

2005 GAME RECAPS

OHIO ST 34 Miami Oh 14 - The Bucks dominated the 1H with a 244-76 yd edge but settled for 21 and 27 yd FG's and starting QB Zwick was int'd in the EZ. OSU got a 23 yd int return for a TD one play after they roughed the punter on a 4th & 24 and it was 20-0. The Bucks first two drives of the 3Q went 80 and 58 yds for TD's, the 2nd behind backup QB Boeckman. UM drove 75 yds in 15 plays for a TD then after a fmb'l'd KO they went 46 yds with a 35 yd TD pass for another garbage TD.

Texas 25 OHIO ST 22 - UT drove 63 yds for a FG and 84 yds for a TD and led 10-0. After a 49 yd KR OSU hit a 45 yd FG. The Bucks then drove 80 yds for a TD w/8:11 left to tie it. After an int was ret'd to the UT 18, OSU settled for a 36 yd FG. After a fmb'l was rec'd at the UT 30, the Bucks settled for a 25 yd FG w/:35 left 2Q. UT got a late hit on the KR to start at midfield and hit a 37 yd FG that bounced off the uprights to pull within 16-13 at the half. OSU got a diving int which set up a 44 yd FG. A 64 yd pass to Pittman set UT up for a 25 yd FG. OSU drove 45 yds but settled for a 26 yd FG after Hamby dropped a TD pass w/5:12 left 3Q, 22-16. OSU drove 37 yds but Huston's 50 yd FG missed wide right by a foot w/5:00 left. UT then drove 67 yds & took the lead 23-22 on a 24 yd TD pass from Young to Sweed with 2:37 left. OSU QB Zwick was sk'd & fmb'l'd and UT rec'd at the 21. UT was SOD at the 1 but got a safety w/:25 left and rec'd the onside kick.

OHIO ST 27 San Diego St 6 - SDS got an 80 yd TD pass on the game's first play but missed the xp and had just 2 more FD's the rest of the way. OSU's Smith got his first start and led a 20 yd TD drive after a 34 yd PR and a 15 yd pen. OSU drove 75 yds but fmb'l'd at the SDS 1. After a 13 yd PR, the Bucks drove 32 yds for a TD and led 14-6 at the half. OSU went on a 13 play drive but settled for a 25 yd FG. OSU rec'd a fmb'l on the Aztec 1 and got a TD on the first play of the 4Q, 24-6. After a 17 yd PR, OSU got a 39 yd FG with 5:55 left. Zwick threw 10 passes on the final drive moving the Buckeyes 53 yds to the Aztec 12 where they ran out of time trying to score.

OHIO ST 31 Iowa 6 - OSU simply dominated. In fact at the half they had a 331-13 yd edge but only led 17-0 due to fmb'l's at the Iowa 2 and 4. Iowa got two 2H FG's, one after OSU's P fmb'l'd the snap and Iowa gained 80 of its yds on its final two garbage poss.

PENN ST 17 Ohio St 10 - ESPN Sat night game played in 48° and rain. OSU took their 2nd drive 12 plays for a 30 yd FG. PSU converted on 4th & 1 at the OSU 33 and got the TD 3 plays later to cap a 74 yd drive. PSU got a 36 yd int return to the 2 setting up a TD, 14-3. The Bucks then went on an 81 yd TD drive with :33 left 2Q. PSU opened the 3Q with a 10 play drive for a 41 yd FG. Two poss later OSU missed a 50 yd FG and on the next 7 poss there was just 1 FD and 7 punts. OSU took over with 3:37 left and got 2 FD's across midfield but Smith was sk'd by DE Hali & DT Paxson rec'd his fmb'l with 1:21 left.

OHIO ST 35 Michigan St 24-OSU fmb'l'd and MSU drove 46 yds for a 33 yd FG. OSU fmb'l'd the KO and MSU drove 4 yds for a TD after a roughing the passer penalty on OSU on 3rd & 7. OSU got a 51 yd TD pass. MSU drove 84 yds for a TD, 17-7. After OSU fmb'l'd a punt at their own 26 with 1:20 left 1H, the game's key play happened when Stanton didn't spike the ball after being sk'd. The FG unit sprinted onto the field and OSU blk'd the hurried attempt and ret'd it 72 yds for a TD to make it 17-14. Ginn took a short pass and raced 57 yds for a TD, 21-17 OSU. MSU answered with an 80 yd TD drive, 24-21. OSU fmb'l'd on its own 23 but MSU missed a 36 yd FG with 7:12 left. On OSU's 1st play run in MSU terr Holmes got a 46 yd TD rec, 28-24 (4:56). OSU ret'd a punt 26 yds to the MSU 19 and tacked on a TD with 1:29 left. MSU finished with 4-0 TO, 40:59-19:01 TOP and 27-13 FD edges but the Bucks did sack Stanton 12 times.

Ohio St 41 INDIANA 10 - OSU kept its large following happy as they finished with 22-8 FD and 478-137 yd edges. The Bucks got a 28 yd TD drive after a fmb'l'd punt. OSU drove 76 yds but on 2nd & goal from the 7, Porter ret'd an int 64 yds setting up an Indy 39 yd FG, 7-3. OSU's Ginn had a KR TD called back on a penalty well away from the ball but the Bucks then went 50 yds for a TD and 66 yds for a 23 yd FG (2:48 left 2Q), 17-3. OSU missed a 49 yd FG on the 1H's final play. An inadvertent whistle wiped out an apparent IU rec'v of the 2H KO. Ginn had the ball taken out of his hands after it looked like his forward progress had been stopped and IU's Pannozzo ret'd it 57 yds for a TD, 17-10. OSU added a 79 yd TD drive and a 57 yd IR TD, 31-10 after 3Q's. OSU got a 29 yd FG and then Ginn got a 62 yd PR for a TD for the final.

Ohio St 45 MINNESOTA 31 - OSU opened with an 80 yd TD drive and UM went on a 65 yd drive but missed a 32 yd FG. OSU nailed a 31 yd FG after a 66 yd drive, 10-0. UM went 80 yds for a TD but Ginn ret'd the ensuing KO 100 yds for a TD. UM went 67 yds for a FG and 58 yds for a TD to tie it at 17. OSU was SOD at the UM 24 and UM had a 335-203 yd edge at the half. OSU's Pittman got a 68 yd TD run and UM was SOD at the OSU 32. The Bucks went 68 yds for a TD but UM answered with an 80 yd TD drive, 31-24. After an 18 yd PR by Ginn, OSU went 37 yds for a TD. After a fmb'l, the Bucks drove 31 yds for a TD which came on 3rd & 9, 45-24. UM took over with 2:07 left and went on an 80 yd garbage TD drive.

OHIO ST 40 Illinois 2 - OSU took their 3rd poss 31 yds for a 30 yd FG. The Bucks had an 85 yd drive but settled for a 23 yd FG. OSU went 80 yds with a 41 yd TD pass to Holmes, 13-0 at half with a 218-64 yd edge. OSU opened the 3Q with a 64 yd KR and went 35 yds for a TD but IL picked up a botched xp and ret'd it for 2, 19-2. IL faked a punt on 4th & 5 from its own 25 and was SOD. OSU went 28 yds for a TD then got a 73 yd TD pass to Ginn, 33-3. OSU added an 80 yd TD drive and went on a 16 play, 70 yd drive ending the game at the IL 10.

OHIO ST 48 Northwestern 7 - NU opened with an 80 yd TD drive but gained just 171 yds after. The Bucks drove 45 yds on 11 short runs for a TD. A 24 yd PR set up OSU for a 29 yd TD drive. OSU blk'd a punt & LB Hawk rec'd it for a TD. After an int OSU drove 37 yds for a TD, 28-7 at half. OSU rec'd a fmb'l at the NU 18 and nailed a 33 yd FG. The Bucks drove 80 yds for a TD and Zwick led OSU to a 37 yd FG. NU replaced Basanez with Bacher and missed a 50 yd FG. OSU went 67 yds for a TD w/4:53 left.

Ohio St 25 MICHIGAN 21 - OSU opened with an 80 yd TD drive, 6-0 (xpng). UM went 52 yds but were SOD on 4th & 1. OSU went 42 yds for a 47 yd FG. OSU fmb'l'd a punt and UM went 36 yds for a TD. OSU went on a 12 play drive for a 26 yd FG and led 12-7 at the half with a 200-103 yd edge. OSU was sk'd & fmb'l'd at its own 20 setting UM up for a 27 yd FG. After an 18 yd OSU punt, UM took the 18-12 lead with a 37 yd TD drive & 2 pt conv. OSU went 44 yds but missed a 46 yd FG. UM went 68 yds for a 19 yd FG, 21-12 with 7:49 left. OSU went 67 yds scoring on a 26 yd TD pass, 21-19. After an OSU celebration penalty, UM ret'd the KO to the 48 but stalled and punted out of FG formation with 4:26 left. The Bucks went 88 yds and a Pittman TD run gave OSU the 25-21 lead (2 ptng). UM got to their own 46 when time ran out.