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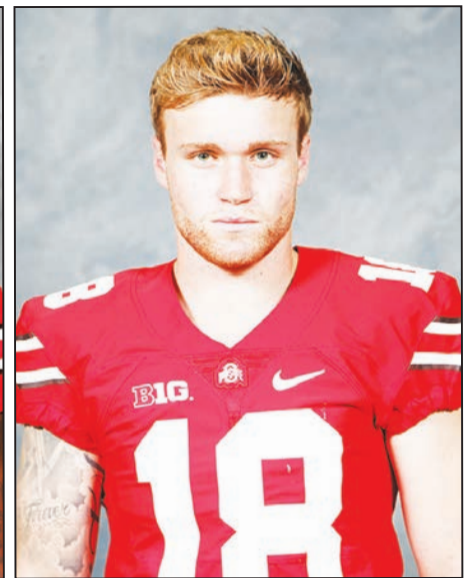


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In The Hunt



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NEXT IN LINE – Junior Joe Burrow (10), sophomore Dwayne Haskins (7) and redshirt freshman Tate Martell (18) are competing to be Ohio State's starting QB.

OSU Quarterback Race Still Wide Open

By TIM MOODY
Buckeye Sports Bulletin Editor

John, Ross or Chuck.

One of those three will be the starting quarterback for Ohio State in 2018, not J.T. Barrett. But in those names alone, Barrett's legacy can still be felt in Columbus.

John, of course, is Joe Burrow, a rising junior who is on track to graduate this spring. Ross is Dwayne Haskins, a third-year sophomore who became an Ohio State legend when he led the Buckeyes to a comeback win over Michigan in place of an injured Barrett just a few months ago. Chuck is the redshirt freshman Tate Martell, who has earned early fame with a confident personality on the field and on social media.

The nicknames stem from Burrow's freshman year in 2015. Barrett – or Joe Thomas Barrett, who spent that season in what seemed like a week-to-week battle with Cardale Jones, decided there was room for only one Joe among the signal callers, so he opted to call the new guy John instead. The following year, Haskins arrived, and Burrow gave him the nickname of Ross – it's not a reference to David Schwimmer's character on the popular TV show "Friends," though.

Last spring, Martell arrived, and he was dubbed Chuck by his teammates.

For what it's worth, early enrollee quarterback Matthew Baldwin, a four-star recruit out of Lake Travis in Austin, Texas, has been nicknamed Burt – although the correct spelling is as yet unconfirmed.

Now Barrett – the original nickname-giver – is gone after a record-setting career with the Buckeyes, and one of his former teammates will take his place.

This spring serves as an open competition, according to the coaching staff, so they'll all get their chance.

"The guys are working hard, and we're splitting up the reps," offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Ryan Day said March 22. "Right now, we've only had two (full) practices under our belts with pads on. So it's really early and we're still installing stuff, but the guys are working at it, they're working on trying to get better at it. That's really our focus right now."

Each of the three quarterbacks brings a different skill set to the table.

Burrow, who has the most experience in the program, blends solid running ability with an above-average arm. Haskins is less mobile, but he has the strongest arm on the team and can make throws the other two can't. Martell is an X-factor with the ball in his hands, showcasing the ability to extend plays and make players miss, while he has an adequate arm as well.

Not only are Burrow, Haskins and Martell different from each other, but they all bring a skill set to the table that hardly compares to Barrett. The latter was a distributor who utilized his experience, leadership and rushing ability to lead the Buckeyes. On paper, at least, the three competing now have much more physical talent. How that translates into the Ohio state offense is still an unknown.

"Nobody is quite like Tate or Joe or Dwayne," Day said. "Again, that's what we're working on right now. I would say that when you look at Tate's running ability, he's maybe a little bit quicker than J.T. J.T. was a little bit thicker, stronger and had really good running skills."

"Joe is kind of like that. He's a big, strong guy who has worked great in the weight room. When you defend Joe, he can run, he can throw, he can do a lot

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QB Battle Could Extend Beyond Spring Practice

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of things. He has a lot of versatility that way, which is good.

"Dwayne is a good enough runner to get himself out of trouble, and a gifted passer.

"Those are their skill sets, but who can move the team down the field, who can be a leader and the guys rally around? Those types of things are really what we're focused on right now."

As of April 2, head coach Urban Meyer said nobody had separated himself in the competition just yet. He noted that Burrow was the best player in one scrimmage, but Haskins quickly caught up not long after that. Martell, he said, had a great practice to open the month of April as well.

For now, it's unclear whether Meyer will be able to name a starter by the end of spring, but he certainly knows what he's looking for.

"Just lead the team, and there's got to be a separation at some point, and right now there is not that separation," Meyer said. "Just when one starts going, the other one comes up, and the other one drops a little bit. And I'm talking about (all) three."

Joe "John" Burrow

Class/Elig.: Sr./Jr.

Height/Weight: 6-3/215

Hometown: The Plains, Ohio

High School: Athens

Career Notes: Redshirted as a freshman

in 2015 before serving as Barrett's backup the following season. Battled with Haskins for the No. 2 job last spring and fall but lost out when he broke a bone in his throwing hand just before the season started.

Career Stats: 11 games played; 29 of 39 (.744) for 287 yards passing; two touchdowns, no interceptions; 15 rush attempts for 53 yards; one rushing touchdown.

Going into spring practice, most outside the program expected Haskins to be the front-runner, and there's good reason for that. He was Barrett's deputy last year, and he proved himself in crunch time against the Wolverines.

At the end of the day, though, Haskins might never have been the No. 2 had Burrow stayed healthy in fall camp. At the time, Burrow was the incumbent backup, and he has plenty of talent – if not the cannon arm of Haskins.

Even if those outside the program felt Haskins had a leg up this spring, though, Burrow is confident he's getting a real crack at the job.

"It's a mixture of how I'm treated and how the reps are going," Burrow said. "The reps are going really well and really fair so far."

Out of the three quarterbacks competing, Burrow might have the most on the line. He's the oldest, meaning he can't lose the job and wait for one of the other two to leave either as seniors or early for the NFL. If he doesn't win the job this year, it

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would be a safe assumption that Burrow will never be the starter at Ohio State, barring injury.

That said, he has plenty of options. Since Burrow is on track to graduate this spring, he could transfer to another school and play right away with two years of eligibility remaining.

Burrow has acknowledged the possibility of transferring in the past, but he's also grown annoyed with questions about it – as yet, nothing is guaranteed.

"I get all these tweets, 'Where are you going? You're going to transfer. You never play.' I see them," he said. "I don't say anything, but I see them."

When Day was asked about Burrow's potential departure, he referred back to last fall when the Athens product was firmly in the mix to be Barrett's backup. Now, he's firmly in the mix once again.

"Joe, if you really followed him from last preseason, he had a great preseason," Day said. "He really was coming on towards the end, but then he broke his hand. So that really hurt him in terms of his development early on last season, and then we got into the rhythm of the season."

"Now his hand is better so now he's worked in the offseason to get stronger, and now he's going to go after this thing."

Dwayne "Ross" Haskins

Class/Elig.: Jr./So.

Height/Weight: 6-3/218

Hometown: Potomac, Md.

High School: Bullis School

Career Notes: Redshirted in 2016 before winning the No. 2 job last season, most notably replacing Barrett in the comeback win over Michigan.

Career Stats: eight games played; 40



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of 57 (.702) for 565 yards passing; four touchdowns, one interception; 24 rush attempts for 86 yards.

As mentioned, those outside the program have long had Haskins as the leader. Going into spring camp, he took the approach that it was his job to lose as well.

"I hold myself to a high standard, and in my opinion, that's what I think," he said. "If I lose the job, it's because of me. So I'm just going to keep working hard, pushing myself, pushing my teammates and studying the film and my playbook and prove every day that I'm the guy."

Of the three options, Haskins is the only one with meaningful game action under his belt – as in he's played in a collegiate game that was still on the line.

Against the Wolverines last year, Haskins entered in the second half with the Buckeyes trailing, 20-14. He promptly led Ohio State on a scoring drive that include a key third-and-13 pass to Austin Mack and a 22-yard scramble to set up J.K. Dobbins' 1-yard touchdown. The Buckeyes scored 10 more points with Haskins at the helm as he completed 6 of 7 passes for 94 yards.

Reflecting on that performance – which was his final appearance of the season – Haskins said his confidence was boosted after leading the Buckeyes in The Game.

"Just having the opportunity to play in the biggest rivalry in all of sports and just being able to go in there and not really worry, just play one play at a time," Haskins said of his experience. "Being able to go out and win puts a lot of confidence in you just because your team saw you do it, the world saw you do it and it just gives you a lot of confidence going forward."

Haskins will be hoping that performance gives him the inside track to win the starting job, but Day has tried to keep expectations steady, noting that he's trying to look at all three quarterbacks on a clean slate this spring.

"He did a nice job in that game, but this is a new year and these guys have got to come out and compete," Day said. "Just like anything else, what have you done for me lately? So he's got to improve and prove himself to be the starter just like the other guys."

Tate "Chuck" Martell

Class/Elig.: So./Fr.

Height/Weight: 5-11/207

Hometown: Las Vegas

High School: Bishop Gorman

Career Notes: Joined Ohio State as an early enrollee last year before redshirting. Was undefeated as a starter in high school.

Martell is probably the betting underdog in the quarterback battle this spring. He's the youngest of the three and has yet to appear in a collegiate game.

Really, though, Martell having a legitimate shot in the race is a testament to both his ability and the confidence the coaching staff has in him as a player.

"I mean, I think I have a legitimate chance because if you're the best player you should play," Martell said. "If not, that's not up to me, but they have to play

the best player if they want to win a national championship. We'll see who it is. (The coaches) have to make that decision."

Early in spring camp, Meyer was sure to note that Martell is in the running, and the quarterback himself has felt that since then.

"We all get pretty much even reps," Martell said. "I mean, I don't notice any difference in reps."

Day, when asked whether Martell really had a chance, admitted he understood why there would be a question. He also stressed that anyone would be in the race if he proved to be the best option.

"It's not just a two-person race," Day said. "Whoever is out there moving the team down the field is going to play."

While Burrow and Haskins have more experience at the collegiate level and have the more prototypical frames for a quarterback, Martell brings a different run-

ning ability to the table. He's the fastest and shiftest of the three, and Meyer has even noted there are some similarities to Barrett, who was an accomplished runner for the Buckeyes.

That skill set means Martell brings different factors into play when he's on the field, and he says he's been told that there will be packages to showcase that talent even if he doesn't win the job. That could mean Martell will replace the quarterback at times, or it could mean he'll get on the field in different spots on occasion – the details are not yet ironed out.

Meyer was asked about playing multiple quarterbacks at the same time and stressed that it's easier said than done – you can't simply throw a guy out there at wide receiver just to get two quarterbacks on the field. Martell isn't just any quarterback, though.

"The one thing is Tate's got an incredible skill set," Meyer said. "There is some conversation about that, because he is a gifted guy."



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"We're going to have to make some decisions. Those decisions have not been made."

– Urban Meyer

Decision Time

TIM MOODY

LOOKING FORWARD – Ohio State head coach Urban Meyer is tasked with picking a new starting quarterback for the 2018 season.

With Spring Practice Over, Meyer Has A Choice To Make

By TIM MOODY
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There are no more spring practices. There's no more data to be gathered. There's no spring game left to evaluate the quarterbacks battling to be the next starter at Ohio State.

There's nothing left for head coach Urban Meyer to do other than meet with his coaches, talk to the players, evaluate all aspects of the battle and, eventually, make a choice.

"I know I'm going to get a bunch of questions about the quarterback," Meyer said after the Buckeyes completed their annual spring scrimmage on April 14. "I'll go ahead and answer one of them right now, and that is we're going to have to make some decisions. Those decisions have not been made."

That scrimmage presented junior Joe Burrow and sophomore Dwayne Haskins – and, to some extent, redshirt freshman Tate Martell – with one final chance to prove themselves on the field in front of the coaching staff. Unless the battle spills over into fall camp – which is unlikely for a variety of reasons – all the quarterbacks can do is sit back and wait for a decision to be made.

That process will include various steps for Meyer, who was initially scheduled to meet with the media for a post-spring press conference on April 16 before the event was canceled that morning. It's safe to assume he had other things on his mind.

"You've got Joe Burrow and Dwayne, obviously, competing right now, along with Tate," Meyer said. "Next week – I want to take the weekend off (because) we've got recruiting and that – but Monday (April 16), Tuesday, we're going to have some very good meetings and productive meetings. I

want to see all of the statistical data – we have everything charted – and go from there."

Throughout spring practice, as Meyer said, the Buckeyes kept track of everything. Every throw made by every quarterback. Every snap, every little thing that might impact the decision.

That data will play a role in the choice, which is ultimately up to Meyer, but he'll receive plenty of input from others as well. After the spring game, he said he was scheduled to meet with offensive coordinators Ryan Day and Kevin Wilson later that same day for a quick update before an in-depth meeting the following Monday.

He was certainly going to meet with the players themselves, he was going to evaluate that data, and he was going to weigh all other aspects.

Meyer also noted that he wants to make sure he makes a choice that is, first, best for Ohio State, but also best for the players. That's where a spring decision comes into the mix.

Throughout camp, the coaching staff made it clear that the battle was neck-and-neck between Burrow and Haskins, and that idea was certainly held up in the spring game.

Burrow and Haskins both played mainly for the Gray squad that won, 37-14, although all three quarterbacks played at least some for both sides in the scrimmage.

Tallying up their overall stats, Burrow was best on paper after going 15 of 22 for 238 yards and two touchdowns, including strikes of 50 and 42 yards to sophomore H-back Demario McCall in the second half, the latter coming on the final play of the game. Haskins was 9 of 19 for 120 yards and two more scores, and he made some eye-opening throws, including a 25-yard laser to

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OPINION

OSU Got Some Value Out Of Spring Game

After a spring game that more resembled a fire drill than a full-blown contested scrimmage, the Ohio State football program achieved a multitude of its goals.

Although threatening weather and a start time of 11:45 a.m. conspired to push official attendance figures south of 50,000, the university sold each of its 79,000 allotted tickets for the game. That figure will likely allow OSU to lead the nation for the fourth straight year in spring-game attendance.

Dozens of former players were in attendance to help bolster enthusiasm for the estimated two dozen high school prospects on official or unofficial visits, a roster that included "Rocket" Ronnie Hickman, a four-star athlete from DePaul Catholic (N.J.) Wayne, who offered his verbal commitment to the Buckeyes the night before the spring game.

Lastly, Ohio State finished spring practice in much the same fashion it finished the 2017 season after clobbering USC in the Cotton Bowl – as the program everyone else in the Big Ten is chasing for supremacy.

Michigan, Wisconsin and Indiana each canceled their spring games because of impending inclement weather, while Michigan State's nighttime spring affair was so sparsely attended that someone could have shot off a cannon in Spartan Stadium and not hit anyone in the stands. Then there's Iowa, whose choice to have its spring game on a Friday evening is so popular that even the Big Ten Network chose to telecast a softball game between third-place Nebraska and fourth-place Minnesota over live airing of the Hawkeyes' spring game.

About the only thing the Buckeyes and head coach Urban Meyer did not accomplish during this year's set of 15 spring practice sessions was to determine who would start at quarterback now that J.T. Barrett has exhausted his college eligibility.

More to the point, that mission was not accomplished if we are to take what Meyer says at face value. Something gnaws at me when a coach of Meyer's pedigree claims to be undecided about a three-man race for the quarterback position on his team. Perhaps it's the cynic in me or maybe it's just because I've seen this movie many times before during my career, and I pretty much know how it ends.

To prevent anyone from become disenchanting or disgruntled, each of the candidates is told he remains very much in the hunt for the starting position. The hard work continues, the competitive juices keep flowing, and the coaching staff evaluates which players are willing to do whatever it takes to secure the job for their own.

Playing quarterback – especially in Meyer's system – is not entirely about who has the strongest arm or quickest feet. In all of his years as a Buckeye, Barrett was never the most gifted athlete in the quarterback room. But he was always the most cerebral, and if history has taught us anything, intangibles such as leadership, thoughtfulness and an ability to see the bigger picture are every bit as important to Meyer at the quarterback position as athletic ability.

But there is something to be said about raw numbers, so it's worth discussing spring-game statistics if only because we have such small sample sizes of what the trio of prospective starting quarterbacks can do in an Ohio State uniform.

Three-Man QB Derby

Joe Burrow, set to begin his fourth year in the program, had the most impressive numbers during a truncated afternoon that featured 10-minute quarters, a running clock in the second half and no contact until midway

through the second quarter. Playing for both the Scarlet and Gray teams, Burrow attempted 22 passes and completed 15 of them for 238 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

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Burrow seemed a little out of sync to begin the game, misfiring on two of his first three attempts. But he shook off that early trouble and was much sharper during his second series. He hit all four attempts during the possession, including effortless tosses to H-back Parris Campbell and tight end Luke Farrell as well as a pinpoint sideline throw to wide receiver Binjimen Victor.

Later in the game, Burrow connected on a pair of long touchdown passes to sophomore DeMarco McCall, who spent most of the spring trying to elbow his way into crowded groups at both the running back and receiver positions. McCall got himself wide open early in the fourth quarter to reel in a 50-yard touchdown pass from Burrow, and the duo hooked up again on the final play of the game, this one a decidedly more difficult pitch-and-catch that Burrow deposited over a couple of defenders and into the waiting arms of McCall for a 42-yard score.

While Burrow was proving his accuracy, sophomore Dwayne Haskins showcased the powerful arm that has most Ohio State fans assuming he will be the starter in the fall. Haskins has built whatever reputation he has so far on the howitzer he has dangling from his right shoulder as well as his relief performance in last year's Michigan game.

For anyone who might have forgotten, Haskins entered the game midway through the third quarter against the Wolverines with his team trailing by a 20-14 score and rallied the Buckeyes to a 31-20 victory. If you know anything about Ohio State football, you understand a win against Michigan banks a whole lot of fan-base capital for a quarterback. Therefore, most Buckeye Nation denizens believe that by the time the Sept. 1 season opener against Oregon State rolls around, it will be the 6-3, 218-pound Haskins under center.

Not that Haskins' spring-game performance did anything to undermine that notion. Like Burrow, he played for both teams – albeit taking fewer snaps – and completed 9 of 19 attempts for 120 yards and two touchdowns. The first of those scores was a 25-yard strike to sophomore receiver Jaylen Harris, a touch pass just over the outstretched arms of defender Marcus Williamson.

The third man in the quarterback derby is redshirt freshman Tate Martell, a wild card if there ever was such a thing.

At first glance, the 5-11, 207-pound Martell would seem to be the product of the recruiting hype machine, a frenetic ball of energy with dizzying high school numbers but whose frame appears too small to withstand the rigors of playing quarterback in the Big Ten. Then he hits the field and brings an electricity to the huddle that quite frankly neither Burrow nor Haskins seems to possess.

Martell has not yet displayed a big-time arm, completing only 5 of 16 throws for 28 yards and pitching the only interception of the spring game. His idea of a deep ball seems to be throwing the ball as far as he can and hoping the receiver can make a play on it. He overthrew targets on several occasions, didn't

seem to have much touch on timing patterns and once threw the ball away on fourth down.

Martell also appears to have a run-first mentality. Several times during the spring game, he seemed to get through only one or two of his progression reads before tucking the ball and taking off.

But when he takes off – well, that's when he excels. Martell scampered for 69 yards and a touchdown, numbers that likely would have been much higher had quarterbacks not been off-limits to contact. He seems not that dissimilar to the kind of disruptive force Johnny Manziel was when he won the 2012 Heisman Trophy as a redshirt freshman at Texas A&M.

So, Who's The Man?

Did 15 spring practice sessions determine who will succeed Barrett as the Ohio State starting quarterback? Perhaps, although Meyer went out of his way to make it seem that the issue was still up for debate.

Martell is likely not going to be the starter, but he is going to play in some form or fashion. Dating back to Josh Harris at Bowling Green through Tim Tebow at Florida and Barrett at Ohio State, Meyer has always liked a quarterback who can run the football, and it would be a safe bet to believe there will be some short-yardage and/or goal-line packages in the offensive playbook designed with Martell in mind.

As for the other two quarterbacks, it depends upon how you assess the situation.

Last season, Haskins played in eight games as Barrett's primary backup, throwing for 565 yards and four touchdowns with only one interception while completing 70.2 percent of his passes. Burrow played in just five games last year and attempted only 11 passes, completing seven of them for 61 yards.

It is worth noting, however, that Burrow had apparently won the backup role over Haskins until Burrow suffered a broken bone in his throwing hand late in fall camp. Furthermore, Burrow has three years' worth of experience in Meyer's system, and that is a huge factor in the head coach's mind. Additionally, Meyer once favorably compared Burrow to current Washington Redskins quarterback Alex Smith, who led a Meyer-coached Utah team to an undefeated season in 2004.

Still, if Burrow is not going to be the Buckeyes' starting quarterback in the fall, he has other options and should be allowed to explore them. He is on track to graduate from Ohio State this spring, and as a graduate transfer, he could move on to another program where he could start immediately.

"I love Joe Burrow," Meyer told ESPN reporter Marty Smith after the spring game. "He's a loyal soldier and I think I owe him an answer. Our staff owes him an answer. And I don't know what it is right now. (He's) a guy who gives so much to our program. I believe we've given a lot back to him, but you play quarterback to play. He's a great kid (and) he's a very good quarterback. We'll see what happens."

If I were a betting man, I would wager that Burrow will be a starting quarterback in the fall, but it will be with a different program – possibly the University of Cincinnati, where he has a relationship with Bearcats head coach Luke Fickell.

That leaves Haskins as the starter and Martell as the change-of-pace guy for the Buckeyes in 2018.

Is that a winning combination? Only time will tell, of course, but once upon a time at Florida, Meyer used that kind of swinging door at the position and Ohio State fans remain painfully aware of how well it worked.



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sophomore Jaylen Harris for the game's first passing touchdown. As a passer, Martell was clearly third best, completing just 5 of 16 attempts for 28 yards while being picked off once by redshirt freshman cornerback Shaun Wade. Martell, a redshirt freshman out of Las Vegas, acquitted himself nicely with his legs, though, making some of the game's most energetic plays while running for 69 yards and a touchdown on 11 attempts – numbers that would likely have been even better had the scrimmage been live. Instead, Martell was called down by contact in numerous situations where the defender would have struggled to make a tackle.

All of those numbers will be added to the data package Meyer will evaluate, but data is second best when it comes to making his final decision.

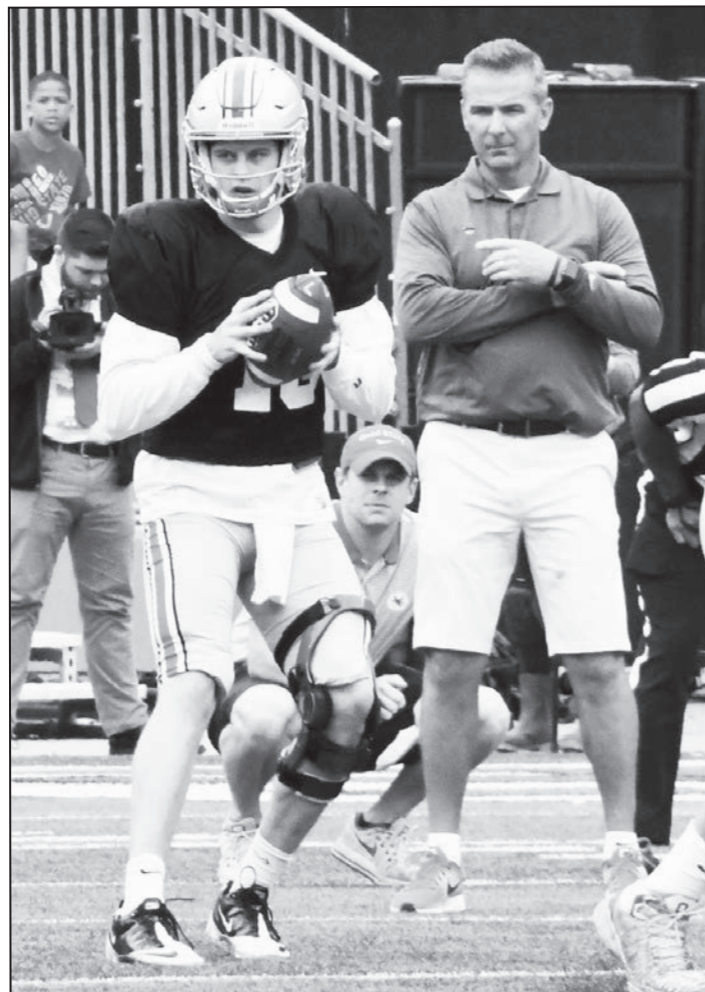
"It's something that helps you because it's also factual," Meyer said. "Intangibles are, obviously, going to be very involved in the decision."

Meyer's "30 years of gut" feeling will play a role as well, he added.

Based on the available data, the battle was certainly close this spring, which in typical circumstances would lead to it continuing into the fall. For Ohio State, under these circumstances, though, that's unlikely.

The best thing for the team might be to continue the battle, but Meyer has acknowledged that's not what would be best for the players – specifically Burrow.

The Ohio native from Athens High School is set to graduate this spring after just three years in Columbus. With his degree in hand, Burrow would have the option to transfer to another school and play right away with two years of eligibility



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LAST LOOK – Head coach Urban Meyer (right) had his last chance of the spring to evaluate Joe Burrow (10) on the field at the spring game.

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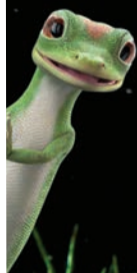
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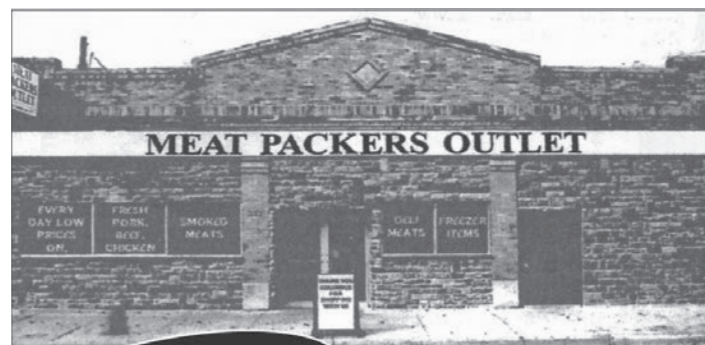
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remaining. If he chose to stay at Ohio State without winning the job, there's a chance he would never end up as a collegiate starter, even though he has the talent to start and star at that level.

Haskins is a year younger than Burrow, meaning he could lose out on the job and stay while still becoming the Buckeyes' starter down the line. Haskins would also have to sit out a year while losing a season of eligibility if he transferred since he's already used his redshirt. The same applies to Martell, the youngest of the bunch.

With Burrow's future at the school in question depending on the result of the battle, Meyer said he'd like to see all three signal callers back in Columbus this fall, but he knows that's not a guarantee.

"I hope so," he said of having all three back. "I'll just leave it there. I hope so."

In Their Own Words

With the on-field portion of the competition likely over, both Burrow and Haskins left spring practice feeling confident. Martell is confident as well, but this has all the signs of a two-man race, while the Bishop Gorman product is more likely to find his way into the fold with special packages showcasing his athletic skill set next season.

For now, the decision for Meyer and the staff looks like a choice between Burrow and Haskins. Both look good enough to start, and both feel they can deliver if called upon – but they had very different ways of articulating their thoughts after the spring game.

Burrow, for one, was confident in his own ability but understood that there's not much more he can do.

"I think this was the best offseason that I've had since I've been here," he said. "Last fall, last spring, all of this, I think I took a big step this spring."

"Now some decisions have to be made. You've got to step back and evaluate everything. You've got to meet with the coaches and see what they're thinking, what you're thinking, and you have to kind of meet in the middle."

For Burrow, the decisions aren't limited to who will start, but also where he'll be playing football this fall.

Haskins, on the other hand, was much more direct in saying where he feels he stands, but he acknowledged that any player would feel the same way.

"Everybody has the right to feel that way," Haskins said when asked if he thought he should be the starter. "I feel like I should be the guy. I'm going to keep doing so until it's proven."

"I feel like I've done enough, but enough is never enough. You've got to keep going. So I'm going to keep pushing myself, keep pushing my teammates."

For now, Burrow and Haskins are both waiting, but their mindsets are unlikely to be the same going forward. Haskins feels he has the job won, but losing the battle would likely delay his time as the starter at Ohio State rather than eliminate it.

Burrow feels he's good enough to start as well, but losing the competition would likely

end his hopes of ever being the guy for the Scarlet and Gray.

"I came here to play," Burrow said. "I didn't come here to sit on the bench for four years. I know I'm a pretty darn good quarterback, and I want to play somewhere."

Playing at Ohio State has always been choice No. 1 for Burrow, but he's known for a while that playing elsewhere was a possibility. He said he loaded up on classes the past three semesters in order to make sure he graduated in time to transfer and play right away.

Even though he laid the groundwork for a transfer, Burrow doesn't want to leave. He chose Ohio State for a reason, and being the quarterback in Columbus is what he wants.

"It would be really hard for me to leave," Burrow said. "I've put so much into this. I've put my heart and soul into it. If I were to leave it would be pretty devastating for me."

At the same time, I would understand how they went."

If Haskins is the choice, his superior arm strength would likely put him over the top. It's something he said adds a "really great dimension" to Ohio State's offense.

If Burrow wins the job, he said he feels his intangibles – namely toughness and leadership – will make his case.

"If they were to go with me, I think that would be the area that put me over the top," Burrow said. "Dwayne has an arm you don't see a lot. I have a pretty good arm, too, but I think my leadership and my intangibles really came alive this spring."

Leadership or not, strong arm or not, the quarterbacks can't do much more than wait for a decision. They've stated their cases, and the ball is in Meyer's court.

"Now you just kind of sit back and relax," Burrow said. "You know the body of work you have. I know I played very well. I took a big step as a leader this spring as well. I'll kind of just sit back and see how it plays out."



Dwayne Haskins



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OHIO STATE FOOTBALL ANALYSIS

Haskins The Leading Pick Among BSB Staffers

Ohio State's 2018 spring practice was wrapped up with the annual spring game on April 14, allowing media and fans one last look at the Buckeyes before the end of the academic year.

The Gray team topped Scarlet, 37-14, although the rosters were mixed and matched throughout the contest, so the true winners are hard to determine.

As expected, the quarterbacks were front and center, with Joe Burrow and Dwayne Haskins showcasing their arm talent while Tate Martell showed what he can do with his legs. Demario McCall also had a feature role as an H-back, catching 11 passes for 165 yards and two touchdowns, including a 42-yarder from Burrow on the last play of the game.

With the spring game – and spring camp – in the books, BSB editor Tim Moody and staff writers Ryan McGlade and Garrett Stepien took some time to analyze the Buckeyes' spring camp and their performance at the Horseshoe.

Let's just get this out of the way – who do you think should be the starting quarterback and who do you think will be the starting quarterback?

Garrett Stepien: Dwayne Haskins and Dwayne Haskins. I believe that from both sides, I said it before the spring and I'm sticking to it now. Despite an applaudable effort from Joe Burrow, who left everything he had on the field in the spring game, Haskins flashed the same promise he showed in his spurts of action during the 2017 season.

Among the three of them, Tate Martell's performance confirmed he clearly isn't there yet. He does, however, have a place in this offense with the special packages catered to his dynamic athleticism – which he showed off on a few of the big read-option runs he ripped off in the spring game. Not only do I believe starting Haskins with Martell off the bench was the plan from the jump for Ohio State, but I also think it works out best for the offense in 2018 with the returning personnel in the unit.

Tim Moody: I agree with Garrett that Haskins will start, but I don't agree that he should.

While Haskins brings a stronger arm and the ability to make a few throws that Burrow can't, the junior from Athens, Ohio, can still make all the throws necessary to run the offense, and he does so more accurately and more consistently from what I've seen. Burrow is also a better runner, and he makes better decisions when throwing the ball.

At the end of the day, though, Ohio State will have a star at quarterback next season, and whoever doesn't win the job will have success on the football field eventually – whether it be in Columbus or at another school.

Ryan McGlade: I guess I'm kind of in the middle between Garrett and Tim. I certainly think Haskins will get the nod, largely because of what he did at Michigan last year. I also would *probably* say Haskins should get the starting job. You can't deny Haskins' cannon of an arm. But like Tim said, Burrow can make all the necessary throws to run the offense. I thought it was important that Urban Meyer said after the spring game that intangibles such as leadership and toughness will play a large role in the coaches determining the starting quarterback. I would say Burrow has the edge in that department. But in the end, I think Haskins' performance at the Big



TIM MOODY

STRUTTING HIS STUFF – Sophomore quarterback Dwayne Haskins (7) threw a pair of touchdowns in Ohio State's spring game.

House last fall and his ability to take the top off the defense with his arm will lead to the coaches going with him.

Martell looked really good running the ball but was just 5 of 16 with an interception as a passer. What role do you see him having in 2018?

RM: The coaches hinted multiple times throughout the spring that they were working on a package for Martell to be used as a running back and/or receiver. I truly believe that if we see Martell in the fall, that is what we'll see him doing. He still has a long way to go to be a polished passer, so I would be very shocked if he throws much in 2018. He redshirted as a true freshman last year, and Meyer will not want to waste the type of talent Martell possess. Expect the Las Vegas native to be a wild card in the Buckeye offense this coming season.

TM: I was honestly surprised by how poorly Martell threw the ball in the spring game. I knew he wouldn't be a perfectly

polished passer, but I expected him to be a bit further along.

That said, I was impressed by his running ability, as he proved to be even more of a game-breaker than I expected. Like Ryan said, Martell's role in the offense will be complementary to the starting quarterback, but there will be a role. To me, Meyer should look back to his Florida days at how he used

Tim Tebow as a freshman, complementing Chris Leak on the way to a national championship for the Gators. Martell needs to be on the field, and he needs to be given the ball with a chance to make plays in space. He should get sets as the quarterback and should also have a few plays where he's on the field with the starter.

My best guess would be 8-10 snaps per game for Martell, which should lead to some highlight-reel moments for the Buckeyes.

GS: Not to say Haskins can't do it at all, but he sure isn't able to duplicate what Martell brings to the inside run. Martell might have some situations on the rare chance where he lines up at receiver in the slot just to throw defenses off, but I wouldn't bet on serious involvement outside of coming in and running the read option. As he showed in the spring game, he has the IQ to make the quick decision to tuck it and run, which is an overlooked element to that approach beyond only athleticism. If his special packages involve plays like those, he has the speed and acceleration to make a defender or two miss on his way to a house call – something Haskins can't do – that only opens up the offense further beyond the skill players it already has.

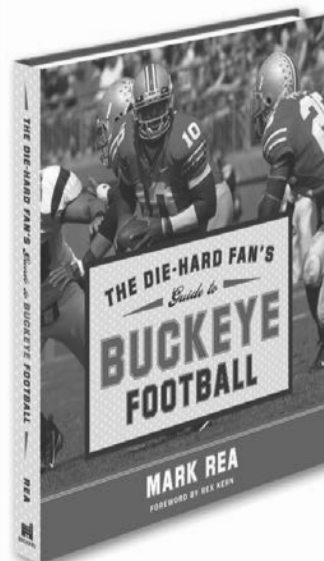
With spring practice in the books, which player made the biggest step forward in your mind?

GS: Damon Webb will quietly be a tough act to follow for whoever replaces him beside

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DE Young Dominated Ohio State's Spring Game

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Jordan Fuller at safety, but Isaiah Pryor has all of the tools to make for a seamless transition at the position. The coaches have said Jahsen Wint, Brendon White and incoming signees Josh Proctor and Marcus Hooker are still in the mix, but I put more stock in comments from Fuller and Alex Grinch on Pryor earlier in the spring. The 6-2, 207-pound sophomore has the physical and mental makeup to form a dynamic duo on the back end of the defense with Fuller.

RM: I think I'll have to say Baron Browning. The sophomore linebacker had four tackles in the spring game, but what caught my attention more is the praise Meyer had for him throughout the spring. The head coach went so far as to say in late March that Browning is "as talented a linebacker as has ever walked through these doors." That without a doubt raised my eyebrows. Browning is right in the thick of the linebackers race, so I would not be shocked to see him excel on the field this fall.

TM: I'm sure there are guys who didn't play last year who have taken a big step forward, but it's hard to say how far they've come since we had yet to see them on the field.

That said, I'll go with a guy who actually redshirted last year, but we've already seen a lot of him for the Buckeyes: Demario McCall.

He was limited last year before taking a medical redshirt after a few appearances, but he seems to be right at home – finally – as an H-back in Ohio State's offense. He's a perfect fit for the position, and he looks

bigger, stronger and faster than ever. McCall is a star in the making, and his performance this spring proves that the coaching staff will have to find a way to get him on the field this fall.

The spring game isn't the best time to evaluate defensive players, but we take what we can get. Which defensive player stood out the most to you?

TM: First of all, they need to either play with flags or play tackle football. Playing the weird two-hand-touch brand in the spring game makes it almost impossible for defensive players to go full speed, which limits what they can do.

That said, Chase Young might have had five sacks if it had been a live game. He was credited with only one, but I'm not sure even the best offensive linemen Ohio State has can block him, and the Buckeyes have some pretty good players up front. Young combined with Nick Bosa will be a freakish tandem on the field, and that's in addition to guys like Dre'Mont Jones and Jonathon Cooper.

I'll also give a shout-out to redshirt freshman cornerback Shaun Wade. He lost his first season to injury issues, but he's every bit as talented as Jeffrey Okudah, and probably more talented than Damon Arnette. He showed off that skill set with a really nice interception on the sideline, and he should find his way onto the field in some capacity this season.

GS: Chase Young handled Thayer Munford, a pretty darn good offensive lineman, so easily that it's impossible for me to ignore. The defensive line is sure to miss guys like Jalyn Holmes and Tyquan Lewis on the ends, but any indications that Young is a star in the making were confirmed when he dominated the spring game. Young is bigger, faster and only going to get better with summer workouts before he returns for fall camp ahead of his second season. The more Young improves, the easier it is for someone like Bosa or Cooper on the defensive line, which looks like it very well could be even better than it was last year.



Chase Young

RM: Allow me to make it 3 for 3 – Chase Young. He manhandled any offensive lineman who lined up across from him, which is pretty impressive considering the talent OSU has along its offensive front. We all thought Nick Bosa and Sam Hubbard coming off the edge was lethal last year. I don't know the word to describe what it will be like to watch Bosa and Young rush the passer in 2018. One thing is for certain, Ohio State's offensive tackles should become some of the best in the country going up against guys like Bosa, Young and Cooper in practice every day.

Now that you've seen them on the field, do you think any of the early enrollees will have a real role this season?

RM: I couldn't help but notice Master

Teague in the spring game as he pounded out 73 yards and a touchdown on 14 carries. Though he should be wrapping up his senior year of high school right now, Teague looks like he's already been in Mickey Marotti's strength program at OSU for a couple of years. With Teague being a running back, though, it'll be tough for him to earn significant playing time with J.K. Dobbins and Mike Weber ahead of him on the depth chart.

GS: A ton of coach speak comes out of spring camp, especially when we ask about early enrollees, but I really think defensive tackle Tommy Togiai has a strong chance to crack the defensive line as a true freshman in 2018 after the spring he had. From the viral video of him dominating the circle drill to the rare removal of the black stripe as an early enrollee and ultimately the heavy bulk of first-team reps he received throughout the spring game, Togiai solidified his positioning for time at a spot where depth has been a slight concern after the slow recovery of Antwan Jackson from surgery on a broken left foot.

Togiai's big spring drew rave reviews from his teammates to Meyer. With all of that, why shouldn't he be on equal footing with the others involved – except for someone like a returning starter in Dre'Mont Jones – on the inside entering fall camp?

TM: Teague had a great spring, but he could very well end up redshirting behind Dobbins, Weber, Antonio Williams and, potentially, Brian Snead. Togiai has looked great as well, but he'd have to get in front of one of four returning players – Dre'Mont Jones, Haskell Garrett, Robert Landers and

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Davon Hamilton – to crack the primary defensive tackle rotation.

Offensive tackle Max Wray is solid as well, but his contributions probably won't extend beyond special teams, which can be said for linebacker Dallas Gant as well. Then there's the corners, Tyreke Johnson and Sevyn Banks, who are future studs but won't have a defensive role this season in all likelihood.

That's all a roundabout way of saying that I don't see any of the early enrollees making a huge impact this fall, but there are a bunch of them who will see the field and have a chance to make their mark on special teams.

Looking back at spring camp, how would you assess the Buckeyes overall?

TM: How Ohio State's season pans out pretty much comes down to how the 11 new starters fare, and it's tough to accurately project that in the spring. From what I've seen, though, I expect a lot of new names to step up and thrive in prominent roles.

To me, the offensive line will be key – the defense is going to be very good and very fast, but the offense won't be able to do anything if the five guys up front struggle. Brady Taylor might be the biggest question mark, but it will be interesting to see who slots in at left tackle as well. Isaiah Prince spent most of spring camp in that spot, but he was back on the right in the spring game with Thayer Munford on the left. Both are capable players, but neither has started on the blind side for Ohio State before.

RM: Like Tim said, I think it's hard to accurately gauge the Buckeyes from the handful of times we saw them in spring practice and then at the spring game. There are a few positions I think the coaches have to spend little time fretting over as we head into the summer – cornerbacks, defensive line, running backs, tight ends and wide receivers.

We all know the quarterback situation, so I won't spend time on that here. Like Tim mentioned, offensive line is a bit of a mystery. Ohio State seems to have plenty of depth at the position with Branden Bowen, Matthew Burrell, Michael Jordan, Demetrius Knox, Thayer Munford, Malcolm Pridgeon, Isaiah Prince and Brady Taylor. It's just a matter of everyone playing up to their potential. The starting safety spot opposite Jordan Fuller is the other glaring issue with spring camp now complete. Isaiah Pryor seemed to be the leading candidate, but Meyer indicated that defensive coordinators Alex Grinch and Greg Schiano have some work to do to decide who joins Fuller at the back end of the defense.

GS: For what the team lacks in leadership it had last year, Ohio State makes up for it with the talent the Buckeyes bring into next season. Even in the few times we were able to see OSU throughout the spring, it looks every part of a contender, notably because of the depth they have across both sides of the ball.

Of course, offensive line is undoubtedly the biggest concern, but the abundance of skill players spread out across the unit should make life easier for the group as it finds its footing after some of the shuffling. I'm interested to see how the new starters, from quarterback to the trenches, enter the fold with Ryan Day expected to have more of an influence on the offense. I think Tim summed it up best when he said new names are going to step up in prominent roles. The talent is certainly there, and it will be fun to watch the development from the start of fall camp and into the season.



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QB Competition Looks As Close As Advertised

When Urban Meyer said all spring that none of his quarterbacks had separated himself from the others, I wondered if that was just coach-speak. Coaches don't like to give up too much to the media and public, and they also like to encourage competition by claiming that position battles are still open.

After watching the spring game, however, I was left wondering if Meyer wasn't being perfectly candid. All three QBs had their moments. None from the group of Dwayne Haskins, Joe Burrow and Tate Martell, however, appeared to step up and grab the job. On the positive side, Ohio State's quarterback room – at least for now – is loaded.

I am sure Meyer and his staff have seen a lot more in practice than we as media and fans were able to see in the spring game, given such factors in the game as split squads, key players sitting out, and most importantly, the constantly changing rules – especially the one that made much of the scrimmage a touch football game. It's also hard to evaluate what a quarterback is going to do in Meyer's offense when the signal callers are off limits as far as contact goes.

Here's my quick take on what I saw from the quarterbacks:

If you are looking for a rifle arm, Haskins has the edge over the other two, no questions asked.

He displayed it on a 25-yard TD pass to Jaylen Harris in the second quarter and a 43-yarder to Benjamin Victor that set up another score in the third period. For Haskins to really excel, the Buckeyes are going to have to develop a receiver willing to go up and get the 50-50 balls, à la Devin Smith, because Haskins is going to put it out there. Maybe Harris or Victor can fill that role, as they showed a willingness to mix it up with DBs during the exhibition.

Haskins did nothing to hurt his status during the spring game.

Burrow, on the other hand, probably helped his standing the most during the scrimmage. He may not possess a howitzer, but he showed the ability to throw the long ball, leaving the crowd with the final impression with a 42-yard TD bomb to Demario McCall on the game's last play after connecting with McCall earlier for 50 yards and another score. Both Haskins and Burrow appear stronger going deep than J.T. Barrett, the man they hope to replace.

In addition to the long throws, Burrow connected on a variety of other passes, finishing the day a combined 15 of 22 (68.2 percent) for both squads, good for 238 yards and the pair of scores to McCall. That is consistent with his passing line in real games, where he is 29 of 39 (74.4 percent) for 287 yards and two scores without a pick in his mop-up appearances as a redshirt freshman and sophomore.

While the conventional wisdom after the spring game is that there was no separation among the quarterbacks, that may not actually be true. Martell seemed to lose ground on the veteran QBs with his 5-for-16 passing performance for just 28 yards with the game's only interception. But in fairness to the redshirt freshman, if the scrimmage had not been a touch football game, he might have been the star of the day. His dazzling running ability was on full display, and even with the patty-cake format, he was credited with 69 yards and a touchdown on 11 carries. And if you go back and look, you will see that his passing line was affected by several drops.

Martell has that breakaway ability that is more reminiscent of Braxton Miller than Barrett, who was a more than competent runner, but not a threat to go all the way every time he touched the ball. Let's face it, in Martell's favor, Meyer loves his quarterbacks to run the

football. The QBs – led by Barrett's 165 carries – ran 192 times last year, and in Meyer's first two years in Columbus – with the dynamic Miller at the helm – the QBs averaged 232 carries, including 236 in the penalty-shortened 12-game 2012 season.

Just some random thoughts, purely my own, on who might ultimately get the nod at QB.

Let's say Burrow and Haskins are equal. Burrow is set to graduate this spring – a feather in his cap as it demonstrates work ethic and organizational skills. As any Buckeye fan knows, that would make him eligible to transfer and play at another school right away. Haskins has less flexibility.

Would Meyer and staff be better off giving the starting position to Burrow, which might leave a better chance of keeping Haskins, making the Buckeyes as strong as possible in the quarterback room?

If Haskins gets the nod, is there any chance that Burrow would stay?

You can take a look at two of Ohio State's national championship teams and see that you have to have quarterbacks in waiting.

The Buckeyes needed Ron Maciejowski – a QB who could have started at most schools but caddied for Rex Kern all three of his years – to win the national championship in 1968. They even got a lift from former starter Bill Long, who lost his job to Kern but helped the Buckeyes defeat a powerful Purdue team in one of the biggest games of the season.

And let's not forget 2014. Miller, the reigning two-time Big Ten Silver Football winner as conference MVP, was injured just days before the start of the season. Barrett stepped in as the starter and got the Buckeyes to the brink of the postseason before suffering a season-ending injury in the Michigan game. Next man up. Cardale Jones led the Buckeyes on their magical three-game run to the national championship.

So just because you don't win the starting job doesn't mean you won't end up playing or contributing – maybe even contributing to a championship.

As fans, we like to think that there is no place greater than Ohio State and wonder why anyone, even someone on the bench, would want to go anywhere else. We hope Burrow – or any of the QBs – would stay, but Burrow has to do what is best for him, and between his growth as a quarterback and progress toward graduation, he has earned the right to make that choice.

Do you ever wonder if the quarterback situation would be different if Haskins had not threaded the needle to Austin Mack for that key completion against Michigan? If Brandon Watson had swatted the ball away or, worse yet, intercepted it, would we be having the same conversation right now? Watson and fellow DB Tyree Kinnel were that close to possibly altering the course of OSU football history.

There was more than one play to Haskins' performance in the Big House, however. Two plays later he rushed 22 yards to the U-M 1-yard line to set up the go-ahead score, and he was 6-of-7 passing for 94 yards for the game without an interception. Still, the bullet to Mack is the play we remember and the play that, in the eyes of many Buckeye fans, gives Haskins the edge in the QB battle.

Here's a final thought. I believe that, with

things appearing to be this close, the coaching staff would rather have the battle continue over the summer and into fall camp. Burrow's situation, however, forces their hand.

I suspect that other staffs would be less sympathetic to Burrow's plight.

Spring Game Notes

Speaking of Burrow, he was involved in a fantasy football special in the second quarter of the spring game. He threw a pass that apparently bounced off of another player back to him, which he caught and advanced 3 yards. He got credit for both a completion and a reception on the same play. The play showed good field awareness on the part of the quarterback.

- We already knew that the quarterback room was loaded. We got a reminder that there is no shortage of running backs either. The team features two 1,000-yard runners in J.K. Dobbins and Mike Weber, who barely played in the scrimmage and really didn't need to as the coaches already know what each of them can do.

We did get a look at freshman early-enrollee Master Teague, who put on a bruising demonstration with 14 carries for 73 yards, a total which would surely have been higher if the action had been live. I'm not sure where Teague might get carries, with the presence of Weber and Dobbins, but for a player who looked like a bit of an afterthought during recruiting, it was a solid day.

And speaking of bruising running, Antonio Williams had a couple of powerful runs once tackling started, including his 9-yard run followed by a bullish 3-yard touchdown at the end of the second quarter. Williams, a 5-11, 208-pound junior-to-be, finished the game with five carries for 47 yards and is yet another back in front of Teague.

And speaking of Weber, the knock on him during his big freshman season was he couldn't pull off the long run, frequently getting caught from behind. As he got healthier in his sophomore season last year, he started to show more breakaway speed, and on his only touch of the spring game he took off for 63 yards on what surely would have been a TD in live action.

And all this talk of running backs doesn't even take into account Demario McCall, who may have been the breakout star of the spring game. Although all of his yards – all 165 of them – came on receptions, he started his OSU career as a running back and has carried 63 times for 381 yards and a 6.0 average with four touchdowns in his brief career. After his receiving performance in the spring game, he is looking more and more like an H-back, but he, too, should get his carries and still could end up as a running back.

It's an abundance of riches at that position.

- In what proved to be a fairly dull affair, I think I was most entertained by the battle, throughout the afternoon, between Harris and cornerback Marcus Williamson. These two really went at it, and little separated them on any pass to Harris. The receiver may have won the battle with his three catches for 39 yards and the highlight-reel touchdown, but Williamson may have won the war with his blanket coverage.

Frankly, I knew little about either of the players coming into the game, and it is just one more example of how much talent Meyer con-

tinues to stockpile. Players graduate or go on to the pros, and there is always someone else, frequently someone you had forgotten about or never really paid that much attention to, there to replace them.

At the least, Meyer and his staff have to give Harris and Williamson A's for spring-game effort.

BSB Goes 24/7

I have a saying about Buckeye Sports Bulletin in this instant news world in which we now live. If Urban Meyer were to resign today, you would read about it next week in BSB – in two weeks if you live in Indiana (those of you who live in the Hoosier State, our worst mail state, sadly get the joke).

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Hats off to Blufftonbuck, who waded through some of the early glitches to become the Forum's first poster. Don't forget to register your Forum name. Otherwise your posts will be listed under your BSB record number – not very descriptive. Just go to "edit profile" on the Forum page. You can even add your picture if you so desire.

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