to Ohio State and if you looked at our films you'd have to say 'well, we've got a chance at them.'"

"But you know who we've played. We've played some good football teams. We're getting some ideas now. It seems like it's been a long season already. Sure as hell, though, the last couple of weeks have been stimulating for the coaching staff."

Stimulating and different. With school beginning three days before the clash with Utah, Bruce noticed a change in attitude around the team.

"I thought one of the things that really helped us this week was the change when school started on Wednesday, because our attitude went like that," said Bruce, sweeping his arm in an upward motion. "It was just a change of getting out of seven weeks of camp. That just seemed to turn them on a little bit. Now we'll be back in the groove of going to school and doing the things you should be doing and football's a diversion."

"Everyone has been worried about our football team" continued Bruce. "I want you to know we have a good football team. We've just got to get off the ground and get going. I think this (victory) will add to our confidence, which is always questionable when you lose and then win a close football game."

"We just have to open it up a little bit more and play a lot more offense and just get better each day. I think we are."



## James Bryant Picks Up Four Of His 145 Yards Tailbacks Spark Big Victory

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After connecting three times, including a 21-yard strike to Ed Taggart and a 22-yarder to Cris Carter, Karsatos found Workman at the six and he took it the rest of the way for a 13-yard score.

The Buckeye defense, which produced two pass interceptions and two fumble recoveries on the day, rose up to stop Utah's deepest penetration of the first half — which gave OSU just enough time to score once more.

With quarterback Larry Egger on target and Johnson on the ground, the Utes moved into scoring position at the Buckeye 20. Three plays earned Utah nine yards and punishing hits by Rogan and William White. But, on fourth-and-one, the Utes broke down and suffered an eight-yard loss.

Taking over on downs, the Bucks tacked on three more points by way of Pat O'Morrow's 40-yard field goal and headed for the locker room with a whopping 31-3 advantage.

Utah, which lost its home opener 37-30 to San Diego State, came completely unglued in the third quarter as the Buckeyes tacked on three more touchdowns.

Just five plays after a weak Utah punt gave OSU the ball at the Utes' 22. Workman was in for his second score of the day. Then, after Utah closed out its scoring with another 42-yard field goal by Guardi, Workman really went to work.

Again, Bryant was the catalyst as he broke a 17-yard run to the Buckeye 45.

One play later, Workman burst up the middle, cut left and rambled 43 yards to the Utah seven. Cooper did the rest, as he rolled in to make it 45-6.

"Jimmy's running really pumped me up," admitted Workman. "He was breaking some tackles, and I wanted to get in there and break some tackles."

Workman also figured heavily in the Buckeyes' last scoring drive of the third period as he ripped off runs of eight, seven, eight and 18 yards before turning it over to Cooper for yet another two-yard touchdown dive.

Workman added his third TD of the game in the final frame — this time on a nine-yard run — before he retired for the day. Overall, the two tailbacks keyed OSU's 394-yard rushing day with 319 yards and three rushing touchdowns.

With Tom Tupa now at the controls — Karsatos went to the sidelines with a 15-of-22 afternoon for 224 yards and one TD — OSU added its final tally of the game. Moving the Bucks from their own 33 to the Utah 34, Tupa found a wide-open Everett Ross with a 13-yard strike. O'Morrow added his seventh extra-point kick, and the Buckeyes had their 64-6 victory in hand.

Overall, 10 Buckeyes rushed the ball at least once and nine more caught passes. Tupa finished six-of-10 for 97 yards and one TD, and Harris grabbed receiving honors with three catches for 72 yards.

For Utah, Egger was 22 of 42 for 215 yards, with two interceptions. Johnson paced the Ute runners with nine carries for 73 yards.

## Karsatos

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Buckeyes had really passed when the relative strength of the opposition was taken into consideration.

"I think we played great," said Karsatos. "I don't think they (the Utes) were a bad team. I just think we were coming out of our blocking right at the start of the game and that helped us."

Controlling the ball for just short of 36 minutes also was a factor.

"Ball control passing, short passes," said Karsatos. "We hit the fullback coming out of the backfield. Just some ball control stuff. But it gives us a chance to loosen them (the defenders) up. We threw the ball deep a couple of times and they had to stay back. We threw short and they had to come up. It keeps them off guard."

There also was a great effort by Buckeye tailbacks James Bryant and Vince Workman.

"Jimmy played great," said Karsatos of Bryant, a freshman making his first start for OSU. "He came right out of the box on the first play from scrimmage and he was running the ball well. Then he had a lull. I think he started thinking too much. As soon as he stopped doing that, he was running like a bandit."

The play-action game caused Utah some problems.

"They were worried about our tailbacks going up the middle or breaking it on the outside and it just made me that much more effective," said Karsatos. "That's one of the reasons I came here — the pass and the run. When you get a mix like that, you can throw the ball so much easier."

Everything, it appeared, was easier this time out.

"It was just the way we worked our game plan all week," said Karsatos, who was fifth in the nation last year in passing efficiency. "I knew what they (the Utes) were going to start with (defensively) and I knew they'd have to make adjustments. We just went from there. It worked great."

The lopsided victory also was very meaningful.

"A great confidence builder, I think, in putting 700 yards on the board," said Karsatos. "We knew we had it starting from the last drive last week. We got together this week and we just decided we're going to get on the board and that's what happened."

It happened, as it turned out, rather quickly. The Buckeyes moved 67 yards in only four plays to score in 1:14. Although Bryant carried all four times and gained all the yards as Ohio State scored a touchdown in the first quarter for the first time this season, Karsatos pointed to the quick strike as a team effort.

"That drive made us aware that we had to work as a team," said Karsatos. "That just made our confidence build and build and it went on throughout the game. Once we got rolling, we just kept rolling. We scored a lot of points and picked up a lot of yards, but a lot of those came in the second half."

"We've got some work to do, but I'm confident the guys won't get too up. They'll just keep working. Our line has gained so much confidence. They're definitely as good as they played today."

It was perhaps a new approach that Karsatos said he initiated.

"I told them before the game," he said, "(that) instead of us being timid, let's go out, we're the power, execute well and power it out. That's the way we came into the game and it's great."

"We're looking good. We're looking really good."

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# Youthful Runners Boost Buck Harriers

Considering their class in school, there might be a tendency to call the members of the Ohio State men's cross country team the "Young Bucks."

Roger Bowen, beginning his third season at the helm of the Buckeyes, has a plethora of youngsters. One senior, two juniors, two sophomores and four freshmen make up the OSU roster.

And with senior co-captain Glenn Klassa out of action until the end of October, it is the youngest Bucks who will carry the load in the meantime.

Mark Croghan and John Gill, newcomers from Greensburg (Ohio) Green and Brampton (Ont.) Cardinal Leger High School, respectively, have Bowen overflowing with enthusiasm.

"These freshmen are going to add more than any other class of freshmen before," said Bowen, who guided the Buckeye team to a fourth-place finish in the Big Ten meet in 1985. "We hope we're building off them anyway."

Not a bad set of blocks to start any building project with.

Croghan won the state cross country meet as a junior and then claimed first place in both the 1,600 and 3,200 runs at the state track meet his senior season. He began his OSU career with a second-place (25:03) finish behind Notre Dame's Mike O'Connor in a triangular meet in South Bend. He backed that effort by being the first Buckeye across the line — 10th place — in the 18-team Kentucky Invitational.

Gill, a member of the Canadian Junior team, was third (25:11) at Notre Dame and placed 16th in the Kentucky meet as the Buckeyes finished fifth.

Both Croghan and Gill already have times which would put them in contention for top honors in the Big Ten meet, slated for Nov. 1 on OSU's home course.

"It's hard to come in at the start of the year and expect everybody to be at 100 percent," said Bowen, a Kent State graduate who has been coaching since 1970. "You can't hold that kind of peak in a distance runner."

But those times? Wisconsin's Tim Hacker won the Big Ten last year with a 24:27. The fifth-place finisher had a time of 25:15. Certainly Bowen has to be thinking ahead to the league meet, especially with his team running on the familiar terrain of the OSU Golf Course.

"You can't compare course to course," said Bowen. "The Michigan course (where the league meet was held last fall) was very hilly. The courses that we have run on thus far have been different courses. So you can't compare the times."

"Our top runners right now we feel will be very competitive, though, in the conference and have an excellent shot. Both Croghan and Gill have an excellent shot at being in the top ten."

## The Schedule

Sept. 12	at Notre Dame/Michigan St. (First)
Sept. 20	at Kentucky Inv. (Fifth of 18)
Sept. 26	Virginia, I. 27-28
Oct. 3	Northwestern, Purdue Michigan, Missouri Baptist
Oct. 10	Ohio Intercollegiate (Delaware)
Nov. 1	Big Ten Championships (OSU)
Nov. 15	District IV (Bloomington, Ill.)
Nov. 24	NCAA Championships (Tucson, Ariz.)



Bowen



Klassa



Hostetler



Franek

But the Buckeyes are not a two-man team. Klassa, out of Edsel Ford High School in Dearborn, Mich., was OSU's top runner last year. But he suffered a severe shoulder injury — while skiing — that has kept him out of action so far.

"He just started running (Sept. 24) for the first time," said Bowen of Klassa, whose best time last year was a 24:26, which earned him a fifth-place individual finish as the Buckeyes won the All-Ohio Championships. "The arm's not very good yet at all. We're hoping if he can get back and just run the conference, we'll be very happy."

Serving with Klassa as the other co-captain on the squad is Dan Franek, a junior from Chagrin Falls (Ohio) Kenston High School. Franek, who has a best time of 25:48 this season, recovered from a stress fracture in his left shin suffered in the spring, but missed a dual meet with Virginia on Sept. 26 because of an arch problem.

A knee injury also had promising freshman Eric Nelson on the sideline. Nelson, out of Westerville (Ohio) North High School, was the Class AAA state prep champion his senior season and finished third in the 1,600 run at the state track meet in the spring.

"If Eric can't get back in the next week or so, we'll probably go ahead and redshirt him this year," said Bowen.

Alan Hostetler, a junior out of Tiffin (Ohio) Columbian, competed in six of the eight meets the Buckeyes ran last year and posted a best of 25:49 in a home meet. Eugene Melnyk, a sophomore from Parma (Ohio) Normandy ran in all eight with a best time of 25:21.

Charlie Ward, a freshman from Bellaire, Ohio, was second in the Class A state prep cross country meet last year. Sean Langer, a sophomore from Bakersfield, Calif., rounds out the Buckeye roster.

With the influx of promising freshmen, Bowen set out to improve on the fourth-place finish in the Big Ten meet.

"We want to be in the top three this year," said Bowen. "If Klassa can come back in pretty good shape for the conference meet, we'll be OK. We still should be able to shoot that upper three."

But it's not that the Buckeyes can't overtake people like Wisconsin, Purdue and Northwestern, who placed ahead of them in the league championships in 1985.

"No, I don't think it's that at all," said Bowen. "We're trying to build a track program as well as a cross country program. We've invested a lot of money in the track area and I think that's going to show this year."

"We haven't put the money into the distance program. This year, though, we went out and invested a little in that area. We only have 14 scholarships for track and cross country and it's spread pretty thin. It's hard to just go out and get five, six or seven blue-chip distance runners."

"We got two or three this year and we think within a year or so we can build on what we've got here this year."

## Cooper Soars

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about we played Colorado and only beat them 13-10," said White. "We had something to prove. We wanted to go out and show what the Buckeyes can really do. We went out and the fans got behind us. I like that. The fans are yelling and you're feeling good about yourself and everything just went right."

It did not appear to be the same OSU team that had looked lethargic at times in winning only one of its first three games.

"I think one of the real big keys, and they probably don't get that much credit," said White, "is the preparation that the coaches have. Each time (in the previous three games) they'd go in there and they'd have a pretty good game plan. But we didn't execute it."

"We had a great game plan this week. We had a lot of formations. We weren't going to check that much. Whatever they did, we were going to play our certain thing. It wasn't what they were going to do, it was what we were going to do."

"The coaches had a nice game plan for us; we just went out and executed it."

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# The View From 15th and High

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## Open Holes Brought Out Best In Backs

It had been so long since an Ohio State running back had seen a hole that it's surprising that the Buckeye ball-carriers knew what to do when daylight opened in front of them. But it turned out the runners *did* know what to do, and OSU racked up 394 yards rushing, 90 more ground yards than the Bucks had netted in their first three games.

While the 89,645 in attendance may have witnessed the birth of a tailback in freshman James Bryant, they also saw the rebirth of an Ohio State tradition — a dominating offensive line. The 64-6 win over Utah is a perfect example of the difference good play by the big guys up front can make.

Granted, the play of Bryant added an ingredient — power — to the offense that had been previously missing. Granted, quarterback Jim Karsatos had a game more up to the standards expected of him. But Bryant's performance was certainly aided by the line and once the run was established, it certainly helped make passing that much easier for Karsatos.

Or take the case of Vince Workman. While the line was struggling, only Earle Bruce was taking more heat than Workman, with his 2.7 yards per carry. But once the sophomore tailback from nearby Dublin got a little running room, he looked like an All-American, averaging 10.5 yards a crack.

Interestingly, the element that Bryant brings to the OSU offense is the ability to make yardage when holes aren't there. He resembles the man whose number he wears, Keith Byars, in his ability to break tackles and, when he is hit high, to stay upright and keep his legs moving.

Workman has not been strong in the power area so far this season, but Bryant and Workman could give the Buckeyes a power/finesse combo

similar to the one they had a few years back with Tim Spencer and Jimmy Gayle or even with Byars and the injured John Wooldridge.

But again, let's give some credit to the guys up front. There's nothing like a hole big enough for even me to gain five yards through to make the running game look great.

IT'S INTERESTING, in light of Bryant's performance, that many Buckeye faithful complained that Ohio State was unable to land one of the big-name running backs this past recruiting season. Many of those so-called name running backs are not playing because of Proposition 48, and the Buckeyes may have ended up with one of the best of the remaining lot.

Don't forget Bryant did not get as much ink as some others because he didn't rack up as impressive a set of numbers because he shared time — and the ball — with two other outstanding running backs in high school.

I'VE BEEN ENJOYING horse racing a lot, lately. As I'm going over the racing form I might see a horse that has been doing poorly at Churchill Downs. That horse is entered in a race at Beulah Park here in the Columbus area and suddenly wins going away. That horse stepped down in class and came away a winner.

The Ohio State football team came down in class against Utah, also, and likewise, came away a winner. Those same plays, run by the same players, that didn't work against Alabama and Washington, worked in a big way against the Utes.

Now on the other hand, I've seen horses that have consistently won \$1,500 claiming races at tracks in the hinterlands that could do nothing when they came to Beulah.

I'll certainly be watching how Iowa

does against its first decent opponent, Michigan State, in the Hawkeyes' season-opener. While the pollsters may be impressed with the scores Iowa has been rolling up against Iowa State, Northern Illinois and Texas-El Paso, I wonder how well those games prepare the Hawks for the rigors of the Big Ten slate.

It should be noted that the UTEP team that Iowa just rolled over, 69-7, was thrashed by Utah last season, 55-19.

The Utes are hardly the "Sisters of the Poor," to use one of Earle Bruce's favorite terms, that some people are trying to paint them. Utah was picked to win the Western Athletic Conference by *The Sporting News* and was chosen to come in second there by *USA Today*, *Football News*, and *Street & Smith's*.

THE OSU DEFENSE was impressive, again, against Utah. It wasn't so long ago that facing a passing team like the Utes was a cause for major concern for the Buckeyes and their fans.

Especially encouraging was the excellent pass rush mounted by Ohio State. Eric Kumerow was particularly effective against Utah. It's a major improvement over the days when it seemed like the Buckeyes were rushing two or three men and the other eight or nine defenders were dropping 30 yards back to prevent the big one.

SPEAKING OF THE big one, Jamie Holland could have had a couple against the Utes if he had been a little more sticky-fingered. Lock that ball into your hands and tuck it away, Jamie.

The Buckeyes did a good job of not only mixing the pass with the run, but of using all of their receivers. Nine different players, including three running backs, had receptions.

IT LOOKS LIKE fullback George Cooper, who had that critical fumble against Alabama, is out of Earle Bruce's dog house. Cooper carried eight times for 33 yards and four touchdowns against Utah and pulled in three passes for another 33 yards, with a long of 17.

I checked, and last season Cooper fumbled three times, losing two in 129 carries. Vince Workman, who spoiled an exciting 21-yard run against Utah by losing a fumble, had one fumble on 68 attempts last year. Workman has fumbled a total of four times this year, losing three.

As a team, the Buckeyes lost eight fumbles last season. They have already coughed the ball up five times in 1986, with eight or nine games to go. Last season the Buckeyes recovered 13 opposition fumbles, with William White and Greg Rogan grabbing three each. This season, OSU has recovered seven fumbles in four games, with seven different players pouncing on the loose balls.

ANOTHER TELLING stat in the Buckeyes' romp over Utah was third-down efficiency. The Buckeyes clicked nine times on 13 tries for 69 percent. Going into the game, they had converted on just 11 of 39 for 28 percent.

IN WHAT MAY be a preview of things to come, starting guard Jeff Uhlenhake played extensively at center late in the game against Utah. This would lead one to speculate that the 6-4, 248-pounder would move to center next season, upon the graduation of Bob Maggs.

Uhlenhake could give the Buckeyes the type of pulling center they had success with when Kirk Lowdermilk was in the middle slot, as opposed to the raw power that the 6-5, 292-pound Maggs generates.

## Big Ten Notes

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Missouri 41-24. However, it's only the third time since the 1967 Rose Bowl year, the other year being 1979 (it finished 7-4). The Hoosiers lost seven straight to finish 4-7 in 1985.

With three receptions against Missouri, Indiana's Kenny Allen now has a career total of 64 for 1,111 yards. Also against Missouri, the Hoosiers scored 21 points in the fourth quarter, making the total for the fourth quarter 42-7 in favor of Indiana in 1986.

When the Hoosiers scored 52 points against Navy, it was the most points scored by them since the 1969 season opener, a 58-30 win over Kentucky. The 38 first-half points was the most since the Hoosiers scored 40 first-half points in a 52-20 win over Iowa in 1945.

MICHIGAN, WITH the game against Florida State, was the first Big Ten school to celebrate homecoming. The 1986 Big Ten homecoming schedule: Illinois (Oct. 18 vs. Michigan State); Indiana (Oct. 11 vs. Ohio State); Iowa (Oct. 11 vs. Wisconsin); Michigan State (Oct. 25 vs. Purdue); Minnesota (Oct. 11 vs. Northwestern); Northwestern (Oct. 18 vs. Wisconsin); Ohio State (Oct. 25 vs. Minnesota);

Purdue (Oct. 4 vs. Minnesota); and Wisconsin (Oct. 25 vs. Illinois).

THE PLAYER of the Week awards for games of Sept. 20 had three winners for the first time in 1986. *UPI* tabbed Indiana quarterback Dave Kramme, who passed for three touchdowns and rushed for another in a win over Navy, and Michigan State cornerback Todd Krumm, who had two key interceptions in the Spartans' 20-15 win over Notre Dame.

*AP* selected Krumm defensively and offensively selected Northwestern running back Brian Nuffer, who gained a career-high 137 yards and scored a touchdown in NU's 25-18 win over Army. Nuffer also caught a pass and had three punt returns.

Krumm has been named player of the week before, but not for football. Last spring, he was named Big Ten baseball player of the week after the Spartans won their season series over Ohio State. As a pitcher he had seven strike outs in four innings. He also stole three bases and batted .389 with a game-winning RBI.

FORMER PURDUE basketball coach Ray Eddy died at age 75 in West Lafayette, Ind. Eddy coached the Boilers for 15 years from 1951-1965, compiling a 176-164 record. He coached

Purdue All-Americans Terry Dischinger and Dave Schellhase and current Butler coach Joe Sesson.

"We have lost a truly fine gentleman and a friend," Big Ten commissioner Wayne Duke said. "I'm confident that the spirit of competitiveness and fair play that he instilled in his players will continue to guide the lives of those he touched."

RANDY BREUER, who played basketball for Minnesota from 1979-83, said he would never recommend the school to recruits because of the way the university handled three players charged with rape.

"I can't in all good conscience recommend to recruits to go to Minnesota," said Brueur, who now plays for the NBA's Milwaukee Bucks. "Not when the university doesn't back them up."

Brueur was referring to the Jan. 24 arrest of three players on the Gophers basketball team. They were later charged with sexual assault. University president Kenneth Keller then cancelled a scheduled game against Northwestern which led to the resignation of coach Jim Dutcher.

Brueur said it was Minnesota's administration that put "an ugly mark on the school."

## Top 25

The *USA Today* rankings of the top 25 teams in the country. *BSB* recognizes this poll because of its early availability.

Rank	School	W	L	T
1.	Miami (Fla.)	4	0	0
2.	Alabama	4	0	0
3.	Nebraska	3	0	0
4.	Michigan	3	0	0
5.	Oklahoma	2	1	0
6.	Penn State	3	0	0
7.	Auburn	3	0	0
8.	Arizona	4	0	0
9.	Arkansas	3	0	0
10.	USC	3	0	0
11.	Iowa	3	0	0
12.	Washington	2	1	0
13.	UCLA	2	1	0
14.	Texas A & M	2	1	0
15.	Arizona State	2	0	1
16.	Baylor	3	1	0
17.	Michigan State	2	1	0
18.	LSU	1	1	0
19.	BYU	3	1	0
20.	Fresno State	3	0	0
21.	Mississippi St.	3	1	0
22.	North Carolina	2	0	1
23.	North Carolina St.	3	0	1
24.	Stanford	3	0	0
25.	Maryland	3	1	0

"If I had been President Keller... I would have gone to (athletic director Paul) Giel and told him to handle it," Brueur said.