

# Quarterback Race To Continue In Fall

While horse racing aficionados were taking a week off between the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness — two of the three jewels in horse racing's triple crown — there was still a very interesting horse race going on within the Ohio State football team.

It was the second running of the 'Great Quarterback Race.' Six horses, er, make that young men, intent on being fitted for the OSU quarterback bridle and bit when the season rolls around in the fall, were being scrutinized by close to 22,000 fans in Ohio Stadium as Spring Game II unfolded on May 8.

When the second spring scrimmage was over, OSU coach Earle Bruce was in a quandary. It had been like two heats of a harness race. You know, two different winners, thus a run-off was in the offing. But in this case, determining the winner will have to wait until fall practice.

Bruce's perplexity was evident from his opening statement on the quarterback situation following a 34-14 Gray victory over the Scarlets.

"I think Mike Tomczak is still in the lead after today," said Bruce. "He did a fine job."

But wait a minute coach. It was Tim Stephens who you had said was a notch above Tomczak after Spring Game I eight days earlier at Kings Island, Ohio.

"Yeah," said Bruce. "After that game I did announce that Stephens was ahead. But Mike Tomczak came back. It's so close and it's been back and forth and Mike had a fine game today. He delivered the ball exceptionally well."

"Speaking off the top of my hat, we haven't graded them, but if his grade is higher, he'll go into the fall as the lead quarterback. It depends on what Tim Stephens' grade is in this ball game also."

Bruce was placing Tomczak in the lead based on the fact he completed 13 of 16 passes for 203 yards and one touchdown in Game II. Stephens had netted 90 yards and one touchdown on six completions in 11 attempts while guiding the Scarlet squad.

Was Bruce handing the quarterback reins to Tomczak?

"I don't know whether you can have a young guy like a Tomczak who can be head and shoulders above everybody right now," said Bruce. "Maybe after 29 practices in the fall there will be someone who would emerge head and shoulders above everyone else, as they get more work."

"What I like is I see talented young men. I see some that haven't had enough work and I see some that we've got to make decisions on."

"Tomczak obviously has the talent to lead us down the field. I've seen Tim Stephens do that. Now the other ones are a little inconsistent yet, but that's because

of the number of plays they've had."

With Tomczak, who will be a sophomore in the fall, and Stephens, coming up on his junior season, somewhat entrenched in the pocket and Jim Karsatos, Walt Norley, Scott Woolf and Brent Offenbecher waiting in the wings, is Bruce satisfied with his quarterback situation?

"I think our quarterbacks are fine," he replied. "They're really hard workers and they've improved. I mean, they're all fine passers. I guarantee you they can all throw the ball. Art (Schlichter) helped us recruit some damn good passers."

It's an interesting dilemma Bruce will ponder over the summer. But sometime between now and the season opener on Sept. 11 in Ohio Stadium against Baylor, he will undoubtedly throw the roses around the neck of one of the six hopefuls.

"Oh yeah," said Bruce. "We're going to have one quarterback. Not that someone can't go in and play. But we're not going to run quarterbacks in and out."

"I think it's nice going over the summer like it is," Bruce added. "Because everybody thinks they're within striking distance and if they work harder they can do it. I think that's true. They've got some talent. If you see them everyday, you can recognize they've got the talent, they like the game, they work hard and they're improving. I think they'll come back and I think they'll be better."



Tim Stephens

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Mike Tomczak

## Tomczak Impressive In Second Spring Tilt

By Rich Exner

As early as last year's Liberty Bowl, when he was moved up to second team behind Art Schlichter, it had appeared that Mike Tomczak was the favorite to take over quarterbacking chores on the 1982 Ohio State football team.

And after an impressive performance in Spring Game II, Buckeye fans are beginning to understand why.

All the former high school All-American from Calumet City, Ill. did was complete 13 of 16 passes for 203 yards and a touchdown while leading his Gray squad to a 34-14 victory.

He also showed evidence that he could fill the bill as an option quarterback, tucking one up off left tackle for a five-yard touchdown run.

"I think Mike Tomczak is still in the lead after today," OSU coach Earle Bruce said after the May 8 contest in Ohio Stadium. "He did a fine job. He threw the ball exceptionally well."

"We haven't graded him yet, but if his grade is higher (than the other quarterbacks), he'll go into the fall as our number one

quarterback," added Bruce, who for the first time since coming to OSU in 1979, is looking for a signal-caller.

Needless to say, Tomczak was pleased with his performance.

"It's a big boost," he said. "I am pretty happy about what I accomplished."

"I knew that I had to perform. I think that Tim Stephens, Brent Offenbecher, Jim Karsatos, Walt Norley and Scott Woolf knew that too," said the sophomore to be.

"I felt I had a little bit of an edge over the other guys because I played more in the Liberty Bowl."

He did not attempt a pass in the bowl game, but wound up the season with four completions in seven attempts for 73 yards and a TD pass.

Tomczak feels that there are areas of his game that need some tuning up before the fall.

"You can always improve on your throwing. Defenses are becoming tougher and tougher to throw against," he said. "I feel I still need a lot of improvement and maturity before the season opens next year."

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## Offenbecher Shines In Spring, Continues Quest For More Play

By Frank Moskowitz

For Brent Offenbecher, it seems to happen every spring.

Last year, the Ohio State quarterback was one of the stars of the spring game, hitting on five of seven passes for 106 yards, including a 48-yard scoring strike. He also ran for another TD.

Offenbecher came back this spring and hit Victor Langley with a nine-yard scoring pass to lead the Gray past the Scarlet in Spring Game I at Kings Island. The junior to be was five of seven again and came back to complete six of 10 in Spring Game II.

"I don't know what it is," Offenbecher said of his play in spring games. "I feel like I just play well under pressure."

But as well as he played in the spring game last year, Offenbecher was hardly heard from again during the rest of 1981.

"I think when you have somebody like Art (Schlichter) or Bobby Atha in front of you, you don't hear much about anybody else," the Massillon, Ohio native said of his disappearing act. "I don't really think they (the coaching staff) were looking at anybody else because we had two of the best quarterbacks in the country, as far as I'm concerned."

While he had the good spring game last year, Offenbecher was not certain that his game progressed during the rest of the 1981 season.

"It's hard to go up when you are not getting a lot of work," he said. "I think all the quarterbacks would say the same thing. It's hard to progress when you're not getting work and everybody realizes that."

Still, he seemed pleased with his play this spring.

"It's gone well. I think Mike (Tomczak) and Tim Stephens have played well. I'm playing well, but they're playing well too. I think a lot of it (who plays in the fall) is going to come down to these spring games."

### Scholar-Athletes

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awarded the Corwin Fergus Award, like the Schottenstein Award, a graduate school stipend. Medich was a scholar athlete every year at Ohio State and had a 3.29 grade average.

Another baseball player, Kirk Dixon, won the John T. and Hulda E. Edwards Award, another graduate stipend. Dixon had a 3.10 GPA in communications.

John T. Edwards, presenter of the Edwards Award, summed up the banquet best.

"Every media outlet that follows the Buckeyes should be here," he said. "What you do in athletics is great, but this is more important because this is the real world."

Despite firing the winning touchdown pass in Spring Game I, Offenbecher was not totally satisfied with his performance.

"I made some mistakes which were dumb, and I realize that."

After his spring game heroics last year, he also complained of mistakes, yet he was able to move the team up and down the field, just as he did at Kings Island.

"It things like a handoff I missed today. I went the wrong way. It's things like that you just can't have. You can't be a national contender and do things like that. You just can't. When we're playing Michigan and you go the wrong way — you just can't do that."

While Mike Tomczak appears to

have the upper hand at quarterback as the team moves toward fall practice, Offenbecher does not appear ready to abandon the fight.

"We have all of fall practice yet before the opening game," Offenbecher explained. "I don't care who the first string quarterback is going into the fall. It could always change. If it's me it could change, if it's Mike it could change. If it's anybody it could change."

"There are a lot of practices left." So what is Brent Offenbecher's mental attitude as he prepares for the fall?

"It's got to be positive. It's got to be positive."



Brent Offenbecher

## Broadnax Works Out On Defense, Future Position Still Undetermined

By Rich Exner

The the experimenting is over. Now the Ohio State coaching staff must weigh the results and come to a decision.

The Buckeye football coach Earle Bruce and his staff had Vaughn Broadnax, starting fullback on last year's 9-3 team, working at middle guard during spring drills as they searched for someone to fill the shoes vacated by Liberty Bowl defensive MVP Nick Miller.

Bruce and his aides will no have to decide whether to put the former Ohio Class AAA prep wrestling champion on the defensive line, or return him to the offensive backfield.

Broadnax gained 184 yards on 50 carries last season.

"I think he (Broadnax) played well when he played at middle guard," Bruce said. "But I don't know if he's going to stay there."

The highlight of Broadnax's spring play was probably an interception in Spring Game I.

The other leading middle guard prospect is sophomore to be Spencer Nelms, who Bruce said "looked very good the last 10 days" of spring practice.

The 6-3, 252-pound Broadnax, who will be a junior next season, is more concerned with the team's success than the position he will be playing.

"It doesn't matter to me where I play in the fall, as long as I help the team," said the Xenia, Ohio native.

Much of what happens in the fall may depend on how the fullback situation shapes up without Broadnax.

"We have got Craig Dunn and Ray Meyers (at fullback), both seniors, and they're improving," the coach said after Spring Game II in Ohio Stadium May 8.

Bruce went on to say that if Broadnax stayed on defense, "those two men will have to fight it out, and we'll have to decide if a young man coming in like Barry Walker or Keith Byars (both 1,000-yard rushers in high school) can help us there."

The fourth year coach also admitted that "split backs are a thought" with flashy tailbacks Tim Spencer and Jimmy Gayle returning for their final year at OSU.

The Broadnax situation will make both middle guard and fullback positions to watch in fall practice.



Vaughn Broadnax Defends



## Spring Game I

## Buck Running Game Remains Strong

The Ohio State football team picked up where it left off last season when it played Spring Game I on April 30 on Galbreath Field at Kings Island, Ohio.

Well, at least Tim Spencer and Jimmy Gayle did.

Spencer, who rushed for 1,217 yards last season and Gayle, who netted 732 ground yards a year ago, showed no evidence of a layoff as they combined for 221 rushing yards as the Gray squad, for whom Spencer played, gained a 10-7 victory over the Scarlets.

The play of Spencer and Gayle overshadowed the battle of six young men trying to gain the upper hand in the race to replace Art Schlichter as the OSU quarterback when the season rolls around in September.

Spencer, from St. Clairsville, Ohio, netted 122 yards on the ground (he also caught six passes for 29 yards) as the Buckeye backs ran at will against defenses that were instructed to keep things rather basic. Gayle, out of Hampton, Va., rolled up 99 yards in adding impetus to a thought by Buckeye coach Earle Bruce to abandon the fullback position in favor of split backs come fall.

"That may come in the fall," said Bruce after the first spring game ever played outside Ohio Stadium. "We'll have to wait and see. But you have to have your two best backs in the same backfield. Right now our best backs are Spencer and Gayle. You'd hate to have one sit on the bench."

While it has long been a known fact that Ohio State can gain yards on the ground, onlookers among the estimated 7,000 in attendance at this game were more interested in the battle of quarterbacks.

Tim Stephens, whom Bruce said "came out with a little edge over the other quarterbacks," did so with a six of 10 passing performance. Neither Stephens nor Mike Tomczak could put any points on the board as the teams battled to a 0-0 halftime tie.

Bill Andrews gave the Gray a 3-0 lead with a 31-yard field goal in the third quarter. But the Scarlet, with Stephens at the controls, marched 62 yards in six plays with Stephens tossing a 30-yard touchdown pass to Cedric Anderson. Stephens completed a key 39-yard pass to tight end Brad Dwell during the scoring drive.

Brent Offenbecher, the star of last year's lone spring game, guided the Grays to the game-winning score in the fourth quarter. He connected with wide receiver Victor Langley on a nine-yard TD toss for the winning points.

Bruce was non-committal about the quarterback situation, simply saying: "the quarterbacks will be reevaluated. We'll know who is number one after grading films Sunday."

When Sunday rolled around, Bruce was quoted as saying Stephens, who netted 77 yards in his six completions, was ahead of Tomczak (8-17, 70 yards, but two interceptions). Offenbecher was 5-7 for 36 yards while Walt Norley was 3-8 for 26 yards and had three passes intercepted in the second half. Jim Karsatos sat out the game with laryngitis while Scott Woolf didn't play because of an injured elbow.

## Game I Notes

Pre-game introductions and early game commentary were muddled by a bad public address system. But Galbreath Field officials quickly smoothed things out.

One former Buckeye grid great known to be in the crowd was Francis 'Moose' Machinsky. Machinsky, an offensive tackle and three-letter (1953-55) winner

under Woody Hayes, was just an interested alumni, possibly day dreaming about seeing his son in an OSU uniform in another year or so. Mike Machinsky, or should we call him 'Little Moose', is now up to 6-4 and 250 pounds. He was an outstanding tackle for Upper Arlington High School in Columbus as a junior last fall.

Another interested spectator was former Cleveland Brown great Lou 'The Toe' Groza. Groza, observed entering the parking lot in his car with a special 'Toe' license plate, was on hand to watch the progress of his son Judd. The younger Groza, a 6-3, 226-pound sophomore who was red-shirted last year, is trying to make the grade as a tight end.

Freshman cornerback James Palmer must have felt an early urge to vindicate the defensive secondary for last season's poor

showing. Palmer, from Williamsburg, Va., picked off a Mike Tomczak pass on the first Gray possession of the game. Palmer's theft was one of five registered by the defense in the game.

Junior Dave McFarland, locked in a battle with Bill Andrews for the placekicking job vacated by the graduation of Bob Atha, saw his first field goal attempt blocked by the left upright of the goal post. McFarland had tried from 23 yards out.

Then, Andrews, a junior from Cambridge, Ohio, provided the margin of victory with his field goal with 7:48 left in the third quarter.

Rich Czyzyski, a sophomore from Brookpark, Ohio, had the honor of getting the first blocked punt when he burst up the middle to nail a Karl Edwards boot with four seconds left in the third quarter.



Tailback Tim Spencer gains some of his 122 rushing yards for the Gray squad under the lights at Kings Island near Cincinnati in Spring Game I. The Grays were able to defeat the Scarlet 10-7 in the first spring game to be played outside of Columbus. Spencer was named offensive MVP for his efforts.



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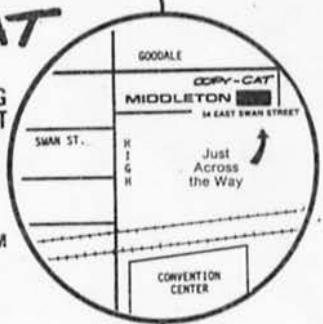
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# Passers Bombard Basic Spring Defense

Ohio State football coach Earle Bruce evidently subscribes to the theory of not firing your guns until you see the whites of your opponent's eyes.

Scouts from Ohio State's 1982 opening day opponent, Baylor, were present at Spring Game II at Ohio Stadium May 8 and Bruce was not going to do any fancy shooting for their benefit.

"Obviously," the coach said after the Gray squad had laced the Scarlets 34-14 in the annual clash, "we played one straight, base defense today and didn't get after it like we did a week ago (in Spring Game I)."

The Buckeyes were using the basics so as not to tip their hand to the Baylor people.

"Not that that (Baylor's presence) matters, but I think after they look at last year's movies they'll know what we've done in the past. But they don't know anything about our personnel."

"We wanted to test some of our kids on playing a base defense," added the Buckeye coach. "We just wanted to play base coverage and let our kids see a little bit of what they're going to see next fall."

What the players saw was an awful lot of offense and not a whole lot of defense. But, then again, defense — especially in the secondary — was the downfall of the Buckeyes of 1981. The most recent version of defensive secondary coverage finished next

to last in NCAA Division I statistics.

On this day five quarterbacks vying to step into the shoes left vacant by the departure of Art Schlichter combined to complete 30 of 50 passes for 416 yards and two touchdowns. Remember, Bruce had ordered basic defenses.

"I guess, basically, that hurt the defense a little," said Bruce. "To stand in one defensive formation and pass coverage."

Indeed, Tim Stephens, a junior-to-be out of Parkersburg, W.Va., opened up the aerial show with completions of 14 and 18 yards to Cedric Anderson on the Scarlets' first possession. He completed the drive by connecting with Jimmy Gayle from eight yards out as the Scarlet unit grabbed a quick 7-0 lead with 10:59 left in the first quarter.

Jay Holland, freshman from Columbus Mifflin High School, got the first of two 64-yard kick returns he would have on the day to give the Grays excellent field position for their first drive.

Mike Tomczak, heir apparent to Schlichter, pitched wide to tailback Tim Spencer who scampered around right end for a five-yard TD run with 9:18 remaining in the period. A miss of the extra point attempt left the Gray on top 7-6.

Later in the period, Tomczak, out of Calumet City, Ill., would connect on passes of 11 yards to Brad Dwelle, 22 yards to Gary Williams

and again to Dwelle on a play that covered 30 yards for a score with 1:34 to play in the period. Tom Moore was successful on this conversion and the Gray was in the lead for good at 13-7.

Tomczak, who completed eight of eight passes in the first half and would end the game 13 of 16, scored the only six-pointer of the second quarter when he executed a keeper from five yards out.

Gayle, who netted 78 yards in 21 carries, closed the gap to 20-14 in the third quarter when he took a pitchout from Stephens and went into the end zone from the two.

Tomczak showed tremendous poise as the Gray was moving downfield late in the third quarter. On one play, he stepped up into the pocket to avoid a hard rush and found Dwelle open down the middle for a 36-yard completion. Later in the drive he handed off to Spencer for a two-yard TD plunge.

Jim Karsatos, the fifth of five quarterbacks to see action, closed out the scoring with 3:07 left in the game when he darted over from the two.

Spencer, the leading ground gainer for the Buckeyes last season, picked up 68 yards in 17 carries while also grabbing five passes for another 38 yards. Williams, OSU's leading receiver in 1981, hauled in five aeriels for 108 yards including a spectacular one-handed grab of a pass from Tomczak for a 23 yard gain in the second quarter.

Asked what he thought the basic, no-frills defense proved, Bruce said: "It really helped the quarterbacks. We wanted to play the defense straight up anyhow. But we really didn't want to let them move the ball that well."

And could he evaluate the day's activities?

"I'm going to have to look at the film," said Bruce. "I'm just a coach. I can't tell anything without looking at the films. There's too many guys out there. I can tell you who I thought played well, but it's always the films that really tell you what goes on."

## Game II Notes

Three defensive players picked up interceptions in the contest. Jeff Gotttron and Doug Hill, playing in the secondary, had thefts for the Gray squad while defensive tackle Chris Riehm

grabbed the third interception by the defensive front in two games.

Outside linebacker Curt Curtis recorded two quarterback sacks while Kirk Lowdermilk, Chris Cicero and Dave Crecelius netted one each.

Clark Backus led both teams in tackle participations, being credited with 16 for the Scarlet team. His teammate, Curt Curtis recorded 11. Larry Kolic paced the Gray defense with 13 tackles while Glen Cobb and Dave Morrill had 12 and 10, respectively.

One player — Vaughn Broadnax — played both offense and defense. Broadnax, being tried at middle guard on defense this spring after playing exclusively at fullback the past two seasons, excelled at the former position while also playing fullback in the fourth quarter.

Two others — offensive tackle Rory Graves and tailback Kelvin Lindsey saw action for both squads. Graves was forced to do double duty when his position became a little thin because of injuries.

Buckeye coach Earle Bruce appeared to be entertained by the OSU Military Band as it performed its pre-game routine. Bruce, who spent the game in a box atop Ohio Stadium, spent several minutes prior to the game watching the band perform from the press box.

Two other coaches were on hand for Game II. Former OSU coach Woody Hayes took in the entire proceedings and chatted with press box observers at halftime while current Buckeye basketball boss Eldon Miller also took in the game.

Neither Karl Edwards nor Gary Alders gained a lead in the battle for punting duties. Edwards had two punts average 44 yards while Alders had one boot of the same distance.

Sophomore to be Jay Holland made his presence felt as a kick returner by returning two kickoffs for 128 yards and two punts for nine yards.

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# Bruce Assesses Bucks After Spring Game II

Just seconds after watching the Gray team down the Scarlet squad 34-14 in Spring Game II, Buckeye grid boss Earle Bruce analyzed what he had seen.

He answered questions about nearly every facet of the Buckeye team before finally begging off to catch a bus to the North Facility where his players were to have a post-game meal.

The following is Bruce's summation:

• **Fullback** — "I really thought that the fullback situation is such that we've got Craig Dunn and Ray Myers. They're both seniors and they're improving. But I don't know yet if Vaughn Broadnax is going to stay at the middle guard

position. If he does, then those two are going to fight it out and we'll have to decide whether a young man coming in like Barry Walker of Keith Byars can help us there and do the job. We always pick from what we have right now. We would have to say that probably Craig Dunn and Ray Myers are pretty close. But, like I said, I really don't know if Vaughn's going to stay there (defense)."

• **Splitbacks** — "That's a thought. I mean that's going to have to be in our thinking some. To get (Jimmy) Gayle and (Tim) Spencer both in the game. Not only that but the other kid that plays well is (Kelvin) Lindsey. Lindsey runs the ball well and, luckily, he got through 20 practices here. It's

the first time he's ever finished that many practices. Usually he has an ankle injury or some injury but he got through and he looks good. So we have three good tailbacks and if it would mean one of the fullbacks wouldn't come through, then we'd go to split backs."

• **Kicking Game** — "We have all walk-on kickers, not punters, but kickers. The kicker that's going to come in will be Rich Spangler. They're going to compete with him because he's got more power in his leg than anyone that we have right now. We're good at the extra point but we're not good at long field goals and we can't kick off and that may be a problem. We've concentrated real hard on the punting. It's a matter that Karl Edwards has to become more consistent and so does Gary Alders. They punt well but they're really going to have to spend some time over the summer because that's when you can develop that skill."

• **Defensive Secondary** — "I thought Garcia Lane played well. I

thought Doug Hill played well. I thought Tom Anthony played well but he wasn't tested on some things."

• **Linebackers** — "I thought our outside linebackers played well, especially (Rich) Czyzynski and (Rowland) Tatum. The outside linebacker position is really something. If I were to look at that right now, I don't know. Czyzynski and Curt Curtis and Rowland Tatum and Orlando Lowry played exceptionally well. Before we didn't think we had any and now we think we might have four. Czyzynski and Tatum are new at that position, just since the spring, and they've come on rather strong."

• **Overall Assessment** — "I'm satisfied with our 20 practices. I think that's what's important. We've had a lot of good things happen. I've seen our defense progress and I think our team has gotten stronger, we've gotten better each day and we've had some tremendous improvement in individuals."



The defensive secondary was certainly not the Ohio State football team's strong suit last season, but in Spring Game II at Ohio Stadium Doyle Lewis (23) and Tom Anthony (47) are able to contain this pass play. It was a big passing day for the Gray team however, as Mike Tomczak riddled the Scarlet secondary for 13 completions on 16 attempts for 203 yards in a 34-14 win.

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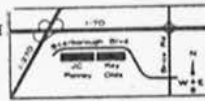
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# Kellogg Will Forego His Senior Season

The official announcement was set for Friday, May 14, but by mid-week Columbus newspapers were already assuring the public that Clark Kellogg, the Big Ten basketball player-of-the-year, would skip his senior year at Ohio State in favor of a pro career.

Anyone who hoped that the information in the newspapers was incorrect, quickly learned otherwise at Kellogg's news conference.

"As you all know, I've decided to forego my senior year of eligibility," Kellogg opened, confirming the reports, "and I am going to enter my name in the NBA draft."

"I have come to a decision after trying to weigh all the pros and cons that I could possibly weigh," Kellogg said. "I tried to weigh everything that was in favor of staying; I tried to weigh everything that was in favor of leaving. And in doing so, I feel it's in my best interests to enter into the NBA draft this year."

"I've tried to approach this in a business like manner, because by turning professional, basketball is going to become my livelihood. It's going to become a job for me."

"And ever since I realized I had a little extra potential in the game, it's been one of my dreams to try to play professional basketball and to try to excel in the NBA. I'm just choosing to leave school a year early to pursue my livelihood."

"I'd like to make it clear that my decision in no way reflects on the differences that Coach (Eldon) Miller and I have had over the three years that I have been here. With each year that I've been here, I've improved as a player and I have to largely attribute that to Coach Miller. I respect Coach Miller as a coach; I respect him as a human being."

"I just want to make sure everyone understands how I feel about leaving. I am leaving because I think it's in my best interests from a business standpoint, and as I have said before, I have chosen to make professional basketball a goal of mine. It just happens that I reached that goal a little earlier than some people."

"I want to make it clear," Kellogg reiterated, "it was my decision and had no reflection on the, quote, 'unhappiness or frustration', unquote, that I was supposed to be feeling here at Ohio State."

*"I'd like to make it clear that my decision in no way reflects on the differences that Coach Miller and I have had . . ."*

— Clark Kellogg

Kellogg was asked if one of the things he wanted to do in the pros, that he had not been able to do at Ohio State, was handle the ball more.

"That's really hard to say," he replied. "It depends on the team that drafts me and where they want to play me. I'm just really willing and ready to adjust to whatever I have to adjust to."

It had been thought by many that Kellogg would make his decision based on what the several other talented underclassmen in the country would do as far as the NBA draft.

"I was keeping track of what those other guys were going to do," he said, "but I wasn't really going to let that affect me because I feel that regardless of what they do, I'd still be able to go high in the draft and excel in the NBA."

The Cleveland native said that, given the information he was able to obtain while trying to make his decision, he would probably go anywhere from fourth to tenth in the draft.

"As far as the money I would command, it would be based on where I go in the draft. There's usually a scale that determines what you make, depending on where you are drafted. I think the first five are usually above the second five and the second five make more than the third."

Kellogg listed Dallas, Kansas City and Cleveland as teams that appeared interested in obtaining his services.

It was suggested that playing in his hometown of Cleveland would be of great help to Kellogg after his career in basketball was over.

"In some ways I think that might be a good situation and in other ways it might not be," Kellogg said. "Being in Cleveland and playing basketball there probably would present a great deal of pressure on and off the court."

"I guess if it worked out, it would probably be a real good situation. If it didn't, it probably would be disastrous."

He expressed no preference as far as which NBA team he might like to play for.

"It really doesn't matter. I would be happy on a team that needs my talents and that I could contribute to, maybe not right away, but almost right away, so I wouldn't have to go through a year or two of sitting on the bench. But if that's the case, I'll just have to adjust."

"But ideally, I'd like to go where I could play almost immediately."

A few seasons back, former Buckeye great Herb Williams, then a junior, faced the same decision that Kellogg did and chose to stay for his final season. Williams, now with the Indiana Pacers, and Kellogg apparently discussed the matter before Clark made his choice.



*Clark Kellogg Meets The Press*

"He tried to be pretty objective" Kellogg said. "He didn't want me to do the opposite of what he did, just for the sake of doing the opposite. He explained to me his situation and the reasons he decided to stay and I kind of weighed that and looked at it as information that I could use in making my decision."

The Big Ten's leading rebounder said that the fine recruiting year Ohio State had this season caused him to at least think about the possibilities the Buckeyes might have had with him back next season.

"It made me think a little bit more about the possibilities of us winning the championship here at Ohio State a year from now. But that was about it. There was a chance for us to be a better team than we were a year ago."

"We would have the same nucleus coming back, had I decided to return, but as I said before, I really think it was better for me to make my decision now, as opposed to staying in school for another year."

"I realize that I probably would improve with another year of college basketball, but at the same time, I think that I'm ready to make the adjustment, both on and off the floor, to the NBA."

Still, Kellogg was aware of the areas where he needed the most work if he was to do well in the NBA.

"There are a lot of things I need

to work on. I think running is going to be a big adjustment for me. I'm going to have to work on my endurance, my conditioning, my foot speed. I have plans to do that this summer."

"I'm going to have to work on some other things. I'm going to have to learn to shoot the ball as well to my right as to my left, moving without the ball, halfcourt passing — I could go on and on."

Eldon Miller had praise for the departing Kellogg.

"First and foremost," Miller said, "we don't really want to see him go unless that's what he really wants to do. But I think if you really analyze the situation and what this young man is looking at, you can appreciate his decision."

"We'll miss the man that people who know basketball best — the coaches in the Big Ten — have chosen as the best player in the league. But we'll miss him more, I think, as a person. He has, and always will, represent Ohio State the way it should be represented."

"And if he can find another job, along with his, that pays what he's going to make, I might even apply for it."

*"We'll miss the man that people who know basketball best . . . have chosen as the best player in the league."*

— Eldon Miller





Art Schlichter

## Schlichter Goes To Baltimore As First Quarterback Selected

Words had been tossed around for a long time — who was the best collegiate quarterback in the country last season?

Whether or not he actually was the best, Ohio State's Art Schlichter was the first signal-caller drafted when the National Football League gathered to make pros out of college students in late April.

Schlichter, who holds nearly every passing record in the OSU book, was the fourth selection made in the draft when he was

chosen by the Baltimore Colts. The selection of Schlichter beat by one that of Brigham Young standout Jim McMahon, chosen fifth in the first round by the Chicago Bears.

For the Colts to have a chance at Schlichter, whom they had talked to for weeks concerning the possibility of drafting him, Baltimore dealt starting quarterback Bert Jones to the Los Angeles Rams for the Rams' first-round pick.

Ohio State also contributed two other players to the pros through

the draft when linebacker Anthony Griggs was selected in the fourth round by the Philadelphia Eagles and Bob Atha, a quarterback, punter, place-kicker and wide-receiver during his four years at OSU, was a 12th-round pick of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Schlichter, who said he was "really excited" about going to Baltimore, said he hoped to have a chance to become a starter early in his career.

The Miami Trace High School product, who passed for 2,551 yards and 17 touchdowns in his senior season said he was not sure Baltimore was going to draft him.

"I knew they were interested," said Schlichter. "But I really didn't know if they would draft me."

Schlichter and his agent, Tom Reich, began negotiations almost immediately after his selection was announced from draft headquarters in New York. Schlichter participated in a workout with other Colt draftees five days after the draft while Reich, who was reportedly trying to get the Buckeye All-American a contract worth close to \$1 million for his first three years.

Griggs, who transferred to Ohio State for his senior season after Villanova dropped football, is a 6-2, 225-pounder who recorded 51 solo tackles, added 40 assists and netted 10 tackles for losses totalling 58 yards for the Bucks last year.

Atha, who began his career at Ohio State as a walk-on, was one of the most versatile players in a Scarlet and Gray uniform over the past four years. He handled punting duties on and off during his career, played exceptionally well as a back-up to Schlichter for four seasons, did placekicking and was a starter at wide receiver for OSU in the Liberty Bowl to close out his Buckeye career.

St. Louis team officials have already made a decision to give the talented Atha a shot at making the club as a defensive back.

Although not drafted, Mike D'Andrea, who played in 36 consecutive games over his final three seasons, recording 63 tackles during his senior year, signed a free-agent contract with the Minnesota Vikings.

## Tomczak Sharp

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The 6-1, 180-pounder did make some strides forward during spring practice.

"My confidence has improved and I have learned to pick up the right reads better. The more repetition you get, the better you're going to be."

And if he goes into the fall as the number one man, Mike Tomczak will have plenty of opportunity for repetition.

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## Sophomore No Stranger To Competitive Sports

# Confidence Aiding Buckeye Golfer Perry

By Rich Exner

The way Chris Perry tells it, his golfing career isn't going to come to an end when he has finished his four years at Ohio State.

"I know I'm going to make it because I have confidence in myself and I'm not a loser," Perry said when asked what his chances were of becoming a pro golfer.

"I'm going to finish school and turn pro," the sophomore said. "Hopefully, I'll be able, with my credentials, to find a sponsor."

OSU coach Jim Brown, who has enjoyed six Big Ten championships and a national title at Ohio State, speaks of Perry's competitiveness when describing his golfer's play.

"He's probably one of the most competitive players I've had since I've been here," the ninth year coach said.

Perry, who is the son of former major league pitcher Jim Perry and a nephew of 300-win pitcher Gaylord Perry, feels that being exposed to professional sports as a youngster has helped his competitiveness.

"That's where I got it from," the younger Perry explained. "Being around him (his father) and being in the locker room, I know what to expect."

"I'm, all and all, thankful for the



Chris Perry

talent I have, and I'm trying to do the best that I can with it.

"I credit all my success to my parents," he continued. "My girl friend, Kathy Soloff, who is on the women's golf team, has had a great influence on my game this year (with her pep talks)."

The native of Edina, Minn. has had an excellent career thus far at Ohio State.

Perry was one of the top freshmen in the country last year,

capturing the Butler National Collegiate and finishing in the top ten in six other tournaments en route to earning honorable mention All-American laurels.

This year he has won the Butler, the Kepler Intercollegiate and the Northern Intercollegiate to go along with seconds in the Marshall Invitational and the Big Ten Championships.

Perry, in addition, gained the Les Bolstad Award in recognition of the lowest season average for a Big Ten golfer. It is the seventh consecutive year that a Buckeye has won the award.

Perry came to Ohio State after winning three high school state

championships and being named Minnesota's Junior Player-of-the-Year during the same three years.

"They have so many great courses in Ohio, and Ohio State has a great reputation with all the great golfers that have come out of here," Perry said of his decision to come to Columbus. "And, I didn't want to play golf year-round. I wanted to have some time off to relax."

Perry is one of the team's tri-captains this season. All three are sophomores and will continue to provide the nucleus for the next few years as the team continues its quest for Ohio State's third national championship.

## Cox Making Her Mark In OSU Record Book

By Philip M. Bowman

Nadine Cox, a member of the Ohio State women's track and field team, might not be that well known among OSU fans, but her name is already in the Lady Bucks' track record book.

Cox, a sophomore from Geneva, Ohio majoring in medical technology, set the school record in the discus this spring with a throw of 164-6½. In the process, she qualified for the AIAW National Championships May 26-29, in College Station, Tex.

Cox said she was very excited to compete in the championship, but added she didn't know what to expect from the competition.

"It's sort of weird. With the NCAA and the AIAW both holding separate championships, I won't know who my competition will be until I get there," Cox said.

Regardless of the competition, Cox hoped to place at the national meet.

Success is nothing new to Cox. She was a two-time state champ in the discus at Geneva High School, taking the state crown in both 1979 and 1980. She also placed fifth in the shot put her senior year.

Cox decided to come to Ohio State because she liked the

veterinary medicine program that OSU offered and also because it was close to home.

Cox prepared for the outdoor season by throwing the shot put during indoor track season. She was runner-up in the Big Ten meet, but when she talks about it, she seems disappointed.

"I really didn't have that good of an indoor season," she said, noting she had a lot of room for improvement. "I really worked hard, so maybe that hard work will pay off later in my career."

Cox has nothing but praise for OSU track coaches Mamie Rallins and Vaughn Davis.

"Both are wonderful people and I've learned a lot from both of them. Vaughn (field events coach) has helped me with my throwing style," she added.

When she is not participating with the track team, Cox likes to follow other sports.

"I'm sort of an outdoors type of person and I like to follow all the major sports," she said, adding that she really doesn't have that much free time.

Upon graduation, Cox plans to work in the field of allied medicine.

"That's one of my biggest worries right now — graduating and getting a job."



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