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GEORGE BURIES ILLINOIS OSU Tailback Rushes For School-Record 314 Yards

By STEVE HELWAGEN Buckeye Sports Bulletin Editor

Ohio State's 1,000th college football game proved to be a milestone in more ways than one.

The Buckeyes pasted perennial thorn-in-their-side Illinois 41-3 with Heisman Trophy hopeful Eddie George rushing for a school-record 314 yards in the process.

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"I wasn't aware until someone told
me on the sideline I needed 20 yards to
get 300," said George, who broke Keith
Byars' record of 274 yards set in 1984
against Illinois. "I didn't even know I
had broken the record. I was wondering
what everybody was screaming about."

George became the focus of the Ohio State offense when it was decided just before game time that star flanker Terry Glenn would not play due to a shoulder injury suffered the week before at Minnesota.

At that point, George knew a lot more was expected of him.

"We had a good feeling Terry was going to play early in the week, but he had some problems running his routes," he said. "We were kind of concerned because he's our big-play maker and a deep threat. Playing against Illinois, we knew they would key against the run and stack everybody up on the line. But it really didn't matter. Everybody had to turn it up a notch."

George, the Big Bear Buckeye of the Week, has been listed all season as one of the contenders for the Heisman Trophy. One Illini coach, after watching George in person, says the race is over.

"We probably gave him the Heisman today," said Illini defensive coordinator Denny Marcin. "I've been coaching for 32 years and I've never seen a back do

OSU coach John Cooper concurred: "I never have seen a better individual effort than Eddie put out there today. I don't know what it takes.

"If there's any player in America that's better or more deserving of any award that may come his way than Eddie George, I don't know who he is," he said

Comparisons with Byars were running rampant, considering he set the mark in a similar late-afternoon/early evening game against the Illini 11 years ago. But Byars, considered a Heisman candidate that year, finished second in the Heisman balloting after Boston College quarterback Doug Flutie completed a "Hail Mary" pass to wrap up a dramatic, late-season upset of Miami (Fla.).

Perhaps George's record-setting rushing day is the final shot he needs to bring home OSU's sixth Heisman Trophy and its first since Archie Griffin won his second one 20 years ago.

But George, demonstrative on the field by yelling "This is our house!" and by removing his helmet at midfield after his last carry (an NCAA no-no this year), was still soft-spoken off it.

When asked if he thought his big day against the Illini made him the Heisman winner, he replied: "No, I don't. We have two really big games left for us, and I'm not really too concerned about the Heisman right now. I'm more concerned about how we're going to get to the Rose Bowl and how we're going to finish up as a team. I think that's the most important thing right now."

OSU quarterback Bobby Hoying, the nation's passing efficiency leader and another player mentioned in the Heisman hype, said he thinks George is now the man to beat.

"I don't think we're even thinking about that, but I think Eddie George is the man right now. After what he did today, I think he has got to be the frontrunner," Hoying said.

George now has 1,592 yards on 256 carries (6.2 average) with 20 touch-downs.

He also got his first receiving touchdown of the year, late in the third quarter, when Hoying told him before the play he was coming his way and amid already deafening cheers of "Eddie, Eddie" and "Heisman, Heisman."

George eclipsed his mark of 1,442 yards rushing, set in 13 games last year, in just his 10th game this year.

The next milestone in sight is 2,000 yards, a mark attainable by averaging a meager 136 yards a game in OSU's final two regular-season games and the bowl game. He's also just 172 yards away from Byars' OSU single-season record of 1,764 yards set in 1984.

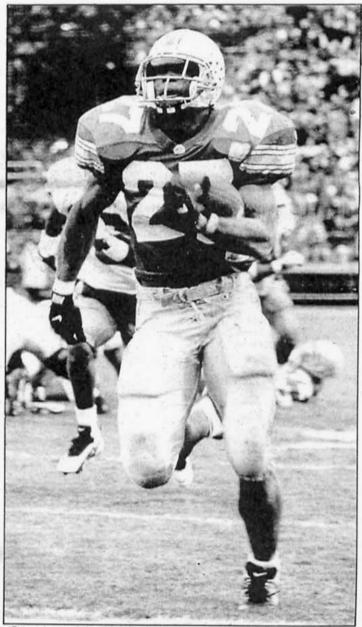
"I'm not going to make that my goal, reaching 2,000," George said. "I'm just going to go out, do my best, have fun and finish up my season and my career here at Ohio State. Wherever I end up will be fine."

The win kept the second-ranked Buckeyes (10-0, 6-0) a half-game behind Northwestern (9-1, 7-0) in the Big Ten race on a weekend when they both avoided a pair of sticky inxes.

avoided a pair of sticky jinxes.

Ohio State entered Ohio Stadium with a mission — to reclaim its home field from a school that had won four straight there and six of the last seven

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HEISMAN, HEISMAN!? — OSU senior Eddie George sprints down the sideline on a 39-yard run in the first quarter of OSU's win over Illinois. The run set up an OSU touchdown and helped George run for a school-record 314 yards on 36 carries.

With Conditions Poor, Buckeyes Emphasize Ground Game

Illini Defense No Match For OSU's George

By STEVE HELWAGEN
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The weather outside was frightful, and so was Illinois' vaunted defense.

Coming into their Nov. 11 game at Ohio Stadium, the Fighting Illini were second in the Big Ten and 10th nationally in total defense.

It didn't matter, though, as on a day unfit for man nor beast, one man — OSU tailback Eddie George — proved to be a real beast.

George carried 36 times for a schoolrecord 314 yards as the Buckeyes blistered Illinois 41-3 before a crowd of 92 639.

"Running behind this man, anything is possible," said George, who brought his "new best friend" in hulking offensive tackle Orlando Pace to the postgame press conference.

"With the line that we have and the attitude we had approaching this game, anything was possible. We just wanted to go out and establish the running game and try to win the surest way," he said.

The Buckeyes (10-0, 6-0) won without standout flanker Terry Glenn, who sat out after suffering a shoulder injury against Minnesota a week earlier.

With Glenn on the shelf and the weather not conducive to a highpowered passing game, OSU emphasized its running attack against the Illini (4-5, 2-4).

The conditions were more suited for running the Iditared than playing college football with the temperature hovering near freezing and a stiff wind out of the north gusting up to 35 miles per hour and dropping the wind chill to 15 degrees. On top of that, a mixture of rain and blowing snow cascaded the field throughout the game.

"Whether it was sunshine or a blizzard out there, we needed to find a way to get the job done," said George, who broke Keith Byars' single-game mark of 274 yards set against Illinois in 1984. George also finished with 346 yards total, including 32 yards and a touchdown receiving.

The Illinois Jinx — a phenomenon established with the Illini's four straight wins in Ohio Stadium dating back to 1986 — seemed to be in full force on OSU's first possession as a Bobby Hoying pass was intercepted by Illinois linebacker Dennis Stallings.

The Buckeyes were then backed up against their own goal line when punter Brett Larsen's punt was downed inside the OSU 1. It didn't matter, though, as Ohio State moved 99 yards in six plays. The drive included dazzling runs of

The drive included dazzling runs of 24 and 39 yards by George, moving the ball to the Illini 4. His replacement, Pepe Pearson, came in and scored the touchdown on a quick pitch left with 8:27 left in the first quarter.

The touchdown capped OSU's third touchdown drive of the season to exceed 90 yards and matched the season-long 99-yarder from the Boston College game.

"That was one of the keys of the game when we came off our own goal line and went 99 yards to score," OSU coach John Cooper said.

The Buckeyes wasted no time extending their lead to 14-0, marching 61 yards on nine plays on their next possession. George again was the key weapon as he had carries of 9, 18 and 9 yards, helping OSU to a first down at the Illini 14.

After two plays netted no gain, Hoying dropped back and drilled a pass into flanker Dimitrious Stanley at the 2. Stanley absorbed a crushing hit from Illinois' Trevor Starghill, held on to the ball and carried defender Antwoine Patton with him into the end zone for the 14-yard TD and a 14-0 lead with 1:35 left in the first quarter.

The pass, like Hoying's earlier inter-



EDDIE'S SPECIAL DAY — OSU senior co-captain Eddie George looks for an opening during a first-half carry against Illinois. George racked up a school-record 314 yards rushing and scored three touchdowns in OSU's 41-3 win over the Illini.

ception, was thrown into traffic. But the nation's leader in passing efficiency did not hesitate to gun it in there.

"I thought we did a nice job of coming back (after the interception) and the coaches had confidence in us," said Hoying, who completed 8 of 13 passes for 109 yards and a pair of scores. "Dimitrious ran a slant and made a big catch for us."

The play was especially big with Stanley playing in place of Glenn.

"He's been wanting to get out there and make something happen," Hoying said. "He realizes Terry is in front of him, but he stepped up today when he had to."

George terrorized the Illini defense on OSU's fourth possession with big carries of 15 and 22 yards, but Illinois stiffened in the red zone and forced OSU to accept a 20-yard Josh Jackson field goal and a 17-0 lead with 10:09 left in the first half.

That score stood at halftime and the Illini, needing a score to stay in the game, had the ball to start the second half. They moved 58 yards to the OSU 25, but they were forced to take a 42yard field goal by Bret Scheuplein to cut the lead to 17-3 with 10:44 left in the third quarter.

George, who had 180 yards on 23 carries in the first half, was only getting warmed up, though.

Just as he did a week earlier against Minnesota when he went for an 87-yard touchdown on the first play of the second half, George took a handoff to the left, exploded through a gaping hole and was off to the races on a 64-yard touchdown run that woke up the frostbitten Ohio Stadium crowd and gave the Buckeyes a 24-3 lead with 10:24 left in the third quarter.

"That was a lead play, '27 Lead,' "
George said. "There was some penetration and I basically just batted him
down. I just ran what I saw.

"We wanted to shift the momentum a little bit because there was a sense that they were trying to put some points on



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he board and get back into it. We anted to close the door immediately," e said.

The fun was only beginning, though, s Illinois kick returner George fcDonald was hit by OSU's Pearson nd fumbled. OSU's Central McClellion scovered it at the Illini 37.

The possession ended moments later hen Josh Jackson missed his second eld goal of the day, this one a 38-arder that fell short of the crossbar.

Illinois could not move the ball and, ne poor, 23-yard punt later, the Buckyes were in business at the Illini 38.

George broke the OSU single-game ushing mark with a 3-yard carry traight ahead, giving him 275 for the ay. One play later, George took a pitch oft and carried an Illini defender with im into the end zone at the pylon for he 13-yard touchdown and a 31-3 lead rith 3:07 left in the third quarter.

George was greeted at the sideline by looper and he screamed to the crowd, ccepting the accolades.

Just seconds later, an interception by SU freshman safety Che Bryant on a ass from Illini quarterback Johnny ohnson put the Buckeyes back in scor-

og position at the Illinois 10.
On second down, Hoying dropped ack and lofted a pass to the back of the nd zone to George - he can catch asses, too — who got one foot down for he 13-yard score and a 38-3 lead with 8 seconds left in the quarter. It was 1st another crowning moment in a seaon full of them for George.

"Basically, Bob just told me in the uddle he was going to throw me the sall," George said. "He threw it, but I ost the ball in the lights. Then I found t and was able to barely get one foot in-ounds."

Illinois freshman running back Steve layard was injured on the final play of he third quarter. A 15-minute stoppage f play was needed to call an ambulance nd remove him from the field and ransport him to OSU Medical Center.

Once the fourth quarter began, the suspense that remained was whether George would surpass the 300ard mark. And he did on a 24-yard ain on a draw play. One play later, fter a 1-yard gain, George's day was

done with a single-game record that will be hard for anybody - man, beast or to break. even machine -

"It's a great feeling any time a running back can get 300 yards, and we take a lot of pride in that sort of thing," said Pace, who squared off directly with Illinois star linebacker Simeon Rice all day. "This week, we knew it was going to be a challenge and we had to go out and establish the running game.

"Eddie George was just spectacular, very impressive," said Illinois coach Lou Tepper. "I didn't think our defensive game plan was a good one, and our defensive players didn't execute very well. Eddie George had a lot to do with that, though."

OSU added a 26-yard Jackson field goal with 8:31 left in the game to bring the score to 41-3.

THE WIN put aside the Illinois Jinx. Since Ohio State won 14-0 over Illinois at Ohio Stadium in 1986, the Illini had won four straight games in the Horseshoe. The Illini were pretty much a pest, period, also winning twice in Champaign during that stretch.

"It was ridiculous for them to say_ "This is our house,' " Hoying said. "This is Ohio State and it's ours. We wanted to prove that today. I think we did.

We made a statement today to Illinois and perhaps to anybody else who comes in there that this is going to be a tough place to play," he said.

Cooper's record against the Illini improved to 3-6, including 2-6 at Ohio

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George Enters Record Books

OSU tailback Eddie George shattered the school's single-game rushing mark with 314 yards against Illinois. Here is where George's big day stands on OSU's singlegame rushing list as well as the Big Ten's single-game rushing list:

OHIO STATE SINGLE-GAME RUSHING LEADERS

Yards	Player	Carries	Opponent	Year	
314 Eddie George		36	Illinois	1995	
274	Keith Byars	39	Illinois	1984	
246	Archie Griffin	30	Iowa	1973	
239	Archie Griffin	27	North Carolina	1972	
235	Raymont Harris	. 39	Brigham Young	1993	
229	Ollie Cline	32	Pittsburgh	1945	
224	Calvin Murray	35	Indiana	1980	
219	Eddie George	29	Michigan State	1994	
212	Eddie George	36	Washington	1995	
209	Bob White	33	Iowa	1958	

ALL-TIME BIG TEN SINGLE-GAME RUSHING LEADERS

Yards	Player	School Ca		Opponent	Year	
377	Anthony Thompson	Indiana	52	Wisconsin	1989	
350	Eric Allen	Michigan State	29	Purdue	1971	
347	Ron Johnson	Michigan	31	Wisconsin	1968	
316	Mike Adamle	Northwestern	40	Wisconsin	1969	
314	Eddie George	Ohio State	36	Illinois	1995	
304	Billy Marek	Wisconsin	43	Minnesota	1974	
295	Byron Sanders	Northwestern	46	Minnesota	1987	
292	Lorenzo White	Michigan State	56	Indiana	1987	
288	Jon Vaughn	Michigan	32	UCLA	1990	
286	Ed Podolak	Iowa	17	Northwestern	1968	
286	Lorenzo White	Michigan State	25	Indiana	1985	

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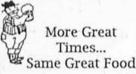
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Buckeyes Amazed They Could Run On Illinois

The play of the OSU offense in the 41-3 thrashing of Illinois was akin to watching the Jerry Lewis Telethon: You can talk up the performances and put lots of importance on the cause, but the most impressive displays are on the tote board.

In this case the tote board was documenting the 36 totes — and school-record 314 rushing yards — of one Eddie George, who by now should have confirmed his own crusade for the Heisman. The Ohio Stadium scoreboard lights also shouted the fact that the Buckeyes rolled up 527 yards on one of the nation's best defenses, 409 of them on the ground.

It was an astonishing feat that even amazed many of those who had a hand

"If you would have told me we could have done this against Illinois' defense, I would have told you you were smoking something," quarterback Bobby Hoying said.

Even George himself was in awe.

"The whole offensive line was dominating," he said. "The holes were there all day."

Left tackle Orlando Pace, who is securing All-American status and possibly more these days, chalked it up to the talents of his co-captain.

"Any time a running back can come out and get 300 yards against the type of defensive team Illinois is, he shows what type of running back he is," Pace said.

True, but it also speaks volumes about the line, anchored, of course, by the 6-6, 320-pound Pace. And maybe it's about time to start placing left guard Jamie Sumner, center Juan Porter, right guard LeShun Daniels and right tackle Eric Gohlstin up there with the conference elite.

Perhaps — and this is only a theory OSU's man-for-man dismantling of the Illini proved the old football adage that nothing stops good old-fashioned blocking and execution. Put a hat on a

Inside The Offense with Jeff Rapp

hat, open a lane, and give the pigskin to a skilled runner and you have an undeniable formula for success.

The Buckeyes seemingly did just that as a unit, causing even offensive coordinator Joe Hollis, a known perfectionist, to wonder in amazement after the dust had settled on OSU's running explosion.

When you rush for more than 400 yards against Illinois, I don't know if we can play much better up front," he said. "They felt all week they had to set the tempo and they did that.

I can't say enough about those guys. They executed their blocks and followed up blocks. They worked hard all week and they were prepared. Those guys were on a mission today.

In his battle with fellow Lombardi finalist Simeon Rice of Illinois, Pace admitted being extra geared, but added, You want to rise to the occasion at times like that. But as far as playing well, you have to do that every snap.

That attitude has been evident all season for Pace, and it especially took shape in practice as the Buckeyes braced for the possibility of playing without the threat of injured flanker Terry Glenn.

"We felt all week long we were going to have to run the ball with some con-sistency vs. Illinois," Hollis said. "With the wind the way it was, it was tough to throw slants and different routes. As it turned out, the weather played right into our game plan."

Once the game plan was put into force, nothing dared get in its way.

"It's kind of fun when they can't stop it," Sumner said. "After a while they had to know what was coming. There is a lot of pride that goes into that and it got to be fun after a while. Once you



PEARSON PROVIDES RELIEF - OSU backup tailback Pepe Pearson again provided strong relief for Eddie George. Here, he battles Illinois defensive back Trevor Starghill for yardage. He finished with 58 yards and a touchdown on 10 carries.

start getting that many yards . . . it just became a party, really.

Center Juan Porter agreed.

It is fun for a lineman," he said with a broad grin. "You walk up to the line of scrimmage and you just start smiling because you know you're going to take it right at them and they can't really do anything about it."

AS STRAIGHTFORWARD as the Buckeyes' approach appeared, the play

calling did have a few wrinkles.

"We changed up a little," Hollis said. "We did some things out of some dif-ferent formations, things we hadn't really showed. We used some different blocking schemes. It gave us some opportunities and some creases.

Added Pace, "They began playing a little bit to the left side, thinking we were coming that way."

In the end, OSU both ran away from Rice and ran at him while draw plays took advantage of over-aggressive Illinois play, particularly that of linebacker Kevin Hardy. Those two All-American candidates combined for just seven tackles. Meanwhile, free safety Antwoine Patton, often having to chase down George, accounted for a team-high

Ohio State also kept Illinois off alance by altering the snap count. With Hoying perfecting that tactic, the Illini tended to jump or be back on its heals at the snap. One OSU drive even began by catching several defensive players running onto the field. "We should have scored a touchdown

on that one," Hoying said.

They were slow getting out of the huddle at times and we went on quick. The one coming out there when we got our drive going on the goal line, we caught them offsides going on a longer count. The offensive line, it's all up to them. If they can adjust well to different counts, we're going to change it

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up as much as we can.'

HOYING HAD a rare game with mild numbers — 8 of 13 for 109 yards, two touchdowns and one interception — but he still directed the troops with aplomb, even leading a drive of 99-plus yards reminiscent of an August march in the Kickoff Classic.

"It was the combination of a lot of things," he said. "For one, we ran the right plays. They have great pass rushers, so they were getting up the field and we were running draws on them basically all day and Eddie had great vision out there."

Hoying entered the day prepared for more, but his role was reduced once George and the line established their unstoppable selves.

"I think if it would have been nice weather, if we were able to throw the ball, it was the most complicated game plan we had as far as I'm concerned," he said with only a hint of disappointment. "There were a lot of 'check-with-mes' at the line, but as it turned out we ran the ball quite a bit."

Hoying's first downfield toss was in-

Hoying's first downfield toss was intercepted by Dennis Stallings at the Illini 41.

"I should have known not to throw the ball, but we did a great job of coming back from that," said the senior. "I knew exactly what I did wrong right when I threw it. We made the correction and played a lot more smart after that."

Redemption came later in the first quarter when he threaded a slant pass for a TD to wideout Dimitrious Stanley, who played in place of Glenn.

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"It's a great call," said Hoying, who ended the first half 5 of 6 for 81 yards.

"We run Rickey Dudley vertical, he takes out the safety. Dimitrious Stanley just has to give me a lane to throw it in. He did, and he did a great job of hanging onto the ball."

YET ANOTHER reason for the upgrade in the offensive play, especially the run production, was the steady play of starting fullback Nicky Sualua, who hit nearly every block at the point of attack.

"I think this was Nicky's best game,"
Hollis said without hesitation. "We tried
to get the ball a little more to him, we
came in wanting to run the trap a little
bit more and some lead draws. He did a
great job."

Hollis also spoke well of tight end Dudley, who no doubt showed professional scouts he can block a little bit, too. With Dudley faring well in the trenches, backup tight end Bob Houser often flanked the other side when Sualua took a breather.

The supporting running backs played well, too, although their efforts were eclipsed by the superiority of George. Tailback Pepe Pearson managed 55 yards in 10 carries, Jermon Jackson ripped off an eight-yard run and backup fullback Matt Calhoun did well in his brief time on the field.

When asked if he liked Pearson's progress lately, Hollis said, "Wouldn't you? He's quality, a really fine football player. He's really coming on for us and doing a whale of a job."

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HOW WELL is the OSU offense playing?

The fact that punter Brent Bartholomew was not needed vs. Illinois is as good an indicator as any.

The Buckeyes converted 9 of 14 third-down conversions and 1 of 1 fourth-down tries.

Hollis believes the offense is as outstanding as any he has ever coached.

"We were missing a great player today in Terry Glenn and by watching us today you'd never know it," he said. "What we did with our running game today was even more impressive considering that."



HOYING SCRAMBLES — OSU quarterback Bobby Hoying scrambles for yardage during the fourth quarter of OSU's 41-3 win over Illinois. Hoying completed 8 of 13 passes for 109 yards with two touchdowns, but he did throw an early interception.

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George Makes Run At Heisman Against Illini

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overall against the Buckeyes.

And they did it in convincing fashion, riddling the conference's best defense for 409 yards rushing, crushing the Illi-

The Buckeyes neutralized Illinois' fine pair of linebackers, Simeon Rice

and Kevin Hardy, with outstanding line play and strong blocking up front. "Everybody on the sideline was talk-ing about how big a game Orlando (Pace) was having against Rice and Rickey (Dudley) took Kevin out of it a little bit," said OSU offensive guard Jamie Sumner.

"You didn't hear their names called very much and that was a good feeling because they are two of the premier players in the country. It's a credit to our whole offensive football team."

Hoying threw an early interception but then settled back into the highpercentage passing game to augment George's strong running.

"I made the mistake early throwing the pick," said Hoying, who threw a pair of touchdowns. "We just played smart after that. We didn't try to do anything out of the ordinary. We realized that was how we could be good enough to beat them."

OSU defensive end Matt Finkes con-

firmed the fact that the Buckeyes were waiting for the Illini.

"We looked forward to playing Illinois and getting a chance to redeem ourselves after last year," Finkes said. "But it was just another game and another step in our ladder.'

With the tone the Fighting Illini had taken in recent years, especially with linebacker Dana Howard guaranteeing and delivering a win at "his house" last year, the Buckeyes' psyche had been rubbed raw.

"We were tired of hearing about this being their house," said OSU nose guard Luke Fickell. "We wanted to get

Top Heisman Trophy Candidates

Here is Buckeye Sports Bulletin's list of the top Heisman Trophy candidates for the 1995 college football season. Statistics for each player's most recent game as well as the season are listed.



L Eddie George, Ohio State TB (Sr.): Ran all over Illinois in 41-3 victory Nov. 11 vs. Illinois: 314 yards 2 TDs 36 carries Season (10 games): 256 carries 1,592 yards 20 TDs

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2 Tommie Frazier, Nebraska QB (Sr.): Gulded Huskers past Kansas 41-3 1 TD Nov. 11 vs. Kansas: 15 att. 10 comp. 86 yards Season (10 games): 1,234 yards 16 TDs 138 att. 80 comp.

3 Bobby Hoying, Ohio State QB (Sr): Limited duties in 41-3 win over Illini Nov. 11 vs. Illinois: 13 att. 8 comp. 109 yards 2 TDs 25 TDs 2,534 yards Season (10 games): 241 att. 158 comp.

4 Danny Wuerffel, Florida QB (Jr.): Gators bombed South Carolina 63-7

5 TDs Nov. 11 vs. S.Carolina: 24 att. 19 comp. 304 yards 2,248 yards 27 TDs 222 att. 148 comp. Season (9 games):

Darnell Autry, Northwestern RB (So.): Took NU past Iowa 31-20 Nov. 11 vs. Iowa: 32 carries 110 yards

323 carries

Peyton Manning, Tennessee QB (So.): Vols did not play.

Nov. 11: UT was idle

Season (10 games):

Season (9 games): 297 att. 195 comp.

2,417 yards

20 TDs

14 TDs



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the focus back on to our defense and getting the momentum back in the Horseshoe."

Deep down, though, nobody wanted to beat the Illini any more than George. It was his two fumbles as a freshman that contributed to one of the games in the jinx, an 18-16 loss in 1992. "Illinois has always been in the back

of my mind, starting with my freshman year, and last year, of course, we lost (24-10)," he said.

"But it's no vindication. That was three years ago. It has nothing to do with now. I'm just happy to end up my season here, beating Illinois finally

But, on the same day George and the Buckeyes were exorcising some of their demons and making history, fifth-rated Northwestern was also overcoming a tough superstition — the Sports IIlustrated Jinx.

NU tailback Darnell Autry was on the cover of SI's Nov. 13 edition, and it appeared that jinx would snare the Wildcats when they fell behind Iowa 14-But Northwestern rallied for a 31-20 win to stay undefeated in the conference.

Northwestern finishes its season at Purdue on Nov. 18. A Wildcats win would require OSU to beat Indiana in the home finale on Nov. 18 and also win at Michigan on Nov. 25 to make the Rose Bowl. If the teams tie, OSU would head to Pasadena due to its superior overall record.

"We've known for a while now that we have to win out," Hoying said. "We control our own destiny and it's no different right now. We're not really even concerned with what Northwestern is doing

"Obviously, they're having a great year, but this is our year."

If Northwestern falls to Purdue,

OSU would need only one win to qualify for the Rose Bowl.

"We've got to keep on winning," Finkes said. "I don't think, just because Northwestern would lose, that we would let down because our goal is to win all of our games this year. We've got Indiana next.

And the Rose Bowl is not the top thing on Cooper's mind - at least right

"I'm not worried about the Rose

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Bowl," the coach said. "I'm worried right now about Indiana. Relax, enjoy the victory tonight, come back tomorrow and get ready for Indiana.

"To me that's one of the best things this football team's been able to do that's stay focused, whether it's Illinois,

it's Indiana, it's Michigan."

OSU's maintains an outside shot at the national championship. Top-ranked Nebraska rolled past 10th-rated Kansas 41-3 to hold onto its spot, while number three Florida, the team OSU leapfrogged to get into second, showed its merit with a 63-7 pasting of South Carolina.

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"I don't know if we're better than Nebraska, guys, but I'll tell you this: Nobody's played a more difficult schedule than we've played. That's all I'll say," Cooper said.

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The Numbers Game

Ohio State 41, Illinois 3

Nov. 11, 1995 — Ohio Stadium; Columbus, Ohio

ILLINOIS OHIO STATE 21

OSU — Pearson, 4 run (Jo. Jackson kick) 8:27 (6 plays, 99 yarda)
OSU — Stanley, 14 pass from B.Hoying (Jo. Jackson kick) 1:35 (9 plays, 61 yarda) Second Quarter

OSU - Jo.Jackson, 20 field goal 10:09 (10 plays, 57 yards)

Third Quarter

niru quarter ILL.— Scheuplein, 42 field goal 10:44 (10 plays, 58 yards) OSU.— George, 64 run (Jo.Jackson kick) 10:24 (1 play, 64 yards) OSU.— George, 13 run (Jo.Jackson kick) 3:07 (7 plays, 38 yards) OSU.— George, 13 pass from B. Hoying (Jo.Jackson kick) 0:58 (2 plays, 10 yards)

Fourth Quarter

OSU - Jo.Jackson, 26 field goal 8:31 (12 plays, 43 yards)

Service Defends		
Weather - 37 degrees; Wind, 15-20 mph from	the Northwest; Overcas	t, rain, snow
Team Statistics	ILL	osu
First Downs	. 9	25
Rushing	1	- 18
Passing	7	6
Penalty	1	1
Rushes-Yards	29-59	61-409
Passing Yards	101	118
Passes	18-11-1	14-9-1
Offensive Plays	47	75
Total Net Yards	160	527
Third Down Efficiency	1-11	9-14
Fourth Down Efficiency	0-1	1-1
Punta	7-41.9	0-0
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	1-0
Penalties	6-62	7-52
Time Of Possession	20:08	39:52

Individual Statistics

RUSHING (Att.-Net Yds.) -- ILL: Holcombe 14-28; J.Johnson 6-20; Douthard 6-8;

1-20; Majoy 1-15; Dulick 1-14; Cushing 1-7. OSU: George 4-32; Dudley 2-53; Stanley 2-24;

| 1-20; Majoy 1-16; Ddirkt 1-14; Cusming 1-7. OSU: George 4-32; Dudley 2-53; Stanley 2-24; Carter 1-9. |
| PUNTING (No-Avg-Long) — ILL: Larsen 7-41.9-58. OSU: None. |
| PUNTIRETURNS (No-Avg-Long) — ILL: Smith 3-8.0-15; McDonald 2-32.5-37; |
| KICKOFF RETURNS (No-Avg-Long) — ILL: Smith 3-8.0-15; McDonald 2-32.5-37; |
| Havard 1-11.0-11. OSU: Springs 1-34.0-34; Sualua 1-12.0-12. |
| FUMBLE RECOVERIES — ILL: None. OSU: McClellion. |
| INTERCEPTIONS — ILL: Stallings: OSU: Bryant. |
| SACKS — ILL: Hardy. OSU: Finkes. |
| TACKLES FOR LOSS — ILL: McCloud (2), Rice (2), Patton, Washington, Marshall, |
| Hardy, Weisse, M.Johnson, Team. OSU: Vrabel (2), Winfield (2), Finkes, Becker. |
| TACKLES — ILL: Patton 4-11-15; Stallings 4-11-15; Washington 3-9-12; Marshall 5-4-9; McCloud 4-3-7; Starghill 3-4-7; Guenther 3-4-7; Lyle 4-2-6; Golohnson 3-9-5; Hardy 3-1-4; Williams 2-2-4; Weisse 2-2-4; Marable 1-3-4; Rice 3-0-3; Byrd 2-1-3; M.Johnson 2-1-3; S.Willis 1-1-2; Sanders 1-0-1; C.McPartlin 1-0-1; Koerwitz 1-0-1; Team 1-0-1; Powell 0-1-1; James 0-1-1; Roberts 0-1-1; Dulick 0-1-1. OSU: Fickell 5-3-6; Vrabel 5-1-6; Publisari 4-2-6; R.Miller 4-2-6; Finkes 2-3-5; Winfield 4-0-4; Kelly 2-2-4; Rudzinski 3-0-3; Johnson 1-2-3; Becker 2-0-2; McClellion 2-0-2; Shavers 1-1-2; Howard 1-0-1; Springs 1-0-1; Gwinn 1-0-1; Powen 1-0-1; Tillman 1-0-1; Moore 0-1-1; Colson 0-1-1; Dupree 0-1-1; Garnett 0-1-1; Bonhaus 0-1-1.

haus 0-1-1.

Players In The Game

ILLINOIS — Cushing, Adams, Blackman, Kuchenbecker, Koerwitz, T.Schau, Chris
Brown, Majoy, L.Willis, McDonald, J.Johnson, Holombe, Havard, Sanders, Douthard,
Dulick, M.Jones, Rice, Murphy, McCloud, Allibalogun, Marshall, M.Johnson, G.Johnson,
Cyron Brown, Stallings, Roberts, James, Guenther, Hardy, C.McPartlin, Starghill, Powell,
Washington, S.Willis, Gusich, Patton, Williams, Lyle, Marable, Larsen, Scheuplein,
Weaver, Ludington, Taylor, Ryan, Smith, Byrd, Weisse, Woods.

OHIO STATE — Tillman, D.Miller, Pace, Gibbons, Sumner, Porter, Hyme, Daniels,
Kuszmaul, Gohlstin, Burris, Dudley, Houser, B.Hoying, S.Jackson, Sualua, Calhoun,
George, Pearson, Je.Jackson, Stanley, Carter, Finkes, Wilson, Bonhaus, Spriggs, Garnett,
Fickell, Clark, Vrabel, Day, Johnson, Rudzinski, Bellisari, Dupree, R.Miller, Becker,
Springs, Winfield, Gwinn, Moore, Kelly, Bryant, Howard, Malfatt, Jo.Jackson, Heinen,
Kreuzer, Jacobs, Shavers, Stoughton, Stillwell, Connery, Willis, Griffin, Colson, Baird,
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OSU Season Statistics

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Jermon Jackson 33 136 1 135 Nicky Sualua 17 95 2 93	4.1 .0 26 5.5 0 22	Passing Penalty	94 110
Terry Glenn 3 37 0 37	12.3 0 18	AVG PER GAME/RUSH	1 131.7 223.3
Greg Bellisari 1 27 0 27 Matt Calhoun 3 32 5 27	27.0 0 27 9.0 0 27	AVG PER GAME/PASS AVG PER PLAY/PASS	198.0 272.1 7.0 10.1
Bobby Hoying 41 141 116 25	.6 2 25	TOTAL OFFENSE	3297 4954
Dimitrious Stanley 2 7 0 7. Josh Jenkins 2 2 0 2	3.5 0 6 1.0 0 2	Total Plays Average Per Game	658 714 329.7 495.4
Stanley Jackson 19 59 57 2	.1 0 13	Average Per Play	5.0 6.9
Eric Gohlstin 1 0 7 -7 Tom Hoying 2 7 16 -9	0 0	PENALTIES-YARDS Offense	50-448 51-427 39-353 25-227
		Defense	8-70 16-132
OSU Totals 446 2497 263 2234 OPP Totals 376 1612 295 1317	5.0 24 87 3.5 13 66	Special Teams FUMBLES-LOST	3-25 10-68 26-7 13-8
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Defensive Statistics

DEFENSE	SOLO	AST	тот	TACKLE LOSSES	SACK	PBU	FC	FR	TDS	вк
Greg Bellisari	44	32	76	2-11	1-10					
Ryan Miller	36	37	73	3-12						
Rob Kelly	26	28	54			3	- 1	1	1	
Luke Fickell	28	21	49	4-10		3	-1			
Kevin Johnson	25	23	48	4-13			- 1	1		
Mike Vrabel	32	16	48	17-79	8-58	1	- 2	- 2		1/pt
Antonie Winfield	32	10	42	5-19		- 2	3	- 2		
Matt Finkes	22	20	42	11-46	4-26					
Ty Howard	25	15	40	1-2	1000	2	3			
Shawn Springs	30	8	38	2.2		2		-		
Anthony Gwinn	18	17	35	-	11 2	î	1	-		
Matt Bonhaus	11	11	22	3-5	1-1	i	- 2	2		2
Damon Moore	11	10	21			- 0	1	- 3	3 1	2
Alonzo Shavers	12	6	18	- 4			- 3	-		1/PT
Che Bryant	8	4	12			1	- 1			***
Jeff Wilson	6	6	12	3-16	3-16	i-	- 1	-		
Marc Willis	5	6	11	1-7	1-7	- 2				
Roedell Dupree	. 8	3	11			1	1 2	-		
Central McClellion	7	3	10	1-15		- 2	2	1		
Jerry Rudzinski	9	0	9					- 0		
Winfield Gamett	4	4	Ŕ	3-7	1-3			-		0
Shane Clark	4	2	6	1-2		1		- 2	- 1	
John Day	3	2	5	2-5		- 0	- 0	- 2		3
Dan Colson	2	3	. 5				- 2	1	100	
Dave Becker	4	1	5	1-1	100			- 8		
Obie Stillwell	- 3	1	4	1-1			- 1	- 2		- 2
Will Connery	1	2	1				- 0			2
Kevin Griffin	1	ō	1							
Brian Heinen	2	0	2				- 3			
Orlando Pace	2	ŏ	2				- 0	1		1/fg
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