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"I'm very honored to be mentioned as a possible Heisman candidate. Let me be real clear on that point," Galloway said. "But as far as something to shoot for, I don't think of it that way. I really don't think it's something you can set a goal to achieve. It's pretty much out of your hands."

"All of the talk, all of the preseason hype about who's going to win the Heisman Trophy, is kind of ridiculous when you sit back and really look at it. It's kind of like trying to sit back and predict who the national champion is going to be. I mean, you have a pretty good idea, but you never know."

"All of it is based upon what you did last year. If that's the case, there's no reason to play the season. Just give the title to Florida State and the trophy to Charlie Ward again."

"But a lot of things can happen. Look at me two years ago. I could never have envisioned that I would be hurt in the second game of the year. But things like that happen in the game of football. That's why I think all of this stuff is premature. Let's see what happens over the course of six, seven, or eight games and then see where we stand."

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HEISMAN TROPHY CANDIDATE — Can Joey Galloway become the first Ohio State player to win the Heisman Trophy since Archie Griffin won the second of his back-to-back awards in 1975? It will take another season like Galloway had last year, but the Buckeyes have indicated they will try to get the ball into his hands even more this season.

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OSU's Junior QB Eager To Have Number One Position All To Himself

Hoying Bridges Gap Between Old And New

TIM CARSON



HE'S THE MAN — Junior quarterback Bobby Hoying doesn't have to look over his shoulder anymore — the starting quarterback job at Ohio State is his and his alone this season. Hoying threw for more than 1,500 yards and eight touchdowns last year.

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Here's a quick quiz for you:
What position player could Ohio State least afford to lose to a lengthy injury?

Joey Galloway? The Buckeyes' most explosive and productive offensive player, to be sure, but the roster is full of receivers who could respond in a pinch.

Korey Stringer? Obviously the anchor of a revamped offensive line, but OSU recruited a bevy of big linemen who, in time, could approach Stringer's level of greatness.

Lorenzo Styles? The heart and soul of the defense would be sorely missed, but backup Matt Christopher could be a starter on a lot of teams.

The fact is that while the loss of any of the aforementioned players would be a tough obstacle for Ohio State to overcome this season, it would likely be toughest for the Buckeyes if they lost quarterback Bobby Hoying for an extended period.

Hoying bridges the gap between the old and new for the Buckeyes' offense. After starting all 12 games last season, he has a year of experience under his belt, a valuable year of working with Galloway and behind Stringer. That experience will also benefit him while working with a new backfield and an almost totally new offensive line.

"I don't look at those things as negatives, though," Hoying said. "I look at them this way: We lost some great players, but we have some great ones coming in to take their place. Raymont (Harris) was a great running back, but Eddie (George) is, too. I think there are going to be some people who are surprised with our offensive production this year."

There are those who still aren't totally sold on Hoying as the starting QB. True, he did start all of the games for the Buckeyes last year, but there was always Bret Powers lurking in the shadows, waiting for Hoying to falter. It was Powers who drove the team 80 yards for a game-winning touchdown against Michigan State and Powers again who was in the game when the Buckeyes achieved a game-tying, 99-yard touchdown drive at Wisconsin.

Those late-game heroics by Powers, however, could never unseat Hoying as the starter. And despite missing about 30 percent of his team's offensive plays, Hoying still managed to throw for 1,570 yards and eight touchdowns while completing 54 percent of his passes.

Not bad for a guy who, in his first season as a starter, had to constantly

look over his shoulder and had little freedom to change plays at the line of scrimmage.

One year later, there will be none of that. This is Hoying's team and anyone connected with the Ohio State offense will tell you that.

"Bobby is our quarterback and we're expecting big things from him," said OSU offensive coordinator Joe Hollis. "He has a year of experience now, he's matured and he's worked very hard to improve himself. The improvements he has made are just tremendous."

Hoying was cocooned last year by the fact that he was surrounded by veteran players. His coaches were also a little guilty of overprotecting him, almost demanding he never waver from the play calling sent in from the sideline.

"I think it's safe to say that we'll give Bob a lot more leeway this year," said OSU quarterbacks coach and passing game coordinator Ron Hudson. "We will still want him to run the play that's called, of course, but he will have more freedom to make checks at the line and get us out of a bad situation into a better one."

"I also think you'll see him take off a lot more. Last year, he had more of a tendency to stay in the pocket if it was a pass play and maybe take a sack. I don't think he'll have any hesitation to take off and run this year if the pressure dictates."

Hoying absorbed 19 sacks last year for 157 yards' worth of losses. But looking even closer at his rushing stats, the 16 times he ran the ball resulted in only 37 net yards. That wasn't much of a threat, especially from a guy who was never hesitant to tuck the ball under his arm and run in high school.

"I had some problems last year," Hoying admitted, alluding to arthroscopic knee surgery he underwent after his redshirt freshman season. "There were some times when I wasn't really comfortable with that knee and I think maybe that's why I was a little hesitant to run."

"But that's all in the past. The knee feels better than ever and I've been running a lot more. I think we'll call some more plays this year where I'm the primary ball carrier and I won't be sitting back there taking the sack either."

Hoying's added mobility will also benefit the Buckeyes' range of motion on offense this year.

"You're not going to see us change our philosophy," Hollis said. "We still want the balance of run and pass. But we'll show some more formations, run some more option maybe, let Bobby bootleg and things like that."

"There are so many more options you



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have with a mobile quarterback. With Bobby back there, we think we have a lot of options we can explore."

Hudson says that along with added mobility, Hoyer will display some of the intangibles that separate adequate quarterbacks from the ones who win championships.

"I think Bobby has a tremendous amount of confidence this year and that comes from plain, old-fashioned hard work," the OSU quarterbacks coach said. "I also think that comes from the fact that he understands me a lot more and he understands the pass offense a lot more. Because he is more mature and because it's been his lifelong dream to be the quarterback at Ohio State, he has more confidence."

"Part of that confidence is also understanding and knowing the coach that's coaching you. I think you'll see him making some plays that maybe we didn't give him the flexibility to make last year."

Hudson pointed out that although the Buckeyes were proficient inside their opponents' 20-yard line, scoring 40 of 43 times, they showed an almost alarming lack of creativity.

"We had some tendencies last year that maybe we'll change," he said. "When we got in the red zone last year, we were going to run the ball. We threw the ball only 10 times inside the 15-yard line last year and completed seven, four of those for touchdowns. That's not very much for a 12-game season, especially with that kind of success rate. I think you'll find Bobby making some more plays inside that area this year, plays he hasn't had the freedom to do in the past."

Hoyer is ready for that freedom.

"I don't think I was reluctant to question things last year," he said, "but it was my first year as a starter and things were going really well for the most part. I can remember some times when I thought a particular play wouldn't work but went ahead with it anyway. This year, I'm not going to do that. I won't hesitate to switch out of something if I don't think it's going to work."

That may include calling his own number on occasion. The Buckeyes had some mobility at quarterback as recently as two years ago with Kirk Herbstreit, but an ankle injury hampered him throughout his senior season. OSU really hasn't had a real running threat at the quarterback position since Art Schlichter graduated in 1981.

But at least one longtime assistant believes Hoyer can put his name among some of the all-time greats who have played the position at Ohio State.

"I think Bobby has a chance to be a great quarterback at Ohio State," said linebackers coach Fred Pagac, who played at OSU from 1971-73 and has been an assistant coach at the school since 1978. "Physically, Bobby has all the tools. He's a hard worker, he has intelligence and has a real desire to be a winning player."

And although he played with Cornelius Greene and has coached at OSU through the quarterbacking regimes of Schlichter, Mike Tomczak, Jim Karsatos, Tom Tupa, Greg Frey, Kent Graham and Herbstreit, Pagac is reluctant to compare Hoyer to any of those players.

"I really don't like comparing players," he said, "but let me say it this way: Bobby has as much talent as a lot of guys who have played quarterback here in the past. I think everybody has their own opinion, but I'm looking for-

ward to Bobby Hoyer being a great quarterback here."

While Pagac dislikes comparisons, Hudson has no such aversion. He sees a striking similarity between Hoyer and former Notre Dame quarterback Steve Beuerlein, whom Hudson coached in 1985 and 1986 while he was offensive coordinator for the Fighting Irish.

"I think Bobby compares in a lot of ways to Steve," Hudson said. "They are similar in stature, similar in their set-up, similar in their approach to the game."

"I think Bobby is a better overall athlete than Steve. He is certainly better when it comes to running and making some plays. Steve's accuracy throwing the ball is better than Bobby's right now, but Bobby's only a junior and only in his second year as a starter. Steve started for us at Notre Dame as a

freshman and, of course, is now a starter in the NFL."

Whether Hoyer can surpass Beuerlein in Hudson's estimation may depend on what he does with his last two seasons at Ohio State. With a strong receiving corps led by Galloway at his disposal, it certainly is not out of the question for Hoyer to eclipse the 2,000-yard mark this year and next. And if he does that, he will place himself among the top five passers in Ohio State history.

But numbers are of little consequence to the 6-4, 222-pounder from tiny St. Henry, Ohio.

"Sure, I like to read the stats," Hoyer said. "You like to see how you compare with this person or that person, and I think people who tell you they don't pay attention to those things are being less than honest. But there

are things that are more important. A lot more important."

"Winning ball games is a lot more important to me than throwing four or five touchdown passes. If you told me that I wouldn't complete a single pass in the Michigan game but that it would mean we could win that game, I'd do it in a heartbeat."

"I have a sense of urgency because I only have two years left and I've never beaten Michigan and I've never been to the Rose Bowl. That is what you come to Ohio State to do. I'm from a small town and when you're growing up, playing football with the guys, those are the things you dream about."

"Being offered a scholarship from Ohio State and then becoming the starting quarterback were the first parts of the dream. Beating Michigan and playing in the Rose Bowl would really make it a dream come true."

Trio Of Backup Quarterbacks Remains In Struggle For Second-Team Status

By MIKE WACHSMAN
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Last year Ohio State had the luxury of playing Bret Powers when starter Bobby Hoyer ran into problems, and it paid off on numerous occasions.

The Buckeyes are not quite as blessed this year, though, as three redshirt freshmen are battling for top honors to back up Hoyer at the all-important quarterback spot.

When presented with different scenarios — Hoyer getting hurt or having an absolutely horrid game — passing game coordinator Ron Hudson chided, "Bobby isn't hurt. End of conversation."

That tells you that the confidence level in the reserves — for the moment anyway — is not overflowing.

But that does not mean they cannot do the job. Hudson just hopes they won't have to. At least not right away.

"I'm probably putting a little more pressure on these guys than I did on Bret," he said. "There's pressure with the position and they have to handle that."

Powers had tasted collegiate action at Arizona State prior to becoming a Buckeye, so Hudson could pretty much leave him alone. However, this year's reserves — Tom Hoyer, Stanley Jackson and Mark Zban — are still feeling their way around, and Hudson is doing his best to acclimate them to the college game.

Whoever best utilizes Hudson's teachings will have the inside track to the backup position.

"What it will boil down to is how they fare in a competitive situation," the OSU quarterbacks coach said. "When I'm not out there and they have to make all the checks and adjustments, whoever does that best will get it."

Even though the backup signal caller will not play much this year, except in emergencies and blowouts, it will still be a scrutinized position. That's just the nature of the beast when you're Ohio State.

Each of the three has pluses and minuses, and Hudson outlined what those were.

• Hoyer — "Tommy is a lot like his brother in that he's very smart. He doesn't make very bad mistakes. He can throw the ball fairly accurately."



Tom Hoyer



Stanley Jackson



Mark Zban

• Jackson — "Stanley's strongest point is he has a tremendous arm. The thing's a rocket. His accuracy is a little questionable. His athletic ability is unique. He can make things happen. He lives on the edge a lot. He makes mistakes at times."

• Zban — "Mark is a big, tall guy. I like his height and the way he can throw over the linemen. His accuracy in a competitive situation is much better than it is when he's throwing against air in practice. His mobility is a little on the questionable side. He's really smart, though."

Although each one knows he likely won't see any meaningful action this year, they all seem to have a handle on things as backups.

"I'm picking up on the offense pretty well," the younger Hoyer said. "I know my limitations. I have to work on anticipating things a little more."

Jackson added that he has progressed more over the summer than at any other time during his OSU stay.

"I have a much better overall grasp of the offense," he said. "After the spring, I was a little disappointed with myself because I felt I should know more of the offense than I did. That kind of limited me and set me back a bit. I just set in my mind that I'm going to get better."

Meanwhile, the team's summer conditioning program allowed Zban to pick up some arm strength.

"I'm picking things up a lot quicker,"

he said. "My arm strength is a lot better than this spring. I have a lot more accuracy. I'm making a lot more good plays in practice — like I should."

The elder Hoyer, who won't have to worry about being pulled if he's a tad ineffective, has been in the backup boat before. Perseverance and hard work will get you up the ladder quicker than anything else, and he says all three candidates have those qualities.

"They all look really good," Hoyer said. "They're just redshirt freshmen, so they'll have the opportunity to get better. I remember when I came here, I knew I was going to pretty much back up Herb (Kirk Herbstreit) until he left. I just kept working and now I've got my shot. That's what these guys are doing. They'll have their shot."

The three do have their drawbacks — Jackson runs a little too much, Zban doesn't have the strongest arm and Hoyer is off-target too much — but they also have one common thread that Hudson sees as room for optimism.

"They really all want to be good quarterbacks, and if you want to be good, you have a chance," he said. "If you just go through the motions, you aren't going to have a chance."

While the chance at stardom may not be forthcoming this season, they all know the backup role is nearly as coveted as the starting job.

After all, you have to be number two before you can be number one.

Junior Tackle Trying To Provide Leadership As OSU Rebuilds Up Front

Stringer Remains Anchor On Offensive Line

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Korey Stringer has been a perfect fit for the Ohio State offensive line ever since his freshman year, when he burst onto the collegiate scene in a major way.

He's been fitting in well ever since, so it may seem a tad peculiar that the hulking offensive tackle has found something that doesn't fit — his Big Ten championship ring.

"It's a little big, honestly," the more-than-just-a-little-big Stringer said. "I'm not giving it back, though. I'll make sure it fits right. I'm not even sure if I want to wear it. I just might set it somewhere and look at it all day."

The 6-5, 315-pound junior is a consensus All-American selection in the preseason and has been roundly hailed as the nation's best overall offensive lineman.

Quite a step from his freshman season where, after viewing tapes of himself, Stringer said he would not have recruited himself.

"I didn't think (the acclaim) would happen so quickly," he said. "Everything started rolling after that freshman year, and it's just history now. It wasn't planned this way, but I'm glad it's happening."

And so are the Buckeye coaches.

Lee Owens, in charge of tackles and tight ends, has had the consummate pleasure of overseeing Stringer's development as a Buckeye.

He thinks the kudos are justified, but they are not Stringer's *raison d'être*.

"Korey has enough confidence in his ability that he doesn't need people running around telling him how good he is," Owens said. "He's in that blue-collar position of offensive line, but he's not playing for any accolades. Obviously he has some goals, but he's playing because he loves it. He's a perfect fit for the offensive line position."

Offensive coordinator Joe Hollis may have summed it up best, though, when he said matter-of-factly, "Probably the best thing about Korey is that he can play better than you can coach him."

The Warren, Ohio, native may have to do a little coaching himself this season as the Buckeyes break in some new starters.

The freshly scrubbed rookies throwing their hats into the ring include JUCO transfer Jamie Sumner and freshmen Orlando Pace, Eric Gohlstein and Brooks Burris. Coupled with holdovers Juan Porter and LeShun Daniels, the Buckeyes have a line long on talent but short on experience.

That's why Stringer will need to be a stabilizer.



ALL-AMERICAN LINEMAN — Ohio State junior offensive tackle Korey Stringer (78), shown here last season against Northwestern, is already being mentioned among the best linemen ever to play college football. OSU head coach John Cooper says Stringer is the best he has ever seen and many people agree — the 6-5, 315-pounder is a preseason All-American and Outland Trophy candidate.

"It's different, but I'm not changing my approach at all," he said of showing others the ropes. "If there are any questions the younger guys have, I won't hesitate to help them out."

"I had a lot of guys who were experienced when I came in and they helped me tremendously. It's only right that I do the same for the guys coming in this year."

The youngsters will be faced with many of the same growing pains Stringer hid, but went through nonetheless, on the way to Big Ten freshman of the year honors, an extreme rarity these days for linemen.

Chief among those pains will be picking up the speed of the college game, along with learning a passel of new terms.

And as confident as the newcomers might look, take it from a veteran — they're quaking inside.

"At first, even if you don't want to admit it, you walk around trying to look tough while the little boy inside is all nervous," Stringer said. "You're trying to figure out what everyone expects from you. It's hard, but you get with the other guys in your class and it works out."

"It took me until the spring after my freshman year to really feel comfortable. Even if they get some time this

year, everything isn't going to be natural. It's not going to be second nature. They just need to be aggressive and fight the guy across from them. That's all we need right now. If we can have some fire on the field, we'll be all right."

Since Stringer is one of the most looked-to players on the Ohio State squad, it's only natural that he become more of a presence in the huddle.

Known more for doing his talking on the field — in the form of pancaking opponents — Stringer keeps the decibels to a minimum. "Yelling and screaming isn't my style," he claims.

However, he realizes with the paucity of experience around him, a shouting fit may be needed every once in a while.

"I'm ready to do whatever it takes to get us back to the top," Stringer said. "If that means becoming more vocal, I'll do it."

He knows the real leader should be the quarterback, and OSU junior Bobby Hoyer fits the bill in his estimation.

"When you come into a huddle and you see your quarterback with that confidence and that swagger, that stride like we aren't going to be stopped, you start feeling that yourself," Stringer said. "Bob is a natural leader. He's got the charisma, the raw looks. He's the kind of dude you'd look to as a leader. The movie star, golden boy type of guy."

When told of Stringer's glowing assessment of his appearance, Hoyer chuckled and said, "That's Korey trying to be funny. No, really, it's great to have Korey in front of me. It makes things so much easier knowing you've got someone on the line who's going to win all of his battles. That gives me fewer things to worry about and lets me do my job."

Even though Stringer is a mammoth force that defenses change their schemes to counteract, there has been no talk of a burgeoning "Stringer for Heisman" campaign. Since OSU's John Hicks finished second in 1973, no lineman has been to such heights.

Still, Stringer is a favorite to become OSU's first Outland Trophy winner since Hicks, and he's also up for the Lombardi Award, which Chris Spielman carted home in 1987.

"It's a thought because if you get an award like that you know people are recognizing your abilities," Stringer said of the postseason awards. "But it's not a priority. If I get it, it's great and I couldn't be happier. If I don't, I'm not going to cry about it."

More than any award, he'll take another Big Ten title. Only this time, he wants it to include the works.

Many people forgot that the Buckeyes tied Wisconsin for first place in the league standings. But without a Rose Bowl trip, that title was a bit hollow.

"There's some unfinished business," Stringer said. "There are definitely some things we need to do. I don't have to tell you what they are because everyone knows going to Pasadena is one of those things. You have to go through the Big Ten to do that. We're going to try to handle business the best we can and everything should work out fine."

The expectations for the Buckeyes may be slightly lowered this year because of attrition, but that just means the spotlight will fall more heavily on Stringer than it might otherwise.

Could the pressure get to him as the season chugs along?

"Pressure is what you make it. I don't let the pressure bother me," he said. "It's just playing football, you know? You have to keep it in perspective as a game and just do your best."

Stringer may be the best in the nation at his trade, but his interview requests haven't exactly made for a cramped calendar. At least not yet.

"It's not too crazy," he said of the notoriety. "I can handle it, I guess. I'll take it. If you weren't here, wanting to talk to me, I'd probably be mad. But I guess that would mean I wasn't doing my job either."

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Even Opponents Heap Praise On Galloway

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Galloway's political correctness is admirable. After all, you're really not supposed to promote your own candidacy for the Heisman. But the 5-11, 186-pound senior from Bellaire, Ohio, really doesn't need to campaign. What his numbers from last year don't tell, his Ohio State supporters will.

First, the cold, hard facts:

Galloway earned first-team All-Big Ten honors from both the coaches and the media and followed that by being named third-team All-American by The Associated Press.

For the season, he totaled 47 receptions for 946 yards and 11 touchdowns, tying Chris Carter's school record for TD catches in a season. Galloway added two more touchdowns on rushes and became the first receiver to lead the Buckeyes in scoring in more than 40 years.

He had five games of 100 or more yards in receptions, including two over 150. No other OSU receiver has ever had two games of 150 or more yards in a career.

Now for the unsolicited testimonials, including a pair from two other Heisman hopefuls:

"We watched a lot of their films in preparation for last year's game and he just dominated several times," said Michigan tailback Tyrone Wheatley. "I think we kind of shut him down when they played us, but that just showed our respect for him. We always had at least one man keep track of where he was at all times."

Wisconsin tailback Brent Moss had the distinction of playing against both Galloway and J.J. Stokes of UCLA last season. Galloway caught six passes for 150 yards and one touchdown in the Buckeyes' 14-14 tie with the Badgers, while Stokes had 14 receptions for 176 yards in the Bruins' 21-16 Rose Bowl loss to UW.

"They have different styles, but they're both very explosive, game-breaking type receivers," Moss said. "If I had to pick just one, it would probably be Joey. After all, if it wasn't for him, we would have probably won that game and might have had a shot at the national championship."

It's been a long time since Ohio State undertook such a vigorous campaign on behalf of one of its players. Galloway is prominently featured with a two-page profile in the football media guide, while John Cooper did something he says he has never done before in 32 years of coaching.

Included in the OSU media guide at the annual Big Ten Kickoff Luncheon was a personal letter to potential voters for postseason honors, signed by Cooper, extolling the virtues of Galloway as a candidate for All-American honors as well as the Heisman Trophy.

"I've never done something like that, to tell you the truth, but I've never been involved with a young man like Joey Galloway before," Cooper said. "I just wanted to make sure that everyone knows that there is more to Joey than just stats. He is a fine young man, a young man who does things the right way, a young man who is an honor student and one who is a terrific role model."

Cooper's letter reads, in part, "I think Joey Galloway is something special. ... I would greatly appreciate it if you would give him every consideration

Coach's Letter To Media



Aug. 2, 1994

Dear Media Representative:

During my three decades in coaching I have been privileged to work with a number of outstanding football players.

Every so often, however, someone special comes along, a young man who, in addition to being an exceptional football player, is also an outstanding student and an exemplary role model for the community.

Joey Galloway is such a young man.

As a football player, I believe he is the best wide receiver in the country. He can run, he can catch, he has great moves and concentration, he has his best games in the big games and he has a tremendous work ethic. No one has yet been able to cover him one-on-one. Last year, Joey led us in receiving and tied the school record for touchdown receptions with 11. Counting the two touchdowns he scored on running plays, he averaged a touchdown every 4.3 times he touched the ball.

To give you an example of his physical talent, he can bench press 400 pounds and has been timed in the 40-yard dash at .04.3 seconds. I doubt if there is another wide receiver in the country who can do those two things.

Joey also excels in the classroom. An honor student, who is majoring in marketing, he will be nominated later this fall for the prestigious National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame Scholarship. He is already a two-time Academic All-Big Ten choice and was chosen last year as a Honda Scholar-Athlete honoree.

Joey is also very active in the community and is a frequent speaker at local elementary schools on a variety of subjects ranging from the importance of staying in school to avoiding substance abuse. He takes time out of a busy schedule because he genuinely cares.

Joey could have passed up his senior year in favor of the NFL Draft. Instead, he chose to stay in school and fulfill a promise to his mother to receive his degree. To me, that says an awful lot about the character of the young man.

I think Joey Galloway is something special. If his statistics merit it, I would greatly appreciate it if you would give him every consideration when selecting the 1994 All-America teams and Heisman Trophy winner. As you know, the latter award goes to the best player in college football. I believe Joey Galloway is that player.

Thank you, and please don't hesitate to contact me if you need additional information on Joey.

Sincerely,

John Cooper

John Cooper
Head Football Coach
The Ohio State University

when selecting the 1994 All-America teams and Heisman Trophy winner. As you know, the latter award goes to the best player in college football. I believe Joey Galloway is that player."

Opponent after opponent, coach after coach, magazine upon magazine heaps praise on Galloway and heralds him as the Buckeyes' first Heisman contender since Chris Spielman and the first one with a legitimate chance to win the award since Keith Byars finished second to Doug Flutie in the 1984 voting.

But he still can't help thinking this is all some kind of dream.

"I don't really mind talking about it, although I do think it's getting a little silly," Galloway said. "I never want to sound unappreciative. It's not like that at all. It just seems that everyone wants to talk about Joey Galloway and the Heisman Trophy, and that's such an individual thing. I would much rather talk about the team and how the Ohio State team is going to do this season."

Still, he admits to getting a little rush from seeing his name listed among the early Heisman candidates along with Wheatley, Moss, Stokes, Stanford quarterback Steve Stenstrom, tailback Curtis Johnson of North Carolina and Georgia QB Eric Zeier.

"But sometimes even that doesn't seem real to me," Galloway said. "You know, we're sitting here talking about Heisman Trophies and it really doesn't seem that real. I mean, I know that this

season is coming and that I have been fortunate enough to have my name tossed around like that, but it's ... I can't even describe it."

"You grow up watching college football and you see all these great players and only one of them wins the Heisman Trophy each year. You dream about winning it someday, as I'm sure every kid does. But now here I am, and everyone is talking about me, and it seems a little strange. I read these magazines and it almost seems like they're talking about another Joey Galloway."

There is no other. Barring unforeseen circumstances, Galloway simply

ly scratched the surface with last year's output. Cooper and his coaching staff have spent a lot of their hours this summer devising ways for their star player to get the ball.

Last season, he touched the ball 75 times through receptions, rushes, punt and kickoffs returns. This year, that number could double.

And it may be that he will catch about the same number of passes as last year, something in the 45 to 50 range. But to counteract teams that keyed on Galloway near the end of the season, and sometimes double- and triple-teamed him, the Buckeyes will get the ball into his hands in other ways.

Last spring and much of the summer, the coaching staff pored over a 1972 highlight film from Nebraska, looking for ways to simulate the productivity of all-purpose back Johnny Rodgers, who won the Heisman that season. Galloway scored two touchdowns on rushes last year but ran the ball only nine times all season. That number should increase as much as three or fourfold.

Likewise, Galloway will get more of a chance to break games open on punt and kickoff returns. Since his 1992 knee injury occurred on a return, OSU was reluctant to use him on kickoffs last year and occasionally rested him on punts. There will be no such rest this year, giving him a chance to turn a game around instantly, an exciting ability that has fueled a couple of recent Heisman Trophy winning campaigns, those of Notre Dame's Tim Brown in 1987 and Michigan's Desmond Howard in 1991.

Should Galloway be able to win the Heisman Trophy, it would be Ohio State's sixth since the balloting began in 1935, but its first since Griffin won the second of his back-to-back awards in 1975. And how legitimate is his candidacy? Big-time legitimate, according to a guy who should know.

"I think he is bona fide," Griffin said. "He played some outstanding football for us last year. If he can keep that attitude and just concentrate on the things he has control of — by that I mean his performance and his preparation mentally and physically — and stay healthy, I think he has a doggone good shot at it."

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OSU Star Accepted Money From Financial Planner Back In January

NCAA Suspends Galloway For Two Games

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Joey Galloway has been a willing centerpiece in the college football spotlight for a full year now. But that light was blinding at the beginning of this month when the Heisman Trophy candidate admitted accepting money from a financial planner and was subsequently suspended for two games by the NCAA.

Ohio State athletic director Andy Geiger confirmed the ruling in a statement released by the university Sept. 7, one day before the Buckeyes traveled to Seattle for a weekend match-up with Washington.

"The situation was disclosed during a normal investigative procedure by the NCAA," Geiger said. "We declared Joey ineligible, then appealed to have his eligibility restored. The NCAA has restored his eligibility, but after the Pittsburgh game."

Galloway, a senior co-captain, violated NCAA rules when he did not return the money before he decided to remain at OSU for his final season.

The All-American wideout remained in Columbus as Ohio State lost to the Huskies 25-16. He'll complete the punishment by sitting out the Sept. 17 home opener with Pittsburgh, then return to the field the following Saturday for OSU's home preconference tune-up with Houston.

He spoke to the media following a team practice Sept. 7 in a meeting room at the Woody Hayes Athletic Center. With television cameras pointed, radio mikes anchored to the podium and reporters' pens in motion, the 5-11, 186-pound split end admitted his error.

"When I took the money, I considered myself as 100 percent leaving college football," Galloway said. "I took the money at that time. Later on, I went home, changed my mind about the decision to leave, and I just did not repay the money."

"That is definitely my mistake. I'm a grown man and I have to accept the responsibility for that."

Galloway would not finger who the outside source was, but *The Columbus Dispatch* reported it was planner/agent Michael Weisberg. Several messages left for Weisberg at his Chicago-area office were not returned to BSB.

Galloway led Ohio State with 47 receptions for 946 yards and a record-tying 11 touchdown catches last season. In OSU's 34-10 blowout of Fresno State in the Aug. 29 Pigskin Classic, he handled the ball just six times but compiled 152 all-purpose yards and scored a pair of touchdowns. Ohio State will not be



FACING THE FACTS — Ohio State senior co-captain Joey Galloway answers questions from the media after accepting a two-game suspension from the NCAA. Galloway admittedly took money from a financial planner last January when he was contemplating a move to the NFL.

With Star Receiver Watching From Home, Buckeyes Suddenly Forget How To Score

By MARK REA

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With its top scoring threat back in Columbus watching on television, Ohio State suffered an acute case of touch-down amnesia against Washington.

The Buckeyes squandered at least five scoring opportunities, committed three turnovers and had several other mental and physical breakdowns as they dropped a 25-16 decision to the Huskies Sept. 10 before 70,861 fans in Husky Stadium.

OSU was playing the game without split end Joey Galloway, suspended by the NCAA for two games after admittedly taking money from a financial planner last January.

The absence of the Buckeyes' Heisman Trophy hopeful, coupled with the career-high 211 yards from Napoleon Kaufman, Washington's Heisman candidate, might have been enough in itself to carry the day for the Huskies.

But Ohio State insisted on making nearly every mistake possible in the first quarter and that resulted in a 19-0 hole the Buckeyes could never crawl out of.

OSU lost the opening coin toss and things went downhill from there. Penalties and fumbles combined with



WHERE'S MY PROTECTION? — Ohio State quarterback Bobby Hoyer was sacked six times by a blitzing Washington defense during the Buckeyes' 25-16 loss to the Huskies in Seattle.

missed assignments on both offense and defense, providing Washington with excellent field position and three early touchdowns.

The Huskies pushed the lead to 22-0 at halftime, giving the Buckeyes every indication they envisioned a scenario

similar to that of 1986 when Ohio State last visited Seattle and limped home 40-7 losers.

But OSU gamely stayed in the contest in the second half and even had a

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Galloway's Honesty Avoids Stiffer Penalty

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forced to forfeit that game despite Galloway's participation.

As he has in the past, Galloway shrugged off questions about the Heisman Trophy. In response to a question posed at the press conference asking him to measure the impact of the suspensions on his chances, he said simply, "I had no comment on the Heisman before this incident and I still have no comment on the Heisman."

During his Jan. 10 announcement that he would remain at Ohio State instead of opting for the pros, held in the same room at the WHAC, Galloway told reporters that money was not going to sway him in his decision.

"Money is important, don't get me wrong, but it's not driving my life," said Galloway, who said he received the \$200 in the first week of January. "I don't really put much emphasis on material things because I wasn't brought up that way. That money will be there."

To his credit, Galloway did return the money — plus \$18 interest — but that was only after he was confronted by an NCAA investigator. Galloway said the money was given to him for a specific purpose, but when asked what that purpose was, he replied, "I'm not quite sure."

It is believed the investigator also talked briefly with OSU players Corey Stringer and Lorenzo Styles, a pair of certain future pros, in the NCAA's recent attempts to crack down on player dealings with agents.

Ohio State head coach John Cooper would not confirm that other players were interviewed, saying only, "Joey is the only player that was involved with the NCAA."

Cooper added no further NCAA investigation will occur and that Galloway's trouble was an open-and-shut case.

S. David Berst of the NCAA compliance office said his office has no plans to take any further action concerning the wrongdoing.

"I hope it's an isolated incident," Berst told *BSB*. "We certainly did not consider the institution or program at fault. We were more concerned with the individual student-athlete and the potential danger involved with the situation."

Galloway said he is still upbeat despite the suspension.

"I've talked to a lot of the players and I've tried to pump them up, to let them know I'm behind them 100 percent," he said. "They know that they have a job to do, regardless of whether I'm there or not. All I can do is look forward to getting back and helping us win the Big Ten and beat Houston."

Cooper appeared to be the more disturbed man at the press conference.

"Obviously, I feel very bad for our football team; I feel very bad for Joey," said the OSU head coach. "What's this going to do for our team? I talked to the squad this afternoon. We've got to become a little closer now, we've got to circle the wagons. Other people are going to have to pick up the slack."

Cooper did not make excuses for Galloway, but he said the outside enticements are getting out of hand.

"I wish that something could be done," he said. "I think the number one problem we have in college football

right now, and as football coaches we talk about this all the time, is so-called agents."

The incident was the first of its kind at Ohio State since tailback Vince Workman was unceremoniously dumped from the program during his senior season in 1988, Cooper's first year as head coach. Workman, a running back out of Dublin, Ohio, now playing with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, played in the first two games of the season before it was discovered that he had already accepted money from and signed with an agent.

Workman actually got away with his infraction for a year and a half. He inked a deal with David Lueddekke in February of 1987 and allegedly accepted at least \$2,000 from Lueddekke prior to the 1987 season. He played against Syracuse and Pittsburgh, then lost the remainder of his college eligibility Sept. 21, one day after testifying to a Chicago grand jury.

At the press conference, Cooper said the Workman incident marked his only previous association with the agent/player suspension issue. However, defensive back David Fulcher signed with an agent as an underclassman and lost a final year of eligibility while in Cooper's Arizona State program.

"David went to the pros as a third-round draft choice and he should have been a first-round draft choice," Cooper told *BSB* in 1988. "Signing with that agent cost him a half a million dollars."

A year before the Workman trauma, standout wide receiver Cris Carter was lost for the 1987 season as a result of a federal grand jury probe of agents Norby Walters and Lloyd Bloom. Carter reportedly accepted \$5,750 from the duo. The incident set the table for the

demise of former head coach Earle Bruce, who was fired at the end of the '87 season.

Ironically, Carter shares the OSU touchdown reception record with Galloway, and Workman was a team captain along with 1988 seniors Michael McCray, Mike Sullivan and Jeff Uhlenhake.

Galloway said his blunder should not go unnoticed by teammates and players in the same position.

"I've heard of plenty of incidents where people have been approached," he said. "I hope that a lot of guys learn from this situation. I'm sure that I will learn from this situation. I'm a young man in college and I have some growing up to do, and I think this incident right here will help me do that."

Cooper said the university decided against an appeal of the NCAA's suspension, saying, "This is normal to miss a couple ball games for something like this." Galloway said he accepts it as a just penalty.

"I'm happy that I guess I know what's going to happen. I can't say I'm relieved because, of course, I miss the games," he said. "And I apologize to my family, my friends, The Ohio State University, my teammates, fans — I'm just sorry that something like this happened and a lot of people have to share in the pain of the whole situation."

David Williams II, vice president for student affairs at OSU, said athletes in all programs are repeatedly warned against accepting money and gifts from outside sources such as player agents, financial planners and advertisers. He realizes Galloway's mistake is in no way good PR for an institution still smarting from other publicized troubles such as kicker Mike Malfatt's felony theft case or the dismissal of basketball player

Gerald Eaker for firing a gun at a teammate's automobile.

"I don't want to say it's embarrassing, but certainly we would prefer these things not happen," Williams said. "But they do happen and our job throughout the university is to work with young adults and help them grow."

"If you look at how Joey handled himself, he's a guy who came in and said, 'Look, I made a mistake and I'm willing to pay for it.' So to a certain degree, I'm glad that whatever part we've had that we've helped Joey accept that."

"Embarrassed is not the right word. But I could do without talking to you all."

According to Berst, Galloway avoided a more severe fate by being both honest and direct when investigated.

"Simply reviewing past procedures in similar cases where individuals professionalize themselves in accepting money or agreeing to enter a professional realm, their eligibility is exhausted immediately," Berst said.

"In this instance, he changed his mind and was forthcoming when approached about the matter. In our view, he was not attempting to do something untoward. The only benefit was the dollars he received, which were remitted. Therefore, he received a comparably light suspension."

Berst added that had Galloway failed to produce the money or delayed response to the matter, it likely would have cost the star player his entire senior season. As for how the NCAA became aware of the matter, Berst would not say.

"That's irrelevant," he said. "The fact that we received the information is what's important. We're not about to divulge any information regarding that."

Kaufman Solidifies Heisman Candidacy

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couple of opportunities to win. However, despite touchdowns and two-point conversions in both the third and fourth quarters, the mistakes that had plagued the Buckeyes in the first half continued to occur in the second half.

"We had a plan of coming in here, taking the first possession and scoring to take their crowd out of it," said OSU head coach John Cooper. "Instead, just the opposite happened. We made mistakes, we got behind early, their crowd got into it and we were just fighting for our lives the rest of the game."

What damage the Buckeyes couldn't inflict upon themselves early, Kaufman provided. He rushed for 144 yards and one touchdown in the first half alone, then proceeded to move past the legendary Hugh McElhenny as Washington's all-time leader in all-purpose yardage.

"I think a player like Napoleon makes you look good as a coach," said Washington head coach Jim Lambright. "It doesn't really take much know-how to give him the ball and let him run."

While Kaufman was solidifying his Heisman candidacy, Galloway did not make the trip to Seattle and has probably forfeited any chance he had to win this year's award.

However, his absence meant a lot more to his teammates than just dwindling Heisman hopes.

"I'm not sure that we would have done anything different today, but you never know," said OSU offensive coordinator Joe Hollis. "You can't say that we wouldn't have made the same mistakes we made had Joey been on the same field. But he gives us a presence that no one else does. That much, we know."

In place of Galloway, sophomore split end Buster Tillman put up career highs with nine catches for 106 yards and a touchdown. The performance was good enough to win him *Big Bear Buckeye of the Week* honors. In addition, flanker Chris Sanders and tight end D.J. Jones combined for seven receptions and 135 yards, while backup receiver Terry Glenn, playing his first game after finally clearing up academic problems, chipped in with two catches for 38 yards.

But there was still something clearly missing.

"I think we did a pretty good job without Joey," Tillman said. "But that doesn't mean I wouldn't have rather had him out there with us. I'm already looking forward to getting him back."

The defeat was Ohio State's first non-conference loss (not counting bowl games) since that infamous 35-26 loss to Southern Cal during a rainstorm in 1990.

It also marks the team's worst start since 1989, when the Buckeyes also were 1-1. OSU has not lost two of its first three games in a season since

1986, when it lost to Alabama in the Kickoff Classic and then went to Washington for that 40-7 drubbing before returning home to beat Colorado.

Meanwhile, the Huskies avoided their first 0-2 start since 1985. It was an important victory since they travel to Miami (Fla.) on Sept. 24 to meet the Hurricanes. Washington hasn't lost its first three games in a season since 1969.

Washington remains on Pac-10 probation and cannot go to a postseason bowl game. But the Buckeyes are still focused on their goal of successfully defending the Big Ten title and said the loss would not deter them.

"It's a loss and it hurts," said linebacker Lorenzo Styles. "But it doesn't hurt us as far as the Big Ten or the Rose Bowl is concerned. We wanted to win for national pride, but we can come back from this. We have to go back home and get better. That's all."

Offensive tackle Corey Stringer agreed.

"This is not the end of the season," he said. "We wanted to win this game, obviously, but we didn't."

"I think what you saw in the second half today is what we're capable of. We didn't quit until the final gun. We have a long way to go and two more games before we start the Big Ten. That's what we're shooting for. We made mistakes today. Now we have to learn from them so those mistakes will eventually make us a better team."