

2002 GAME RECAPS

OHIO ST 45TxTech 21 - RB Claret became the 1st true frosh to start at TB for OSU and rushed for 175 yds and 3 TD's. OSU controlled the 1H leading 21-7. OSU scored on their 1st 3 poss of the 3Q, 38-7 and then brought in backup QB McMullen. TT got an 80 yd TD drive, trailed 45-15 w/ 2:24 left and got a garbage TD drive w/:12 left on a 36 yd TD pass. OSU rushed for 317 yds.

OHIO ST 51 Kent St 17 - OSU opened w/a 38-0 lead on a 31 yd TD drive after a partly blk'd punt, 45 yd int ret for TD, 76 & 66 yd TD drives, a 40 yd FG and 32 yd int ret for a TD. KSU got 75 and 36 yd drives on the final 2 drives of the half, 38-14. OSU got 32 and 45 yd FG's to extend it to 44-14 at the start of the 4Q and coasted.

OHIO ST 25 Wash St 7 - WSU played well in the 1H and had a 189-109 yd edge and led 7-6 at the half as OSU had 2 FG's. The 2H was dominated by OSU as Claret had 194 in the 2H and OSU rolled.

† Ohio St 23 Cincy 19 - Largest crowd in UC history w/67,000 in Paul Brown Stadium. UC drove 80 yds for a TD and added a 44 yd FG, 9-0. They missed a 49 yd FG. OSU drove 61 yds for a TD and UC added a 49 yd FG, 12-7 at half. OSU drove 36 yds for a TD but UC drove 68 yds for a TD to lead 19-14. OSU settled for a 24 yd FG, 19-17. UC was int'd in the EZ. UC fmb'l'd on their own 47 and OSU needed 10 plays for a Krenzel TD run w/3:44 left. UC got down to the 15. After 2 dropped TD passes, Guidugli's 4th down pass was tipped in the air and int'd.

OHIO ST 45 Indiana 17 - IU started as many frosh (8) as Jr & Sr's combined. OSU drove 50 yds for a TD but IU got a 49 yd FG. OSU drove 45 yds for a TD but IU answered w/ an 80 yd TD drive. OSU drove 45 yds for a TD, 21-10 at half. OSU drove 86 & 18 yds (after a blk'd punt) for TD's. They added a 51 yd FG, 38-10. IU was SOD at the OSU 12 and OSU drove 88 yds for a TD, 45-10. IU converted on 3rd & 10 and on 4th & 4 got a 30 yd TD pass w/3:04 left.

Ohio St 27 N'WESTERN 16 - NW came in all'g 522 ypg but at the half each tm had 10 FD's and OSU had a slim 234-215 yd edge. NW led 6-0 on a pair of short FG's before OSU's 65 yd TD drive. NW reclaimed the lead w/a 37 yd FG w/ 5:20 left. OSU got a TD w/2:40 left and OSU led 14-9 at the half. OSU drove for a 41 yd FG to open the 3Q. OSU drove 79 yds for a TD, 24-9. NW answered w/an 89 yd TD, 24-16 after 3Q's. OSU nailed an early 4Q FG from 30 yds and NW fmb'l'd their final drive.

OHIO ST 50 San Jose St 7 - OSU led 24-7 at half but SJS had a 36 yd FG bounce off the upright, was SOD at the OSU 32, fmb'l'd at the OSU 24 and 23. In the 3Q OSU scored 17 pts and added 45 and 39 yd TD drives in the 4Q behind the bkups. OSU took over w/8:08 left and went 50 yds but took a knee at the SJS 5.

Ohio St 19 WISCONSIN 14 - Claret got a 49 yd TD pass, 7-0. UW got a 41 yd TD run to tie. OSU got a 27 yd FG, 10-7. UW took over w/4:10 left in the half Sorgi hit a 42 yd TD pass for the lead, 14-13 at the half. After a scoreless 3Q OSU drove 88 yds for a TD, 19-14 (2 ptng). UW punted w/4:29 left and OSU was able to run out the clock.

OHIO ST 13 Penn St 7 - OSU lost Claret on the 4th run and he wouldn't return. Chris Gamble became the 1st OSU player S/'63 to start on both sides of the ball. PSU's 2nd poss was an 80 yd TD drive, 7-0. For the game PSU had just 8 FD's and 179 ttl yds. OSU got a 37 yd FG and trailed 7-3 at half. Gamble int'd a pass & ret'd it 39 yds for a TD less than 2:00 into the 2H. OSU added a 71 yd drive for a 37 yd FG, 13-7.

OHIO ST 34 Minnesota 3 - UM led 3-0 until OSU got a 50 yd pass and a 5 yd TD run w/5:59 left in the half. After a blk'd punt OSU took over on the 14 and added a 37 yd FG, 10-3. UM's P slipped after a bad snap and OSU went 14 yds for a TD. OSU added a 33 yd FG and went 53 yds for a TD, 27-3. UM was SOD at the OSU 23 and OSU drove 77 yds in 10 plays for a TD w/6:29 left. UM had just 7 FD's.

Ohio St 10 PURDUE 6 - Late in the 1Q PU got a tipped pass for an int at the OSU 23 and nailed a 21 yd FG, 3-0. OSU got an int w/3:21 left in the half and got a 22 yd FG w/no time left to tie it. The D's controlled the 2H until PU drove 62 yds for a 32 yd FG w/7:50 left, 6-3. On 3rd & 14 OSU got a 13 yd pass setting up a 4th & 1. Krenzel audibled for a pass and w/plenty of pressure around, stepped in the pocket and threw a 37 yd TD pass w/1:36 left.

Ohio St 23 ILLINOIS 16 (OT) - OSU hit 2 FG's but K Nugent missed his 1st FG of the yr, a 37 yd'r. IL drove 72 yds for a FG w/:31 left 1H, 6-3. IL got a 51 yd PR setting up a 19 yd TD pass for a 10-6 3Q lead but OSU quickly answered w/a 50 yd TD pass, 13-10. IL fmb'l'd at the OSU 18. IL went 44 yds for a FG to tie. OSU drove 43 yds for a FG, 16-13. OSU drove 66 yds but missed a 41 yd FG w/2:17 left. IL nailed a 48 yd FG on the gm's final play. OSU got a TD but IL, after getting a FD at the 11, had 2 close unc's in the EZ ruled OOB.

OHIO ST 14 Michigan 9 - In the 1H UM settled for 36, 35 and 22 yd FG's. OSU had a 76 yd drive for a TD and trailed 9-7 at the half. The 3Q was scoreless. OSU drove 57 yds for a TD w/4:55 left, 14-9. UM was driving but Navarre was sk'd & fmb'l'd w/2:00 left at the OSU 35. OSU punted w/1:08 left and UM drove but was int'd just short of the EZ as the clock expired and OSU earned their Fiesta Bowl berth.