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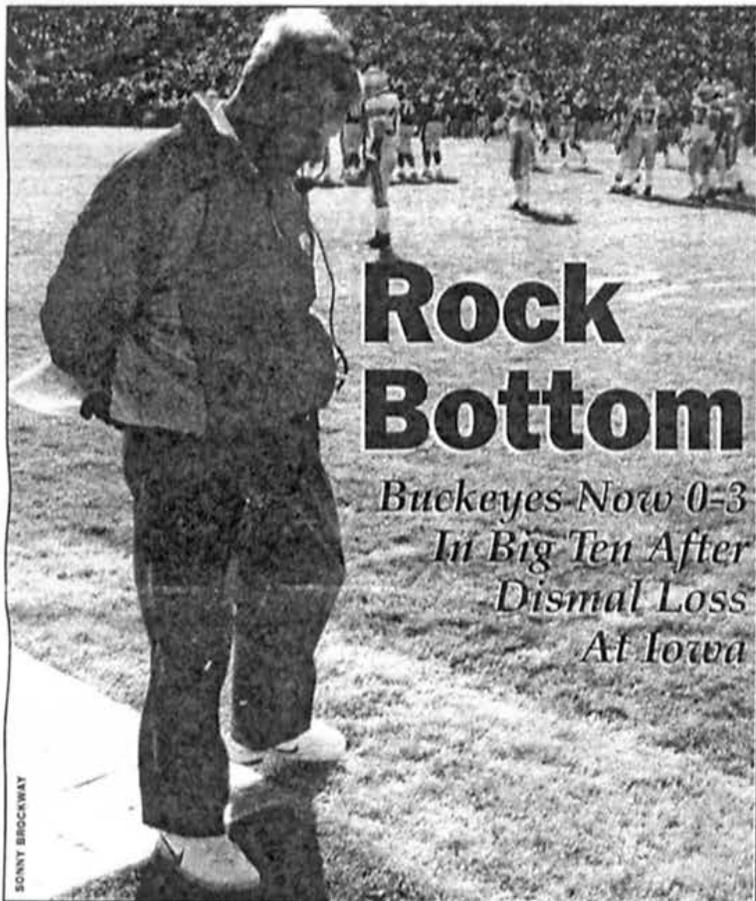
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Rock Bottom

*Buckeyes Now 0-3
In Big Ten After
Dismal Loss
At Iowa*

SONNY BROCKWAY

By MARK REA
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At a point in the season when most college football teams are beginning to hit their midseason stride, Ohio State is searching not only for answers to its first three-game losing streak in five years, but for a way to turn around a season that is suddenly on the brink of total collapse.

Eager to turn around their first 0-2 start in the Big Ten since 1999, the Buckeyes traveled Oct. 16 to Iowa City, a place that had been friendly to them many times in the recent past. In fact, OSU hadn't lost to Iowa in Kinnick Stadium since 1983 and had beaten the Hawkeyes eight straight times overall.

But as its players and fans are quickly finding out, the 2004 season is becoming anything but ordinary for Ohio State.

A month that began with the first loss at Northwestern in 46 years and continued with a home defeat at the hands of Wisconsin continued to be Black October for the Buckeyes as they absorbed a 33-7 whipping that looked — and probably could have been — much worse.

Until OSU scored a largely meaningless touchdown with 2:19 left in the game, the Buckeyes were on their way to being shut out for the first time since a 28-0 loss to Michigan in 1993, a span of 133 games. Had the final score ended 33-0, it would have represented the worst shutout loss for an Ohio State team since a 40-0 white-wash at the hands of Michigan in 1940.

As it was, it was still Iowa's largest margin of victory over Ohio State, eclipsing a 35-12 win in 1960.

It also was the Buckeyes' worst loss since they dropped a 46-20 decision to Illinois in 1999, and it represented the team's first 0-3 start in conference play since 1988. That season, should anyone care to remember it, wound up with a 4-6-1 record, the only losing mark the team has had in the last 38 years.

Should the Buckeyes come home Oct. 23 and somehow lose their homecoming game to Indiana, they would equal a school record of starting 0-4 in the conference, a mark established in 1922.

OSU is now faced with an uphill climb just to get bowl-eligible. The team returns home for a two-week stay to take on Indiana and Penn State but then hits the road to play at Michigan State on Nov. 6 and Purdue on Nov. 13 before finishing the season at home against Michigan on Nov. 20.

The Buckeyes must win at least three of those five remaining games to become bowl-eligible.

However, the postseason is the furthest thing from the players' minds right now.

"That's not something we're thinking about at all right now," said senior cornerback and co-captain Dustin Fox. "We can't worry about what bowl game we might go to or even if we're going to a bowl. Our focus right now has to be on finding a way to get a win. We have to figure out something. We have to figure out something that works. And we have to figure it out right now."

Going The Wrong Way

Whatever the Buckeyes thought they figured out after the loss to Wisconsin evidently wasn't correct. In fact, they appeared to take a step backward in all facets of the game.

Iowa, which entered the game ninth in the Big Ten in total offense, gashed the Ohio State defense for 448 total yards, including 331 through the air courtesy of sophomore quarterback Drew Tate. But the Hawkeyes also did some damage on the ground, racking up 117 yards despite the fact they had to go to a fifth-string tailback because of so many injuries.

Walk-on sophomore Sam Brownlee led the Hawkeyes with a modest 35 yards, but it was still more than Ohio State managed on the ground as a team.

The running woes of the Buckeyes continued with just 27 net yards rushing on 29 carries. OSU has now failed to crack 100 yards rushing as a team five straight times this year and in eight of its last 14 games. Ohio State has run for 586 yards this season, averaging 97.7 yards per game, and its per-carry average fell below 3.0 yards to an anemic 2.9 yards per attempt.

Making matters worse on offense was a second consecutive ineffective start by sophomore quarterback Justin Zwick. He completed only 6 of 14 pass attempts for 74 yards and committed two costly turnovers before exiting early in the second half with what was described as an injury to his throwing shoulder.

Backup Troy Smith connected on 8 of his 12 attempts for 76 yards and led the Buckeyes on their only touchdown drive. But that occurred late in the fourth quarter against Iowa's second-team defense and long after the issue had been decided.

"We're just not consistent," said sophomore split end Santonio Holmes, who had a rather pedestrian four catches for 56 yards. "We just have no consistency at all. And it hurts. We work on things and work on things, then you think you have all the kinks worked out and something else happens like a turnover. We put ourselves in tough situations and we haven't been playing well enough to get ourselves out."

While Holmes believed inconsistency was the root of the Buckeyes' troubles, some of his teammates were left

In This Issue Of BSB

To help commemorate the 85th anniversary of his last game at Ohio State, Buckeye Sports Bulletin begins a three-part series in this issue featuring the legendary Chic Harley.

The series, which coincides with the university's decision to retire Harley's jersey number during halftime ceremonies of the Oct. 30 game with Penn State, begins with a look at the star halfback's high school years at Columbus East, his recruitment and his first season as a Buckeye in 1916.

Subsequent installments will center around Harley's further accomplishments at Ohio State, his brief stint in World War I, how Ohio Stadium came to be known as "The House That Harley Built," and what happened to him and his football career after he left Columbus.

Beginning on pages 24 and 25, we hope you enjoy this look back at one of the legendary figures of Ohio State football history.



Chic Harley

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OPINION

In Iowa, It Was A Field Of Screams

Two full weeks before Halloween, Ohio State is already in full-blown celebration mode to mark the official end of summer and begin what could be a long, harsh winter.

Following their ghastly 33-7 loss at Iowa on Oct. 16, you could say that the Buckeyes are masquerading as a college football team, but that would simply be piling on. They pretty much know they stunk up Kinnick Stadium in a classic "Worst Since" game. You know the kind — worst loss since 1999, worst conference start since 1988, worst loss to Iowa ever.

However, the words "frightening" and "scary" do come to mind when trying to describe the 2004 edition of the Buckeyes. It is frighteningly shocking just how quickly this team has fallen apart. Even head coach Jim Tressel, who could put a positive spin on a train wreck without much coaxing, admitted that Iowa "kicked our butts."

The tiny problems that surfaced during the first three games of this season and were magnified in an overtime loss to Northwestern have now exploded into full-blown trials and tribulations.

With the notable exception of a handful of players — and the number might not even be a handful — the Buckeyes are simply playing dreadful football right now.

In black and white, for all the world to see, this is not a very good football team right now. After the last two years when the team rallied around its senior members and won 25 of 27 games, including back-to-back Fiesta Bowls and a national championship, this team has found no rallying point. And although no one has acknowledged this publicly — or even privately to my knowledge — it must be getting near the time where the team will split into factions of older players on their way out and younger players on their way up.

I never thought I would see a Tressel team that could not find the will to win, but that has been the case for the past six quarters. I still believe the Northwestern game was an aberration, a trap game that caught the Buckeyes looking ahead to their game with Wisconsin.

And even the contest with the Badgers was quite winnable until a disjointed offense and worn-out defense couldn't rise to the occasion in the second half.

But things were decidedly different in Iowa City.

I saw a football team that appeared to go through the motions for much of the game. In all but a few eyes, I saw very little spark. And afterward, when it came time to opine of just what had happened, very few had any answers to the hard questions that accompany a three-game losing streak.

Junior tight end Ryan Hamby said he couldn't explain it. Redshirt freshman receiver Anthony Gonzalez offered a simple "I don't know." Even senior co-captain Dustin Fox, about as candid as the players get these days, tried to force a smile and said, "I'm not sure what the answer is. If I did, things wouldn't be the way they are right now."

Perhaps the simmering quarterback situation between starter Justin Zwick and backup Troy Smith led to more team division than we were led to believe. In the two weeks since Smith aired his dirty laundry about lack of playing time, Tressel and his team have spent a large chunk of their time with the media discussing the matter, growing increasingly weary of the topic with each question. But after Zwick struggled mightily against Wisconsin — especially in the second half — there were a few players who allowed themselves to wonder

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out loud whether Smith should be afforded a few gameday snaps.

The point was rendered moot against Iowa when Zwick injured his throwing shoulder and sat out most of the second half. Smith entered the game and didn't exactly remind anyone of Michael Vick, although he did engineer the team's only scoring drive of the day, avoiding a shutout for the first time in 133 games.

But the drive came against a second-team Hawkeye defense, so the questions about the quarterback situation undoubtedly will continue into the Indiana game.

Zwick has not exactly distinguished himself at the position so far this season. Six games into his first year as starter, he has completed 80 of 161 passes for 1,020 yards, five touchdowns and six interceptions. He has also lost three fumbles. In this day and age, college quarterbacks must exceed a 50 percent completion rate if their teams are to be successful, but the Buckeyes could probably live with the fact Zwick connects only half the time.

They obviously cannot live with the turnovers, and that was in full view against Iowa.

An interception late in the first half and a fumble on the second play of the third quarter proved to be a turnaround of what could have been a 10-7 game into a 17-0 Iowa lead. Teams that are scuffling simply cannot afford 14-point swings.

As the old saying goes, however, the quarterback gets too much credit when the team wins and too much blame when it loses. Justin Zwick has not played up to expectations, but he is by no means the only player who can be judged in that manner.

The offensive line continues to struggle. In a nutshell, it is not getting the job done at the point of attack. Tackles Kirk Barton and Tim Schafer are getting their first collegiate experience, and they are learning tough lessons about playing in the trenches in the Big Ten.

Iowa senior defensive end Matt Roth schooled both of them at different times during the day, simply overmatching them on a couple of plays to snuff any kind of running attack the Buckeyes might have thought they could get going.

But as with Zwick, the problems with the offensive line run much deeper than just two first-year players. The Buckeyes have now run for exactly 24 yards in their last six quarters. Karl Rove and James Carville put together couldn't spin that into anything other than what it is — appalling-ly awful.

For a program that has prided itself on controlling the line of scrimmage and running the ball for years upon years, this could be the worst excuse for a ground game that I have ever seen the Buckeyes put on the field. And, yes, that includes the 1987 team when Vince Workman was the team's leading rusher with 470 yards for the season.

The holes are simply not there, but again let's be brutally honest. When the holes are there, the running backs are not finding them.

Lydell Ross, who had a preseason goal of rushing for 100 yards in every game, had a net zero against the Hawkeyes on 10 car-

ries. For the season, Ross has now carried 94 times for 343 yards, an average of 3.6 yards per carry. Since gaining 141 in the season opener against Cincinnati, he has 202 yards on 67 carries (3.0 yards per carry). In just the three Big Ten games, Ross has 61 yards on 28 carries, and that computes to an average of 2.2 yards per attempt.

Those who believe freshman Antonio Pittman is the solution at tailback should know that he is not — at least not yet. Pittman's totals for the Big Ten season so far feature 96 yards on 22 carries, and an average of 4.4 yards per carry. But if you discount the 43-yard run he had against Wisconsin on the Statue of Liberty play, that yards-per-carry average suddenly dips to 2.5. And you must also factor in that Pittman still has not picked up all of his blocking assignments and some of that has led to Zwick getting happy feet in the pocket and more gun-shy as the season has progressed.

Even the stable of normally reliable receivers hasn't played up to expectations.

Santonio Holmes and Bam Childress have put up some decent numbers so far this season, but even they were benched briefly against Iowa for a lack of downfield blocking, getting replaced by redshirt freshman Anthony Gonzalez and true freshman Devon Lyons.

On defense, problems are also running over. I have written about this in the past but it bears repeating: We all should have taken a step back in the preseason to realize just how much three-year starters Will Smith, Darrion Scott and Tim Anderson were going to be missed. The Buckeyes simply cannot get pressure on the opposing quarterback, and when they do it has to come from linebacker and corner blitzes.

There seems to be very little push up front, and when a push comes, it seems that the opposing team sends a running back into huge gaps in the line.

For the past two years, Tressel and the Buckeyes have been able to play the defense and special teams game largely because a talented defensive line allowed them to do so. That game plan simply does not work this year because the line is not able to control the line of scrimmage. Simply put, if neither your offensive nor defensive lines can control the line of scrimmage, you are not going to win many games.

The play of the defensive line also affects the way the linebackers and secondary can operate. If there is no push up front, linebackers must play run support first and help out in pass coverage. As a result, you must play zone coverage and quarterbacks with little pressure can pick those apart on just about any level of competitive football.

In the last two games alone, A.J. Hawk, Anthony Schlegel and Bobby Carpenter have accounted for 69 tackles. Throw in strong safety Donte Whitner's 27 stops and you begin to see what's happening with the OSU defense. If your linebackers and strong safety have nearly 100 tackles in the last two games, something isn't happening up front.

And yet, for all the gloom and doom, I still refuse to believe this is a talentless team. There are players throughout this roster and up and down the starting lineup who have high school resumes as long as your arm. But right now, the 2004 version of the Ohio State football team isn't a team at all. It is an amalgamation of its parts.

Somewhere along the line, those parts must jell into a unit or this will become a lost season with the bad feelings and finger-pointing that come with it.

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Kinnicked When They're Down

Whitewashed By Iowa, Ohio State Ponders How To Get Back On Track



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SALT IN THE WOUNDS — It had been quite some time since Iowa fans could storm the field after a win over Ohio State. The Hawkeyes hadn't beaten the Buckeyes at home since 1983.

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One season and six games removed from the 2002 national championship, Ohio State faces an uncertain future following a 33-7 defeat Oct. 16 at the hands of Iowa.

Tied with Indiana and Penn State at 0-3 in the Big Ten, and only a half-game out of the conference cellar because Illinois is 0-4, the Buckeyes are a far cry from where they have been the last couple of seasons, fighting for national titles and Bowl Championship Series berths.

Instead, when the first BCS poll was released Oct. 18, the Buckeyes were nowhere to be found.

In fact, they were nowhere to be found in either the Associated Press or USA Today/ESPN national rankings, tumbling out of the polls for the first time since the end of the 2001 season.

Just a month ago, the team was ranked as high as No. 7 in the country, undefeated after an important and hard-fought victory at North Carolina State. Since then, OSU's season has gone from scaling the mountain to teetering just above the abyss.

The loss to Iowa was the Buckeyes' third in a row, extending a losing streak that before this season had never reached more than one under head coach Jim Tressel. More importantly, it charges the team with the unenviable task of righting the ship immediately if it entertains any notion of having a winning season and going to a bowl game.

Ohio State returns home Oct. 23 for a homecoming date with Indiana and then plays host to Penn State the week after that. But the Buckeyes must finish the season with back-to-back road games at

Michigan State and Purdue before ending with the traditional season finale at home against Michigan. Somehow, some way, OSU must defeat Indiana and Penn State and knock off one of the other three teams, which have combined to go 9-2 in the Big Ten so far.

"Nobody said it was going to get any easier," said OSU linebacker Bobby Carpenter. "And it won't. We know that."

Things should have gotten easier against the Hawkeyes — at least on paper. The two teams entered the game evenly matched with Ohio State perhaps having the slightest of edges.

Iowa came in averaging 23.6 points per game on offense while OSU was averaging 22.6, but the Buckeyes had the best team defense, surrendering only 19.6 points on average to Iowa's 21.4.

When the dust had cleared, though, the Hawkeyes had the distinct advantage in every statistical department, beating the Buckeyes every way imaginable.

Iowa doubled up in first downs (24-12), had more than twice the amount of total yardage (448-177), held the ball for nearly eight more minutes and converted nearly half of its third-down plays while holding the Buckeyes to less than 25 percent on their third-down conversions.

Mix in the fact that the loss gave OSU its first 0-3 conference start in 16 years and it only adds insult to injury that it was the Hawkeyes' first win over Ohio State in Kinnick Stadium since a 20-14 victory in 1983 and their first win over the Buckeyes anywhere since a 16-9 decision at Ohio Stadium in 1991.

Searching for words to describe his feelings, OSU linebacker Anthony Schlegel struggled for several moments before settling upon, "Tough. That's real-

ly all I can say. This is tough to take for all of us. Somehow, we've got to find the strength to get up and come back fighting. Our season isn't over — not by a long shot."

Lethargic Beginning

To say the Buckeyes began slowly would be akin to saying the Sahara is sandy.

It would be a gross understatement since OSU accounted for the grand total of 13 yards and one first down in three first-quarter possessions.

Not that Iowa was setting the world on fire either, going three-and-out on its first possession and garnering only one first down on its second.

But things started to separate themselves when the Hawkeyes got the ball for the third time in the game.

Starting at their own 39-yard line, they engineered a dink-and-dunk drive that covered 61 yards and took 10 plays. No play went for more than 12 yards during the march, but that 12-yarder was an important one — it came on a third-and-10 when quarterback Drew Tate hooked up with fullback Aaron Mickens coming out of the backfield.

Tate completed 4 of 5 passes during the drive, including an 11-yard strike to split end Clinton Solomon, who caught the ball near the goal line and backed in against OSU resistance for a touchdown. Kicker Kyle Schlicher added the extra point, giving the Hawkeyes a 7-0 lead with 3:14 remaining in the first period.

Iowa's offense may have gotten untracked, but the same could not be said for Ohio State. It continued to sputter and stall well into the second quarter while the Hawkeyes upped their lead. They used a short field to get Schlicher into field-goal range, and the sophomore kicker booted a career-best 45-yarder to give his team a 10-0 advantage early in the second period.

The Buckeyes never really got things going on offense until their fifth possession of the game. Up to that point, 14 plays had netted just 23 yards (an average of 1.6 per play), but OSU finally got something going when quarterback Justin Zwick found split end Santonio Holmes for a 12-yard gain and a first down at the OSU 31.

Zwick preserved the drive twice more, connecting for 9 yards with Anthony Gonzalez on a third-and-6 play and then finding Holmes again, this time for 14 yards on third-and-3. That play pushed the ball to the Iowa 15-yard line. From there, tailback Lydell Ross picked up 2 yards on first down and then Zwick misfired to Ross on second down, the OSU quarterback's first miss after four straight completions.

But on third down, disaster struck. Zwick tried to create something out of nothing, forcing the ball toward Bam Childress in the corner of the end zone. Childress was double-covered and the ball was poorly thrown, making for a rather easy interception by Iowa safety Marcus Paschal. So rather than getting at least a Mike Nugent field-goal try, the Buckeyes came away with nothing and went into the locker room staring at a 10-0 deficit.

"It was tough not getting points right there," Childress said, "but we were still

pretty up. We were getting the ball to start the second half and we'd been down 10 before. We weren't worried at all going into the half."

More Of The Same

Unfortunately for the Buckeyes, their first possession of the second half lasted only 51 seconds.

After a 1-yard gain by Ross on first down, Zwick went back to pass. He couldn't escape the furious rush put on by the Hawkeyes and got caught by defensive end Derreck Robinson. As Robinson spun the Buckeye QB around, the ball came loose and was grabbed by Iowa linebacker George Lewis, giving the Hawkeyes possession at the OSU 30-yard line.

On the play, Zwick was hit on his right shoulder, further aggravating a hit he had absorbed on the joint in the first half. As the OSU quarterback was tended to on the sideline by the team's training staff, Tate wasted little time cashing in on the turnover. He threw for 27 of the 30 yards, including the final 8 to backup tight end Scott Chandler, who made the first touchdown grab of his career.

Fellow sophomore Troy Smith relieved Zwick but fared no better with the OSU offense in his first series, a three-and-out that gained exactly 1 yard. His second series also lasted only three plays and accounted for just 2 yards.

Meanwhile, the Hawkeyes were beating the Buckeyes at their own game of field position. After Smith's second series, Iowa set up shop at the OSU 46 and Tate took only two plays to get to the end zone. The first was a 10-yard dump pass to tailback Sam Brownlee, and the second was a 36-yard strike to Solomon, who took advantage of a coverage breakdown in the Ohio State secondary to score his second touchdown of the day. By the time Schlicher tacked on the PAT to make it 24-0 with 8:28 remaining in the third quarter, the rout was on.

Tate later engineered a 13-play, 83-yard drive that culminated in his 1-yard touchdown run, giving the Hawkeyes a 30-0 lead. The Buckeyes blocked the PAT attempt, but it was only temporary solace.

Iowa tacked on another Schlicher field goal — this one from 41 yards away — to make it 33-0 with 9:28 left in the game.

The Buckeyes continued to struggle on offense until their final possession. Against Iowa's second-team defense, Smith moved the team 73 yards in just four plays. He hooked up with freshman Ted Ginn Jr. for a 19-yard gain then found Holmes crossing over the middle for 18 yards.

Smith scrambled for 13 to get the ball to the Iowa 23 then found freshman tight end Rory Nicol, who made a nice catch over the middle for his first career touchdown.

Tate put up career numbers in completions and attempts, connecting on 26 of 39 passes for 331 yards and three touchdowns. He completed passes to nine different receivers, but Solomon was his favorite target. The 6-3, 200-pound junior gathered in seven balls for a career-high 131 yards and a pair of scores.

Fellow receivers Ed Hinkel and

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Warren Holloway combined for 11 more catches and 140 yards.

Iowa was efficient enough in the running game to keep OSU's defense off Tate for much of the afternoon. The Hawkeyes, who gave up just two sacks, had four runners total 20 or more yards on the ground and wound up with 117 as a team.

That was more than four times the total for the Buckeyes, who struggled again on the ground and gained just 27 yards on 29 carries.

Freshman Antonio Pittman was the team's leading gainer with 16 yards while Smith added 7. Ross' struggles continued: He had 10 carries for a net of zero.

Smith wound up completing 8 of 12 passes for 76 yards and the touchdown, while Zwick hit just 6 of 14 attempts for 74 yards and the pick.

Holmes and tight end Ryan Hamby each caught four balls, combining for 95 yards.

Defensively, linebackers A.J. Hawk and Schlegel tied for the team lead with 15 tackles each. Schlegel had 13 solos and two tackles for loss, while Hawk added a sack and also recovered a fumble. Strong safety Donte Whitner chipped in with 10 tackles, while senior cornerback Dustin Fox returned to the starting lineup after missing three games with a broken right forearm. He totaled six tackles, all solos, and was credited with forcing a fumble and breaking up a pass.

Game Notes

• Iowa's victory extended their home winning streak to 16 games, which

dates back to 2002 and represents a Kinnick Stadium record. It is the fourth-longest active streak in Division I-A. The victory also was the Hawkeyes' 11th straight Big Ten win at home, setting a new school record.

• Though the vast majority of college coaches elect to defer after winning the coin toss, Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz takes the NFL approach and usually wants to start the game on offense.

OSU won the coin flip on Oct. 16 and elected to defer, meaning that the Hawkeyes started on offense for the 59th time in their last 61 games and 61 out of 67 under Ferentz. His record is now 36-31 in five-plus seasons in Iowa City.

• OSU senior Maurice Hall returned three kickoffs for 43 yards against the Hawkeyes, giving him 61 career runbacks for 1,368 yards. He tied Ken-Yon Rambo (1997-2000) for most career kickoff returns and moved into third in career kickoff return yardage behind Rambo, who had 1,410, and Carlos Snow, who accumulated 1,380 yards during his career from 1987-89 and 1991. Hall would have passed Snow on the yardage list had a significant portion of his second return not been wiped out by a holding penalty.

• OSU junior Tyler Everett was credited with blocking Schlicher's PAT attempt in the fourth quarter. It was the first PAT block for the Buckeyes since Darrion Scott swatted one away against San Diego State in 2001.

• The game was held before a sellout crowd in Kinnick Stadium of 70,397. The Buckeyes have now played before sellout crowds in all six games this season.

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Consistency Foremost Among Things Missing

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scratching their heads about the losing streak that has now reached three games.

"I'm concerned and I'm disappointed," said senior fullback Branden Joe. "This is the time of the season when we're supposed to be getting better and we're not. We're supposed to be building toward a peak here in the next few weeks, and here we are still trying to get things figured out."

Junior linebacker Bobby Carpenter, who was the first in the interview room to meet with members of the media following head coach Jim Tressel, wore a look of utter disgust on his face.

"Losing never gets any easier," he said. "We've just got to find some way and somehow to get better. I don't know what more to say. We just have to get better. I don't know how we're going to do that right now, but we've got to do it."

"Everything that's been said these last two weeks — I could just go back and replay it. We know what's been said and we know what's going to be said, and I don't think anyone in that locker room right now wants to go back to Columbus and hear all that. I guarantee you this though: We don't like giving up points any more than fans like to see it."

A big problem for the Buckeyes defense once again was an offensive attack stuck in neutral, unable to sustain drives of any length to keep its defense off the field.

Against the Hawkeyes, Ohio State totaled 13 possessions, only two of which gained more than 14 yards. Seven of those drives lasted three plays or less, and the longest of the afternoon — a 13-play march that covered 68 yards — ended in disaster when Zwick's poorly thrown ball near the end of the first half was intercepted in the end zone.

As a result of being unable to sustain any kind of offensive push at all, OSU lost the time of possession battle by nearly eight minutes to the Hawkeyes and has had a disparity of 21 minutes in its last two games.



YOUNG SLINGER — Sophomore quarterback Drew Tate (5) was a big reason Iowa was able to find success against the Ohio State defense. He completed 26 of 39 passes for 331 yards and three touchdowns.

"It all comes back to consistency," Holmes said. "We have to be able to get some kind of consistency on offense to help those guys out. I don't care whether it's running the ball, throwing the ball or whatever. We have to get some kind of consistency and keep the ball for a while. Then when we do get close, we've got to score some points. We can't keep turning the ball over or making other kinds of mistakes. We have to focus and get this thing straightened out."

Iowa Quarterback Shines

While the Buckeyes struggled to get things straightened out, the Hawkeyes were having no such problems, thanks mostly to Tate, who completed 26 of 39 passes for 331 yards and three touch-

downs while scrambling for 24 yards on the ground and another score.

The completions and attempts represented career highs and made him only the third Iowa quarterback in history to have back-to-back 300-yard games.

As Tate continued to complete pass after pass — connecting with nine different receivers in the game — the Hawkeyes got more confident in their running attack. With Iowa already down to fourth-teamer Marques Simmons because the first three tailbacks had been sidelined with injuries, Simmons himself was felled with an ankle injury near the end of the first quarter.

But Brownlee came on to give the Hawkeyes some positive yardage, and Iowa wound up with four different runners gaining 20 or more yards.

Still, it wasn't the ground game that kept the Buckeyes off-balance.

"They ran hard at us but I don't think their running game hurt us that much," Carpenter said. "Their quarterback is a heckuva athlete and has a good arm and quick feet. It looks to me like he has improved a lot over just the first part of the season."

Tate was the second quarterback in as many weeks to have a standout day against the Buckeyes.

Wisconsin QB John Stocco had entered the game vs. OSU ranked 11th in the Big Ten in pass efficiency, and he proceeded to hit 15 of 24 passes for 160 yards and two touchdowns.

Throwing in the stats from Northwestern's Brett Basanez, Ohio State has now allowed 65 of 107 passes completed (60.7 percent) for 769 yards and seven touchdowns in its three conference losses. Perhaps the worst news of all: The Buckeyes must still face the conference's No. 1, 3, 6 and 7 rated passers in Kyle Orton of Purdue, Chad Henne of Michigan, Matt LoVecchio of Indiana and Drew Stanton of Michigan State.

"This is where we find out what we're made of," said Fox, who returned to the

starting lineup after missing three games with a broken right forearm. "We're disappointed and upset right now, but you can't get so upset that you fail to get better. And that's the bottom line for us right now as a team. Do we want to do what it takes at this point in the season to get better? This is where we find out what kind of players we want to be."

"Mentally, I think we're OK. But we need a win. We need a win in the worst way. And we've got to go back, figure out something and do everything we possibly can think of to go back home and beat Indiana."

Easier said than done?

The players have been saying much the same thing since the loss to Northwestern, an overtime game during which the Buckeyes came back from 10 points down in the fourth quarter to tie it in regulation.

But that team, which had risen to No. 7 in the national polls and was beginning to develop some confidence and swagger, now seems like a distant memory. In fact, it bears little resemblance to the team that now seems desperate for any kind of success.

"Definitely, we've got work to do," Joe said. "The numbers don't lie. Look at the scoreboard. We don't want our fans and family to have to drive nine hours to see something like this happen. That's not fair to them. But it's on us. We want to win, but wanting it isn't enough."

"We have to go back and do whatever it takes to get this thing turned around. We have five games left and it's up to all of us how those five games turn out."

"We have to find a way to put these last three games behind us and start over again. We have to treat next week's game as the beginning of a new season and get a fresh start. That's the only way we're going to get this thing turned around. And I think we will. Effort is not the problem. Effort is never the problem at the Ohio State University. We just have to execute, and now is the time."

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Zwick's Shoulder Injury Gets Smith Onto The Field

Whether an injury to Justin Zwick's throwing shoulder made the decision any easier, Ohio State head coach Jim Tressel turned to backup quarterback Troy Smith early in the second half against Iowa when his designated starter struggled for a second consecutive week.

Zwick reportedly sustained the injury to his right shoulder on a play in the first half then got hit on the joint again early in the third quarter.

But after the sophomore QB had made his second costly turnover of the game, Tressel might have been tempted to give Smith a try anyway.

As things turned out, neither quarterback mustered much offense — although Smith did lead the troops on their lone touchdown march of the game — and the Buckeyes left Iowa City with an offense still very much in flux.

"They played a good game and we didn't," Zwick said after the game. "I'm not sure there's anything more I can say about it. We didn't get it done today."

Zwick managed to complete only 6 of 14 passes for 74 yards for the Buckeyes, but an ineffective running game plagued his efforts throughout the first

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half. For example, the Buckeyes' first four possessions encompassed only 14 plays and totaled just 23 yards as the team was faced with third-and-8, third-and-13, third-and-8 and third-and-15 situations.

But on OSU's fifth possession, it finally got something going.

Trailing 10-0, OSU started on its own 19-yard line and strung together what would be its most sustained drive of the game. Moving 68 yards in 13 plays, Zwick completed his first four passes of the march, all of them for first downs.

The Buckeyes pushed the ball all the way to the Iowa 15. From there, Zwick moved to his left to avoid a rush and tried to float a pass in the corner of the end zone to Bam Childress.

Unfortunately, Childress was double-covered and the pass was thrown short,



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IT ONLY HURTS WHEN I DO THIS — Ohio State quarterback Justin Zwick left the game against Iowa after injuring his shoulder on the first series of the third quarter. He didn't return and finished 6 of 14 for 74 yards and an interception.

allowing Iowa free safety Marcus Paschal to make the interception in the end zone, ending Ohio State's scoring threat.

"I didn't get the corner(back) to bite on the corner route," Zwick explained. "The coverage was too good and he got me."

As a result, the Buckeyes squandered any chance for points and the Hawkeyes took a 10-0 lead into the locker room at halftime. It represented the first time since the 2002 Outback Bowl that Ohio State had been shut out in the first half of any game.

Then things went from bad to worse. On the second play from scrimmage in the second half, Zwick faded to pass and had to scramble under a furious Iowa rush. As he tried to get away, he was spun around by defensive end Derreck Robinson and fumbled.

The ball was later corralled by outside linebacker George Lewis at the 30-yard line, and five plays later the Hawkeyes were in the end zone and out to a 17-0 lead.

On the fumble, Zwick took a hit on the right shoulder that had been dinged in the first half and went to the sideline for the remainder of the afternoon.

When asked by reporters whether it was a bruise or a strain, the quarterback replied, "I really didn't get the proper (medical) term for it. I just know that it got a little stiff at halftime. Then on that last hit, I really felt it."

When media members wanted to know if he would be ready for the Indiana game, Zwick said, "Hopefully. I just want to get some ice on it right now and see how it feels in the morning."

Zwick's two turnovers against the Hawkeyes gave him nine for the season — three fumbles and six interceptions. The 6-for-14 day also dropped him dangerously close to the break-even mark in completion percentage for the season. He has now completed 81 of 160

attempts (50.6 percent) for 1,020 yards and five touchdowns.

But his numbers during the team's losing streak show just 39 completions in 83 attempts (47.0 percent) for 410 yards, one touchdown and two interceptions.

QB Battle To Be Continued

For the better part of two weeks, OSU fans and members of the media have speculated about whether Zwick should have continued to take all of the snaps at quarterback.

Prior to the game against Wisconsin, Smith expressed his displeasure about a lack of playing time, and that situation was exacerbated somewhat by Zwick's subpar performance against the Badgers.

It stopped short of becoming a full-blown quarterback controversy, although Tressel and his players spent much of their time talking about the Zwick-Smith story during the week leading up to the Iowa game (see related story on page 18).

With so much else going wrong for the Buckeyes during their three-game losing streak, no one would dare blame the quarterback situation for the skid.

But Smith clearly did some things in his second-half performance that may at least give Tressel a modicum of confidence to give him more playing time.

For his part, Smith was much more diplomatic than he was two weeks ago when discussing his role with the team.

"That's for the coaches to decide," he said. "Nothing that I can say is going to change anything."

But before he ran the risk of being misinterpreted, Smith took great pains to say that he was simply thankful to be ready when the team needed him to play.

When a reporter pointed out that

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the team has many more problems than just poor play on Zwick's part, Smith nodded his head and said, "Truly. That was one of the things that I hoped would come out here. This isn't about just one person. We don't win because of one person and we don't lose because of one person. There are 11 people out there, and we have to jell as one. Win, lose or draw, we have to jell and we haven't done that."

"But that's on us. You're holding a microphone, so you don't know what it's like for us. The fans aren't out there to see what's going on. They're not out there on their backs struggling to get up. This is all on us. We're the ones who got us into this situation, and we're the only ones who can get us out. To do that, we have to jell together. Nothing is going to go right for us until that happens."

Getting his first playing time since one series against Marshall on Sept. 11, Smith started slowly but gained momentum as he settled down.

He finished with eight completions in 12 attempts for 76 yards and also was the Buckeyes' second-leading rusher, although it was for only 7 yards on six carries.

He also had the distinction of leading the Buckeyes on their only scoring drive of the game, avoiding a shutout for the first time since 1993.

Working mostly against Iowa's second-team defense, Smith moved his team 73 yards, connecting with freshman tight end Rory Nicol for a 23-yard touchdown pass with 2:19 left in the game.

Despite his assertion that football is an 11-man game, Smith took much of the blame for the loss on his own shoulders.

"There were a lot of things I could have done and didn't get done, so I put all of the blame on myself," he said. "When I went into the game, it was 17-0 and we weren't out of it by any means. But I couldn't get done some of the things that I wanted to. Two scores and we were right back in it. We just couldn't capitalize on some things."

In limited playing time this season, Smith has completed 10 of 17 pass attempts (58.8 percent) for 105 yards and two touchdowns.

But when OSU players were asked after the game whether they believed Smith's performance merited a start against Indiana, most answered in a way that said they were clearly tired of discussing the matter.

"Coach Tressel says that Justin is the guy and that means Justin is the guy," said tight end Ryan Hamby. "I'm not here to say who's playing and who's not."

Trouble Up Front — Again

Most of the Buckeyes admitted that the lack of any continuity in the offense stems from problems in the running game. OSU entered the game ranked 92nd in the nation in rushing offense and is certain to fall several more spots after totaling just 27 yards on the ground against the Hawkeyes.

"You have to be able to run the ball in the Big Ten — hands down," Hamby said. "You don't know how disappointing and frustrating it was to look up at the scoreboard and see that they were outrushing us effectively."

Iowa entered the game ranked dead last in the conference in rushing offense but managed 117 yards. In three Big Ten games now, Ohio State

has been outrushed by more than a 2-to-1 margin. Northwestern, Wisconsin and Iowa rolled up 467 yards on the ground while the Buckeyes have accounted for just 223.

Even worse is the team's average per carry. In the Big Ten, it is a paltry 2.5 yards per attempt.

OSU tried about everything to get its running game untracked, much of it without success. The Buckeyes tried several misdirection runs, delays and draws, and still freshman Antonio Pittman was the team's leading ground-gainer with just 16 yards on seven carries.

They even tried a coaching shuffle to get something going, moving offensive coordinator and line coach Jim Bollman from his usual sideline spot and putting him into the press box.

"We just wanted to see if we could get a little different perspective on things from a team standpoint," Tressel said. "So we moved (tight ends) Coach (John) Peterson down on the sidelines and put Coach Bolls up in the booth. I haven't talked to them about it, so I really don't know what their perspectives were."

The perspectives of Bollman and Peterson will likely be that the OSU offensive line again struggled against some active, athletic defensive linemen.

Defensive end Matt Roth had his way much of the afternoon with tackles Kirk Barton and Tim Schafer, and the Iowa senior finished a busy day with five tackles and two sacks. He also was credited with forcing a fumble and one quarterback hurry.

"They have a good defensive line but we knew that going in," said OSU center Nick Mangold, who missed time in the first half with a twisted knee. "Bottom line — we didn't do enough to give our team a chance to win."

Plenty Of Blame To Spare

While members of the offense wanted to shoulder their share of the blame for the loss, defensive players accepted their part in the worst loss ever in the 35-game series with Iowa.

When asked if he was frustrated, junior linebacker A.J. Hawk let out a heavy sigh then replied, "Oh, yeah. As a defensive player, you don't ever expect any team to score that many points. We take a lot of pride in our defense around here, and we just didn't show that today."

Hawk really has nothing to hang his head about. He tied for the team lead with 15 tackles, giving him 35 in the last two weeks alone and a total of 79 for the season. With five games remaining on the regular-season schedule, he is within 27 of his team-leading total of 106 last year.

He also had one of the team's two sacks and recovered a fumble during the game. But he said the tackle totals and everything else about his performance meant little in the midst of a losing streak.

"I don't care if I get one tackle or a hundred — I want to win," Hawk said. "We're just not getting it done as a defense. I think everyone is surprised about that — especially us."

Tying Hawk for game-high honors in tackles was junior middle linebacker Anthony Schlegel, who had 13 solos among his 15 total stops.

Strong safety Donte Whitner added 10 tackles for his second straight week in double figures.

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Simply Put, 'They Kicked Our Butts'

Throughout the season, BSB is publishing excerpts from head coach Jim Tressel's postgame press conferences. Here is what he had to say following the loss to Iowa.

Jim Tressel: "I think the thing that struck me the most was the fact that you have to make sure you take advantage of your opportunities and we did not do that. We get the ball down there right before the half, make a bad decision and throw an interception and get nothing, which I think was critical.

"And then we start the game in the second half with the chance to move the ball again with a little bit of confidence that we're going to go do that, and we turn it over on the second play and give them the ball on the 20-yard line. You're not going to beat a good team playing well at their place with those things happening."

Q. What is the extent of Justin Zwick's injury?

JT: "During the first half he got banged, I guess in the shoulder, and it was bothering him a little bit. The extent, I don't know. They were just concerned that he probably wouldn't be able to throw."

Q. It seemed like they dominated both sides of the football today.

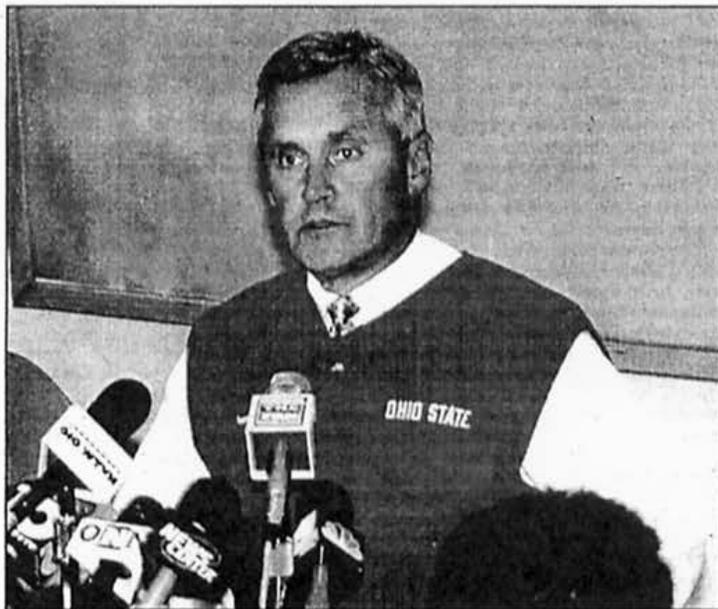
JT: "They obviously did better than we did. I don't know if I would go as far as dominate. They kicked our butts."

Q. How much is a lack of being able to run the football affecting everything you want to try to do offensively?

JT: "I think when you don't run the football well it affects everything. It affects your defense. It affects your offense, obviously. It affects your passing game. That's why we always say that we would like to be a team that can run the ball as well as throw it."

Q. Six games in, what do you see your offensive line doing well at this point, and what is the glaring thing that sticks out at you when you're watching some of those plays?

JT: "I don't know that I would say



SONNY BROCKWAY

A LOSS BY ANY OTHER NAME — Ohio State coach Jim Tressel addressed the media following the Buckeyes' drubbing at the hands of Iowa. Tressel admitted that Ohio State did almost nothing well and hasn't 'deserved to win' any of its Big Ten games.

that we're doing anything well. You don't have any statistics to point to that or even a gut feeling to point to that. We're not protecting it as well as we should and we're not knocking them off the ball."

Q. Did you think you got effort throughout?

JT: "I don't think it was an effort thing. I've never felt that about this group or really any group. Most people, when they go out on the field of battle, they're going to give effort. I wouldn't question the effort of this group."

Q. Can you evaluate Troy Smith's play?

JT: "He did a couple good things obviously on that last drive, but it was against their second group. But he did the things that you need to do to move the ball and had a little spark there. I thought he went in and did some pretty fair things. That was a good thing that we saw that out of him."

Q. How much of your offensive problems were your guys' problems and how much was caused by Iowa?

JT: "Iowa's got a good defense. I think everyone knows that. They played well on defense when their offense hasn't turned it over and their offense has played well, just like any marriage there between the O and the D. They're solid on defense."

"We didn't do anything to put pressure on them. When we had some open things early we dropped a couple balls early in the game. Then when we did finally get rolling and take the ball down the field we throw an interception, obviously to their credit for making the interception but a poor choice of where to go with the ball. Like all things, it's a combination of both, but I don't want to belittle at all the fact that Iowa's good on defense."

Q. Observations on Iowa's quarterback?

JT: "He's a fighter. He's a winner. He's a tough kid. He made plays. We had people on him and he made them miss. He's a winner. You had to appreciate his performance because he did some excellent things."

Q. What were you trying to do offensively? Last week you spread Wisconsin out. Before things went south, what did you think you could do?

JT: "A little bit of both. I didn't think we could line up in two tights and knock them off the ball. They have a veteran group up front. I thought that we could be in basic formations

and spread formations and mix it and so forth.

"We thought we needed to throw underneath. They're a very sound defense and they don't come up and press you and leave deep zones open and those kinds of things. They're going to protect the home run and make you go down the field. We needed to throw some of those underneath things, which we did some early, then we dropped a couple early. It was a mixture. It was a balance."

Q. You're 0-3 in the Big Ten for the first time since 1988. How do you stop the bleeding now?

JT: "You stop it by getting better and going out and deserving to win the game. We haven't deserved to win any of our Big Ten games. That's a fact. We've done some good things in all of the games and not enough good things in any of the games."

Q. Are you surprised? (ABC commentator Bob Griese and maybe some others on the telecast say, "Oh, how the mighty have fallen," etc., etc. Obviously you didn't see this coming.)

JT: "Did I see an interception coming or a turnover coming or whatever? No. I think you always plan with success in mind. I haven't been around too many people who do it any other way. Are you surprised? Yes. Are you shocked? No, because we've done some things that you shouldn't do if you're going to win."

Q. Do you leave here thinking the quarterback position is up for grabs, or do you leave here maybe looking at that again this week?

JT: "We evaluate it constantly. There's a lot of factors involved in that. One will be Justin's health. One will be what do we think we need to do to head in the right direction. Obviously one will be what we do early in the week and how people respond to the reality of where we are. To me, up for grabs is just a little bit too loose of a statement."

Q. What was the psyche, the morale of the team coming into this game, and what are you going to have to do to get it back to where you want it to be after three straight losses?

JT: "I think the psyche of the team was that individually we were disappointed. We didn't feel as if we've done what we need to do here in the Big Ten season. I think the psyche was they were anxious to come and play well here. What do we need to do to get it where it needs to be? Just like life, you just have to keep grinding and keep believing in each other and learn what it takes to win games. Perhaps we cognitively know it, but we haven't demonstrated it."

Q. What's your number one concern with this group?

JT: "I would say this — I'm probably most disappointed ... A football team can sometimes hang in there if they can count on the fact that they can run the ball. Usually if you can do that — to a degree, it doesn't have to be extraordinary — then usually you can be in there playing for a win in every game. Probably the thing that is most disappointing to me is that we haven't and we have to."

Q. What do you see there? Is it blocking that doesn't develop or a guy not hitting a hole? I know a lot of times you would say the combination, but what did you see today?

JT: "I didn't really see any move-



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ment. There's some good guys. I'm not discounting (Iowa defensive tackle Jonathan) Babineaux and (defensive end Matt) Roth and the linebackers and so forth, but those are the guys that play in the Big Ten. We have to move them."

Q. Did you move (offensive coordinator and line coach) Jim Bollman upstairs today to try to improve some things offensively?

JT: "We wanted to try to get a little

bit of continuity as (passing game coordinator) Joe (Daniels) and Jim would sit there and say, 'Okay, here's how we need to attack this,' and maybe a little more semblance of viewing the thing up there from a team standpoint of them deciding what we could perhaps do. So we moved (tight ends coach) John (Peterson) down on the sideline.

"I haven't really heard from them how they felt that was for them. But yes, just like we've said to you many

times, we don't ever sit there saying, 'Well, it's all everyone else's fault but the coaches.' I think you have to always evaluate what you're doing as well, and we'll continue to do that."

Q. How do you get a quick fix on the offensive line six games in?

JT: "We're not looking for any quick fixes. We're looking to get better and figure out how we can do that. That's what we'll continue to work on."

Q. Just to clarify — you're not com-

mitting to starting Justin even if he's healthy next week?

JT: "I don't remember saying that exactly, but I said there were a lot of things that were part of an evaluation — health, what we feel as if we need to do. The same is true at left guard. I don't think we're pretending to say that everything is perfect and let's just keep doing what we're doing. We need to get better and figure out how that is. We're all a part of that evaluation."

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The Numbers Game

Iowa 33, Ohio State 7

Oct. 16, 2004 — Kinnick Stadium; Iowa City, Iowa

Score by Quarters	1	2	3	4	F
OHIO STATE	0	0	0	7	— 7
IOWA	7	3	14	9	— 33



First Quarter

IOWA — Solomon, 11 yard pass from Tate (Schlicher kick), 3:14; 10 plays, 61 yards, 3:47 TOP.

Second Quarter

IOWA — Schlicher, 45 yard field goal, 12:50; 8 plays, 39 yards, 3:35 TOP.

Third Quarter

IOWA — Chandler, 8 yard pass from Tate (Schlicher kick), 12:25; 5 plays, 30 yards, 1:39 TOP.

IOWA — Solomon, 36 yard pass from Tate (Schlicher kick), 8:28; 2 plays, 46 yards, 0:14 TOP.

Fourth Quarter

IOWA — Tate, 1 yard run (Schlicher kick blocked), 14:53; 13 plays, 83 yards, 5:05 TOP.

IOWA — Schlicher, 41 yard field goal, 9:28; 5 plays, 12 yards, 3:17 TOP.

OSU — Nicol, 23 yard pass from Smith (Nugent kick), 2:19; 4 plays, 73 yards, 0:35 TOP.

Att. — 70,397

Weather — 45 degrees, cloudy; wind, 15-25 mph.

Team Statistics

	OSU	IOWA
First Downs	12	24
Rushing	2	10
Passing	9	13
Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Yards	29-27	37-117
Passing Yards	150	331
Passes (Att.-Comp.-Int.)	26-14-1	39-26-0
Offensive Plays	55	76
Total Net Yards	177	448
Third Down Efficiency	3-13	7-16
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	0-1
Punts	8-44-2	4-38.5
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	1-1
Penalties	3-24	7-53
Time of Possession	26:02	33:58

Individual Statistics

RUSHING (Att.-Net Yds.) — OSU: Turano 7-16; T.Smith 6-7; Zwick 3-4; Joe 2-2; Ross 10-0; Team 1(-2). IOWA: Brownlee 10-35; Sims 9-31; Tate 9-24; Simmons 4-20; Strube 1-3; Busch 2-2; Mickens 2-2.

PASSING (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD) — OSU: Zwick 14-6-1-74-0; T.Smith 12-8-0-76-1. IOWA: Tate 39-26-0-331-3.

RECEIVING (Rec.-Yds.) — OSU: Holmes 4-56; Hamby 4-39; Pittman 2(-6); Nicol 1-23; Ginn Jr. 1-19; R.Hall 1-10; Gonzalez 1-9. IOWA: Solomon 7-131; Hinkel 6-76; Holloway 5-64; Chandler 2-14; Mickens 2-14; Townsend 1-14; Brownlee 1-10; Davis 1-5; Simmons 1-3.

PUNTING (No.-Avg.-Long) — OSU: Turano 8-44-2-53. IOWA: Bradley 4-38.5-46.

PUNT RETURNS (No.-Yds.) — OSU: Ginn Jr. 1-8. IOWA: Belleus 6-62.

KICKOFF RETURNS (No.-Yds.) — OSU: Holmes 3-68; M.Hall 3-43; Ginn Jr. 1-17. IOWA: Hinkel 1-14.

FUMBLE RECOVERIES (No.-Yds.) — OSU: Hawk 1-5. IOWA: Robinson 1-0; Lewis 1-0.

INTERCEPTIONS (No.-Yds.) — OSU: None. IOWA: Paschal 1-0.

SACKS — OSU: Fraser 1-7; Hawk 1-3. IOWA: Roth 2-9.

TACKLES FOR LOSS (No.-Yds.) — OSU: Schlegel 2-9; Hawk 2-5; Fraser 1-7. IOWA: Roth 2-9; Babineaux 2-4; Lewis 1-6; Robinson 1-3; Hodge 1-1; Luebke 1-1.

TACKLES (Solo-Assst.-Tot.) — OSU: Schlegel 13-2-15; Hawk 8-7-15; Whitner 6-4-10; Salley 5-4-9; Youboty 6-0-6; Fox 6-0-6; Carpenter 3-1-4; E.J.Underwood 3-1-4; Fraser 3-1-4; Cotton 2-1-3; Everett 2-0-2; Richardson 2-0-2; Joe 1-1-2; Ross 1-1-2; White Jr. 1-1-2; Pitcock 1-1-2; Kudla 1-0-1; Welch 1-0-1; Penton 0-1-1. IOWA: Hodge 9-3-12; Robinson 6-3-9; Greenway 4-3-7; Babineaux 3-3-6; Roth 3-2-5; Merrick 3-2-5; Luebke 4-0-4; Becker 3-0-3; Paschal 2-1-3; Allen 2-1-3; Johnson 2-0-2; Miles 2-0-2; Schlicher 1-0-1; Brevi 1-0-1; Lewis 1-0-1; Asmus 1-0-1.

PLAYERS IN THE GAME — OHIO STATE: Defense, Fraser, Patterson, Pitcock, Richardson, Hawk, Schlegel, Carpenter, E.J.Underwood, Fox, Salley, Whitner, Turano, Offense, Holmes, Sims, Datsch, Mangold, Kne, Barton, Hamby, Childress, Zwick, Ross, Joe, Nugent, Reserves, Everett, Ginn Jr., R.Hall, T.Smith, Gonzalez, Jacobs, Robinson, Freeman, Lyons, Pittman, Youboty, M.Hall, Welch, Mitchell, Harley, Schnittker, Terry, Gholston, Kudla, Andrews, Drummelsmith, McLaughlin, Coleman, Schafer, Maupin, Downing, Hollins, Caldwell, White Jr., Green, Cotton, Penton. IOWA: Defense, Holloway, Gray, Jones, Elgin, Ferentz, McMahon, Jackson, Tate, Hinkel, Simmons, Mickens, Schlicher, Defense, Roth, Babineaux, Luebke, Robinson, Greenway, Hodge, Lewis, Johnson, Allen, Paschal, Merrick, Bradley, Reserves, Dawkins, Bergan, Townsend, Belleus, Godfrey, Manson, Shada, Miles, Sims, Majerus, Becker, Busch, Ejiasi, Strube, Brevi, Klunkenberg, Davis, Moylan, Brownlee, Gabelmann, Cronin, Plagman, Wilcox, Asmus, Bowers, Eshareturi, Barkema, Christian, Melloy, Chandler, Solomon, Iwebema, Mattison.

Season Statistics

2004 Game-By-Game

Date	Opponent	Result/Time
Sept. 4 (9)	CINCINNATI	W, 27-6 104,604
Sept. 11 (9)	MARSHALL	W, 24-21 104,622
Sept. 18 (9)	at N.C. State	W, 22-14 56,800
Oct. 2 (7)	at Northwestern	L, 33-27 (OT) 47,130
Oct. 9 (18)	WISCONSIN (15)	L, 24-13 105,090
Oct. 16 (25)	at Iowa	L, 33-7 70,397
Oct. 23	INDIANA	Noon
Oct. 30	PENN STATE	TBA
Nov. 6	at Michigan State	TBA
Nov. 13	at Purdue	TBA
Nov. 20	MICHIGAN	1 p.m.

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

Team Statistics

	OSU	Opp
First Downs	91	112
Rushing	30	49
Passing	52	57
Penalty	9	6
Average Per Game/Rush	97.7	141.7
Average Per Game/Pass	187.5	195.0
Total Offense	1711	2020
Total Plays	378	432
Average Per Game	285.2	336.7
Average Per Play	4.5	4.7
Penalties-Yards	27-215	43-345
Fumbles-Lost	15-9	6-3
3rd Down Efficiency	24/84	37/99
Percentage	29%	37%
4th Down Efficiency	1/3	2/8
Percentage	33%	25%
Sacks-Yards	10-54	15-90
Time of Possession Avg.	28:54	31:06

Score By Quarters	1	2	3	4	OT	Tot.	Avg.
Ohio State	27	40	20	33	0	120	20.0
Opponents	17	37	34	37	6	131	21.8

Attendance	Games	Total	Avg.
Home	3	314,316	104,772
Away	3	174,327	58,109
Total	6	488,643	81,441

Individual Statistics

Rushing	Att.	Net	Avg.	TD	Long
Lydell Ross	94	343	3.6	3	68
Tony Pittman	31	171	5.5	0	43
Justin Zwick	39	32	0.8	0	22
Maurice Hall	11	16	1.5	0	5
Branden Joe	8	14	1.8	0	5
Troy Smith	12	14	1.2	0	13
Roshawn Parker	1	3	3.0	0	3
Team	4	-7	-1.8	0	0
OSU Totals	200	586	2.9	3	68
OPP Totals	229	850	3.7	6	41

Receiving	Rec.	Net	Avg.	TD	Long
Santonio Holmes	33	520	15.8	4	80
Bam Childress	16	193	12.1	0	28
Roy Hall	13	150	11.5	1	50
Ryan Hamby	12	139	11.6	1	29
Lydell Ross	5	42	8.4	0	23
Ted Ginn Jr.	4	28	7.0	0	19
OSU Totals	91	1125	12.4	7	80
OPP Totals	116	1170	10.1	9	40

Scoring	TD	EPK	EPR	EPP	FG	SAFPPTS
M. Nugent	—	12-12	—	—	12-14	— 48
S. Holmes	5	—	—	—	—	— 30
L. Ross	3	—	—	—	—	— 18
T. Ginn Jr.	1	—	—	—	—	— 6
R. Hall	1	—	—	—	—	— 6
R. Hamby	1	—	—	—	—	— 6
R. Nicol	1	—	—	—	—	— 6
OSU Totals	12	12-12	—	—	12-14	— 120
OPP Totals	16	14-15	—	—	7-8	— 131

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	INT	Rating
Justin Zwick	81	160	50.6	1020	5-6	106.99	
Troy Smith	10	17	58.8	105	2-0	149.53	
Team	0	1	0.0	0	0-0	0.00	
OSU Totals	91	178	51.1	1125	7-6	110.45	
OPP Totals	116	203	57.1	1170	9-5	115.26	

FG Distance	0-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total
Mike Nugent	3-3	3-3	3-4	3-4	12-14
OSU Totals	3-3	3-3	3-4	3-4	12-14
OPP Totals	3-3	0-1	4-4	0-0	7-8

Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Bk	Long
Kyle Turano	33	1393	42.2	0	57
Justin Zwick	2	56	28.0	0	32
OSU Totals	35	1449	41.4	0	57
OPP Totals	40	1685	42.1	0	59

Interceptions	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Donte Whitner	1	24	24.0	0	24
Ashton Youboty	1	2	2.0	0	2
A.J. Hawk	1	0	0.0	0	0
Bobby Carpenter	1	0	0.0	0	0
Nate Salley	1	0	0.0	0	0
OSU Totals	5	26	5.2	0	24
OPP Totals	6	21	3.5	0	16

Punt Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Santonio Holmes	13	127	9.8	1	63
Ted Ginn Jr.	4	92	23.0	1	65
OSU Totals	17	219	12.9	2	65
OPP Totals	14	148	10.6	0	32

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
Maurice Hall	8	213	26.6	0	43
Santonio Holmes	7	167	23.9	0	32
Ted Ginn Jr.	2	40	20.0	0	23
Brandon Schnittker	1	9	9.0	0	9
OSU Totals	18	429	23.8	0	43
OPP Totals	11	241	21.9	0	49

Defensive Leaders Solo	Ast.	Tot.	TFL	Yds.	Sacks
A.J. Hawk	39	40	79	4-0-9	1-0-3
Donte Whitner	38	15	53	2-0-5	—
Bobby Carpenter	27	18	45	3-0-4	—
Nate Salley	21	19	40	—	—
Anthony Schlegel	25	14	39	3-0-17	1-0-8
Ashton Youboty	19	7	26	1-0-1	—
E.J. Underwood	13	11	24	—	—
OSU Totals	279	183	462	35-102	10-54
OPP Totals	236	170	406	42-152	15-90

Fumbles Forced
1 — Marcus Green, A.J. Hawk, Dustin Fox, Sirjo Welch.

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