

Buckeye Mistakes Disappoint Bruce

By Jim Wharton

Ohio State football coach Earle Bruce, like his counterparts in the business, will be quick to tell you that mistakes on the gridiron can be fatal.

The mistakes the Buckeyes made in a 16-10 loss to Alabama in the Chase Kickoff Classic might have caused some to want to summon the undertaker. But Bruce feels the patient will recover.

"It's tough to come up on the short end of a game like this," said Bruce, after suffering a loss in the opening game of the season for the first time since he's been at Ohio State. "But I guess we'll just have to get better as we go. We're nowhere near a good football team yet."

And, although the 68,296 in attendance at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J. and the millions watching on the Raycom Television network had obviously formed their own opinions of what ailed the Buckeyes, one had to ask Bruce.

"We made too many mistakes and mistakes are very costly," said Bruce. Where oh where to begin.

"I don't think it would take anyone very knowledgeable to tell me we have to work on our kicking game," said Bruce, after his squad — and freshman kicker Pat O'Morrow — had converted only one of four field goal attempts against the Crimson Tide. "I mean we can't miss field goals and give bad field position like we gave on the kicking

game. Obviously that's got to be improved."

The kicking game lacked in a couple of areas. The first field goal attempt, which, if good would have tied the score at 3-3 midway through the first period, never had a chance because of a bad snap from Tom Moore. Holder Cris Carter scooped the ball off the artificial turf and tried to run to his right. Carter was dropped for a six-yard loss and the Crimson Tide took over.

The second attempt at a three-pointer again got started on the wrong foot with another bad snap. O'Morrow, playing in his first game as a Buckeye, got the kick off but it fell far short on a 42-yard attempt.

O'Morrow was successful on a 37-yarder with 7:20 left in the third quarter. That boot gave the Buckeyes a 10-6 lead.

The fourth attempt, on the second play of the final period, again was short and to the right.

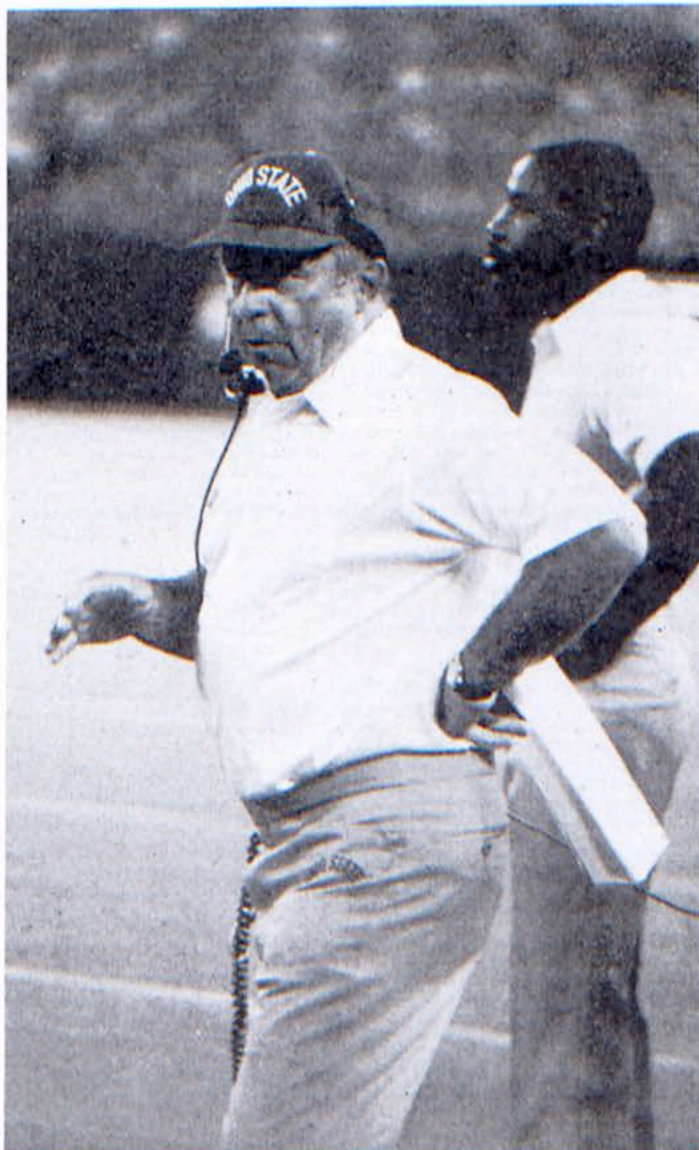
"He can hit those," said Bruce of O'Morrow, who obviously was suffering a case of the jitters. "He just pushed them out to the right twice. He didn't snap through."

But O'Morrow could not take all the blame.

"Tom Moore's never had any problem with centering and all of a sudden we had some bad snaps that were a little erratic," said Bruce. "That's something that we're going to have to work out, too. That's terrible execution when that happens."

There also was a fumble that dealt a deadly blow to the Buckeyes' chances, fullback George Cooper coughing up the football on a first-and-goal at the Alabama nine midway through the third quarter.

"We made a mistake that was very costly, driving down to score a touchdown and we drop the ball," said Bruce, alluding to Cooper's bobble which was recovered by 'Bama defensive tackle Anthony Smith. "We couldn't get going. We got backed up



Earle Bruce Directs Bucks At Kickoff Classic

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'Bama Won Classic Despite Adversity

It has long been said that adversity can bring out the best or the worst in athletic teams. The Alabama team which beat Ohio State in the annual Chase Kickoff Classic experienced two tragic events in the past few months and pulled together to make the best of it.

The first tragedy struck the Crimson Tide grid squad in the spring when running back George Scruggs was killed in an automobile accident. Injured in the same car crash and ruled out for the 1986 season was cornerback Vernon Wilkinson.

Then, in preparing for the game against Ohio State, defensive tackle Willie Ryles collapsed during practice and underwent brain surgery to remove a blood clot. Ryles never regained consciousness and was pronounced dead on Aug. 23.

It wasn't easy. "I think our players have shown an exceptional amount of class, fortitude and stickability," said Alabama coach Ray Perkins prior to the Kickoff Classic clash. "I am very proud of the way our team has prepared for this

football game, especially over the last week considering the circumstances."

Perkins was showing the wears of the emotional war he and his players had been fighting.

"I've gone through some tough situations," he said. "but this has been the toughest week because it (Ryles' collapse) happened on the football field."

Crimson Tide tailback Gene Jelks said after his team had beaten Ohio State that the death of Ryles, who was to be buried the day after the game, has "made us pull a little bit closer as a team. We dedicated this game to him."

Going through those emotional problems had to be very taxing.

"I'm just exceptionally proud of the character that our team has shown over the last four or five or six days in preparation," said Perkins. "Not only in preparation but in going out on the field and demonstrating."

"I think a lesser group, it would have been awfully easy to use those last four or five days as an excuse or a crutch. They did not."

Tide Boss Survives Late Scare By OSU

Whew!

That was about all Alabama football coach Ray Perkins could say after his team had escaped a last-second — and then some — Ohio State onslaught which almost changed the outcome of the Chase Kickoff Classic.

But it didn't and Perkins' Crimson Tide had a 16-10 victory.

"I'm just happy to be alive after that," said Perkins. "You've got to give our guys a lot of credit for the way they prepared and the way they handled some things we've gone through the last couple of weeks. In spite of a lot of things that go against us, I'm very proud of our kids."

Perkins, beginning his fourth year after replacing the legendary Paul "Bear" Bryant, was alluding to the death of defensive tackle Willie Ryles only four days before the Ohio State game.

"We played one of the best teams in the country and they will prove to be," said Perkins of the Buckeyes. "They were absolutely, without question, the biggest team that I've ever played against — pro or college. They've got the capabilities and I don't have any question but that they'll prove to be one of the best teams at the end of this season."

"We'll wish Ohio State the best of luck and say we're just happy to get that one over with."

Perkins obviously was having no trouble recalling the conclusion of the game, which had Ohio State taking on two extra plays after time had run out because of pass interference penalties on Alabama.

And what was Perkins thinking about as Buckeye quarterback Jim Karsatos and wide receiver Cris Carter tried valiantly to pull a rabbit out of the hat at the end?

"What was going through my mind? To get it over with," screamed Perkins. "Let's get it over with! Let's get it over with! That was all."

It was over and the Crimson Tide had prevailed.

"That game proved to me and tells me that we've got a long way to go," said Perkins, a former All-American receiver at Alabama who later played in professional football with the Baltimore Colts. "And we've got a lot of work to do to be the type of club to have a chance to at least come close to the expectations that we have and that some people have for us."

"We're not as good right now as what we expected to be."

Perkins credited his defense with making things happen. Alabama defenders picked off two Karsatos

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passes and recovered one Buckeye fumble.

"You've got to make things go your way, which our defense did," he said. "Our defense played great."

And so did 'Bama quarterback Mike Shula. He directed two fourth quarter scoring drives, the first which resulted in the Tide's only touchdown and the other which was capped by a Van Tiffin field goal that more or less put the game out of Ohio State's reach.

"He works at it, he's great and he's a good player," said Perkins of his senior signal caller. "Most good players get it done. He handled himself extremely well, which doesn't surprise me. He's going to do that under most every situation and he's at his best in a clutch situation because he can think clearly. He does not get overly excited and he doesn't get overly emotional. A quarterback can't. A quarterback gets overly emotional and he can't win."

"Mike Shula keeps his poise like that all the time."

Perkins was asked for his thoughts on Ohio State missing out on several key scoring opportunities.

"That happens in this game," he replied. "Every team's going to have missed opportunities. They had a couple of turnovers. But we had a couple of turnovers, also."

The Buckeyes actually came out ahead on the turnovers. Ohio State's first turnover, a pass interception by Derrick Thomas, was turned into a Tiffin field goal. But Alabama's first turnover, an interception by the Buckeyes' Sonny Gordon, became an OSU touchdown midway through the second quarter.

Perkins was just pleased to slip out of town with the win.

"I think anytime you can start a season with a victory, it has to mean more than starting with a loss," he said. "But I hope our players realize we played a very talented football team — a very big, strong football team."

"But we made too many mistakes to win against teams that we're going to have to play during the year. They (the Buckeyes) made some mistakes and I'm sure Coach Bruce is over there talking to them about the mistakes and why they lost the game."



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Karsatos Feels Squad Will Bounce Back

Ohio State quarterback Jim Karsatos was extremely cordial to a large group of media who had him backed against a wall of a lockerroom in Giants Stadium.

Karsatos was trying his best to answer questions about what went wrong as the Buckeyes suffered a 16-10 loss to Alabama in the Chase Kickoff Classic in East Rutherford, N.J.

"We really hurt ourselves," said Karsatos, a senior out of Fullerton, Calif. "I knew from the start it was going to be a great football game. I was hoping that we wouldn't make the errors that we did. That kind of hurt us."

As with everybody connected with Ohio State, Karsatos was at a loss to explain why so many opportunities to score failed during the course of the game.

"This is Ohio State," said Karsatos, who completed 20 of 31 passes for 193 yards, although having two picked off by Crimson Tide defenders. "When we get down there we expect to score. Then, when we make our own mistakes, to kill ourselves, that's something we've got to work on."

"It's frustrating," said Karsatos of the setback, "but we've got to get back to work. We've got two weeks before we go to Washington and there's a lot of things we've got to improve on."

But Karsatos came within a few additional seconds of pulling the game out with some excellent passing in the late stages of the game. Three times he heaved the ball downfield in the direction of Cris Carter; twice Alabama was called for pass interference after time had run out, giving the Buckeyes another play each time.

But the duo failed to hook up on the last one.

"It was a timing play," said Karsatos. "I just wanted to give Cris a chance. If he can't make that catch, I don't know anybody who can."

When it was all said and done, Karsatos did not feel Ohio State had lost to an inferior team.

"They're a great football team and they deserve everything," he said of Alabama. "We lost the game and they won it. We just made too many mistakes. We had a few letups and that hurt us."

"But we've got two weeks to practice and we'll come back."

CRIS CARTER faced that same mob of media and in his usual quiet voice said he, too, was perplexed by the Buckeyes' inability to take advantage of scoring opportunities.

"We had our opportunities. We should have been able to capitalize on them," said Carter, who was the primary receiver on three last-ditch passes, twice being interfered with by Bama defender Derrick Thomas and each time giving the Bucks another play after time had run out. The final play found Crimson Tide defenders Chris Goode and Britton Cooper breaking up a pass in the end zone.

"He (Thomas) really couldn't see the ball on the first one," said Carter. "He just bumped me. On the second one, he stumbled and tripped me."

"Quotebook"

And the last one?
"They made an excellent play on me," said Carter, a junior out of Middletown, Ohio. "They double-teamed me. Jim (Karsatos) made a good throw. We just didn't have it timed right."

Carter also was involved as Ohio State managed to convert only one of four field goal attempts.

The first attempt by freshman kicker Pat O'Morrow never got off the ground

after what appeared to be a bad snap from center.

"It wasn't actually a bad snap," admitted Carter. "It was just that we (he and snapper Tom Moore) were just a little bit off in our timing."

On O'Morrow's second attempt, Carter did get the ball on the tee after scooping it off the turf after another somewhat erratic snap.

But what happened was history.

"It was somewhat frustrating when we couldn't get the ball in the end zone," said Carter, who snared three passes for 56 yards in the game. "It

would have been nice if we could have won. It would have been a lot better if we'd have had a victory."

OHIO STATE did not have the services of defensive back Sean Bell in the game.

Bell, a sophomore out of Middletown, Ohio, suffered a cracked fibula in his right leg during practice for the game. The hairline fracture is expected to keep Bell out of action through the Washington game.

"I shed a few tears when I found out

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Kickers Empathize With Buckeye Frosh

By Jim Wharton

The 'foot' was missing from the football when Ohio State dropped a 16-10 decision to Alabama in the Chase Kickoff Classic on Aug. 27.

The Buckeyes came up short twice and never got off another in four field goal attempts against the Crimson Tide. Freshman Pat O'Morrow's lone successful kick was a 37-yarder midway through the third quarter.

O'Morrow probably wanted to go hide under a rock after his inauspicious start. It is not, as a former Buckeye kicker recalled, a very good feeling.

"I'll tell you, I went through the same thing as he did when I came in as a freshman and started," said Rich

Spangler, who completed a four-year career with a field goal and an extra point in the Florida Citrus Bowl last December. "He was probably a little nervous, which I know of because I was in the same situation."

Billy Andrews, while not being in the position of having been a starting kicker for the Buckeyes, nevertheless is close to the situation. Andrews was a grad assistant working in the OSU recruiting office for two years and helped recruit O'Morrow.

"I sure can," replied Andrews when asked if he sympathized with O'Morrow after the Buckeye frosh did not get off his first kick because of a bad snap and also missed two others against the Crimson Tide. "Here's a kid kicking in front of probably 1,000 people at the most, maybe 1,500 in high school and then in his first college game you've got 68,000-plus and how many millions watching on TV. It's just you and the snapper and the holder. It's a tough situation to be in."

The situation on O'Morrow's first collegiate attempt became complicated when a snap from center Tom Moore to holder Cris Carter was low and bounced off the artificial turf.

"That's a timing thing," said Andrews, who was in the crowd at Giants Stadium. "I'm sure that will all be worked out in practice. Cris is a new holder. That's the first time he's ever held in his life. Mike Lanese has been there for three years."

"I'm sure Pat's used to his snapper and holder in high school just like anybody else. Spangler and Lanese went three years. They were about like automatic the last two years. Rich was the same way when Mike (Tomczak) held for him (Spangler's freshman year). He (Spangler) always thought a lot of times it was the holder's fault."

"I think it's just a matter of time, working their timing out and Pat getting his confidence in the holder. That's the way it is with any new holder. I was the same way when I was at Ohio State. You're always kind of wary of a new holder."

"I haven't had a chance to talk to Pat," continued Andrews, "but when your first snap is a low snap and the hold's not there, the second time you go out there you're probably not going to do well. Instead of worrying about kicking the ball, you're maybe thinking 'well, is the hold or snap going to be there.'"

"That's the first thing I thought of when he went to kick his second ball," said Andrews, now the director of membership for the Buckeye Boosters. "He seemed to be worrying about the snap being there. I watched him the day before in practice. He missed about one out of 12 or 13 field goals. He was kicking them during pre-game and then this turns around and happens."

O'Morrow's two misses were both way short and off to the right.

"It looked like he rushed it a little bit," said Spangler, who watched the game on television from his home in Marietta, Ohio. "He didn't roll his toe over and he just pushed the ball to the right. I was sitting here at home with



OSU's Pat O'Morrow (34) Watches FG Attempt

my wife and I was telling her 'boy, I remember when I was in that situation.'"

Spangler, who signed as a free agent but was later released by the Dallas Cowboys this summer, had a streak of bad luck as a freshman. In one game against Illinois, Spangler missed his first three field goal attempts. He gained a measure of redemption with a successful 27-yard effort which helped the Buckeyes to a 26-21 victory.

"I think that's when I became a man from a boy," said Spangler, who set a Big Ten record for successful conversions (177) while at Ohio State. "I was a boy, then when I made that winning field goal, I became a man."

Andrews, who served as a backup place-kicker to Vladi Janakievski, Bob Atha and Spangler in his four years on the Buckeye squad, watched from a pretty good vantage point as O'Morrow experienced his problems.

"By the looks and the sound of it, he didn't really hit the ball solid on any of his kicks," said Andrews. "He may have gotten under the ball just a little bit — maybe from approaching the ball too fast and trying to get it off too quickly."

Both Spangler and Andrews feel O'Morrow, who converted 66 of 72 extra points and 18 of 29 field goal attempts during a three-year career at Radford (Va.) High School, can rebound from his unfortunate start.

"I think it was good that he got out there right away and got a little taste of it," said Spangler. "Now, in the next one in two weeks, he'll have all his jitters out and he'll come out and kick the ball like he can."

"Pat's going to be a great kicker for Ohio State. People have to realize — and the coaches have to realize — that he's young. He might be the greatest kicker to ever come through Ohio State. He's got the leg — nice strong leg. He kicks off well. They've just got to be patient with him."

Andrews said much the same thing. "He's a good enough kicker that I think he's going to come through," said Andrews. "I talked to him at practice on Tuesday (the day before the game).

He was a little nervous at that time. He'd been kicking great. I talked to some of the coaches and they thought he was kicking outstanding."

"But in talking to him, he was still, in the back of his mind, worried when game time came around about whether the ball was going to go through. I told him he'd kicked some big field goals in high school but this was a little bit different."

Both former Buckeyes did not think that O'Morrow would have any serious psychological problems about his first game.

"I don't think he'll have a mental letdown," said Spangler. "He was very nervous. You could see that there were a lot of people out there who were nervous — you know, first game of the year, things like that. But I don't think Pat will have any problem."

"I know Pat well. He's from the same kicking camp that I came out of. He's got a good head on his shoulders. I don't think he's going to have any psychological effects. He's young and he's going to be a good kicker."

Andrews said constant practice, repetitions as they call them, will rectify the problem.

"Going through as many repetitions as he possibly can will help," said Andrews. "Not only individuals with just two people, but as a team. He must kick as many times as he possibly can to build his confidence back up. I'm sure he'll do that. It's just a matter of sitting down, settling down, and saying 'hey, I can do the job.'"

"It's up to him."

A lot of it is mental.

"What he's going to have to do," said Andrews, "is mentally he's got to go through the game thing in his mind. Regardless if you're standing in front of Coach Bruce in practice, competing for a position, he's got to put the ball through just as much as you do in front of 68,000 people."

"He's got to build a little bit of self-confidence right now. He's got the potential and physical ability to be an All-American at the Division I level. It's just a matter of having confidence in himself."

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Ohio Offers Abundance Of Prep Talent

Editor's note: In the last issue of Buckeye Sports Bulletin, we looked at perhaps the top 24 Ohio high school football players. In this second of a two-part series, we look at the rest of the Ohio prep talent.

By Jim Wharton

While Ohio appears to offer groups of three top-notch players at most positions, as noted in the last issue, quarterback is not one of them. But there are two good ones among Buckeye state high school players being recruited by major colleges.

Scott Schaffner, a 6-3, 185-pounder at Cincinnati Moeller and Kevin Kirkpatrick, a 6-2, 180-pounder who broke several Art Schlichter records at Miami Trace, rank as the best prospects in Ohio.

Schaffner took over the starting duties at Moeller in the fifth game a year ago and finished the season having completed 111 of 195 passes for 1,599 yards and 18 touchdowns. In his 10 starts, which carried the Crusaders to the Division I state championship, Schaffner was intercepted only twice.

Kirkpatrick was the Southeastern District Class AAA Back of the Year after hitting on 82 of 151 tosses for 1,550 yards and 11 TDs.

There are other quarterbacks in the Buckeye state with unlimited potential. Whether any are Division I college prospects is uncertain this early in the season.

Best among the rest might be Richard Pierce of Mogadore. The 6-2, 185-pound Pierce guided his squad to the Division V state semifinals. He goes into his senior season with 216 completions in 411 attempts for 2,838 yards and 31 TDs.

Others to keep an eye on include Jim Vivo (6-1, 185) of Youngstown Chaney; Joe Roebuck (6-1, 190) of Bryan, who also is an outstanding baseball prospect; Frank Edie (6-3, 200) of Beloit West Branch; Mike McQueen (6-1, 195) of Cincinnati Reading; Jerry Phillip (6-0, 180) of Lima and Dion Smith (6-5, 200) of Cincinnati Northwest.

Behind Cincinnati CAPE's Carlos Snow (5-8, 195), St. Clairsville's John Spencer (5-11, 185) and Troy's Mike Delwiche (5-11, 193), Ohio's top running backs whom we touched on last issue, are a plethora of backs with possible major college potential.

Steve Gahr of Moeller might be the best. The 6-1, 235-pound fullback rushed for 740 yards in seven games last fall before being injured. Dirk Allen of Copley, a 6-2, 210-pounder, is a big tailback with explosiveness.

Doug Lewis (5-10, 180) of Middletown rushed for over 1,100 yards and scored 18 touchdowns in 1985 but grades could be his downfall. Brad Smith (6-0, 170) of Youngstown Boardman also picked up over 1,100 yards while scoring 14 times.

Dwayne Hunter (5-10, 180) of Cincinnati Princeton is one of the swiftest backs in Ohio, having been clocked in 4.4 for the 40-yard dash. A

top prospect, grades also could block his path to the big time.

A player similar to Hunter, and also from the Cincinnati area, is Aaron Kinebrew of Withrow. The 5-11, 175-pound Kinebrew has been timed at 4.5 in the 40, led the Queen City area in kickoff returns in 1985 and is an excellent (3.5) student.

Columbus Eastmoor, alma mater of such noted names as the Griffin brothers, could turn out another good one this year in Ted Johnson, a 5-10, 195-pounder. Johnson rushed for over 1,000 yards at Dayton Jefferson a year ago and also was a member of a state-record holding 400-meter relay team.

Others to watch include Bob Mason (5-10, 185) of Chillicothe; Dave McCoy (6-2, 215) of Cincinnati Withrow; Danny Ruff (6-3, 235) of Akron Buchtel; Derrick Russell (5-11, 205) of Columbus Independence, who scored 19 TDs as a junior; Jeff Singleton (5-11, 185) of Canton Timken, and Carlton Thomas (6-0, 187) of Lima.

While James Bradley (6-2, 187) of Orrville, Vince Marrow (6-3, 212) of Youngstown Cardinal Mooney and Anthony Morgan (6-1, 190) of Cleveland John Adams are regarded as the best among the available wide receivers, there are others who deserve attention.

Ken Griffey (6-2, 184) is a swift wideout at Moeller. The son of the major league baseball player with the same name, the younger Griffey reportedly possesses all the tools colleges are looking for.

Don't count out Eric Chery (5-11, 170) of Akron East nor Mark Smith (6-1, 185) of Canton McKinley. Both have tremendous potential.

The highly touted tight ends in Ohio include Dave Diebolt (6-4, 220) of Mayfield, Michael Boykin (6-3, 215) of Dayton Jefferson and Jay Koch (6-4, 195) of Cincinnati Purcell-Marian.

Another good one is Terrance Coleman (6-3, 215) of Dayton Meadowdale, who is no relation to present Buckeye freshman Kenny Coleman of the same high school. Chris Craig (6-4, 230) of Toledo Macomber-Whitney, Jim Goode (6-5, 210) of Cleveland St. Joseph, Darryl Swafford (6-4, 215) of Clayton Northmont and Darryl Wodecki (6-5, 235) of Chagrin Falls Kenston also will draw plenty of college recruiters.

John Repasky (6-5, 260) of Youngstown Cardinal Mooney, Craig Kintz (6-6, 245) of Canton McKinley and Mike Shoaf (6-5, 270) of Orwell Grand Valley stand tall among the state's offensive linemen.

But not far behind are the likes of Dan Anderson (6-4, 245) of Kettering Alter, Bob Dahl (6-5, 233) of Chagrin Falls, Chris Hofmeir (6-5, 250) of Cincinnati Anderson, Lance Hostetler (6-4, 250) of Massillon, Matt Kriegel (6-4, 225) of Toledo Central Catholic, Steve Matheson (6-5, 260) of Fairfield, Brian McQuire (6-5, 260) of Upper Arlington, John

Monroe (6-4, 250) of Columbus Marion-Franklin, John Roberts (6-6, 290) of Urbana, Steve Rossi (6-2, 250) of Hilliard, Derek Schmidt (6-3, 240) of Worthington, Greg Seely (6-6, 250) of Cincinnati Mariemont and David Wilkins (6-5, 225) of Cincinnati Aiken.

Turning to the defensive side of the line, Andy Krupa (6-2, 230) of Centerville, Brian Tschantz (6-4, 240) of Barberton and Dallas Walker (6-3, 235) of Tallmadge are reportedly the cream of the crop.

Others to watch include Dave Boone (6-4, 240) of North Canton Hoover, Shawn Harper (6-4, 240) of Columbus Independence, Rick Jun (6-4, 268) of Toledo St. John's, Dave McQuigg (6-4, 235) of Delaware, John Savely (6-4, 230) of Columbus Wattersen, John Sloboda (6-2, 245) of Marion Pleasant, Chris Stine (6-6, 268) of Toledo St. John's and Troy Treece (6-4, 240) of Van Wert.

The cast of available linebackers has Jerrod Vance (6-3, 241) of Massillon, Bill Price (6-0, 200) of Galion and Mick Schell (6-1, 220) of Sandusky Perkins playing the leading roles.

But supporting actors in this show include the likes of Tom Lease (6-4, 220) of Kenton, Pat Casey (6-0, 215) of Wadsworth, Jeff Heidemann (6-0, 211) of Cincinnati Elder, Pat Jackson (6-2, 215) of Van Wert, Jim Knecht (6-1, 220) of Cincinnati Moeller, John Ragan (6-4, 228) of Toledo St. John's, Brian Townsend (6-3, 215) of Cincinnati Northwest and Shawn Truss (6-2, 210) of Middletown.

In the secondary, Vincent Clark (6-2, 180) of Cincinnati CAPE, Tim Rutledge (5-11, 178) of Youngstown East and Jeremy Lincoln (6-1, 168) of Toledo DeVilbiss are said to be the best in the state.

But there are others being pursued. Among this group are Mike Borsala (6-0, 185) of Clayton Northmont, Richie Evans (5-11, 175) of Columbus Mifflin, Mark Fletcher (6-0, 185) of Cincinnati Princeton, Jim Habuda (6-1, 180) of Youngstown Boardman, Bart Letcavits (5-11, 165) of Massillon, Dirk Miller (6-4, 190) of Westerville North, Matt Swank (6-0, 186) of Massillon and Mike Turner (5-11, 175) of Cincinnati Withrow.

Todd Cruse of Troy and Steve Kirkwood of Paint Valley appear to be the best place-kickers in the state while Mark Abmos of Sandusky Perkins, Jason Benedict of Van Buren, Lee Buck of Macedonia Nordonia and Andy Grombacher of Toledo Central Catholic top the list of punters.

Three other players need to be mentioned at this point, lest we be accused of overlooking them. Jeff Graham of Kettering Alter, Anthony Smith of Parma Holy Name and James Stanford of Youngstown East were all discussed in the first part of this series.

Graham, Smith and Stanford are, as the experts see them, outstanding athletes capable of playing any one of several positions at the collegiate level.

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it was broken," said Bell, who accompanied the team to the Kickoff Classic and spent the game resting on crutches on the sideline. "I was hoping it was just a sprain."

The accident proved to be a real misfortune to Bell when starting safety Terry White was later dismissed from the team. Bell had advanced to the point where he was playing as the 'nickel' back in passing situations and probably would have been given a crack at replacing White.

"This is just a negative part of the game," said Bell, the younger brother of Todd Bell, former Ohio State standout and an All-Pro safety with the Chicago Bears who recently ended a holdout which had extended through the entire 1985 season.

"It's just one of those things and you've got to bounce back and keep a positive attitude. I've got to keep my head straight and stay in tune with football. That way when I'm healthy again, I can contribute to this team."

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The View From 15th and High

By Frank L. Moskowitz, BSB Publisher

On Second Look, Maybe Things Weren't So Bad

The VCR is a wonderful invention. I went back and watched a tape of the Chase Kickoff Classic and decided it was not as bad for Ohio State as I thought it was right after I first viewed the game.

Ohio State had some questions going into the game, and those questions seemed to have been answered — negatively, I might add.

There was a question about the offensive line. And the offensive line had its problems in OSU's 16-10 loss to Alabama. Anytime Vince Workman and John Wooldridge, combined, rack up only 68 yards on 23 carries for less than a 3.0 average, the offensive line is probably not blowing people off the ball. And the Bucks were flagged with some costly procedure calls that were probably caused by inexperience along the line.

There was also a question about the kicking game. Rich Spangler had departed, and Pat O'Morrow, only weeks removed from knee surgery, was called to action. Again the question was answered negatively, as the freshman from Virginia missed on three of four attempts. His missed field goals hurt not only in terms of the nine lost points, but also in terms of hindering Ohio State's momentum.

And it's hard to overlook the Buckeyes' three turnovers.

So why do I say the game was not as bad as I first thought?

First of all, let's not forget that Alabama had more turnovers and yards in penalties than the Buckeyes. Chalk some of that up to first-game jitters.

Despite all of their problems, the Buckeyes still almost defeated the

Ruggieri

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"Synchronized swimming happened to be one example. Like if they were reviewing the physics department and they brought up the welding or the music departments. You know, it's the small chamber orchestra that has a lot of good PR values, but they don't make money.

"So I think that's what President Jennings said and that's what people clearly have to look at. He says we want a commitment to excellence, number one. Number two, we want opportunities for all.

"I think the issue was not synchronized swimming and Mary Jo. It was the philosophies of the president; the philosophies and the direction of Ohio State University; a commitment to excellence and educational values.

"Athletics has been a runaway horse. It wasn't my fault it got to that point and presidents started intervening. I mean, five years ago if the AD wanted to do whatever he wanted to do, he could. Five years ago I would have been crawling out of there on all fours."

Ruggieri was buoyed by the outcome. "I'm really proud of this university for standing up for it," she said. "They're the first university in the United States to say no to some things."

fifth-ranked team in the country. The defense was excellent, holding the Tide to only 16 points and 295 total yards. Last season, Alabama averaged 26.7 points and 380.1 total yards a game.

We at BSB have been watching the pre-season All-American lists and Alabama's Mike Shula is invariably on the list at quarterback, while OSU's Jim Karsatos is usually not.

However, Karsatos' game certainly compared well to Shula's. Karsatos was 20 of 31 for 193 yards and two interceptions, while Shula completed just 11 of 19 for 83 yards with two interceptions and a touchdown. At times he was ineffective.

As you would expect from the son of Don Shula, the younger Shula showed great poise in the fourth quarter, when Alabama put the game away. However, Karsatos showed good poise throughout the game, also.

The combination of Jim Karsatos to Cris Carter will make it mark this season. However, the OSU passing game will be that much more effective if it has a strong running game to go with it and to have that, the line is going to have to open some holes. Great Ohio State offenses are built around great offensive lines.

I take heart in the fact that the offensive line was terrible in the season opener, a 10-7 win over Pitt, last season. (OSU gained 48 yards on 39 rushes that evening.) Yet the big guys up front made rapid improvement and became a strength by the end of the season.

Our reports on O'Morrow have been excellent. If he is not emotionally scarred from his Kickoff Classic experience, he should rack up his share of points this season.

The Kickoff Classic resulted in a very disappointing loss for Ohio State. But there are 11 or 12 more games to play, and the Bucks must be concerned

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Nov. 29	Fla. International
Dec. 2	West. Michigan
Dec. 4	Siena
Dec. 6	Ohio U.
Dec. 8	Bowling Green
Dec. 13	Howard
Dec. 16	at Dayton
Dec. 19	vs. Florida
Dec. 20	TBA
Dec. 28	Arkansas
Dec. 29	TBA
Jan. 4	Indiana
Jan. 8	at Michigan
Jan. 10	at Michigan State
Jan. 15	Northwestern
Jan. 17	Wisconsin
Jan. 21	at Minnesota
Jan. 24	at Iowa
Jan. 29	Purdue
Feb. 2	Illinois
Feb. 5	Michigan
Feb. 9	Michigan State
Feb. 12	at Wisconsin
Feb. 14	at Northwestern
Feb. 18	Iowa
Feb. 21	Minnesota
Feb. 25	at Illinois
Feb. 28	at Purdue
Mar. 7	at Indiana

Ohio State will compete in the Gator Bowl Tournament Dec. 28-29. Besides Florida, whom the Buckeyes play in the opening round, Virginia Tech and Jacksonville are the other teams.

The Buckeyes also will participate in the Aloha Classic Dec. 28-30 in Hawaii.

with those contests now.

For years, Earle Bruce has maintained that a team's biggest improvement comes between the first and second games of the season. With a demanding road test against Washington on tap, we'll see how accurate Earle's theory is.

JAMIE HOLLAND IS certain to become an Ohio Stadium favorite. The senior out of Wake Forest, N.C., had the Giants Stadium crowd buzzing with a 44-yard kickoff return and his 26-yard touchdown run against Alabama. The 6-2, 186-pounder makes good use of his 4.34 speed.

THE LAST TIME Ohio State lost its opening game, the Buckeyes were also facing a national power and also were turnover-plagued. The Buckeyes, in Art Schlichter's first game, were crushed by Penn State in the 1978 opener, 19-0. OSU coughed up the ball eight times in that game — five times on interceptions and three times on fumbles.

I might add that the Buckeyes went on to post a disappointing 7-4-1 campaign that year, which stands as the worst Ohio State season since 1971. In fact, a certain coach ended up losing his job that year.

WHEN SEAN BELL went down with a leg injury, I did not attach that much significance to his loss.

Bruce Laments Mistakes

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and they got to moving the football and kept it. When we had an opportunity, we fumbled it away."

Or, on another possession which resulted in a missed field goal, the Buckeyes gave it away with two false-start penalties. After OSU defensive back Sonny Gordon fell on an Alabama fumble at the Crimson Tide 26, the two infractions left the Bucks with a fourth-and-11 at the 27. O'Morrow again came up short — and wide.

"We got two offside penalties and pushed the ball back," said Bruce. "You can't have that."

Despite all the negatives to that point, Ohio State almost pulled it out in the final minute. Buckeye quarterback Jim Karsatos completed three straight passes to move the ball to the Alabama 48 with eight seconds left. Two straight defensive interference penalties after time had run out gave the Bucks additional plays — each one from 15 yards closer.

The final pass for Carter was broken up by Alabama's Chris Goode and Britton Cooper.

"We're a good two-minute offensive team, too," said Bruce. "We had the ball at the end and went all the way down and weren't able to pull it out."

Bruce was asked the effects of playing a team of Alabama's caliber to open the season.

"Alabama's a good football team," he said, "but we're going to play another good football team in a couple of weeks by the name of Washington, who I know is as fine a football team as you'd like to play away from home. "But they've (the Crimson Tide) got

However, it proved to be a bigger loss than expected when Terry White was booted off the team, along with Roman Bates, for rules infractions. Bell, a sophomore out of Middletown, Ohio, would certainly have challenged for White's spot.

Freshman David Brown earned the start and was burned on Alabama's only touchdown. Would Terry White have made the play?

That's hard to say. But, from this corner, Bruce appears to have made the right decision in giving White the boot. Those of you who have read my column through the years know that the hard hitter from Cambridge, Ohio, on the field, was one of my favorites. However, he had long ago used up his grace period and could not afford anything that even closely resembled a rules infraction.

The difference between a great football team and a 9-3 football team might just come down to mental discipline. It was right for Bruce to set a no-nonsense precedent early.

MIKE SHULA'S coach, Ray Perkins, played for Shula's dad Don when Perkins was a receiver with the Baltimore Colts. Perkins was at Baltimore from 1967-71, while Don Shula was head coach of the Colts from 1963-69, before moving to his current job with Miami.

good football players and they played well tonight. They were doing everything they had to do. They defended us exceptionally well, especially when you cross the 40-yard line. They really do come after you and do a lot of good things. They get very aggressive, they tackle well and they force the mistakes.

"I thought the Alabama team played exceptionally hard tonight. They did an outstanding job and that's why they won the football game. They forced some mistakes, which killed us."

Bruce, though, felt there were some aspects of the Buckeye game which stood out.

"I really felt our defense played hard, played well," he said. "Our offense put our defense in trouble at times and that's not the way you like to play. It certainly was a 16-10 game."

The Buckeyes must now have some hard practices before they depart for Seattle and a Sept. 13 date against Washington's Huskies.

"The most improvement in football, in my mind, always happens between the first and second games," said Bruce. "Ohio State will improve greatly between now and Washington. We have areas we can improve in. Now we'll have something to gauge into making a little effort to improve."

Bruce, in his ninth year at OSU, wanted to get out of the Big Apple area and get back home to work.

"I don't think there's much positive stuff in a loss," he said. "I just think you have to gather the forces to work a little harder and start to win. We will forget this football game when we get back and start working for Washington and snap back. That's the only thing we can do now."