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## OSU Rises From Dead To Edge Gophers

# Buck Comeback One For The Books

By Mark Rea

Cut this one out and put it in the scrapbook.

Ohio State's electrifying resurrection from the dead against Minnesota Oct. 28 ranks right up there with the 1935 game against Notre Dame, the Snow Bowl, the 1969 Rose Bowl, Archie Griffin's first game, the time Art Schlichter and Dave Wilson combined to pass for 10 TDs and almost 1,000 yards and Keith Byars' five-touchdown performance against Illinois.

The Buckeyes made every mistake in the book in the first half against the Gophers, falling into a 31-0 hole with 4:29 left in the second quarter.

But the team that had had its character questioned time after time this season peeled itself off the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome carpet and made the second-biggest comeback in major college football history.

Maryland fell behind Miami 31-0 at halftime in 1984 before rallying for a 42-40 victory.

It was Ohio State's biggest comeback ever, surpassing the 24-point deficit the Buckeyes wiped out in a 45-38 victory over Illinois in 1984. That was the game in which Byars scored five TDs.

Ohio State head coach John Cooper ran out of superlatives for his team while talking to reporters after the game.

"I guarantee I've never been more proud of a football team than I am of this one today," Cooper said. "They never gave up. They kept fighting back and fighting back."

"Guy after guy after guy kept coming up with big plays. You think they're down and out and back they come again and again. I don't think anyone can question this team's character today."

The Buckeyes went from paupers to kings in the space of just 30 minutes.

The first half was most definitely a pauper half. Nothing went right.

OSU's defense stopped Minnesota cold on the game's first possession and appeared to be set up with excellent field position when punter Brent Herbel kicked short.

But the punt took a weird bounce off the artificial surface and hit OSU tight end Rich Huffman in the leg. It rolled away from Huffman and into the waiting arms of Minnesota's Scott Streiff.

Four plays later, Gopher tailback Darrell Thompson scored on a 12-yard run to make it 7-0 in favor of Minnesota.

Then the lights went out for the Buckeyes. In rapid succession, the Gophers landed a series of potential knockout punches.

Quarterback Greg Frey was sacked from behind by Minnesota's Eddie Miles, who spun the QB around, stripping the ball out of his hands. That set up a Gophers field goal, making it 10-0.



Ohio State players took time out following the 41-37 victory over Minnesota to thank their fans, who numbered several thousand at the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome. Shown accepting congratulations from the Buckeye faithful are reserve players Mike Chancey (53), Dante Lee (20) and William Houston (42).

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# Buckeye Victory Truly A Classic

Some of my friends still can't figure out how I can get so excited about sporting events.

That's all right. I can't figure out how they can get so excited about re-reading "A Tale of Two Cities" or watching "Gone With The Wind" for the 15th time or standing in line to see Pavarotti perform "Pagliacci."

I would never attempt to parallel a sporting event with classic literature, cinema or opera. But, as football games go, Ohio State's come-from-behind victory over Minnesota was a classic in every definition of the word.

Contrary to the popular belief held by non-sports fans, not every game played is a classic. Of the millions of games played every year in various sports, 99.99 percent of them are very ordinary. Sure, there are upsets time and time again. But most of them hardly cross the cavernous line to become classics.

Let's face it. Guys like Charles Dickens, Clark Gable and Luciano Pavarotti don't come down the pike every day. And games like the Buckeyes played against the Golden Gophers don't come along every year either.

In fact, you could count on the fingers on both hands the number of really classic games the Buckeyes have played in their 100 years of football.

Ohio State had so many chances to die in the game, but it never did.

When the score was 31-0, they didn't give in, although only one other team in the history of college football had been down by that many points and come back to win.

Junior quarterback Greg Frey had a chance to quit in the first quarter when he was knocked silly by Minnesota's Mike Sunvold. But he came back to have the second half of his life.

Junior tight end Jim Palmer had a chance to quit in the first quarter when he jumped offside on a third-down play, ending an OSU drive near midfield. But he came back in the fourth quarter to grab a 34-yard pass that set up the Buckeyes' winning touchdown.

Freshman split end Brian Stablein had a chance to quit in the first quarter, failing to catch a pass in the end zone which could have cut Minnesota's 10-0 lead to 10-7. On the next play, Frey was sacked and Sean Lumpkin's 85-yard fumble return made it 17-0. But Stablein came back in the fourth quarter for a key 19-yard reception to sustain OSU's winning drive.

Junior flanker Jeff Graham had a chance to quit in the first quarter. He failed to come up to field a punt near the 30-yard line and the ball took a strange bounce, hitting teammate Rich Huffman and skittering away to the Gophers, setting up their first touchdown. But Graham came back in the second half to grab six passes for 104 yards, including the game-winning touchdown.

The entire defensive unit of the Buckeyes had a chance to quit in the first half. After surrendering 31 points in the first quarter and a half, the defense came back to allow only six more in the final two and a half periods.

The offense had a chance to quit early in the fourth quarter. After climbing back to within 13 points after a 98-yard touchdown drive, Minnesota came back with a drive in which it converted two separate critical third-and-seven situations. That drive resulted in a Gopher field goal, putting them back on top by 16.

But the Buckeyes wouldn't die, coming right back with another scoring drive.

## Editor's Notebook with Mark Rea

They had another chance to quit with five minutes left in the game when Minnesota got another field goal to go up by 11 points. But, they came right back with an eight-play, 68-yard drive in just over two minutes and a five-play, 73-yard drive in 61 seconds to pull the game out of the fire.

Quite honestly, I thought the game was over when it was 31-0. The Buckeyes had done next to nothing right in the first half, including giving up the ball four times.

Even as they slowly chipped away in the second half, it seemed doubtful at best that they could come back to win.

Then, when the Gophers made it 37-26 with 5:12 to play, I started thinking back to last year's LSU game. In that one, the Buckeyes trailed the sixth-ranked Tigers 33-20 with four and a half minutes to go and stormed back to win 36-33.

Any sports fan knows that miracles can happen. Remember the '54 Giants, the '69 Mets, the '80 U.S. Olympic hockey team? But could the Buckeyes do it again for the second time in 16 games?

Even when they pulled to within three points at the 3:04 mark, I was worried. Sometimes a team can expend all of its energy and emotion just catching up. Then, once it gets within striking distance, more often than not, it

seems to break down at crucial moments.

But the defense did not break down. It held the Gophers to a three-downs-and-out series, allowing the Buckeye offense to get the ball back.

Then Frey took over. He threw an 18-yard strike to Snow, then connected with Stablein before being sacked for a 13-yard loss. Well, nice try, I thought.

Frey wouldn't quit, though. He came back to find Palmer down the left sideline for a 34-yard gain and then flicked a 15-yard touchdown pass to Graham for the game winner.

It was a big win for Ohio State. But, best of all, from now on, whenever people gather to talk about their favorite novels, movies or plays, Buckeye fans can counter with a classic of their own — the 1989 victory over Minnesota.

ACCORDING TO the NCAA rule book, officials should have called a penalty against Ohio State's Vinnie Clark when he ran out of bounds before re-entering to recover a free kick to help beat Indiana Oct. 14.

According to Rule 6-1-2-f, a foul occurs if a player on the kicking team voluntarily runs out of bounds and returns to the field of play during a free kick. The foul is a five-yard penalty and a re-kick.

If a player not only runs out of bounds voluntarily, but returns and also touches the kick, the violation allows the receiving team the option of taking the ball where it was touched or accepting the five-yard penalty and re-kick.

Ohio State went on to win the ball game 35-31.

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## QB Throws For 327 Yards In Second Half

## Frey Rallies Buckeyes To Big Victory

By Mark Rea

After a nightmarish first half, Ohio State quarterback Greg Frey had a dreamy second-half performance, rallying the Buckeyes from a 31-point deficit to a 41-37 Big Ten victory over Minnesota.

Frey was pressured throughout the first half by an aggressive Golden Gophers defense which sacked him three times and caused him to fumble twice.

The OSU junior quarterback completed only two of eight passes for a meager 35 yards in the first half.

Then Frey had a career performance in 30 minutes. He completed 18 of 23 attempts for 327 yards and three touchdowns, engineering the Buckeyes to five scoring drives.

Selected the *Big Bear Buckeye of the Week*, Frey finished 20 of 31 for the day for 362 yards. It was the second-biggest single game passing performance in Ohio State history, eclipsed only by Art Schlichter's 458 yards against Florida State in 1981.

Frey's total yardage of 331 marked the first 300-yard total offense performance by an Ohio State player since Mike Tomczak passed for 298 and ran for 12 at Michigan in 1983.

It was also the first 300-yard passing performance for a Buckeye quarterback since Art Schlichter piled up 336 against Purdue in 1981.

Many Buckeye fans were swept up in the euphoria of the comeback after the game. Frey was more than willing to join them.

"Never in my life have I been in a game like this," Frey said. "This tops everything. It was unbelievable, just unbelievable."

For the quarterback who has come under fire more often than not during his 18-game tenure as a starter, Frey felt a certain amount of vindication after the victory. Most of the vindication, though, was from self-imposed criticism.

"I try not to pay too much attention to the media," Frey said. "I don't read the papers and I don't watch the news. I just go do my thing and I don't worry about what other people think. That's the only way I can treat it. I control what I do and nobody else does."

"I guess that's why I'm really happy with this game. After last week, I wasn't too happy with the way I played. I was out to prove something to myself today. I never gave up. I never do. Despite the bad first half, I kept my composure. The whole team did."

Last week, Frey had what he termed "a pretty bad performance" against Purdue. Despite the fact the Buckeyes turned the Boilermakers away with a 21-3 loss, Frey managed to complete only three of nine passes for 47 yards.

Coupled with his dismal first-half production against the Gophers, the OSU quarterback had completed only five of his last 17 passes going into the second half.

"I didn't think I played that badly in the first half," Frey insisted. "I made a lot of mistakes, but things just didn't go our way. I got hit in the back on the first fumble and then, on the other play where the guy ran it back all the way, I got hit from behind again."

On that play, which resulted in an 85-yard return by sophomore free safety Sean Lumpkin, Frey was dazed after a hard hit by junior defensive tackle Mike Sunvold.

The Ohio State junior stayed on the Metrodome turf for several minutes while trainers checked him over. He finally got up and staggered to the bench. However, when the Buckeyes regained possession on the ensuing kickoff, Frey was right back in there.

"I really didn't know what happened on the play," he confessed. "All I know was that I was hit from behind and then (co-head trainer) Billy Hill was talking to me. I just needed to clear my head for a minute."

"Then, when I got to the bench, I was all right. But then I looked up at the scoreboard and it was 17-0. I figured something bad had happened."

Minnesota wasn't through in the first half. A four-play drive that covered 74 yards made it 24-0 and then a Frey interception set up another Gopher touchdown, making it 31-0.

It represented a bigger deficit than the Buckeyes faced in the Southern Cal game when they let down in the second half. That loss, however, fueled some of the fire for the comeback against Minnesota.

"The USC game was hard, but we got some valuable experience from it," Frey said. "We got some chances in the second half today and we took advantage of them."

Frey added there was another game in the back of his mind, too.

"We had four minutes left and needed two scores," he said, "and I was thinking back to the LSU game last year when we had only three minutes left, needed two scores, and got them."

"I just had to keep telling myself, 'We can do this, we can do this.' I had to do that the whole second half because you have a lot of chances to let down in that situation."

After driving for a field goal to begin the second half, the Buckeyes got a break when freshman linebacker Steve Tovar recovered a fumble. But OSU gave it right back on the next play when senior Jaymes Bryant's pass off the halfback option was intercepted.

Later, when the Buckeyes would scramble back within striking distance,



Ohio State quarterback Greg Frey (15) just gets a pass off over Minnesota defensive end Eddie Miles (28). Frey passed for 362 yards and three touchdowns against the Gophers, rallying the Buckeyes from a 31-point deficit for a 41-37 win.

the Gophers would tack on two additional field goals to make their comeback even tougher.

Then, on the next-to-last touchdown drive, a touchdown pass from Frey to tight end Jim Palmer was wiped out by a holding penalty.

"Those are times when some lesser teams might give up," Frey said. "But we never did. We always thought we had a chance. We just kept telling ourselves that we could do it."

"Naturally, we wanted to prove to everyone else that we could win this game. But, most of all, we wanted to prove it to ourselves."

So, with 5:14 remaining in the game and the Buckeyes trailing 37-26, Frey engineered an eight-play, 68-yard drive that featured all passes. After the Palmer touchdown was nullified, Frey went right back to work, hitting junior flanker Jeff Graham over the middle on a third and goal from the 18.

That took the ball to the one-yard line, from where Frey took it over himself on the next play. His two-point conversion pass to Graham made it 37-34 with 3:04 remaining.

Less than a minute and a half later, the Buckeyes had possession again, thanks to an inspired defensive stand.

Frey started the last drive with an 18-yard pass to Snow and then hit freshman split end Brian Stablein over the middle, taking the ball to the Minnesota 36.

Frey was sacked on the next play for a 13-yard loss, but he shook that off and came right back to find Palmer along the sideline. The senior tight end made

a good catch and shed two tacklers before finishing the 34-yard play at the Minnesota 15.

"That play was a good one," Frey said. "I was scrambling around and the guy who was covering Jim wasn't looking. He's a guy you can throw to in a situation like that and he made a great catch."

One play later, Frey found Graham all alone in the end zone off a slant pattern, to top off the comeback.

Frey admitted the come-from-behind victory should give the Buckeyes quite a boost as they move into the second half of the 1989 season.

"I don't think we wanted to do it exactly this way," he said, "but we feel that this game definitely gets us over the hump."

"There is a big difference between having a 5-2 record as opposed to being 4-3. But by no means can we rest after today. We've got Northwestern next week and it is no easy task. They've got a good offense and we're going to have to score some points again."

"This game was a big one, for sure," Frey continued, "but it was just another step for us in our goal to win the rest of our games. It was just one more step toward playing Michigan for the Big Ten championship and the Rose Bowl."

"The biggest thing a game like this does for us is tell us that we are capable of doing almost anything. We never want to get behind like that, but it's awful nice to know that if we do fall behind, we have the ability to come back in a big way."

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## Flanker Grabs Six Passes For 104 Yards

# Catch Dream Come True For Graham

By Mark Rea

Jeff Graham tried his best to stay cool, but an ear-to-ear grin gave him away.

Breaking out into a hearty laugh, Graham accepted handshakes and backslaps from his teammates while reflecting on the winning touchdown catch in Ohio State's 41-37 victory over Minnesota.

"It's every receiver's dream to catch the ball in that situation," Graham said. "As a kid, you sit back and dream about catching a pass for the winning touchdown in a big comeback."

"Then, when it really happens, it's a feeling you can't quite describe. All I can say is that it's a dream come true for me and the team."

Graham switched to the flanker position two weeks ago in the Buckeyes' plan to get him the ball more often.

Against the Golden Gophers, he caught six passes for a career-high 104 yards, one touchdown and a pair of two-point conversions.

It was Graham's second 100-yard receiving day this season. He caught two passes for 101 yards against Boston College, including an 80-yard touchdown on the Buckeyes' first play of the game.

But during the last two weeks, Graham had become a forgotten man in the Buckeyes' offense. While Ohio State had beaten Indiana and Purdue with a punishing ground game, Graham was used primarily as a blocker. The junior had a streak of 14 straight games with at least one reception snapped against the Hoosiers, and logged only two receptions for 37 yards versus the Boilermakers.

Although he was happy to get more chances to catch the ball, Graham obviously wasn't worried about attaining personal goals.

"As far as team aspects are concerned, I look at it as doing the things you have to do to win," he said. "If that means blocking on every play, I'm willing to do that."

"If that means running punts back, I'll do that, too. If it means getting open in the end zone on the last play of the

game, hey, I'm definitely up for that."

While Minnesota was marching to a 31-0 lead in the first half, Graham was watching while quarterback Greg Frey suffered through a two-for-eight passing performance for a scant 35 yards.

Graham also was involved in a play which set up Minnesota's first touchdown.

Gophers punter Brent Herbel got off a short kick which landed around the Ohio State 30-yard line. Graham chose to let the ball bounce and it hit teammate Rich Huffman in the leg and then bounded into the hands of Minnesota's Scott Streiff. Four plays later, the Gophers had their first touchdown.

"Those things happen sometimes," Graham shrugged. "It was like our whole first half. We made mistake after mistake and let them get too far out ahead."

Then, all of a sudden, the momentum started to swing back to the Buckeyes. Graham said he felt it begin near the end of the first half.

"When we scored in the second quarter at the end, that gave us a lot of momentum. We knew that it could be done," he said. "You could tell by the momentum in the locker room that everybody was ready. Everybody knew we could score on this team."

"We knew we had the ball coming in the second half and we knew what we had to do. That was the main thing."

"In the first half, we really didn't have anything going. We were just making critical mistakes as a team. Then, we came in at halftime, Coach (John Cooper) got up on the board and told us what we had to do and what we had to stop, and we came out and just did everything right."

Graham had a big hand in just doing everything right.

Midway through the Buckeyes' first possession of the second half, Graham hooked up with Frey on a 29-yard pass play and later snared a nine-yard toss to set up a field goal which cut Minnesota's lead to 31-11.

On the team's next possession, it was a 20-yard pass from Frey to Graham that set up a touchdown, allowing the



While teammate Greg Beatty (3) celebrates in the foreground, Ohio State junior flanker Jeff Graham (85) starts his touchdown dance in the end zone. The play provided the game-winning points in the Buckeyes' 41-37 victory over Minnesota.

Buckeyes to trim the lead to 31-18.

Then, in the fourth quarter, when Ohio State needed two touchdowns to win, the Frey-Graham tandem was nearly unstoppable.

With the score 37-26 and time running out, Frey connected with Graham for 14 yards. Then, after big catches by Graham's receiving stablemates Greg Beatty and Brian Stablein, Graham made another big grab on a third-and-goal from the 18.

He struggled to get into the end zone, but free safety Les O'Hara made an excellent tackle to stop him at the one.

"That was a dig route with one man under the coverage," Graham explained. "I knew I had a man on my hip and I just had to elude him and get open. Once I shook him and got open, Greg saw me. I thought I was in the end zone, but the safety came up and made a good hit."

On fourth down, Frey dove into the end zone to bring the Buckeyes back within three points at 37-34.

Then, with 51 seconds left in the game, Frey hit Graham for the sixth time in the game. The junior flanker ran a simple slant pattern to the corner of the end zone and broke wide open. Frey threw a perfect strike for the 15-yard game-winning touchdown.

It was the kind of comeback victory that Graham said would show the rest of the college football world that the Buckeyes were for real.

"I played in a comeback kind of like this in high school, but it was not similar to this feeling," Graham said. "This game was on national TV and this was Ohio State."

"A lot of people were questioning us, wanting to know where our guts were. I know that was going through a lot of people's minds. But we just went out, stayed confident and did the things we had to do."

"We just went out to prove to ourselves that we could come back. Every time before when we'd been behind, we really didn't have anything going. We didn't score against other teams, made mental mistakes. Today, we executed in the second half like we know we are capable of executing."

The comeback victory, the Buckeyes' third in four Big Ten games, also allowed the team to stay just one game behind the conference's co-leaders, Illinois and Michigan.

"It does a lot for us," Graham said. "It puts us in a different position for the Big Ten race. It also proves we can come back on a team when we are way behind. We really don't want to be in that situation, but we know we can do it."

"People call it luck, people call it miracles, but I believe in them. I believe in luck and miracles. This sets the tone for this team for the rest of the season. We know that the goals we have set are reachable."

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## BSB Quotebook: Ohio State 41, Minnesota 37

Head coach John Cooper on the team's diverse halves of play against the Gophers: "We had embarrassed ourselves up until we scored right at the end of the first half. That was maybe the worst half of football I'd ever been associated with. Then, the second half, with the points and production, it might possibly have been the best."

Minnesota head coach John Gutekunst on his assessment of the game: "That's the worst defense I've ever been associated with. I thought our tackling was terrible, I thought our discipline was terrible and I thought our adjustments to the two-point plays were terrible. Everything is magnified when you can't play defense."

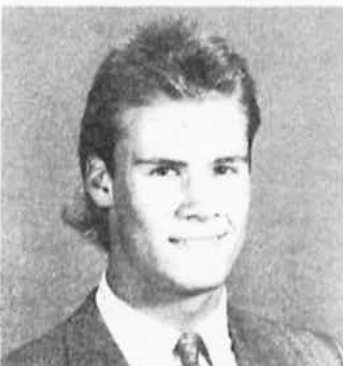
Quarterback Greg Frey on his never-say-die attitude on the sideline: "You just have to keep reminding everybody that the game is not over. Never give up until you're 20 points down with three seconds to go. I knew all we had to do to get back in the game was execute like we could."

Center Dan Beatty on the team's attitude after the comeback victory: "We don't want to put ourselves in the position we did today, but it's still satisfying to win. We'll feed off this one tonight and Sunday, then we have to go back to work. The second half looked pretty good as far as points were concerned, but the first half was atrocious."

Tight end Jim Palmer on his thoughts after catching a 34-yard pass to set up the Buckeyes' winning touchdown: "I was probably about the third receiver on that play. I just ran about a 10-yard drag pattern. The guy had me covered like a blanket, but Greg threw a perfect pass to me, right in my hands. I had in my mind I was close to the sideline, but I was thinking score first."



Dan Beatty



Scott Schaffner

Offensive coordinator Jim Colletto on his prospects for a comeback: "You always want to think you can win, but sometimes as a coach, you get a little more realistic. When Minnesota got another field goal and went up by 11, I didn't know if we were going to be able to do this. Thank goodness, the kids can't read my mind."

Offensive tackle Joe Staysniak on his thoughts about OSU's winning touchdown drive: "There was no way we were going to fail. We were all tired and kind of having heart trouble at the end. But, that's the kind of game, when you win, that just picks up the whole team. We needed two scores in the last five minutes and we did it."

Tailback Carlos Snow on the play of the offensive line: "Those guys are the greatest. Guys like Joe Staysniak and Tim Moxley and Jeff Davidson are telling the backs all day who we should be blocking. It helps you a lot and lets you concentrate more on what you need to do."

Minnesota quarterback Scott Schaffner, who nearly rallied the Gophers to a winning touchdown on the final play of the game: "You've got to admire their guys for not giving up. We couldn't put them away. That's the difference right there. We had them down by 31 points and those guys just wouldn't give up."

Snow, mixing metaphors while describing what the victory meant to the team: "It tells you a lot about the character of this team. We've grown together a lot since the game against USC. I mean, this time we were down, but not out. When you're working as a team, miracles can happen. I'm just glad we were able to circle the bandwagons and come together as a team."

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# The Numbers Game

## Buckeyes 41, Gophers 37

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 MINN — Berglund 30 field goal 4:17  
 MINN — Lumpkin, 85 fumble return (Berglund kick) 3:07  
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 OSU — Snow, 1 run (J.Graham pass from Frey) 0:10  
 OSU — O'Morrow 25 field goal 10:04  
 OSU — Snow, 15 pass from Frey (O'Morrow kick) 0:20  
 MINN — Berglund, 32 field goal 11:24  
 OSU — Snow, 27 pass from Frey (Snow pass from Frey) 9:51  
 MINN — Berglund 42 field goal 5:15  
 OSU — Frey, 1 run (J.Graham pass from Frey) 3:04  
 OSU — J.Graham, 15 pass from Frey (O'Morrow kick) 0:51  
 Att. — 33,945

	OSU	MINN
First Downs	26	16
Rushing	8	9
Passing	16	7
Penalty	2	0
Rushes-Yards	41-73	46-203
Passing Yards	362	154
Passes	32-20-2	18-13-0
Offensive Plays	73	64
Total Net Yards	435	357
Third Down Eff.	5-13	5-14
Punts	3-38.7	6-38.2
Fumbles-Lost	4-4	2-1
Penalties	5-30	5-55
Time Of Possession	31:03	28:57

### Individual Statistics

RUSHING (Att.-Net Yds.) — OSU: Snow 23-74; Bryant 4-18; S.Graham 5-12; Frey 9-31.  
 MINN: Thompson 29-133; Schaffner 10-40; Rhem 5-23; King 1-6; Fleetwood 1-1.  
 PASSING (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD) — OSU: Frey 31-20-1-362-3; Bryant 1-0-1-0-0. MINN:  
 Schaffner 18-13-0-154-2.  
 RECEIVING (Rec.-Yds.) — OSU: J.Graham 6-104; Snow 5-81; Beatty 3-61; Palmer 2-47;  
 B.Stablein 2-34; Olive 1-30; Bryant 1-5. MINN: Gaiters 4-27; Rhem 3-43; Tingelhoff 2-33;  
 Strain 2-19; Hopewell 1-24; Thompson 1-8.  
 PUNTING (No.-Ave.-Lg.) — OSU: Bohman 3-38.7-51. MINN: Herbel 6-38.2-44.  
 PUNT RETURNS (No.-Ave.-Lg.) — OSU: J.Graham 2-8.0-9; Huffman 1-0-0-0. MINN:  
 Gaiters 3-6.0-8.  
 KICKOFF RETURNS (No.-Ave.-Lg.) — OSU: Snow 2-61.5-79; Lee 2-32.5-45; Harrison 2-  
 9.0-9; Huffman 1-5.0-5. MINN: Gaiters 4-23.5-44; Rhem 1-10.0-10.  
 DEFENSIVE FUMBLES RECOVERED BY — OSU:Tovar. MINN: Lumpkin (2),  
 Coughlin, Streiff.  
 INTERCEPTIONS — OSU: None. MINN: Staats, Foggie.  
 TACKLES FOR LOSS — OSU: Brown, Herman, Isaman, Tovar. MINN: Miles (2), Akre,  
 Goetz, Sunvold, Hackbarth.  
 TACKLES (Solo-Ass.-Tot.) — OSU: Peel 5-3-8; Clark 6-1-7; Pelini 5-1-6; Tovar 4-2-6;  
 Thomas 4-1-5; Brown 4-0-4; Isaman 3-1-4; Frimel 2-2-4; Herman 3-0-3; Closson 3-0-3; Lease 2-  
 1-3; Spellman 2-1-3; Dumas 2-1-3; Zizakovic 2-1-3; Coleman 1-0-1; Koch 1-0-1; Lewis 1-0-1;  
 Staynsiak 1-0-1; B.Stablein 1-0-1; Paulk 0-1-1; Huffman 0-1-1. MINN: Staats 7-5-12; Sunvold  
 4-3-7; Miles 5-1-6; Jackson 4-2-6; Goetz 3-2-5; Coughlin 2-2-4; Stephens 1-3-4; Thaddies 3-0-3;  
 Foggie 2-1-3; Lumpkin 2-1-3; Hackbarth 2-0-2; Piepkorn 2-0-2; Burt 2-0-2; Bryant 1-1-2;  
 McClintock 1-0-1; Mathis 1-0-1; Davis 1-0-1; Williams 1-0-1; Conant 1-0-1; O'Hara 1-0-1;  
 Cummings 1-0-1; Akre 1-0-1.

## OSU Season Statistics

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	AVG	TD	LG	1ST DOWNS	OFF	OSU
Carlos Snow	135	783	30	753	5.6	9	25	147	140	
Scottie Graham	84	455	4	451	5.4	4	70	65	77	
Jaymes Bryant	33	132	9	123	3.7	0	14	75	58	
Dante Lee	11	95	0	95	8.6	0	20	7	5	
Zack Dumas	1	45	0	45	45.0	0	45	172.3	203.0	
Tyrone Harrison	6	19	0	19	3.2	0	5	232.9	183.1	
Jeff Graham	2	19	0	19	9.5	0	16	8.6	8.3	
Kirk Herbstreit	2	0	9	-9	-	0	0	2836	2703	
Greg Frey	32	58	133	-75	-	2	21	491	461	
OSU Totals	306	1606	185	1421	4.6	13	70	405.1	386.1	
OFF Totals	302	1400	194	1206	4.0	10	36	5.8	5.9	
PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YARDS	PGY	TD	LG	1ST DOWNS	OFF	OSU
Greg Frey	146	85	4	1255	8.6	8	80	14-4	19-13	
Kirk Herbstreit	8	3	1	27	3.375	0	10	44-97	34-82	
Jaymes Bryant	1	0	1	0	0.000	0	0	454	415	
OSU Totals	155	88	6	1282	8.26	8	80	15-116	11-100	
OFF Totals	169	118	11	1630	9.624	12	87	218-139	201-21	
								Average Per Game	311.4	281.46

RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	AVG	TD	LG	1ST DOWNS	OFF	OSU
Jeff Graham	20	372	18.6	2	80	11	0-0	0-1
Jim Palmer	15	146	9.7	2	34	0	20-20	0-0
Carlos Snow	13	154	11.8	2	30	4	0-0	0-0
Bobby Olive	12	222	18.5	1	57	3	0-0	0-2
Bernard Edwards	9	119	13.2	1	33	2	0-0	4-0
Scottie Graham	6	74	12.3	0	21	2	0-0	0-0
Greg Beatty	4	80	20.0	0	23	1	0-0	0-0
Brian Stablein	3	43	14.3	0	19	1	0-0	0-0
Jaymes Bryant	3	23	7.7	0	11	1	0-0	0-0
Jeff Ellis	2	39	19.5	0	30	1	0-0	0-0
Tyrone Harrison	1	10	10.0	0	10	0	0-0	0-0
OSU Totals	88	1282	14.6	8	80	24	20-20	4-3
OFF Totals	118	1630	13.8	12	87	23	19-19	4-3
PUNTING	NO	YARDS	AVG	TD	LG	1ST DOWNS	OFF	OSU
Jeff Bohman	23	924	40.2	3	61	6	6	6
*Team	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-
OSU Totals	24	924	38.5	3	61	6	6	6
OFF Totals	27	1071	39.7	3	70	6	6	6
PUNT RETURNS	NO	YARDS	AVG	TD	LG	1ST DOWNS	OFF	OSU
Jeff Graham	12	139	11.6	1	66	30	611	20.4
OSU Totals	12	139	11.6	1	66	30	611	20.4
OFF Totals	9	76	8.4	0	25	26	581	22.3
FIELD GOALS	NO	YARDS	AVG	TD	LG	1ST DOWNS	OFF	OSU
Pat O'Morrow	11	351	31.9	11	45	0-29	30-39	40-49
OSU Totals	11	351	31.9	11	45	0-29	30-39	40-49
OFF Totals	11	351	31.9	11	45	0-29	30-39	40-49

1989 OHIO STATE RESULTS (5-2, 3-1)	W-L	PTS
N-OSU 37, Oklahoma State	13-6	88,670
A-OSU 3, Southern California	42-69,876	
N-OSU 34, Boston College	29-88,936	
A-OSU 14, Illinois	34-69,088	
N-OSU 35, Indiana	31-89,750	
N-OSU 21, Purdue	3-89,091	
A-OSU 41, Minnesota	37-33,945	
November 4 at Northwestern		
11 Iowa		
18 Wisconsin		
25 at Michigan		

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	AVG.
Opponents	31	65	54	39	189	37.0
Ohio State	40	67	48	30	185	26.4

## OSU Defensive Statistics

PLAYERS	SOL	AST	TOT	TAC-LOSS	QB-SACK	FR	FR	FC	TD	HK
Derek Isamen	31	30	61	6.5-12	1.0-6	1	1	1	0	0
Judah Herman	27	21	48	2.0-2	0	0	1	1	0	0
Zack Dumas	21	21	42	4.0-35	1.0-12	1	1	1	0	0
Pat Thomas	17	21	38	4.0-14	2.0-11	1	0	1	0	0
Srecko Zizakovic	18	14	32	5.0-30	3.0-23	1	0	1	0	0
Vinnie Clark	23	10	33	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
David Brown	21	9	30	1.0-6	0	3	0	0	2	0
Alonzo Spellman	16	14	30	6.0-34	3.0-26	0	0	1	0	0
Jim Peel	15	15	30	1.5-12	1.5-12	1	0	1	0	0
Mike Showalter	9	17	26	1.5-6	1.0-4	1	0	0	0	0
Foster Paulk	10	10	20	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Mark Pelini	11	8	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Steve Tovar	8	11	19	2.0-2	0	0	1	0	0	0
Tom Lease	13	4	17	3.0-7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jay Koch	12	5	17	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Rich Frimel	11	6	17	1.5-10	1.0-9	1	0	1	0	0
Bryan Cook	7	9	16	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Ken Coleman	8	6	14	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0	0	0	0
Darrell Lewis	4	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tony Closson	5	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lance Price	3	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brent Johnson	1	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Orlando Craig	2	3	5	0.5-4	0.5-4	0	0	0	0	0
Derrick Foster	1	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rich Huffman	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tim Moxley	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jeff Bohman	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scottie Graham	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chris Stablein	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Greg Smith	0	2	2	0.5-2	0	0	0	1	0	0
Rick Shoaf	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joe Staynsiak	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Brian Stablein	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joe Metzger	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gorey Fargo	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
*Team	3	7	10	7-13						

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# Big Second Half Propels OSU To Victory

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Ohio State's Carlos Snow tried to get the Buckeyes back in the game with a 79-yard kickoff return, but it was to no avail.

With third and goal at the eight, Frey tried to change a running play to a quick pass at the line of scrimmage. Everyone except center Dan Beatty and strong guard Karl Coles heard the audible. When Beatty and Coles prepared to run block, Minnesota's Mike Sunvold ran past them and blasted Frey from behind. The football popped into the air where it was snared by Gopher Sean Lumpkin, who didn't stop until he had crossed the goal line 85 yards later.

That made it 17-0 after the first quarter. And Minnesota was not through.

The Gophers marched 73 yards in just four plays on their next possession to make it 24-0 and then intercepted Frey four plays later, setting up another touchdown that made it 31-0.

That's when the Buckeyes finally said enough is enough.

With time running out in the first half, Frey directed the offense on an 80-yard drive. The team got a break when Minnesota was caught with too many men on the field during an OSU punt, keeping the drive alive.

After that, the Buckeyes featured Snow almost exclusively with the exception of a big 30-yard reception by junior Bobby Olive, making his first appearance in two weeks.

Snow finished off the drive with a punishing one-yard run before Frey hit split end Jeff Graham in the end zone for a two-point conversion.

That made the score 31-8 and helped set the tempo for the Buckeyes' second-half return from the grave.

OSU took the third quarter's opening kickoff and drove to the Minnesota seven before settling for a field goal. Then, while the Buckeye defense was finally solving Minnesota's offensive scheme, the offense went back to work.

Starting at their own two-yard line, the Buckeyes started to gather momentum with an 11-play, 98-yard drive that got them back in the ball game. A 13-yard pass from Frey to Snow on third and seven at the OSU five-yard line was the biggest play in the drive.

After that, the Bucks picked up yardage by the chunks until Frey found Snow crossing the end zone for a 15-yard TD. Senior place-kicker Pat O'Morrow's extra point cut Minnesota's lead to 31-18.

The Gophers came back to add a 32-yard field goal from Brent Berglund, but the Buckeyes were undaunted. They marched right back up the field, thanks to a 45-yard kickoff return by freshman Dante Lee.

In just four plays, Frey found Snow again, this time in the left flat. The junior tailback took the screen and, following his blockers perfectly, turned on the jets to speed into the end zone for a 27-yard touchdown. The Frey-Snow connection worked again on the conversion, bringing the Buckeyes back within eight points at 34-26.

Once again, the Gophers countered with a Berglund field goal, seemingly putting the game out of reach with five minutes to go.

But the never-say-die Buckeyes came back again. This time Frey stayed exclusively in the air, hitting Snow first for an eight-yard gain and then finding Graham, freshman Greg Beatty and



Freshman linebacker Alonzo Spellman (99) fights off a blocker to grab for Minnesota tailback Darrell Thompson (39) while teammate Mark Pelini (48) goes low to take Thompson's legs out from under him. Thompson rushed for 133 yards and one touchdown, but the Buckeyes prevailed on the scoreboard by a 41-37 count.

freshman Brian Stablein in quick succession.

A holding penalty wiped out an eight-yard touchdown pass to tight end Jim Palmer. But Frey came right back to hit Graham with a 17-yarder that took the ball to the one and then, on fourth down, took the ball in the end zone himself on a quarterback keeper.

A two-point conversion from Frey to Graham made it 37-34 in favor of the Gophers.

Then, it was the Ohio State defense's turn to grab the spotlight. Playing with a front line that featured a host of first-year players, the Buckeyes stopped the Gophers when they absolutely had to.

After allowing four yards on first down, freshman linebacker Steve Tovar held Minnesota tailback Steve Rhem to a one-yard gain on second down and then corralled him for a one-yard loss on third down.

The Gophers' attempt to run out the clock was hampered by the Buckeyes' two remaining timeouts and the fact that Thompson had had to exit the game with a recurring knee injury after having gained 133 yards.

So, with 1:52 remaining in the contest, the Buckeyes had one last chance to win the game. They made the most of it.

Frey, who completed 18 of 23 passes for 327 yards in the second half, found a familiar target in Snow on the first play. That pass gained 18 yards, moving the Buckeyes from their own 27 to the 45.

Then Frey again connected with Stablein, who made a nifty grab over the middle for a 19-yard gain to the Minnesota 36. Then, things seemed

doomed when the Gophers' Skeeter Akre sacked Frey for a loss all the way back to the Gophers 49-yard line.

But, with the clock ticking away, Frey regrouped the Buckeyes quickly and dropped back to pass again. His primary and secondary receivers covered, the junior quarterback went to Palmer down the left sideline. The junior tight end made a good catch and then spun away from two defenders before being taken out of bounds at the 15.

Then, with just 56 seconds remaining, Frey faded back and found Graham breaking free in the right corner of the end zone. He threw a perfect strike to the junior flanker to complete the comeback.

O'Morrow added the PAT, making it 41-37.

However, while the Buckeyes celebrated on the sideline, the Gophers plotted their strategy. There were still 47 seconds left in the game.

Minnesota quarterback Scott Schaffner quickly completed a seven-yard

pass to tight end Shane Strain and then hit split end Pat Tinglehoff for gainers of 16 and 17 yards.

That gave the Gophers the ball at the OSU 22 with seven seconds left. Schaffner went for the end zone on the next play and found Rhem in the back of the end zone, behind the Ohio State coverage.

Rhem dove for the ball, but the ball bounced off his fingertips as time ran out.

The Buckeyes mauled one another in the middle of the field and then hiked all the way back down the sideline to salute their fans who had made the trip to Minneapolis.

"I've said this before, but Ohio State has the greatest fans in the world," Cooper said. "Out of the 35,000 fans who were there, I'll bet 7,000 or 8,000 of them were Buckeye fans. It was just as much a victory for them as it was for us."

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# The View From 15th and High

By Frank L. Moskowitz, Publisher

## Will Gopher Game Be Wake-Up Call For Bucks?

Perhaps Ohio State's thrilling victory over Minnesota was just the wake-up call the Buckeyes needed.

Ever since the Bucks knocked off Indiana a couple of weeks back, a lot of people seemed to be assuming that Ohio State was going to just roll right into the Michigan game with an 8-2 record and battle the Wolverines for a share of the Big Ten championship and a possible shot at the Rose Bowl.

It was the view from this corner, however, that something like the first half of the Minnesota game was inevitable. I felt that Ohio State, despite rolling up 371 yards on the ground and playing solid defense against Purdue, was a bit lethargic in its 21-3 win over the Boilermakers.

And the Buckeyes' lack of a killer instinct has troubled me (and, of course, the Buckeyes themselves) all season.

When the Bucks came out against Minnesota, Ohio State again looked lethargic. With an identical 4-2 record to that of the Buckeyes, the Gophers looked like they wanted the game more than OSU, played harder, made fewer mistakes and took a 31-0 lead.

But don't be fooled by the 4-2 record the Gophers sported. They had played only two teams with winning records, Nebraska and Indiana, and lost to both of them, to the Cornhuskers by a 48-0 count and to the Hoosiers 28-18.

Despite beating the likes of Indiana State, Iowa State, Purdue and Northwestern in the early going, the Gophers were just seventh among league teams in total defense and eighth in total offense.

Yet there they were, leading the Buckeyes by 31 points.

Maybe that's what it took to make the Buckeyes realize that they weren't going to coast into Ann Arbor on Nov. 25.

The Buckeyes came out and dominated in the second half, outscoring the Golden Gophers 33-6 in the final 30 minutes. The 33 points were nine more than the Buckeyes had scored in the second half in the previous five games.

With the offense that Ohio State has, the Buckeyes should be moving up and down the field like they did against Minnesota in the second half regularly, especially against teams like the Gophers, Purdue or Boston College.

Against Minnesota, Greg Frey and company showed they could pass the football. Against Indiana and Purdue, the Bucks showed they could run with the football. Against Purdue and in the second half against Minnesota, the OSU defense showed it can hold its own in Big Ten play. It's time to go out and dominate some teams.

**THE BUCKS** were hardly perfect in the second half. They ran all over Minnesota despite making the kind of mistakes that have been all too common this year.

Senior Jaymes Bryant was intercepted on a halfback pass, a pass that

he probably should have thrown away. Center Dan Beatty botched a snap to Greg Frey in the shotgun and the Buckeyes lost the ball in their own territory. And the Bucks had a touchdown pass from Frey to Jim Palmer called back because of holding.

The Buckeyes were able to overcome all these miscues to score one of their most exciting victories. But chalk up another six turnovers for the Buckeyes, giving them 19 for the season. If you make enough mistakes, the good teams will beat you.

**ONE PLAYER** who didn't commit a turnover against Minnesota was Carlos Snow, who has had his problems holding onto the ball this season.

While Snow rushed for only 74 yards against the Gophers, his second lowest total of the year (he had 67 against Oklahoma State in the opener), he showed why he is one of the most dangerous players in the Big Ten.

He had five receptions for 81 yards and two touchdowns, all in the pivotal second half. He also scored a two-point conversion on a pass from Frey.

In the first half, he was pretty much the only threat for the Buckeyes, racking up 123 yards on two kickoff returns and scoring Ohio State's only first-half touchdown on a one-yard run.

In all, he accounted for 20 points and 278 all-purpose yards against Minnesota. Not bad for a guy with an aching knee.

**THE GUTSY** performance of the game award, however, goes to Frey. He was probably ready to hit the whirlpool after the first 30 minutes with the pounding he took at the hands of the Gopher defense. But he came back in the second half and engineered the win.

There is no question Frey has had his troubles. However, I've never been certain why some people direct the amount of criticism toward him that they do. After watching him lead the Bucks back to victory against LSU last season and Minnesota this year, you know he never quits.

And let's face it. If your quarterback quits, it's all over.

**ONE THING** I have never liked is the practice of winning the coin toss and deferring the decision until the second half.

If your strength is offense, like Ohio State's is, why not take the kick and drive down for a touchdown and take control of the momentum? Instead, by deferring, you're giving the opposition a chance to score first and take the momentum.

I really think this deferral came into play in the Minnesota game. Minnesota got the ball first. Though they were forced to punt on their first possession, the punt bounced off Buckeye Rich Huffman and the Gophers recovered. They went on to score and set the tempo for the entire half.

You can only speculate, but would things have been different if the Buckeyes had taken the ball first?

**WE HAD** many calls on the Friday before the Minnesota game from frantic East Coast Buckeye fans, concerned that they were getting the Washington-UCLA game on television in their area instead of the Big Ten clash between the Buckeyes and Gophers.

This programming by ABC was interesting in light of a note in USA Today that said the network's research

about Pac-10 games being popular in the East was off the mark because of the number of complaints the network received after switching from the Ohio State-Illinois game to the USC-Washington game on Oct. 7.

Most of the people who called BSB had already called their local affiliates, to no avail. We suggest you write to ABC with your complaint. The network address is 1330 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10019.

## BSB Trivia Answers

1. Janowicz played three different positions for the Pittsburgh Pirates.
2. Former quarterback and place-kicker Bob Atha.
3. Alexander Lilley, who posted a 1-3 record in 1890.
4. Paul Brown (1941-43) and Earle Bruce (1979-87).
5. Archie (1972-73-74-75), Ray (1974-75-76-77) and Duncan Griffin (1975-76-77-78).
6. Art Schlichter started 48 consecutive games at quarterback for the Buckeyes from 1978 to 1981.
7. Galen Cisco won football letters at OSU in 1955, 1956 and 1957 and later went on to pitch for the Red Sox, Yankees and Royals in the American League. He is presently pitching coach for the Montreal Expos.
8. Janakievski, the Buckeyes' all-time leading field goal kicker, was born in Yugoslavia.
9. True. Groza played only on the 1942 OSU freshman team before leaving school for military service in World War II. When he returned, he began his professional football career.
10. Indiana.

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