

The View From 15th and High

By Frank L. Moskowitz, BSB Editor

Byars Brings On Search For Ray Hamilton

When Keith Byars racked up over 100 yards both receiving and rushing against Purdue, it sent Denny Koehl scrambling to the record books. The statistical whiz kid of the Ohio State athletic

department figured out that the last (and probably the only) person to turn in a 'double 100' was Ray Hamilton in 1949.

That sent me scrambling to find Ray Hamilton.

"I lost track of him years ago," one source told me. "I think he died," said another.

Even the people at 'Varsity O,' who are supposed to keep track of these things, admitted they weren't sure where Hamilton was.

Ray Hamilton gained 212 yards against Missouri in a 35-34 opening day win at the Stadium. He had 111 on five runs and 101 on five receptions, including two touchdowns.

That 212 yards is about how far up 17th Ave. Hamilton has moved from Ohio Stadium. For he is now an academic counselor in the College of Arts and Sciences, just up the street from the Horseshoe.

"Ray Hamilton was an outstanding back in Wes Fesler's single wing offense," reports Paul Hornung, who covered the

Buckeyes for many years. "That offense gave him the opportunity to run on reverses and also to be one of the primary passing targets."

Hamilton, a Canton native, in fact led OSU in 1949 with 15 receptions for 347 yards and four TDs.

Throwing most of those passes was Pandel Savic, who still ranks 10th on the all-time OSU passing list.

"In the Michigan game, we were behind 7-0 until the last eight or nine minutes," Savic recalls of that 1949 season. "Then I sent him around behind the linebackers and drew the linebackers in and threw a pass about 15 yards. But he ran about 50 more (Hamilton remembers it as a 53-yard gain) down to about the two or three. We scored right after that to tie the ball game (that ended 7-7)."

The Buckeyes were 7-1-2 that year with a 17-14 win over California in the Rose Bowl, a win

that Hamilton calls the highlight of his career.

Interestingly, Hamilton says that his primary duty in the single wing was blocking. "My duties were blocking, receiving or whatever the situation called for." He even threw the ball occasionally.

Hamilton, who seemed surprised at the interest in his performance, was uncertain as to why he had such a big game against Missouri. "I think it must have been a mistake," he said. "Being only a sophomore, you wouldn't have expected that type of thing to happen."

And what does Hamilton think of another sophomore — Keith Byars?

"He looks like he's maturing and coming on in the normal pattern of an Ohio State halfback."

P.S. — Thanks to Ruth Jones in Photo Archives for the wonderful picture that accompanies this column, as well as help in tracking Ray Hamilton down.

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Ray Hamilton (10), who once gained 100 yards in a game both rushing and receiving, leads the 1949 OSU backfield across the Ohio Stadium field. Following Hamilton are Pandel Savic (25), Fred 'Curly' Morrison (33) and Jerry Krall (44).

Buckeyes Discover Success In Fast Lane

By Jim Wharton

Earle Bruce wasn't too pleased when halftime rolled around against Purdue's Boilermakers. After all, his Buckeyes, sixth-ranked in the nation when the game began, held only a 12-7 lead.

Part of his halftime speech to the Buckeye players centered around the need for a big play, something that would possibly break the game open. Shortly after the second half began, defensive back/punt returner Garcia Lane took matters into his own hands.

Lane, a senior out of Youngstown (Ohio) South High School, returned a punt 63 yards on the fourth play of the second half to get the Bucks rolling in what would be a 33-22 Big Ten triumph over the Boilermakers. Later in the same quarter, Lane dashed 71 yards with another punt to more or less put the Boilers' fire out.

It was simply a matter of following orders. "They (the coaches) said they needed a big play from the defense," said Lane, the second-leading punt returner in Big Ten play last season. "Well, we got those two returns from the specialty teams, but I think it is about the same thing (as the defense)."

Lane's returns proved to be the difference for the Buckeyes. Playing before the fourth-largest crowd in Ohio Stadium history (89,384) and scouts from the Fiesta Bowl, the win kept Ohio State in Big Ten title contention with a 2-1 record while Purdue fell to 1-1-1 in the league. Ohio State is 4-1 for all games while Purdue is 1-3-1.

Despite dislocating a finger late in the first half, Lane responded with his two big plays and Purdue Coach Leon Burtnett said, "They were the difference in this game. They completely changed the momentum."

Burtnett called Lane a great



Tailback Keith Byars Is Driven Out Of Bounds Near The Goal Line

athlete and said, "He has the potential to break every one."

Earle Bruce, Ohio State's coach, said of Lane, "He has a lot of courage. That is one thing he does not lack. He sticks right in there."

Keith Byars, a 226-pound tailback, rushed 23 times for a career-high 135 yards and touchdowns of four and three yards for Ohio State. He also caught four passes for 120 yards.

The Buckeyes grabbed a 6-0 lead in the first 10½ minutes on Paul Allen's field goals of 21 and 41

yards. Ohio State drove the ball inside the Purdue 15 the first two times it had possession. However, the Boilermakers' defense stiffened both times and Ohio State was forced to settle for the field goals from the junior walk-on from New York.

Purdue took a 7-6 lead with 2:27 left in the first period when fullback Eric Jordan burst up the middle from 40 yards out. Purdue drove 71 yards in six plays for its first touchdown following Allen's second field goal. Purdue

quarterback Scott Campbell completed two passes in the drive before Jordan shook loose for his touchdown. Tim Clark's placement gave the Boilermakers a 7-6 lead with 2:27 remaining in the opening quarter.

It was another Lane punt return which helped the Bucks regain the lead with 5:23 left in the half. Purdue's Walt Drapeza got off a short punt which Lane fielded at the OSU 37. His 17-yard return had the Buckeyes in motion at the Boilers' 20. Byars went the last four yards for the score on the third play of the drive.

Purdue scored 15 points in the last 14 minutes on a 39-yard field goal by Clark and two touchdowns, the first on Campbell's 5-yard touchdown pass to tight end Cliff Benson and the second by tailback Mel Gray's 20-yard run.

A 55-yard completion from quarterback Mike Tomczak to Byars led to Ohio State upping its lead to 33-10 early in the fourth quarter. Byars tallied his second six-pointer of the contest when his second effort on a play in the middle of the line netted him a 3-yard TD run.

Tomczak had an off day, connecting on eight of 17 passes for 145 yards while having two intercepted. He did not throw a touchdown pass.

The biggest disappointment of the day for the Buckeyes may have been a third-quarter drive that saw them eat up over 6:30 of the clock, drive from their own 35 to the Purdue eight, and come away empty. Allen's 25-yard field goal attempt was wide to the left.

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OSU-Purdue, Season Statistics

Buckeyes 33, Boilers 22

OFF	CHLO	RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST
82	100	Byars	63	391	10
32	5				

PURDUE	7	0	0	15	22
OHIO STATE	6	6	14	7	33

OSU — Allen 21 field goal 9:41
OSU — Allen 41 field goal 4:30
PUR — Jordan 40 run (Clark kick) 2:27
OSU — Byars 4 run (pass failed) 5:23
OSU — Lane 63 punt return (Spangler kick) 13:43
OSU — Lane 71 punt return (Spangler kick) 2:51
PUR — Clark 39 field goal 14:20
OSU — Byars 2 run (Spangler kick) 10:56
PUR — Benson 5 pass from Campbell (pass failed) 3:50
PUR — Gray 20 run (pass failed) 2:58
Att. — 89,384

	PUR	OSU
First Downs	18	19
Rushing	4	14
Passing	14	5
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Yards	32-146	53-254
Passing Yards	228	145
Passes	36-23-0	17-8-2
Offensive Plays	68	70
Total Net Yards	374	399
Third Down Eff.	4-15	6-14
Punts	7-37.2	1-45.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties	2-15	6-39
Time Of Possession	27:35	32:25

Individual Statistics

RUSHING (Att.-Net Yds.) — PURDUE: Jordan 9-89; Gray 12-45; Hawthorne 4-10; Carter 2-4; Campbell 5-(-2). OHIO STATE: Byars 23-135; Wooldridge 7-39; Bates 9-36; Tomczak 7-22; Broadnax 6-19; Walker 1-3.

PASSING (Att-Comp-Int-Yds-TD) — PURDUE: Campbell 36-23-0-228-1. OHIO STATE: Tomczak 17-8-2-145-0.

RECEIVING (Rec.-Yds.) — PURDUE: Benson 5-43; Griffin 5-62; Gray 3-16; Carter 3-11; Retherford 2-38; Price 2-30; Scott 1-11; Brunner 1-9; Hawthorne 1-8. OHIO STATE: Byars 4-120; Jernison 2-20; Frank 1-3; Anderson 1-2.

PUNTING (No.-Ave.-Lg.) — PURDUE: Drapeza 7-37.2-43. OHIO STATE: Edwards 1-45.0-45.

KICKOFF RETURNS (No. Ave. Lg.) — PURDUE: Hawthorne 2-13 0-15; Feulner 1-10 0-

10. OHIO STATE: Bates 1-33.0-33; Wooldridge 1-12.0-12; Holland 1-20.0-20.
DEFENSIVE FUMBLERS RECOVERED BY — PURDUE: None. OHIO STATE: None.

INTERCEPTIONS — PURDUE: Sumlin, Anderson. OHIO STATE: None.

TACKLES FOR LOSS — PURDUE: Menke, C. Scott. OHIO STATE: Curtis (3), Morrill.

McKenzie 1-3-4; Calhoun 3-1-4; Horner 2-1-3; Zilts 3-0-3; Richardson 0-2-2; Gladstone 1-0-1;

Anderson 0-1-1; Cooper 1-0-1; Middlesworth 0-1-1; Lindsay 0-1-1; Rempe 0-1-1; Fichtner 1-0-1.
OHIO STATE: Johnson 4-7-11; Lowry 3-5-8; B. Lee 5-0-5; Lane 3-2-5; Gayle 4-1-5; Morrill 2-3-

5; S. Hill 4-1-5; Backus 1-3-4; Tatum 2-2-4; Giuliani 4-0-4; Nelms 0-4-4; Curtis 3-1-4; Pfister 2-1-3; Kee 1-1-2; Bell 1-1-2; D. Lee 0-2-2; Czyzynski 0-2-2; Richardson 0-1-1; D. Hill 1-0-1; Gorley 1-...

0-1; Huston 1-0-1; Cargile 1-0-1; Gordon 0-1-1; Anderson 1-0-1.

Players In The Game

PURDUE — Gladstone, Seward, Wimberly, Menke, Holley, Hornor, Lindsay, C. Scott, Ziltz, Baldwin, Hoskins, J. McKenzie, Spack, Muchlrone, J. McKenzie, Sumlin, Rempe, Anderson, Calhoun, Wallace, Myers, Wilson, West, Cooper, Woodson, Middlesworth, Fichtner, Drapeza, Retherford Griffin, Alekna, Jaumotte, Alder, Boat, Snyder, Drenth, Osleger, Benson, M. Scott, Beery, Campbell, Jordan, King, Carter, Gray, Hawthorne, Richardson, Feulner, Price, Brunner, Clark.

OHIO STATE — Frank, Groza, Taggart, Roberts, Lowdermilk, Gilmore, Dooley, Whitmer, Zalenski, Lachey, Krerowicz, Carson, Jemison, Smith, Tomczak, Byars, Bates, Woolbridge, Lanese, Broadnax, Walker, Anderson, Holland, Spangler, Allen, Lowry, B. Lee, Hueston, Giuliani, Sullivan, Conlin, Nelms, D. Lee, Morrill, Brown, Curtis, Czyzynski, Backus, Johnson, Pfister, Tatum, Ke, Lane, Palmer, Gordon, Gayle, D. Hill, S. Hill, Cargile, Leach, Bell, Richardson, Gorley, Edwards.



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FIRST DOWNS											
Rushing	82	100	Byars	63	391	10	381	6.2	6	49	
Passing	32	56	Landsey	47	219	8	211	4.5	1	20	
Penalty	48	41	Broadnax	36	131	2	119	3.6	1	14	
	3	3	Wooldridge	16	117	4	113	7.1	1	32	
NET YARDS RUSHING											
Attempts	641	1069	Tomczak	24	113	0	113	4.7	1	22	
Yards Gained	192	240	Bates	35	120	35	85	2.4	0	9	
Yards Lost	759	1140	Blair	3	70	0	30	4.3	0	9	
Average Per Game	118	71	Landsey	3	9	4	5	1.7	0	4	
Average Per Play	128.2	213.8	Stephens	1	1	0	1	1.0	0	1	
	3.3	4.4	Karsatos	1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	
NET YARDS PASSING											
Attempted	1070	1035	Anderson	3	2	4	-2	-0.7	0	2	
Completed	155	122	Offenbecher	1	0	4	-4	-4.0	0	2	
Had Intercepted	86	67									
Percentage	8	6									
Average Per Game	.555	.555									
Average Per Play	214.0	207.0									
	6.9	8.5									
TOTAL NET GAIN	1711	2104									
Total Plays	347	362									
Average Per Game	342.2	420.8									
Average Per Play	4.9	5.8									
SCORING											
Touchdowns	80	171									
Rush-Pass-Other	10	22									
EXP Kicking	3-7-0	10-9-3									
EXP Rushing	8-6	21-21									
EXP Passing	0-0	0-0									
Field Goals	2-0	1-0									
Safeties	6-4	9-6									
Average Per Game	1	0									
PUNTS-HAD BLOCKED	16.0	34.2									
Yards	31-1	19-0									
Average Per Punt	1125	777									
Yards Returned	36.3	40.9									
Net Average	253	38									
PUNT RETURNS	28.1	38.9									
Yards	7	21									
Touchdowns	38	253									
Average Per Return	0	3									
KICKOFF RETURNS	5.4	12.0									
Yards	19	10									
Average Per Return	293	178									
INTERCEPTIONS	15.4	17.8									
Yards	6	8									
Average Per Return	71	95									
PENALTIES	11.8	11.9									
Yards	23	32									
Average Per Game	161	267									
FUMBLE/LOST	32.2	53.4									
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	15/6	10/8									
Percentage	22/74	31/70									
QUARTERBACK SACKS BY	.297	.443									
TIME OF POSSESSION	2/13	9/56									
Average Per Game	147:32	152:28									
SCORE BY QUARTERS	29:30	30:30									
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL						
Opponents	13	22	17	28	80						
Ohio State	34	47	66	24	171						
PUNTING NO YARDS AVG RET RET BK LG											

Byars' 'Double 100' First Since 1949

By Rich Exner

Keith Byars' "double 100" against Purdue was the first time an OSU player rushed for and received for 100 yards in a game since 1949. The rushing (135 yards) shouldn't surprise anyone and the receiving (120 yards) didn't surprise Byars.

"Pass receiving kind of comes natural for me," the 226-pound tailback said. "I was a tight end in high school until my junior year, when they switched me to tailback. I have a little background catching the ball."

Coach Earle Bruce said, "He's a great receiver."

Quarterback Mike Tomczak agreed.

"He's got great hands. You look at his hands; he's got big hands," Tomczak said.

Ironically, it was a pass play in the Iowa game that sent Byars off the field with strained ligaments. The Dayton Roth High School product was on a pass pattern in the right flat when Tomczak delivered the ball. A Hawkeye defender hit Byars while the ball was in flight.

The man in 1949 who pulled off the double 100 is Ray Hamilton, who had 101 yards rushing and 111 receiving.

GARCIA LANE'S BIG day on punt returns against Purdue placed him on several lists and put him within reach of making another.

• He's on the NCAA Division I-A list for players that have returned two punt returns for touchdowns in a game. It's a record last achieved before Lane by Grambling's Robert Woods against Southern University in 1977.

• Lane's six returns for 161 yards on the day placed him third on the single-game OSU list for total punt return yardage behind Neal Colzie (170 vs. Michigan State in 1973) and Tom Campana (166 vs. Michigan in 1971). Lane also has the sixth best effort (100 vs. Northwestern in 1981).

• His season total, now 214 yards on 16 returns, is within 65 yards of being number seven on the single-season OSU list. Lane's 411 yards in returns last year is fourth. On top of the heap is Colzie with 679 yards in 1973.

• Lane now ranks second in OSU career punt return yardage with 830 yards. Colzie's 855 yards and number one ranking are well within reach of Lane.

THE NCAA IS considering putting freshmen eligibility up for a vote at its annual convention in January.

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Bruce has said he is against barring freshmen from participating their first year unless the limitations on total scholarships are raised.

WHO'S GOING TO knock off the teams being consistently ranked above or near Ohio State in the national polls? Let's take a look at who's got the best shot.

Nebraska, 6-0, still has to play Missouri Oct. 15 and Oklahoma Nov. 26.

Texas, 4-0, plays presently undefeated SMU Oct. 22.

West Virginia, 5-0, plays Penn State Oct. 22 and Miami of Florida Oct. 29.

North Carolina, 6-0, has Maryland Oct. 29 and Clemson Nov. 5.

Auburn, 4-1, plays presently

undefeated Florida Oct. 29, Maryland Nov. 5 and Alabama Dec. 3.

Florida, 5-0-1, has Auburn Oct. 29, presently undefeated Georgia Nov. 5 and Florida State Dec. 3.

Georgia, 4-0-1, plays Florida Nov. 5 and Auburn Nov. 12.

Miami of Florida, 5-1, has West Virginia Oct. 29 and Florida State Nov. 12.

AGAINST ILLINOIS, OSU has a 48-19-4 lead in the series.

Off to a 3-0 start in Big Ten play, the Illini have to be considered a serious contender for the league's Rose Bowl berth. Illinois last went to Pasadena in 1964, and defeated Washington, 17-7.

Illinois is 3-0 in Rose Bowl play. The Illini won the '47 game against UCLA, 45-14, and the '52 contest, 40-7 over Stanford.

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Earns Second Key Buck Award

Byars Runs, Passes, Catches In Win

By Craig James

For Keith Byars, Ohio State's 45-26 win over Iowa on Sept. 22 was a personal redemption. Twelve months earlier, Byars watched helplessly as the Hawkeyes topped OSU after he had been knocked out of the game late in the second quarter with a bruised knee.

"I've been wondering for a whole year now what would have happened if I had played the whole game," he said following the Buckeyes' successful Big Ten opener. "So I had a little added incentive to play the whole game and help out my team as much as possible."

Did he ever.

Not only did the junior tailback rush for 120 yards and two touchdowns, he caught five passes for 55 yards and another score. But his performance didn't stop there. On the first play after OSU linebacker Pepper Johnson recovered a fumble on the Iowa 35-yard line, Byars took a pitch from quarterback Mike Tomczak and sent the ball sailing through the air with a left-handed throw to flanker Mike Lanese, who was waiting all alone on the five. Lanese took the ball into the end zone with ease and Ohio State had a 31-10 lead.

"That was the first time in my life I ever threw the halfback pass," remarked Byars. "We wanted to show them some flair today. We just opened up our offense a little more."

But he had to confess that he didn't expect to pose an immediate threat to Tomczak.

"No, not by a long shot," he laughed. "Tomczak is a much better thrower than me. Mike took time out to work with me this week to help me with my throwing, because I had a tendency to overthrow the receiver and try to gun it too much. He said to just lay it up there and it would be a touchdown for us."

"At the beginning of two-a-days, (coach Earle Bruce) had me out there throwing the ball. He said, 'We're going to throw it and that's going to win a ball game for us one of these days.' We put added emphasis on it for Iowa, because we were watching (on film) how their defensive backs play the run real well. This was the week to use it."



Jim Lachey (Right) Leads Keith Byars (41) Through Iowa Defense

For Byars, the conference's leader in rushing, scoring and all-purpose running, the day marked the ninth consecutive game in which he scored two or more touchdowns. With a total of 1,670 yards, he is now 16th on OSU's career rushing list, and 10th in career scoring with 174 points. He is currently ranked fourth in the country in rushing with an average of 149 yards per game, tied for first in scoring with a 14-point average and third in all-purpose running with 196.7 yards per game.

"I think this is the best game I've played so far," he said. "Last year, I thought the Purdue game was one of my better ones because I had (over) 100 yards in rushing and pass receiving. Today, I was able to help the team in three different areas. If I'm helping the team in that many areas, I'm happy with it."

Byars' scoring pass was not the only play that had Buckeye fans jumping for joy and Iowa coach Hayden Fry shaking his head.

Late in the first quarter, after tailback John Wooldridge returned a Hawkeye kickoff for 43 yards to midfield, Byars took a pitch at the right end, found an opening and sped off for OSU's first touchdown with two Hawkeyes chasing him in vain.

"That play was executed real well," said Byars. "(Tight end) Ed Taggart threw the key block for me, then when I cut back inside of him, (guard) Scott Zalenski was there blocking a linebacker. It was just a matter of me out-racing the defenders to the end zone. It was an excellent check by Mike Tomczak."

It all added up to Byars' second Key Oldsmobile Subaru/Rent-A-Wreck Key Buck of the Week award in Ohio State's first three games.

With the showing that Byars had against Iowa, he was again pressed for his thoughts about possibly winning the Heisman Trophy, as he has been for the last few weeks. He said he would do his talking on the field.

"I am thinking about (the Heisman)," he said. "But I don't

want to get complacent with a game's performance. Every time I step out on the field on Saturday afternoon, I put last week behind me. It's time to start all over again."

"You always feel you can do more. If you ever get the attitude where you say, 'Well, I've done all I can,' then I feel something is wrong with you. You're always supposed to be able to put out that extra effort no matter how many times you've carried the ball or how many passes you've caught it. You always want more. You've got to stay hungry."

Byars proved he was hungry for a win over Iowa. In a team meeting held the morning of the game, he was pumping up his teammates by saying, "Let's go do it."

As he explains it, "I was real fired up today. I wanted this game real bad. The coaches were telling us, 'Stick your necks out. If you want to win it, stick your necks out and see how good you are.'"

Byars followed the instructions well.

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By Frank L. Moskowitz, BSB Editor

OSU-Iowa Was A Classic College Contest

The people around the office here are probably tired of me talking about this, but I'm one who doesn't miss the days of the 'Big Two, Little Eight.' With greater balance in the Big Ten, there are more big games on the schedule, and everyone in Columbus was looking forward with excitement to Ohio State's big confrontation with Iowa.

You could tell it was a big game. While during the first two weeks of the season people would call me asking if I could get rid of tickets, Iowa week, people called me looking for tickets. I wasn't parting with mine, thank you.

This was a game slated to be college football at its finest. And the thing that made Ohio State's win over the Hawkeyes so impressive was the fact that Iowa made it very clear to the Buckeyes, the 89,733 people in Ohio Stadium, and anyone who saw the game on TV, that it had an excellent, excellent football team.

Once again, Keith Byars rose to the occasion. He is making more and more people believers. His big

day is chronicled elsewhere in this week's issue. Let me just pass on one little vignette.

When Byars erupted for his 50-yard scoring run, the OSU offensive line opened up a hole big enough for the team bus to drive through. Once Byars was through that huge opening, however, two Iowa defensive backs still had good angles on him. Keep in mind these were defensive backs, usually among the fastest men on a team.

Byars simply blew by them. Keith Byars has shown his ability as a power runner many times this season. But this was a reminder of just how fast he is, and just why he is so devastating. Byars is genuinely a threat to score every time he touches the ball.

And, by the way, the chemistry between Byars and quarterback Mike Tomczak seems electric. These are two magnificent athletes, two team players, and, perhaps most importantly, two gentlemen.

THE OHIO STATE defense gave up 458 total yards, the most

the Buckeyes have allowed in a regular season game since 1982, when Stanford, Florida State and Northwestern racked up higher totals. Last season, only Pitt, with 487 yards in the Fiesta Bowl, notched more yardage than the Hawkeyes did in the 45-26 OSU win. Iowa totaled 400 yards in its 20-14 victory last season.

DOING THE BULK of the damage for the Hawkeyes were quarterback Chuck Long and running back Ronnie Harmon. Byars may have attracted all the attention, but it was Harmon who led all ball carriers, picking up 132 yards on 25 carries and another 27 yards on four receptions.

Long proved once again that he can move his club against the Buckeyes, leading the Hawkeyes up and down the field virtually at will during the second quarter. He really showed me what he was made of when he tried to stop 242-pound Larry Kolic, who had up a full head of steam, at the goal-line after Kolic's second quarter interception. Kolic blasted Long backwards, but it was a gutsy move by the quarterback, who stuck his throwing shoulder in Kolic's path. I'm sure Hayden Fry would have preferred that his star quarterback concede that touchdown.

LONG'S FINE DAY marked the second time this season that a scrambling quarterback was able to inflict damage on the Buckeye defense. Ricky Greene of Oregon State also did well against the Bucks.

It seems that when quarterbacks leave the pocket, Ohio State's young secondary members have been abandoning their zones and coming up to meet the ball carrier. That's fine, except the quarterbacks are not necessarily ball carriers until they cross the line of scrimmage. The defensive backs move up and leave wide open targets behind them.

"Our young guys got excited and

starting running to the ball, where they thought the ball was, instead of covering their man," Buckeye coach Earle Bruce admitted after the Iowa game.

Before you criticize the defense for giving up 26 points or 458 yards, however, consider this.

Against Iowa, Ohio State gave up only six points in the second half. And the defense had actually stopped the Hawkeyes on the drive on which they did score. The defense had bottled Iowa up at its own eight-yard line, but Mike Lanese bobbled the punt and the Hawkeyes got the ball back on the Buckeye 48.

Good quarterbacks like Chuck Long invariably go in for the kill when given a second chance like that.

But on the season, Ohio State has given up only those six points in the second half, no points in the fourth quarter. That's a telling statistic. That shows an ability to adjust, a critical factor if a team is going to mount a charge at the Big Ten title or more.

JOHN WOOLDRIDGE seems to be trying to make up for the fact that he is not going to be seeing a lot of time at tailback behind Byars, by excelling as a kickoff return man. Through three games, he was averaging 31 yards on four returns.

Kick returns have not necessarily been an Ohio State specialty in recent years. During the Earle Bruce era, the best season mark for five returns or more was posted by Kelvin Lindsey, who averaged 27.8 yards on seven returns in 1982 with a long of 75. Cal Murray averaged 26.2 yards on nine returns with a long of 48 in 1980.

An interesting situation appears to be developing. Opposing teams seem to be kicking the ball away from Byars, probably in deference to his 99-yard return against Pitt at the Fiesta Bowl. Wooldridge is responding. Will opponents soon try their luck with Byars? Look for more long returns by the Bucks.

So far this season, the Buckeyes are averaging 27 yards on six returns, while opponents are averaging just 17.2 yards on 13 returns.

REPORTS SEEM TO indicate that before Larry Kolic took his brief sojourn, the OSU coaching staff was considering moving Pepper Johnson to the outside and playing Kolic and Chris Spielman at the inside linebacking spots.

But Eric Kumerow played a fine game in his first outing at outside linebacker and Spielman is out for several weeks with a sprained ankle, so those plans are, no doubt, obsolete.

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Ohio State Rocks And Socks Iowa, 45-26

By Rich Exner

It was football, Ohio State style Sept. 22 in Ohio Stadium as the Buckeyes whipped the Iowa Hawkeyes, 45-26.

"Ohio State is a hardball team," quarterback Mike Tomczak said. "A rock'em, sock'em, bruise'em up type of team."

And that's the way Ohio State played in gaining revenge for last year's 20-14 loss at Iowa City and keeping intact a home winning streak that has been around since Dwight D. Eisenhower was President. Iowa hasn't won in Ohio Stadium since 1959.

Leading the show on the offensive side of the field was Keith Byars, who accounted for 63 percent of the Buckeyes' 320 yards in total offense. The big, bruising, fast tailback rushed for 120 yards on 23 attempts, caught five passes for 55 yards and threw a 35-yard halfback pass for a touchdown.

Meanwhile, Tomczak made his first start at quarterback since breaking his leg May 5 and appeared in mid-season form, completing 15 of 23 passes for 165 yards and one touchdown. The receiver on the touchdown pass was, of course, Byars.

Co-captain Pepper Johnson led the defensive charge. Pepper shook the potent Iowa offense with a season high 14 tackles, an interception and a fumble recovery. While the Hawkeyes racked up an impressive 458 yards in total offense, Ohio State's defense played tough when it had to.

"One thing we did well was bend but not allow the score," coach Earle Bruce said after the game.

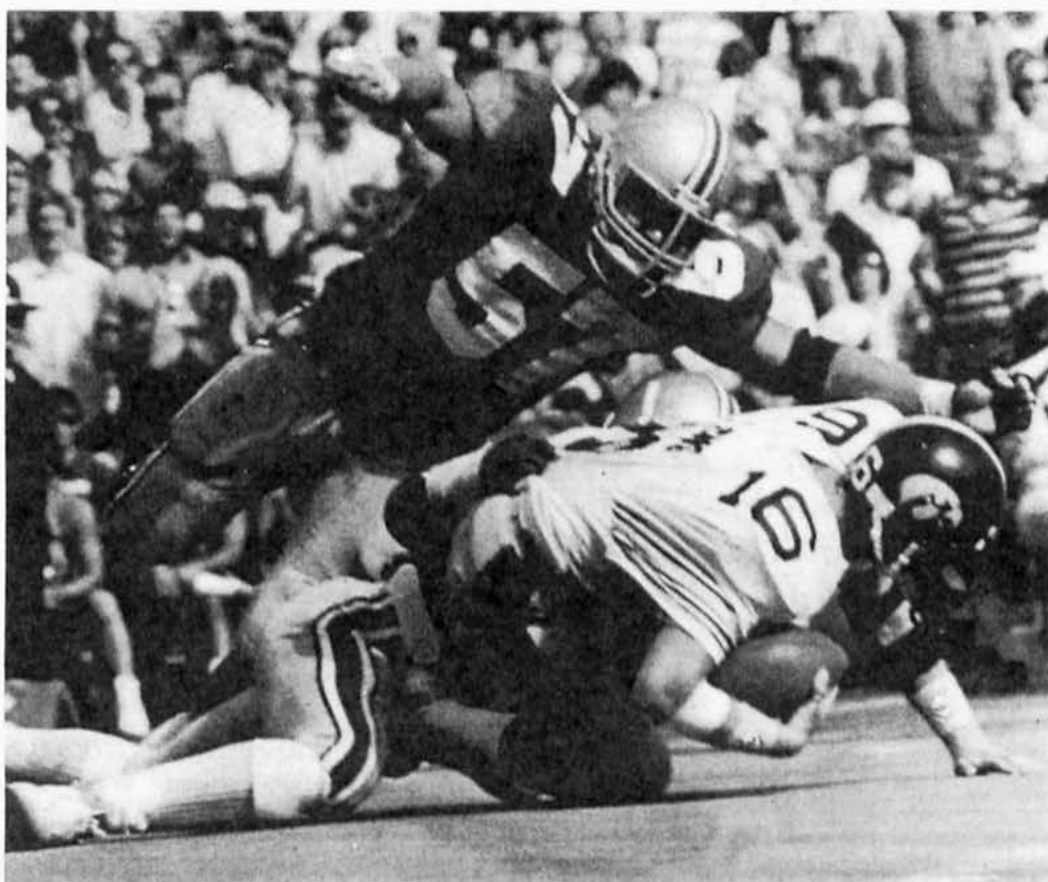
Byars didn't carry the ball on Ohio State's first possession, but he got the ball on the first play on the second possession. Bramble — a nickname his teammates gave him combining the names of Jim Brown and Earl Campbell — carried for 11 yards on his first try. Iowa linebacker Kevin Spitzig attempted to tackle the 233-pound Byars, but Spitzig ended up injured and needing help to leave the field.

The drive stalled at the six, and Bruce called on kicker Rich Spangler for a 23-yard field goal to give Ohio State a 3-0 lead.

Iowa came right back to tie the game at 3-all with 2:23 remaining in the first quarter.

John Wooldridge returned the ensuing kickoff 43 yards to the 50-yard-line, where Byars rambled 50 yards for a touchdown on a pitch play, giving Ohio State a 10-3 lead.

The Buckeye defense then held



Dave Morrill Dives To Put An Extra Hit On Quarterback Chuck Long

Iowa, forcing a 53-yard field goal attempt which fell far short. On Ohio State's very next offensive play, Tomczak lost control of the ball and All-Big Ten defensive tackle Paul Hufford recovered to give Iowa the football back.

The Hawkeyes knotted the game at 10-all three plays later. Iowa's outstanding quarterback Chuck Long dropped back to pass on and third and 14, was forced out of the pocket by blitzing linebacker Dennis Hueston and threw a strike to J.C. Love Jordan in the corner of the end zone for a 27-yard touchdown.

With the Buckeyes passing on five plays and running on five plays, the offense drove 90 yards for another score. On third and 10 from the 14, Byars did an out and up sideline pattern and hauled in Tomczak's pass for the touchdown and a 17-10 Buckeye lead.

Enter linebacker Larry Kolic, who had started the opener, left the team for a week, returned the Sunday before the Iowa game, and entered the contest when freshman Chris Spielman was forced out with a sprained ankle.

On a third and eight at the Hawkeyes' own 22, Long attempted to hit running back Ronnie Harmon over the middle. Harmon tipped the ball and Kolic made a one-handed interception, tucked the pigskin up and looked like a fullback going into the end

zone. Long attempted to stop Kolic near the goal, but the Buckeye linebacker lowered his left shoulder into Long and sent the Iowa quarterback flying backwards.

Spangler connected on the point after try and put Ohio State in up 24-10.

Three plays later, Long fumbled the snap and Johnson recovered for Ohio State at the 35-yard line. On the next play, Byars took a pitch going left, stopped and heaved up a wobbly pass to Mike Lanese for a touchdown and a commanding 31-10 Ohio State lead with 7:48 remaining in the half.

However, Iowa rallied back to within 11 at 31-20 before halftime. Long, again forced out of the pocket, found Mike Flag standing all alone for a 30-yard touchdown and Tom Nichol added a 41-yard field goal with eight seconds left before the intermission.

Ohio State's defense stopped Iowa on the first two possessions of the second half but Lanese's fumble of a punt kept the second drive alive and led to a Hawkeye touchdown. The touchdown came from the two-yard line with 4:56 remaining in the third quarter when Long tucked up an option behind right tackle and dove into the end zone. The two-point conversion attempt failed, leaving the score at 31-26 and Iowa within a touchdown of the lead.

That was the last Iowa score of the day.

After Byars returned the kickoff 32 yards to the Iowa 49, Ohio State marched 51 yards on nine plays for a touchdown and a 38-26 lead.

The drive included three third-down conversions. The first two were on passes of 14 and nine yards to freshman receiver Cris Carter. The last one was for the touchdown and came on a seven-yard run by Byars, who bounced off one would-be tackler before finding his way into the end zone for his seventh touchdown of the year.

The final score was set up by a Johnson interception and 16-yard return. On third down from the six, Byars faked into the line on the left, and Lanese looped right from his flanker position to take a handoff and run in for the touchdown with 1:37 remaining in the game.

The second largest crowd in Ohio Stadium history, 89,733, witnessed an awesome display of punting by freshman Tom Tupa, who got off boots of 48, 64, 51, 59, 43 and 29 yards. Tupa averaged 49 yards on the day and has his season average up to 48 yards a kick.

Iowa's Harmon was the game's leading rusher with 132 yards on 25 attempts. Long completed 22 of 35 passes for 275 yards, two touchdowns and was intercepted twice.

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Ohio State-Iowa, Season Statistics

Buckeyes 45, Hawkeyes 26

IOWA	3	17	6	0	26
OHIO STATE	10	21	7	7	45

OSU — Spangler 23 field goal 6:10
 IOW — Nichol 30 field goal 2:33
 OSU — Byars 50 run (Spangler kick) 2:13
 IOW — Love Jordan 27 pass from Long (Nichol kick) 13:43
 OSU — Byars 14 pass from Tomczak (Spangler kick) 9:07
 OSU — Kolie 25 pass interception return (Spangler kick) 8:20
 OSU — Lanese 35 pass from Byars (Spangler kick) 7:41
 IOW — Flagg 30 pass from Long (Nichol kick) 2:49
 IOW — Nichol 41 field goal 0:08
 IOW — Long 2 run (pass failed) 4:56
 OSU — Byars 7 run (Spangler kick) 1:23
 OSU — Lanese 6 run (Spangler kick) 1:39
 Att. — 89,733

	IOWA	OSU
First Downs	23	17
Rushing	13	5
Passing	9	11
Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Yards	42-183	39-135
Passing Yards	275	185
Passes	35-22-2	23-15-0
Offensive Plays	77	62
Total Net Yards	458	320
Third Down Eff.	4-14	8-15
Punts	5-42.6	6-49.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	3-2
Penalties	5-54	2-25
Time Of Possession	30:43	29:17

Individual Statistics

RUSHING (Att.-Net Yds.) — IOWA: Harmon 25-132; Gill 10-69; Long 7-18. OHIO STATE: Byars 23-120; Wooldridge 6-16; Bates 4-13; Lanese 1-6; Tomczak 5-4-20.
 PASSING (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD) — IOWA: Long 35-22-2-275-2. OHIO STATE: Tomczak 22-14-0-150-1; Byars 1-1-0-35-1.

RECEIVING (Rec.-Yds.) — IOWA: Hapfel 7-95; Gill 4-69; Harmon 4-27; Love Jordan 2-33; Sennott 2-12; Hayes 2-9; Flagg 1-30. OHIO STATE: Byars 5-55; Lanese 4-60; Carter 3-40; Taggart 2-15; D. Smith 1-15.

PUNTING (No.-Ave.-Lg.) — IOWA: Kostrubala 4-43.3-46; Nichol 1-40.0-40. OHIO STATE: Tupa 6-49.0-64.

PUNT RETURNS (No.-Ave.-Lg.) — IOWA: Smith 4-6.8-12. OHIO STATE: Lanese 2-2-0-6. KICKOFF RETURNS (No.-Ave.-Lg.) — IOWA: Harmon 2-15.5-18; Smith 1-18.0-18. OHIO STATE: Wooldridge 3-27.3-43; Byars 1-32.0-32; Walker 1-6-0-6.

DEFENSIVE FUMBLES RECOVERED BY — IOWA: Hufford, Schuster. OHIO STATE: Johnson, Gordon.

INTERCEPTIONS — IOWA: None. OHIO STATE: Johnson, Kolie.
 TACKLES FOR LOSS — IOWA: Strobel (2), Hunter, Pryor, Team. OHIO STATE: Giuliani (2), D. Lee (2), B. Lee, T. White, Morrill, Spielman.

TACKLES (Solo-Ass.-Tot.) — IOWA: Stoops 4-6-10; Station 2-7-9; Mitchell 2-7-9; Peterson 3-4-7; Spitzig 0-7-7; Creer 3-4-7; Little 0-6-6; Strobel 2-4-6; Hunter 5-0-5; Hooks 1-3-4; Drost 2-2-4; Gear 0-3-3; Pryor 2-1-3; Vrieze 0-2-2; Hedgeman 0-2-2; Norvell 1-1-2; Sims 1-1-2; Hufford 1-0-1; Clark 1-0-1; Nichol 0-1-1; Team 1-0-1. OHIO STATE: Johnson 5-9-14; Kolie 7-3-10; Giuliani 4-3-7; Rogan 5-2-7; Gordon 4-2-6; Kumerow 2-4-6; B. Lee 4-1-5; T. White 3-2-5; Morrill 2-3-5; Hueston 1-3-4; Ridder 2-2-4; D. Lee 2-1-3; Creelius 2-1-3; Cargile 1-2-3; W. White 1-1-2; Spielman 1-1-2; Hill 0-1-1; Sullivan 0-1-1; Walker 1-0-1; Harvey 0-1-1.

Players In The Game

IOWA — Hooks, Gear, Pryor, Hufford, Drost, Schuster, Peterson, Urieze, Little, Strobel, Burrell, Spitzig, Hedgeman, Spranger, Kellogg, Station, Wirth, Davis, Wester, Folland, Hunter, Sims, Stoops, Norvell, Corbin, Mitchell, Schmidt, Creer, Kostrubala, Hapfel, Early, Croston, Glass, Sindlinger, O'Brien, Haight, Hayes, Flagg, Clark, Long, Vlasic, Gill, Sennott, R. Harmon, Polite, Helverson, Love Jordan, Smith, Nichol.

OHIO STATE — Jay Holland, D. Smith, Carter, Ro. Graves, Maggs, Lachey, Lowdermilk, Whitmer, Odom, Zalenski, Gilmore, Krewowicz, Taggart, Groza, Higdon, Tomczak, Byars, Wooldridge, Bates, Blair, Walker, Lanese, Spangler, B. Lee, Creelius, Sullivan, Conlin, Giuliani, D. Lee, Morrill, Holliman, Hueston, Kumerow, Alders, Spielman, Kolie, Ridder, Harvey, Johnson, Pfister, Jenkins, Gordon, Cargile, Richardson, W. White, Hill, Leach, Jackson, Palmer, Rogan, T. White, K. Bell, Tupa.

	OPP	OSU
FIRST DOWNS	64	67
Rushing	35	39
Passing	26	26
Penalty	3	1
NET YARDS RUSHING	492	713
Attempts	115	150
Yards Gained	582	773
Yards Lost	90	60
Average Per Game	164.0	237.7
Average Per Play	4.3	4.8
NET YARDS PASSING	658	426
Attempts	105	59
Completed	56	37
Not Intercepted	6	2
Percentage	.533	.627
Average Per Game	219.3	142.0
Average Per Play	6.3	7.2
TOTAL NET GAIN	1150	1139
Total Plays	220	209
Average Per Game	383.3	379.6
Average Per Play	5.2	5.4

	OPP	OSU
POINTS	40	111
Touchdowns	5	15
Rush-Pass-Other	3-2-0	11-3-0
Kickoff	4-4	14-12
Kickoff	0-0	0-0
Kickoff	1-0	1-0
Field Goals	3-2	4-3
Safeties	0	0
Average Per Game	13.3	37.0
PUNTS-HAD BLOCKED	16-0	11-0
Yards	636	528
Average Per Punt	39.8	48.0
Net Average	38.3	45.8

	OPP	OSU
PUNT RETURNS	29	24
Yards	0	24
Touchdowns	0	0
Average Per Return	5.8	4.0
KICKOFF RETURNS	13	6
Yards	223	162
Touchdowns	0	0
Average Per Return	17.2	27.0
INTERCEPTIONS	2	6
Yards	16	118
Touchdowns	0	1
Average Per Return	8.0	19.7
PENALTIES	14	7
Yards	109	65
Average Per Game	36.3	21.7
FUMBLES-LOST	7-5	5-2
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	16-45	27-45
Percentage	.356	.600
SACKS AGAINST	6-58	3-18
TIME OF POSSESSION	87:19	92:41
Average Per Game	29:06	30:54

	OPP	OSU
SCORE BY QUARTER	1	2
Opponents	10	24
Ohio State	16	41
1983 OHIO STATE FOOTBALL RESULTS (1-0, 1-0)		
Tupa	11	528
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Tupa	11	528

	OPP	OSU
PUNTING	NO	YARDS
Tupa	11	528
1983 OHIO STATE FOOTBALL RESULTS (1-0, 1-0)		
Tupa	11	528

	OPP	OSU
PUNT RETURNS	NO	FC
Jy. Holland	4	0
Lanese	2	1
Hill	1	1
1983 OHIO STATE FOOTBALL RESULTS (1-0, 1-0)		
Tupa	11	528

	OPP	OSU
KICKOFF RETURNS	NO	FC
Wooldridge	4	0
Byars	1	0
Walker	1	0
1983 OHIO STATE FOOTBALL RESULTS (1-0, 1-0)		
Tupa	11	528

	OPP	OSU
ATTENDANCE GAMES	3	267,102
Season	3	267,102
1983 OHIO STATE FOOTBALL RESULTS (1-0, 1-0)		
Tupa	11	528

	OPP	OSU
PASS INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YARDS
Gordon	2	42
Johnson	2	33
Kolie	1	25
T. White	1	15
1983 OHIO STATE FOOTBALL RESULTS (1-0, 1-0)		
Tupa	11	528

	OPP	OSU
PASSES BROKEN UP (16)	NO	YARDS
V. White	4	0
T. White	3	0
Hueston	2	0
Johnson	2	0
Gordon	1	0
1983 OHIO STATE FOOTBALL RESULTS (1-0, 1-0)		
Tupa	11	528

	OPP	OSU
FUMBLES CAUSED (5)	NO	YARDS
Gordon	1	0
Hueston	1	0
Jenkins	1	0
1983 OHIO STATE FOOTBALL RESULTS (1-0, 1-0)		
Tupa	11	528

	OPP	OSU
FUMBLES RECOVERED (DEFENSIVE) (5)	NO	YARDS
Johnson	2	0
Gordon	1	0
1983 OHIO STATE FOOTBALL RESULTS (1-0, 1-0)		
Tupa	11	528

	OPP	OSU
OSU FUMBLES - NUMBER/LOST (5-2)	NO	YARDS
Karasos	1/0	0
Taggart	1/0	0
Tupa	1/0	0
1983 OHIO STATE FOOTBALL RESULTS (1-0, 1-0)		
Tupa	11	528

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As far as Big Ten schools go, none has been more consistent than Ohio State, which has been ranked in the final top ten 11 times in the last 20 years. Ohio State was the 1968 national champion and from 1972 until 1976 never dropped below fifth in a final *UPI* poll.

Inside Look

With Rich Exner

Since 1964, forty-four different schools have finished at least one season in the top ten. In order to come up with a combined top twenty over that time period, I gave national champions 10 points, the second place teams nine points, etc. for each year. The results follow. The number of national championships won is in parentheses:

1. Alabama (4)	111
2. USC (3)	80
3. Oklahoma (1)	78
4. Nebraska (1)	75
5. Ohio State (1)	74
6. Texas (2)	71
7. Notre Dame (2)	68
8. Michigan	67
9. Penn State (1)	66
10. Georgia (1)	48
11. Arkansas	46
12. Pitt (1)	39
13. Michigan State (1)	38
14. UCLA	26
Tennessee	26
16. Auburn	25
17. Arizona State	23
18. LSU	20
19. Houston	16
20. Clemson (1)	15

After this year, Ohio State could rank as high as second over the 20-year period beginning in 1964. Not a bad showing for the work of Woody Hayes and Earle Bruce.

EARLE'S BUCKS have been hot as of late. After the Iowa victory, Ohio State had won 19 of its last 22 games.

Meanwhile, Bruce stood just four wins shy of the career 100 mark. His career record stands at 96-47. The win over the Hawkeyes was Bruce's 50th at Ohio State against 16 losses.

AT MINNESOTA, Sept. 29, Ohio State will play its first regular season night football game since taking on Southern Methodist in the Cotton Bowl back in 1977. The Buckeyes won that game, 35-7.

Playing in the Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome, the Buckeyes will be making their second appearance ever in an

indoor facility. Ohio State's debut indoors came in the Sugar Bowl following the 1977 season. Ohio State lost to Alabama in that game, 35-6.

Bruce isn't overly concerned about playing at night or indoors. "As long as they have lights and the football is there, we're going to play."

Asked if the Buckeyes would have any night workouts before the Minnesota game, Bruce said, "No way. We have classes, and we have to study for classes. We have a certain segment of the day we can practice. Some of our players have night classes."

THE INJURY report is both good and bad for the Buckeyes. The bad news is that freshman linebacker Chris Spielman will be lost until at least the Illinois game Oct. 15. The good news is that Spielman's injury is the only major one heading into the Minnesota game Sept. 29.

THE COACHING STAFF named Keith Byars the offensive player of the game against Iowa, center Kirk Lowdermilk the lineman of the week and linebacker Pepper Johnson the defensive player of the game.

Byars has been the offensive player of the game for all three games this year. Lowdermilk has won the offensive line award twice and Johnson has won the defensive award twice.

Also for the third straight week, Byars has been recognized by a wire service. He was *United Press International* Midwest player of the week after the Oregon State and Iowa games and the *Associated Press* Big Ten player of the week after the Washington State game.

THE STATISTICS released just after the Iowa game were incorrect. The error came about because of a confusing situation in the third quarter when Mike Tomczak completed a 15-yard pass to Cris Carter, and interference was also called on the play.

The statistics reflected a 15-yard penalty, but they should have reflected a 15-yard pass completion. Tomczak's official totals, once the situation was cleared up, were 15 of 23 for 165

yards. Carter, thus, ended the day with four catches for 55 yards.

THE NATIONAL statistics through Sept. 22 include several mentions of Ohio State players and OSU team performances.

Byars is first in scoring with 14 points a game, third in all-purpose running with a 196.7-yard average, fourth in rushing with 149, and 37th in receiving with four catches an outing.

Freshman Tom Tupa ranks third in punting with a 48.0 average. Meanwhile, Ohio State is number one in net punting at 45.6.

John Wooldridge is tied for third in kick returns with a 31-yard average after four chances.

Ohio State's offense ranks seventh with 37 points a game.

BRUCE AND LOU Holtz, coaching against each other this year in the Big Ten, were assistants together under Woody Hayes back in 1968 at Ohio State. Bruce worked with offensive guards and centers and Holtz coached the defensive backs.

By the way, Ohio State was national champion that year.

Fall Sports Roundup

The Ohio State women's cross country team finished fourth in the Kentucky Invitational, held at Lexington Sept. 15. In individual competition, OSU All-American Maureen Cogan finished second. The next meet for the women was scheduled to be the Red Bird Invitational, being contested in Normal, Illinois Sept. 22.

THE MEN'S SOCCER team dropped to 0-5 with a 5-0 loss on the road to Wright State Sept. 18. The team has scored just one goal in its five contests. Its next match was scheduled to be against the University of Manhattan at the Iona College Invitational Sept. 21.

IN WOMEN'S volleyball action, the Lady Spikers won their home opener, 13-15, 15-9, 15-11, 15-6. This victory evened their season record at 5-5. They were scheduled to play at home in their next contest, against Northwestern, at Larkins Hall, on Sept. 22.

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