

2006 GAME RECAPS

OHIO ST 35 N Illinois 12 - NI RB Wolfe had 171 yds rush & 114 receiving but OSU fmbld twice inside the 10 & missed 2 FG's. OSU took their opening drive for TD [66/8] & added a 58 yd TD pass to Ginn, 14-0. After an 11 yd punt, OSU went for a TD [20/3]. NI got a 65 yd screen pass by Wolfe to OSU's 12 but Horvath was int'd & ret'd 49 yds. OSU drove [43/5] for a TD. OSU missed 51 & 44 yd FG's on their final 2 1H drives & NI made a 35 yd FG, 28-3. NI went on a [60/10] drive for a 37 yd FG. OSU fmbld at the NI 4 and then drove [38/6] for a TD. NI conv'd on 4th & 9 and 4th & 4 on a [71/10] TD drive, 35-12 (2ptng). OSU had a FD at the 9 but Zwick fmbld on his first play at the 7 with 7:53 left.

Ohio St 24 TEXAS 7 - First #1 vs #2 matchup during the regular season in 10 yrs. OSU took their opening drive [69/8] but missed a 28 yd FG. UT took its 2nd poss [78/9] but on 2nd & goal a pass to the 2 was fmbld & OSU ret'd it to the 50. Five plays later OSU had a TD. UT drove [78/13] for a TD to tie it with 1:55 left 2Q. OSU went [66/5] & with just :16 left 1H got a 29 yd TD pass, 14-7. At the half OSU had a 255-192 yd edge. UT's McCoy was int'd setting OSU up for a 31 yd FG. After UT missed a 45 yd FG, OSU went [72/10] with a 2 yd TD run clinching it with 6:31 left.

OHIO ST 37 Cincinnati 7 - OSU was sleep walking thru the 1H as the Bucks only led 13-7 w/ a slim 177-148 yd edge. It was only 20-7 after 3Q's but Pittman broke off a 48 yd TD run w/9:57 left & backup QB Zwick hit a 36 yd pass to Ginn keying a [72/5] TD drive w/7:45 left. 3rd string QB Boeckman & 4th string QB Schoenholt played on the next drive & Pretorius nailed 52 yd FG w/1:14 left. UC was held to -4 yds rush thanks to 8 sks.

OHIO ST 28 Penn St 6 - Wind & rain. The Bucks missed a 53 yd FG & PSU went on a [67/11] drive. The Lions missed a 23 yd FG but roughing the K let them kick a 21 yd FG on the 1H's final play. After an int to open the 3Q, PSU missed a 42 yd FG. OSU went [75/9] for a TD, 7-3. OSU later went [62/7] for a TD with 12:56 left. PSU went on a [74/10] drive & had a 3rd & goal at the footline but a penalty forced a 23 yd FG, 14-6 (7:30). Morelli was int'd & Jenkins ret'd it 61 yds for a TD, 21-6 (2:31). Morelli was again int'd & Smith ret'd it 55 yds for a TD w/1:07 left.

Ohio St 38 IOWA 17 - OSU had a slim 198-191 yd 1H edge. OSU went [54/7] for a TD & Iowa went on a [66/14] drive but settled for a 32 yd FG. Tate was int'd 3 times & his first set up OSU for a [30/3] TD drive. Iowa answered with a [80/7] drive for a TD, 14-10. OSU went [89/12] & got a TD with 2:19 left 2Q, 21-10. OSU opened the 3Q with a TD drive [80/11] & then went [68/14] for a 36 yd FG, 31-10. Iowa went [86/12] for a TD with 13:08 left but later the Hawks fmbld at the OSU47, Tate was int'd at the UI 19 setting up another OSU TD & Tate fired another int at the 41.

OHIO ST 35 Bowling Green 7 - OSU went [64/9] for a TD & BG had a 50 yd FG blk'd & ret'd 18 yds. On 3rd & 25, Smith bobbled the snap but ended up running 34 yds for a FD & Pittman's 8 yd TD run capped the [53/9] TD drive, 14-0. The Bucks got an int at the BG21 & a TD 3 plays later. OSU was SOD at the BG29 (1:06) & only had a 195-150 yd edge at half. BG went on a [85/15] TD drive & the Bucks answered with a [70/14] TD drive. Ginn got a 57 yd TD rec with 12:13 left & the Bucks were SOD on 4th & 1 at the BG13. BG got a 54 yd run but was SOD at the OSU17 (1:19).

Ohio St 38 MICHIGAN ST 7 - OSU fmbld on the 3rd play but the Spartans got a FD to the 1 called back on holding & a sk forced a punt. OSU went [80/12] for a TD. MSU was SOD at the OSU35 early 2Q. The Bucks drove [50/7] for a 32 yd FG & then got a 60 yd PR TD by Ginn, 17-0. Freeman int'd a screen pass at the 40 with 2:40 left 1H & the Bucks tacked on another TD 7 plays later. OSU had a 243-51 yd 1H edge. OSU drove [53/5] for a TD to open the 3Q and added an [88/13] TD drive with 12:49 left, 38-0. MSU drove [69/12] vs OSU's backup D for a TD with 1:08 left. Stanton was KO'd twice & Hoyer finished it.

OHIO ST 44 Indiana 3 - Smith missed on his first 4 passes & the Bucks didn't get a FD until 3:30 remained 1Q while trailing 3-0. OSU went [87/7], [53/4], [78/9] & [49/3] for TD's with Smith becoming the first OSU player in 12 yrs to have 4 TD passes in a half, 28-3. OSU fmbld on the first drive of 3Q but then went [58/3] for a TD & [47/6] for a 51 yd FG, 38-3 after 3 Q's. IU was int'd & OSU went [68/9] for a TD. After an IU int at the OSU30 with 4:29 left, OSU went [57/8] ending the game at the IU13.

OHIO ST 44 Minnesota 0 - In '05 UM piled up 578 yds, the 2nd most vs an OSU D in 117 years. OSU had this game circled and took care of business holding UM to 182 yds. The Bucks went [57/8] for a TD and [48/7] for a 42 yd FG, 10-0. The Bucks fmbld at the UM9 and fmbld at their own 38. The Gophers were SOD on 4th & 1 at the OSU 29 and the Bucks went [71/10] for a TD. At the half OSU had a 256-81 yd edge. UM was int'd on their first 2 drives of the 2H and the Bucks went [23/3] and [41/5] for TD's, 30-0 (xp missed). OSU went [74/10] for a TD. OSU fmbld a punt but UM was SOD on 4th & 1 at the OSU 15. Zwick led OSU [85/14] for a TD (2:56) and UM gained 34 yds on their final drive.

Ohio St 17 ILLINOIS 10 - OSU took its opening drive [80/14] for a TD. Two poss later IL fmbld on their own 39 & the Bucks got a TD 8 plays later, 14-0. OSU went [40/11] for 50 yd FG with :56 left 1H. With QB Brasic in, IL started at OSU's 47 after a 31 yd punt & IL would get a 27 yd FG with 8:54 left, 17-3. OSU was int'd at IL's 35 & IL was int'd at the 45 on the next play (4:38). With QB Williams in, IL went [80/10] for a TD with 1:40 left, 17-10. The onside kick was rec'd by OSU & they punted with :18 left.

Ohio St 54 NORTHWESTERN 10 - In the 1H OSU only had a 229-225 yd edge but led 33-10 in front of a sold out crowd estimated to be 66% Scarlet and Gray. After NU 2 fmbld's, OSU drove [55/5] and [27/4] for TD's. OSU got a 46 yd IR TD, 21-0 after 1Q. NU went on a [69/12] drive for a 29 yd FG but OSU went [80/12] fmbld'ing into the EZ for a TB. After a blk'd punt, OSU went [16/3] for a TD, 27-3. NU went [75/6] for a TD. OSU's Smith was int'd at the 24 with just :44 left 2Q but the Bucks caused a fmbld with :32 left and on 3rd & 28 Smith launched a 34 yd TD pass to Ginn, 33-10. After an int, OSU drove [39/5] for a TD and the Bucks later went [80/9] for a TD, 47-10 after 3Q's. OSU was SOD at the NU33 but NU was SOD at their own 42 and the Bucks tacked on a TD with 2:29 left.

OHIO ST 42 Michigan 39 - The first #1 vs #2 battle in series history. UM took its opening drive [80/7] for a TD and the Bucks answered with a [69/14] TD drive, 7-7 after 1Q. OSU got a 52 yd TD run by Wells and then went [91/4] with a 39 yd TD pass, 21-7. UM went [80/6] and got a 38 yd TD pass with 2:33 left 1H but the Bucks went [80/9] with an 8 yd TD pass with :20 left, 28-14. At half OSU had a 320-181 yd edge. UM went [60/5] for a TD. After an int UM got a 39 yd FG, 28-24. Pittman ripped off a 56 yd TD run, 35-24. UM was SOD at the OSU28 but later OSU fmbld a snap at their own 9 and UM got a TD 3 plays later, 35-31. OSU fmbld at the UM32 but then drove [83/11] for a TD with the key play a Wolverines personal foul on a 3rd & 15 incomplete pass. UM went [81/11] including a 16 yd TD pass with 2:16 left with the key play a pass interference on 4th & 16 at the 41. OSU rec'd the onside kick and ran out the clock.