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## Freshman Helps Lead OSU To Victory

# Smith Breaks Griffin's Mark

By Mark Rea

Ohio State freshman Robert Smith ran his way into the record books Nov. 17, leading the Buckeyes to a 35-10 victory over Wisconsin.

Smith shattered the school's freshman rushing record of 867 yards set nearly two decades ago by Archie Griffin and became the first Buckeye freshman ever to go over the 1,000-yard mark.

Becoming only the 26th freshman in NCAA history to crack the 1,000-yard barrier, Smith rushed for 171 yards and two touchdowns against the Badgers, winning his fourth *Big Bear Buckeye of the Week* honor this season.

More importantly, he helped the Buckeyes stay alive in the run for the Rose Bowl. OSU must now defeat arch-rival Michigan Nov. 24 and hope that Minnesota can either tie or defeat Iowa the same day in order to earn a trip to Pasadena.

While visions of the possibilities of a big bowl berth loomed large, nothing was larger than Smith. Going into the game needing just 18 yards to break Griffin's record, he took care of that business on his third run from scrimmage, a 29-yard scamper in the first quarter.

Then, in the third period, he eclipsed the 1,000-yard barrier. Smith finished the game with 1,021 yards for the season and needs 127 more to move into the top 10 among single-season totals at Ohio State. Ron Springs is currently in 10th place with the 1,166 yards he gained in 1977.

If he continues at his present pace for the Michigan contest and a post-season bowl game, Smith would finish the season with 1,225 yards, and that would be the eighth-best season ever by an OSU running back.

Keith Byars holds the single-season record for the Buckeyes with 1,764 yards in 1984 and, of course, Griffin holds the career mark with 5,589 yards.

Following the game, Smith exchanged handshakes with Griffin on the sideline and then reflected upon establishing the new freshman record.

"I think Archie Griffin represents Ohio State and Ohio State football to a lot of people," Smith said. "What he has done for Ohio State, and the football program especially, will never be repeated."

"No matter how many yards I gain this season, how many yards I beat the record by, I don't think there's ever any way I could ever repeat what he's done for Ohio State. I feel honored just to be mentioned in the same company."

Griffin was pragmatic about his record being broken.

"I broke some records and, some-



Two-time Heisman Trophy winner Archie Griffin shakes hands with Ohio State freshman tailback Robert Smith after Smith broke Griffin's 18-year-old record for freshman yardage. Smith ran for 171 yards against Wisconsin and led OSU to a 35-10 win.

where along the line, I knew there would be someone who would come along and break mine," Griffin said. "Honestly, I didn't think this particular record would last this long."

"But I think it's a great honor to have the record broken by Robert. He's a great athlete and a great young man who is just beginning to show his talents."

Ohio State head coach John Cooper

added, "Robert has had a sensational season for us, and I'm happy for him. He made some real good runs today. He's a gifted athlete, and I congratulate him on breaking the legendary Archie Griffin's record."

"Obviously, for a freshman to go over 1,000 yards in this league against the

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## OSU Keeps Rose Bowl Hopes Alive With 35-10 Victory

## Sluggish Buckeyes Cruise Past Badgers

By Mark Rea

A flat Ohio State team fell behind conference cellar dweller Wisconsin 10-7 in the first half before shifting gears and streaking to a 35-10 victory in Madison Nov. 17.

The Buckeyes' victory kept them a half game behind Iowa in the Big Ten standings and kept the team's Rose Bowl hopes alive.

For Ohio State to earn its first trip to Pasadena in seven years, the Buckeyes must defeat archrival Michigan and then hope that Minnesota can either tie or defeat the Hawkeyes.

If the Gophers can tie or defeat Iowa and the Buckeyes beat the Wolverines, Ohio State would be on its way to the Rose Bowl. If Iowa wins over Minnesota, the Hawkeyes go to Pasadena to meet Pac-10 champion Washington.

In that case, the OSU-Michigan winner goes to the Gator Bowl in Jacksonville, Fla., on New Year's Day. The loser receives a berth in the Liberty Bowl Dec. 27 in Memphis, Tenn.

The Buckeyes played most of the first half against Wisconsin as if they were headed to the Tidy Bowl. Poor execution and turnovers erased a couple of early golden scoring opportunities.

OSU got excellent field position with less than 90 seconds gone in the first quarter when senior cornerback Vinnie Clark recovered a Wisconsin fumble on the 15-yard line.

The Buckeyes hammered their way down toward the goal line with first down at the four, but they couldn't shove the ball in. On fourth and goal at the one, quarterback Greg Frey tried to dive in the end zone on what appeared to be an aborted option play.

But Frey fumbled when he was hit by Badgers senior safety Greg Thomas, and the scoring opportunity was wasted.

Wisconsin's offense, which ranks last in the Big Ten, couldn't move the ball out of the shadow of its own end zone, and the Buckeyes wound up getting the ball back in good field position.

Freshman tailback Robert Smith took the first play from scrimmage 29 yards down the sideline, smashing Ohio State's record for most rushing yardage by a freshman. It had been established in 1972 by Archie Griffin, who had 876 yards that season.

After Smith had softened the Badgers up on the outside, junior fullback Scottie Graham followed with a quick burst up the middle that was good

for a seven-yard touchdown run.

Sporting a 7-0 lead and figuring the Badgers, winless in conference play, would fall apart, the Buckeyes' defense applied some quick pressure.

Clark and sophomore cornerback Foster Paulk applied a couple of vicious hits on Wisconsin receivers. However, the Badgers were undaunted and strung together what was to be their longest drive of the afternoon.

Starting at their own 20, the Badgers covered 61 yards in 10 plays. Junior quarterback Tony Lowery was able to scramble 19 yards for the big play of the march, which was also aided by two facemask penalties against the Buckeyes.

Wisconsin moved the ball until a two-play series by OSU redshirt freshman Jason Simmons and sophomore nose guard Greg Smith. On first and 10 at the Ohio State 18, Simmons threw Wisconsin fullback Robert Williams for a four-yard loss. On the very next play, Smith broke through and dropped Williams for another loss of four yards.

That signalled the end of the Badgers' drive, and they had to settle for a 37-yard field goal by place-kicker Rich Thompson.

The Buckeyes wasted another golden opportunity early in the second quarter. Moving to the Wisconsin 17, Frey tried to force a pass to senior flanker Jeff Graham in the end zone, but it was picked off by junior cornerback Troy Vincent.

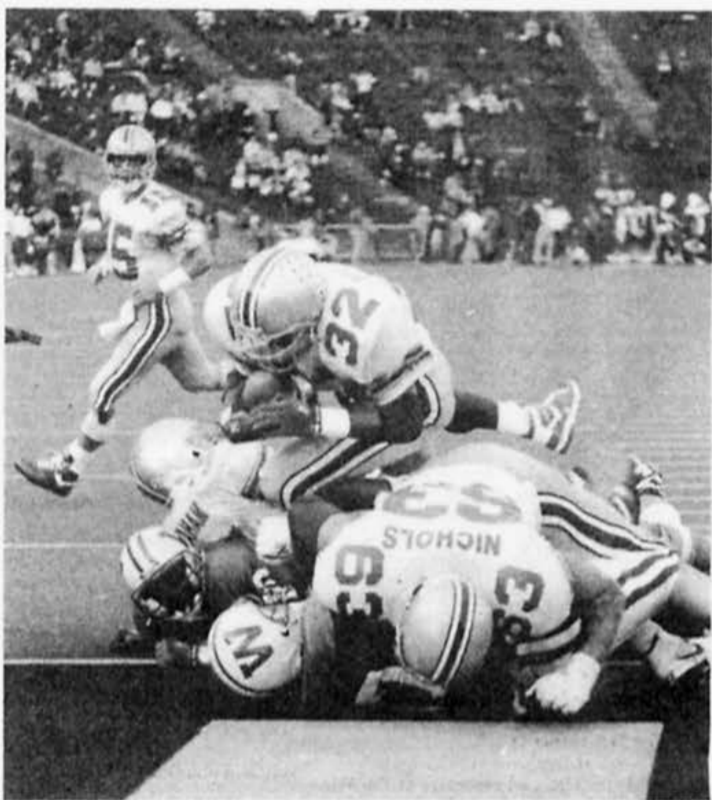
Later in the second period, OSU was on the march again. The Bucks had moved from their own 26 to near mid-field when Frey faded to pass again. He got pressure from his right side from Wisconsin defensive tackle Don Davey and, while he was going down, fumbled the ball.

Badger senior linebacker Malvin Hunter alertly pounced on the loose football at the OSU 25, giving Wisconsin the ball. Three plays later, tailback Rafael Robinson thundered through the right side of the line for a 12-yard touchdown run.

And while the Senior Day crowd of 41,403 fans at Camp Randall Stadium cheered an upset in the making, the Buckeyes were finally answering their wake-up call.

OSU's next drive was a textbook march. Starting at their own 27, the

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Ohio State tailback Robert Smith (20) thunders into the end zone behind a block from teammate Roy Nichols for a touchdown against Wisconsin Nov. 17 in Madison. Smith scored twice in the fourth quarter to help put away the Badgers.

## OHIO STATE vs. WISCONSIN

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GLANCE

**PLAY OF THE GAME:** With 7:10 left in the game, OSU senior Jeff Graham returned a Wisconsin punt 81 yards for a touchdown. It was the Buckeyes' last of five TDs on the day and was the third return for a TD in Graham's career.

**TURNING POINT:** After the Badgers had taken a 10-7 lead late in the first half, the Buckeyes responded with a 73-yard touchdown drive that took just over two minutes. The march allowed OSU to take a 14-10 lead at halftime and the Buckeyes never looked back.

**OFFENSIVE PERFORMERS:** OSU: TB Robert Smith, 23 carries, 171 yards, 7.4 avg., 2 TDs; FB Jeff Graham, 3 receptions, 75 yards, 25.0 avg., 6 punt returns, 21.0 avg., 1 TD; QB Greg Frey, 8 completions, 16 attempts, 149 yards, 0 TDs, 1 int.; FB Scottie Graham, 11 carries, 35 yards, 3.2 avg., 1 TD; WR Bobby Olive, 3 receptions, 51 yards, 17.0 avg.; WR Greg Lowery, 8 completions, 12 attempts, 48 yards, 0 TDs, 0 int., 4 carries, 25 yards, 6.3 avg.; QB Sean Wilson, 7 completions, 13 attempts, 73 yards, 0 TDs, 1 int.; WR Lionel Crawford, 4 receptions, 57 yards, 14.3 avg., 1 carry, 10 yards, 10.0 avg.

**DEFENSIVE PERFORMERS:** OSU: ILB Steve Tevar, 10 tackles, 1 for loss, 1 forced fumble; ILB Judah Herman, 8 tackles; CB Vinnie Clark, 5 tackles, 1 for loss, 1 fumble recovery, 1 pass deflection; OLB Jay Koch, 4 tackles, all solo, 1 sack; NO Greg Smith, 3 tackles, 2 for loss; UW: CB Troy Vincent, 12 tackles, 8 solo, 1 interception; ILB Gary Cooper, 11 tackles, 1 for loss; DT Don Davey, 8 tackles, 2 for loss; SS Greg Thomas, 7 tackles, 1 forced fumble.

**INJURY REPORT:** CB Chise Nelson suffered a mild concussion and DT Rich Frimel suffered a hand injury. Both are listed as probable for the Michigan game. TE Jeff Ellis (ankle sprain), DE Alonso Spellman (ankle sprain) and OG Rod Smith (shoulder sprain) all missed the Wisconsin game, but are listed as probable for the Michigan game.

**GAME NOTES:** Before the 35-10 victory over Wisconsin Nov. 17, the Buckeyes had lost on three of their previous four trips to Camp Randall Stadium. The Badgers fell to 0-7-0 in conference play and must defeat Michigan State Nov. 25 to avoid their first winless Big Ten season since 1956 when they went 0-4-3. The last time a Wisconsin team went through the conference season without even so much as a tie was in 1936 when the Badgers finished 0-4.

**BOWL OPPORTUNITIES:** The Buckeyes are still in the hunt for the Rose Bowl, but must beat Michigan and hope that Minnesota can either tie or defeat Iowa. If Iowa wins, the Bucks still must whip the Wolverines to get to the Gator Bowl. The OSU-UM loser goes to the Liberty Bowl.

**NEXT OPPONENT:** Michigan. "Nuff said."

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FL	J.GRAHAM		EDWARDS
QB	FREY		K.GRAHAM
TB	ROBT.SMITH		BYNOTE
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# Smith Displays Physical, Mental Toughness

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tough defensive teams that we play is amazing. But, then again, nothing he does really surprises me. The most amazing thing about him is that he doesn't miss a snap. He never misses a day of practice, he always takes his turn, always does what you ask him to do. For him, it's just another day at the office."

Wisconsin head coach Barry Alvarez was also impressed.

"He's a very deceptive runner and he has sprinter's speed," the Badgers head coach said. "The only bad thing about him is that we have to see him for three more years."

Despite all of the accolades, as has become his custom, Smith immediately analyzed his performance against Wisconsin and saw room for improvement.

"We talk about going over 1,000 yards, but there's more to it than that," he said. "How many of them were on scoring drives? How many of them helped us win games? That's all that counts."

"It was a little frustrating in the first half. I was breaking off some nice runs, but then we broke down on the wrong place of the field. I made a couple of terrible reads on a couple of plays that could have kept drives going. So, some of those yards are empty yards."

During the first half, Smith gave the Buckeyes a source for a little concern when he hobbled to the sideline with a sore ankle. He sat out two plays but then went right back into the lineup.

Later, after the outcome of the game was no longer in doubt, Smith sat on the bench with a large bag of ice on his right ankle. After the game, though, he put his shoe back on and trotted off the field and into the locker room.

"I sprained it a little bit in the Northwestern game," he said, "and then I hurt it again today. I just wanted to put some ice on it so it wouldn't swell. I'll be fine."

That kind of attitude is what pleases Cooper so much about Smith.

"See what I mean?" the OSU head coach said about the ankle injury. "He comes out a couple of plays and then goes right back in. Those are the kinds of players everyone would like to have."

Smith had admitted to mental and physical fatigue in recent weeks. Yet, he has been over 100 yards in four of the last six games.

"I was talking to Steve Tovar yesterday morning, and he told me he went through the same thing last year as far as getting tired," Smith said. "You start off on a high note, then you go down a little bit and get more tired and more tired, and then Michigan comes around and you're back up to that high level."

"I'm definitely still tired, and that's not going to change either, especially with the schedule we have as freshmen with the added study table in the morning and things like that."

"It wears you down, but it takes the type of discipline that Ohio State football players are supposed to have. I

think the academic requirements for an athlete are definitely, at least on paper, a lot tougher here than they are at a lot of other schools around the country."

"But it gets the job done," Smith continued. "We're real student-athletes. We're not just athletes who pretend to be students. We're real student-athletes. They make us get the job done in the classroom, and that's something I really appreciate about Ohio State and one of the reasons I knew this would be a good school for me."

"It's not so much the academics, but the practices and the games just start

to wear you down and wear your body down as the season goes on. I never really anticipated playing that much this season, so I never really thought I would be this tired and this sore at this point in the year. It really wasn't something I was prepared for."

Almost like breaking Griffin's record and rushing for 1,000 yards this season?

"No, I never had the ego to think I could come down here this year and rush for 1,000 yards or break Archie's record," Smith answered. "I didn't know what it was to begin with, but I would

never have imagined myself doing something like that."

"But that's the kind of thing they brought me here to do. They obviously knew my talent more than I did. But I have to give credit where credit is due. I can say that I rushed for 1,000 yards as a freshman, but you also have to remember that the guys up front blocked for a freshman who gained 1,000 yards. Those guys, along with Scottie Graham, have done a helluva job all season long. I've just been doing what I was born to do, and that is run the ball."

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# The Numbers Game

## Buckeyes 35, Badgers 10

OHIO STATE	7	7	0	21	35
WISCONSIN	3	7	0	0	10

OSU - S.Graham, 7 run (T.Williams kick) 9:39  
 WIS - Thompson, 37 field goal 5:15  
 WIS - Robinson, 12 run (Thompson kick) 3:26  
 OSU - Harris, 2 run (T.Williams kick) 1:10  
 OSU - Robert Smith, 15 run (T.Williams kick) 13:49  
 OSU - Robert Smith, 1 run (T.Williams kick) 8:30  
 OSU - J.Graham, 81 punt return (T.Williams kick) 7:10  
 Att. - 41,403

	OSU	WIS
First Downs	22	14
Rushing	15	10
Passing	7	4
Penalty	0	0
Rushes-Yards	54-270	39-113
Passing Yards	149	121
Passes	16-8-1	25-15-1
Plays	70	64
Total Net Yards	419	234
Third Down Efficiency	7-11	1-13
Punts	2-43.5	8-38.5
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-1
Penalties	4-30	5-31
Time Of Possession	31:44	28:16

### Individual Statistics

RUSHING (Att.-Net Yds.) - OSU: Robert Smith 23-171; S.Graham 11-35; Bynoté 4-35; Harris 10-24; Olive 1-12; Houston 1-7; Harrison 2-6; Frey 2-(-20). WIS: R.Williams 12-33; Robinson 8-31; Lowery 4-25; Montgomery 6-17; Crawford 1-10; Wilson 7-3; Brekke 1-(-6).  
 PASSING (Att.-Comp.-Int.-Yds.-TD) - OSU: Frey 16-8-1-149-0. WIS: Lowery 12-8-0-48-0; Wilson 13-7-1-73-0.

RECEIVING (Rec.-Yds.) - OSU: J.Graham 3-75; Olive 3-51; Lickovitch 2-23. WIS: Crawford 4-57; Robinson 4-21; Spaeth 3-14; K.Williams 2-14; B.Williams 1-11; Bourne 1-4.

PUNTING (No.-Avg.-Lg.) - OSU: Bohlman 2-43.5-47. WIS: Brekke 8-38.5-51.

PUNT RETURNS (No.-Avg.-Lg.) - OSU: J.Graham 6-21.0-81. WIS: None.

KICKOFF RETURNS (No.-Avg.-Lg.) - OSU: Robert Smith 2-18.5-21; Lee 1-22.0-22. WIS: Vincent 3-20.0-27; Nelson 1-19.0-19; Tucker 1-17.0-17; Ware 1-15.0-15.

DEFENSIVE FUMBLES RECOVERED BY - OSU: Clark. WIS: Hunter, Maternowski, Mahone.

INTERCEPTIONS - OSU: Walton. WIS: Vincent.

TACKLES FOR LOSS - OSU: G.Smith (2), Simmons, Tovar, Clark, Peel. WIS: Davey (2), Batsch, Casper, Krueger.

TACKLES (Solo-Asst.-Tot.) - OSU: Tovar 7-3-10; Herman 4-4-8; Cook 5-0-5; Clark 4-1-5; Peel 4-1-5; Johnson 2-3-5; Koch 4-0-4; Nelson 4-0-4; Roger Harper 3-1-4; Frimel 2-1-3; G.Smith 2-1-3; Coleman 2-1-3; Foster 1-2-3; Monnot 0-3-3; Paulk 2-0-2; Simmons 1-1-2; Lease 1-1-2; Pelini 1-0-1; M.Williams 1-0-1; Herbstreit 1-0-1; Price 0-1-1; Walton 0-1-1; Griffey 0-1-1; Fargo 0-1-1. WIS: Vincent 8-4-12; Casper 6-5-11; Batsch 8-1-9; Lynch 5-4-9; Nelson 5-4-9; Davey 7-1-8; Mahone 6-2-8; Thomas 3-4-7; Krueger 3-4-7; Shackerford 2-4-6; Sharp 2-2-4; Maternowski 1-2-3; Hunter 2-0-2; Searcy 1-1-2; Norvell 1-0-1; Brekke 1-0-1; Fowler 0-1-1; Wilson 0-1-1; Cleary 0-1-1; Manley 0-1-1; Johnson 0-1-1; McGettigan 0-1-1.

### Players In The Game

OHIO STATE - J.Graham, Edwards, Lickovitch, Huffman, Saunders, Shoaf, Winrow, Moore, Peterson, Beatty, Thrush, Hartman, Kline, Nichols, Olive, B.Stablein, Frey, K.Graham, Robert Smith, Bynoté, S.Graham, Harris, Houston, Harrison, Foster, G.Smith, Coleman, Fargo, Frimel, Simmons, Koch, M.Williams, Tovar, Lease, Johnson, Herman, Clark, Paulk, Price, Walton, Griffey, Peel, Nelson, Cook, Pelini, Roger Harper, T.Williams, Bohlman, Herbstreit, Lee, Warner, McCoy, Borchers, DeGraffenreid, Lutz, Metzger.

WISCONSIN - Shackerford, Davey, Batsch, Krueger, Wilson, Fowler, Lynch, Casper, Hunter, Sharp, Johnson, Norvell, Marcianik, Rafko, Burgess, Mahone, Vincent, Thomas, Nelson, Manley, Fletcher, Holt, Barker, Tucker, Cleary, Searcy, Ware, Williams, Mangum, Crawford, Brown, Spaeth, Czech, VanRoo, Bourne, Godfrey, Sencyszyn, Basten, Belin, Pierce, Rasmussen, Lowery, S.Wilson, R.Williams, Montgomery, Robinson, Ellison, Wirth, Thompson, Brekke.

## OSU Season Statistics

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	AVG	TD	LG
Robert Smith	156	1041	20	1021	6.5	7	71
Raymont Harris	106	503	17	486	4.6	8	35
Scottie Graham	65	225	0	225	3.5	2	16
Butler By'not'e	39	197	10	187	4.8	1	20
Dante Lee	13	46	5	41	3.2	1	12
William Houston	9	40	0	40	4.4	0	9
Tyrone Harrison	9	35	0	35	3.9	0	9
Jeff Graham	3	31	0	31	10.3	0	17
Bobby Olive	2	20	0	20	10.0	0	12
Kirk Herbstreit	1	10	0	10	10.0	0	10
Deron Brown	1	2	0	2	2.0	0	2
Kent Graham	7	9	19	-10	-	0	5
Greg Frey	29	39	122	-83	-	2	9
OSU Totals	440	2198	193	2005	4.6	21	71
OPP Totals	401	1679	315	1364	3.4	11	66

PASSING	ATT	COMP	INT	YARDS	PCT	TD	LG
Greg Frey	223	116	10	1795	.520	15	63
Kent Graham	22	13	2	171	.591	3	36
Jeff Graham	1	1	0	60	1.000	1	60
Kirk Herbstreit	1	0	1	0	.000	0	0
OSU Totals	247	130	13	2026	.526	19	65
OPP Totals	292	159	16	1875	.544	7	64

RECEIVING	NO	YARDS	AVG	TD	LG
Jeff Graham	35	709	20.3	6	65
Bobby Olive	32	518	16.2	7	52
Bernard Edwards	12	179	14.9	0	24
Jeff Ellis	10	137	13.7	1	26
Brian Stablein	8	129	16.1	1	36
Gary Lickovitch	8	92	11.5	1	19
Robert Smith	7	67	9.6	0	24
Raymont Harris	7	42	6.0	1	10
Butler By'not'e	3	15	5.0	0	6
Cedric Saunders	2	39	19.5	0	24
Greg Frey	1	60	60.0	1	60
Aaron Payne	1	18	18.0	0	18
Dante Lee	1	9	9.0	0	9
Allen DeGraffenreid	1	7	7.0	0	7
Scottie Graham	1	3	3.0	0	3
Rich Hoffman	1	2	2.0	0	2
OSU Totals	130	2026	15.6	19	65
OPP Totals	159	1875	11.8	7	64

SCORE BY QUARTERS							FIELD GOALS		(13-10, .769)	
	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	AVG.				
Opponents	49	58	37	37	181	18.1	Tim Williams (13-10, .769)	32+	21-	52+
Ohio State	66	106	62	91	325	32.5		46+	22+	37+
								51-(BK)	29+	27+
								26+	35+	24-

SCORE BY QUARTERS	1	2	3	4	TOTAL	AVG.
Opponents	49	58	37	37	181	18.1
Ohio State	68	106	62	91	325	32.5

1990 OHIO STATE RESULTS (7-2-1, AT 5-1-1)	W	L	T	OT
N-OSU 17, Texas Tech	10+	88,707		
A-OSU 31, Boston College	10+	32,432		
N-OSU 26, Southern California	35+	89,422		
N-OSU 20, Illinois	31+	89,404		
N-OSU 27, Indiana	27tie	52,080		
A-OSU 42, Purdue	2+	57,031		
N-OSU 32, Minnesota	23+	89,533		
N-OSU 48, Northwestern	7+	89,177		
A-OSU 27, Iowa	26+	70,033		
A-OSU 33, Wisconsin	10+	10,103		
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INTERCEPTIONS	NO	YARDS	AVG	TD	LG
Vinnie Clark	5	13	2.6	0	20
Tim Walton	3	43	14.3	0	#23
Bryan Cook	2	16	8.0	0	11
Mark Pelini	2	14	7.0	0	8
Jordan Herman	1	29	29.0	0	29
Brent Johnson	1	9	9.0	0	9
Lance Price	1	0	0.0	0	0
Chico Nelson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Jim Peel	0	35	-	0	#35
OSU Totals	16	168	10.5	0	#58
OPP Totals	14*	140	10.0	2	76

\* 58 yard interception by Walton(23) with lateral to Peel(35)

\* includes one intercepted fumble

## OSU Defensive Statistics

PLAYERS	SOL	AST	TOT	TAC-LOSS	QB-SACK	FR	FC	TD	BE
Steve Tovar	64	38	102	6.5-30	3.0-22	1	2	3	-
Jim Peel	39	16	55	3.0-14	1.0-11	-	-	-	-
Rich Frimel	25	25	50	5.0-16	1.0-7	1	-	-	-
Alonso Spellman	25	22	47	6.0-26	2.0-19	4	3	1	-
Vinnie Clark	33	13	46	2.0-22	-	-	-	-	-
Greg Smith	22	23	45	11.5-60	7.0-47	1	-	2	-
Mark Pelini	18	27	45	-	-	6	-	-	-
Jason Simmons	27	17	44	12.0-70	5.0-42	-	1	-	-
Tom Lease	22	22	44	2.0-3	-	-	1	-	-
Bryan Cook	29	14	43	1.0-5	1.0-5	4	-	-	-
Jordan Herman	17	21	38	1.0-1	-	2	-	-	-
Jay Koch	21	16	37	3.0-12	1.0-10	1	18	-	-
Brent Johnson	12	18	30	1.0-1	-	1	1	-	-
Foster Paulk	20	9	29	-	-	2	1	-	2(PT)
Roger Harper	14	12	26	-	-	-	1	-	-
Ken Coleman	13	12	25	1.0-11	1.0-11	-	-	-	-
Chico Nelson	18	4	22	1.0-4	-	1	-	1	-
Tim Walton	15	7	22	-	-	1	-	-	-
Lance Price	10	10	20	-	-	1	-	-	1(PT)
Dave Monnot	5	13	18	2.0-6	1.0-5	-	-	-	-
Mark Williams	11	5	16	-	-	-	-	1	-
Derrick Foster	4	8	12	1.0-5	1.0-5	-	-	-	-
Rich Hoffman	4	2	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Craig Griffey	3	2	5	-	-	1	-	-	-
Jim Borchers	2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cedric Saunders	3	1	4	2.0-13	2.0-13	-	-	1	-
John Kacherski	3	1	4	-	-	-	-	1	-
Bobby Olive	2	0	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
"Team"	1	1	2	1.0-11	-	-	-	-	-

OTHERS: Corey Fargo (2-3-5); Raymont Harris (3-0-3); Rodric Harper (0-2-2); Geoff Warner (0-2-2); Jeff Graham (1-0-1); Dante Lee (1-0-1); Travis Lutz (1-0-1); Kirk Herbstreit (0-1-1); Jon Berger (0-1-1); Jenova McLellan (0-1-1); Joe Metzger (0-1-1)

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# Bucks Shift Gears To Beat Wisconsin

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Buckeyes went 73 yards in just over two minutes to regain the lead.

Smith, who finished the game with a career-high 171 yards, started the drive with a 10-yard, second-down run.

Then Frey, who had an average day throwing the football with eight completions in 16 attempts for 149 yards, hit senior wide receiver Bobby Olive on an 18-yard strike.

Two plays later, it was Frey to Jeff Graham on a 39-yard bomb to the three-yard line. Two plays later, red-shirt freshman running back Raymont Harris bulled into the end zone from two yards out for the touchdown.

The first half was dominated by Smith, who already had 100 yards rushing. Wisconsin had only 114 total yards as a team before the intermission.

"We got after them pretty good at halftime," said Ohio State head coach John Cooper. "I know (offensive coordinator) Jim (Colletto) was pretty upset with the way the offense played in the first half. We had moved the ball, but we'd turned it over too many times."

Whatever Colletto had said, though, didn't do the trick immediately as the Buckeyes muffed two more scoring opportunities.

On their first possession of the second half, redshirt freshman place-kicker Tim Williams missed a 24-yard field goal attempt. It was only his third miss in 13 tries this season, but kept the Badgers alive and only four points down.

On the next possession, OSU moved the ball to the Wisconsin 14 before Harris fumbled it away.

Then things started falling into place for the Buckeyes. A clean hit from senior safety Jim Peel knocked Lowery out of the game, forcing Wisconsin to change from its option style of play to a more pro set offense with backup quarterback Sean Wilson.

Then, Jeff Graham managed to do a creditable impression of a pinball, bouncing through the middle of the pack for a 27-yard punt return to the Wisconsin 29.

From there, Smith took over. He gained 13 yards over left guard on first down and then, after a one play breather, took the ball around left end on a 15-yard touchdown scamper.

That seemed to finally jump start the Buckeyes. According to Cooper, though, it was Lowery exiting the game that turned the tide.

"It really helped us when Lowery got hurt," Cooper said. "Of course, you don't like to see anyone get hurt. But it just seemed from that point on that their offense was struggling."

So, too, was the kicking game. Senior punter Brad Brekke, who had had troubles with his kicking all season, never got his next attempt off as he was smothered by Clark and fellow senior Lance Price.

That gave the Buckeyes possession on Wisconsin's 29. From there, OSU stayed strictly on the ground, allowing Smith and Scottie Graham to do most of the work.

When they got stopped, Frey hooked up with Olive for a 15-yard gain to the one on a third-and-nine play. From there, Smith did the touchdown honors,

giving the Bucks a 28-10 advantage.

Ohio State got some insurance through some more bad luck by Brekke midway through the fourth quarter. The Wisconsin punter, playing in his final home game, finally cranked one over 50 yards, sending Jeff Graham all the way back to his 19-yard line.

Unfortunately, Brekke seemed to outkick his coverage, allowing Graham to split a seam in the defense and streak 81 yards virtually untouched for a touchdown.

It was Graham's second punt return for a touchdown this season, tying the school record set by Larry Zelina in 1969 and equaled by Neal Colzie in 1973.

It also gave Graham three punt returns for touchdowns in his career, tying him for the school record held by Garcia Lane (1980-83).

After the touchdown, Williams tacked on the PAT, running his consecutive streak to 38.



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