

# The Young Bucks/Silver Bucks Football Newsletter

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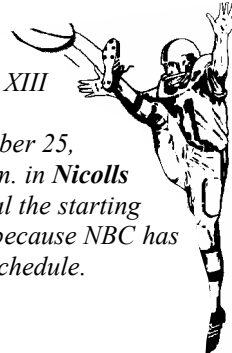
## Turkey Bowl XIII Turkey Bowl XI II?



### Memories of Turkey Bowl XII

- ◆ **Big Boy Bob Nicolls** coming out of the Silver Bucks' huddle laughing did he get their next play?
- ◆ The crowd in the upper deck doing the WAVE. Heard that it was started by **Aunt Ruth Lewis**. Maybe they were just reaching for her famous fudge.
- ◆ The mid-field mud that the Young Bucks kept pushing the Silver Bucks into.
- ◆ The sunny cold. **Mean Gene Nicolls** was bundled and booted working the side lines.
- ◆ **Jonathan 'Robin Hood' Bundy** in full costume on the sidelines.
- ◆ Redshirt freshman, **Bobby Road-Runner Nicolls**, during pre-game warm-ups, motivating and inspiring the Young Bucks. Looked like he was taking charge. Look out, Dale.
- ◆ **Dandy Dean Kauffman's** spectacular over-the-shoulder catch of a pass to move the Silver Bucks past mid-field.
- ◆ **Crazy Legs John Lewis** caught seven passes and was great on pass defense.
- ◆ **Jamm'n Jake Grover** caught a hard pass from his father, Hammerin Hank, that knocked him into the pines. He's now a member of the Fairhill Pine Tree Club.
- ◆ **Grandma Betty Grover** wearing sunglasses while watching the game from inside the heated skybox.
- ◆ **Bobby Bubba Smith's** speed as he ran around the right end in an attempt to make the two-point

The Turkey Bowl XIII Kickoff will be Saturday, November 25, 1995 at 10:30 a.m. in Nicolls Stadium. As usual the starting time is tentative because NBC has not finalized its schedule.



conversion. A long arm of the Silver Buck's stopped him at the

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### Memories just before Turkey Bowl XII

- ◆ Another *great* meal from **Aunt Bev Nicolls**—the hostess with the mostess.
- ◆ **Aunt Mary Nicolls'** Oscar-winning performance as the loyal Buckeye fan. I am still afraid to talk to her about Buckeye football. There is nothing to complain about this year. **GO BUCKS.**
- ◆ Creative talent runs in the family. **Quick Kyle Kauffman** did an excellent job on the first-ever Young Bucks/ Silver Bucks Football Program. Great job Kyle! I'm glad you chose a game day program instead of a newsletter. The Turkey Bowl Committee might have been forced out of business.
- ◆ An artistic banner of a young Buck

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## More Wisdom From Grandma Betty Grover

**Grandma Betty Grover says:**

- ☞ The trouble with bucket seats is that not everyone has the same size bucket.
- ☞ The older you get the greater you were.
- ☞ If your ship doesn't come in, swim out to it.
- ☞ Thunder is good; thunder is impressive. But it is lightning that does the work.
- ☞ To become perfect, follow the advice you give to others.

### Turkey Bowl XII Results

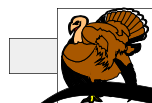
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Could this witch be another ploy by the Silver Bucks to put a hex or a jinx on the Young Bucks — or is it Grandma Betty Grover?

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# The Insider

**M**ad Dog Gary Grover was tracked down in Lowellville watching **Bobby Bubba Smith** in a football game. Asked about this year's Turkey Bowl being number 13, Mad Dog Gary said, "Thirteen unlucky? Are you kidding? Superstitious? No way, man. Why even mention it? We don't lower ourselves to such levels of ignorance. You've gotta be positive, man, mentally superior to such low level thinking." Aside, "Hey, **Joni**, where's my rabbit foot? Have you seen my lucky shirt, Hon?"

**O**ur contacts in Akron report that **Big Don Nicolls** was in town for talks with people at Goodyear. No one is talking; but, our insider said that Big Don wants to buy a blimp for the Turkey Bowl game. Shaped like a turkey? We don't know. We were told that it would be equipped with sophisticated electronic equipment capable of seeing and hearing what goes on in the Young Bucks' huddle.

**T**alk about affluence — we've heard that **Grandma Betty Grover** has a telephone in her bathroom. Also heard that she doesn't hear it ring when she's in the bathroom. Probably needs a hearing aid.

**C**ongratulations to the cheerleaders — **Jessica and Katie Nicolls, Lindsay Nicolls, Emilie Ridge, and Jamie Grover** — who stayed through the cold weather to inspire the Young Bucks to victory. As Jessica later said, "Wow... we had a happier ride back to Toledo last year. Jamie said, "We gave them all of our best cheers and they won. How about 'Bang Bang Choo Choo train, Come on Young Bucks do your thang'?" And Katie added, "And we didn't even use the Turkey Bowl Rap." Justa Dogleg overheard at the Ski Lift in

**J**Worthington that our **Lindsay Kauffman** will be taking skiing lessons this winter. When contacted Lindsay said, "Well, sure. Why not? My brother runs around the field with a stupid football under his arm and calls it fun. That doesn't show much skill. But, gliding down a snowy mountain on skis takes skill, dexterity, balance, and athletic ability. And it's breathtaking — and fun." Go, Lindsay.

**J**usta Dogleg hunted all over the Columbus area for **Too Small Dale Nicolls**, coach of the Young Bucks. It was rumored that he was in seclusion after learning that his team would be without two of his aces this year. Actually, we

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learned that he was working his computer overtime developing a new defense against the Silver Bucks. Too Small Dale said, "We split the last two games; but, if you look at the total scores of the last two years — well, the Silver Bucks outscored us 28 to 24. That's giving up too many points. We need to contain them before they get into the 'red zone.' We have our new 'Jumbo' offense that worked pretty good last year — the most points we've scored in three years. Now I've got to put together a defense that will go with that offense. Then, look out — the Young Bucks are alive in '95."

reporting from Toledo, Justa A. Barker,

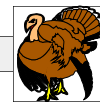
**R**says that **Wild Bill Nicolls** isn't overly concerned with this year's Turkey Bowl outcome. Wild Bill said, "I told you a couple of years ago that the '90's belong to the Young Bucks. Just look at how we've dominated the game this decade — four wins against one loss. That's good stats, good percentage, good math anyway you look at it."

**O**ur reporter, Hoot N. Nanny, recently interviewed **Hammerin Hank Grover** at his office in Poland, Ohio. When reminded that the Young Bucks lead the Turkey Bowl wins 7 to 4, Hammerin Hank said, "Sure, some of us Silver Bucks are hitting fifty and some are in their sixties; but, hey, we're in our golden years. We've got experience on our side plus some younger recruits. For the Silver Bucks it's 'Number five in '95.'"

**F**un E. Bone reported from Virginia that **Crazy Legs John Lewis'** new book **Pronethesis and Winning** has hit the book stores with great success. Crazy Legs, on a whirlwind book-signing tour, said, "It's all about my new training methodology for the thinking man. Buy it. Try it. It's selling. Some even say that my popularity could help save the Republicans in '96. The Silver Bucks? Sure - we're alive in '95."

**N**ifty **Neal Chessin** told reporter Ima Dogginnitt recently, "I wanted to play the full game last year; but, my contract ran out in the first half. Yes, I do have a contract for this year. I'll be ready. Next year? Well, maybe Cleveland - it's open".





**R**eporter Justa Dogleg caught up with **Quick Kyle Kauffman** recently to ask if the rumor is true that he is studying Japanese. Quick Kyle said, “Yes, it’s true. My aspiration is to become the shogun of Worthington. Shogun? It means ‘great warrior.’ You know, I’m the shogun of the Silver Bucks. Hey, man, what’s the jive? It’s number five in ’95 for the Silver Bucks.”

**J**ust A. Barker reports that rumors around Toledo are that secret negotiations have gone on between the Young Bucks and **Mean Gene Nicolls**, the Silver Bucks Hall of Famer. Mean Gene was quoted as saying, “You guys are always trying to create news — or conflict. Cleveland Young Bucks? Come on. Hey, the big sales in Cleveland are for jerseys, caps, jackets, and footballs with the Silver Bucks logo. The Silver Bucks are alive in ’95.”

**P**rior to the 1994 Turkey Bowl **Greg Bubby Bundy** was served a jury duty notice for the Thanksgiving weekend. Investigation revealed that no courts would be in session at that time, and it was believed that the jury duty notice was an attempted ploy by the Silver Bucks to eliminate one of the Young Bucks from the game. Bubby Bundy says, “Forget it. I’m playing in the Beaver Dome this year.”

**D**andy **Dean Kauffman**, when interviewed by reporter Justa Dogleg about the aging of the Silver Bucks, had this to say, “It’s true — there are a few who now get senior citizen discounts, but they still get around the football field. Experience helps us. I’m one of the youngest of the Silver Bucks — I mean of **THE** Silver Bucks. Training? Yes, indeed — Carol sees to that. Right now she has me redoing the basement. What a workout. I’m in good shape for victory number

**O** five in ’95.”  
ur reporter, Hoot N. Nanny, caught **Jolt’n Jim Ridge**, beanie-less, in his back forty throwing footballs through an old tire. Asked about his age, Jolt’n Jim said, “Well, sure I just turned fifty a few days ago; but, hey, man, I’m a long way from getting the Golden Buckeye card. There’s still a lot of zing in the old arm. Hey, I could throw touchdown passes all day against the Young Bucks. Watch this — see that? — right on target — touchdown. The beanie? Sure, it’s oiled and ready to whirl. Hey, Hoot, tell the Young Bucks — they’ll take a dive in ’95.”

**W**ord around the Nicolls Football League is that the Silver Bucks are politically correct in their non-discriminatory sex policy. Last year they brought **Hillary Nicolls** into the game. Congratulations: however, **Attila the Hill** wasn’t the first female to play in the Turkey Bowl. The Silver Bucks

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used women on their team in past years: Mickey Nicolls in ’69 and ’71, and Judy Nicolls and Pattye Ann Nicolls in ’70. The Young Bucks — **NEVER**.

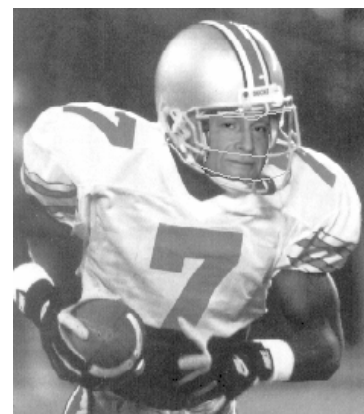
**J**ames **Bubba Bundy’s** extra point try last year was his initiation to the Turkey Bowl. He was stopped a foot short of the goal line. Recently, Justa Dogleg interviewed James, who was relaxing in the pool in Columbus, about the play. James said, “Well, it was a power play up the middle. We call it the Jumbo. The whole team jumped in front of me all I could see was a lot of big guys — and **Big Boy Bob**, he’s my uncle, you know, was guiding me and he even tried to throw me across the goal line. We almost made it. I could see the goal line

— so close; but, then someone’s foot tripped me and I couldn’t reach it. I wanted to score those two points; but, my dad caught a pass and scored a touchdown.”

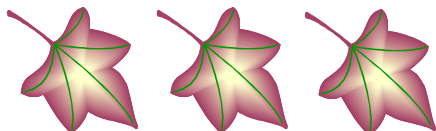
**T**he Young Bucks after-game review shows great potential for **Ski’n Ian Nicolls**. He got into the opponents backfield quickly, sacked the quarterback, and knocked down several Silver Buck passes on defense while blocking and catching passes on offense. One hard pass bounced off his chest and knocked Ski’n Ian into the pine trees. Another new member of the Fairhill Pine Tree Club.

**E**ddie **George** of the Ohio State team denied that he was contacted by Too Small Dale Nicolls to play for the Young Bucks in the Turkey Bowl. Eddie said, “The Turkey Bowl? That’s the dream of every kid who plays football. I’d sure like to play in it; but, I’m committed to Ohio State. We’ll play in the Rose Bowl and dream about the Turkey Bowl.”

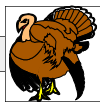
**G**ame Breaker **Bruce Nicolls** told reporter Ima Dogginit that he’s been studying at Penn State and, “Sure, I’ve been talking with Papa Joe. He’s given me some good pointers on positioning for pass interceptions and pass patterns. The Young Bucks? Ha — the Silver Bucks will think that



**Breakaway Bob Nicolls when he played for the ‘old’ Over-Forties team. Now he catches news and writes it in the Insider.**







# The Cleveland Silver Bucks?



ur reporter in western Pennsylvania, Ima Dogginit, who was banned from the Silver Bucks' locker room last year, finally got an interview with **Big Don Nicolls** at his office in New Castle.

Ima: Glad to see you again, Big Don. Hope there's no hard feelings from a couple of years ago.

Big Don: No, none. You probably want to know about the chances of the Silver Bucks this year?

Ima: Well, no, I heard that you —.

Big Don: Our chances look very rosy. Our scouts tell us that the Young Bucks will be without two of their aces - **Greg Bubby Bundy** and **Big Boy Bob Nicolls**, plus **Crazy Legs John Lewis** is bringing **Paul Night Train Yoder** in for our team. Then, we have —.

Ima: Thanks, Big Don; but, rumors from Cleveland say that you are secretly in negotiations with the city of Cleveland to move the Silver Bucks up there.

Big Don: What? I strongly deny that any —.

Ima: We hear from **Mean Gene** in Toledo that Silver Buck souvenirs are selling big in Cleveland; so, we put two and two together —.

Big Don: That's the problem with you press people. You come in here on the pretense of asking about this year's Turkey Bowl game and then make these wild —.

Ima: Is it true that Cleveland has agreed to build you a new domed stadium and to call it the Silver Dome?

Big Don: Well, I did suggest that name. They wanted to call it the Big Don Dome; but, I — hey, that's none of —.

Ima: So, there are negotiations?

Big Don: Well, it's all secret. So, this is off-the-record and if you print a word of it you'll never get in the locker room of the Cleveland Silver Bucks. There are some problems. New Castle is fighting the move. We've played here since way back in '68. The fans here love us. We're part of the town. The Turkey Bowl brings a lot of revenue to the city. They've said that they would build a 50,000 seat stadium on the banks of the Sherango River. We want it right downtown — and domed.

Ima: It sounds like you have a tough decision to —.

Big Don: Oh, not really. Just compare the television market of each city. We need a large slice of that income — what with **Crazy Legs**, **Hammerin Hank**, and **Dandy Dean** demanding big bucks for next year. You see, we have —.

Ima: Well, you'd get extra income from the concessions and parking and —

Big Don: .

Ima: Now, that's a big problem. We just learned that **Grandma Grover** and her syndicate of **Aunt Ellen** and **Grandma Mary Nic** —.

Big Don: Isn't your wife, **Bev**, part of that group?

Ima: Well, you can see the delicacy of the problem it presents. They've grabbed exclusive rights to all concessions, souvenirs, ushering, and parking for any new stadium used by any Cleveland football team. So, we're stalled and —.

Big Don: Have you tried negotiating with the syndicate?

Ima: What do you think I've been doing the last forty-two years?

Big Don: Thanks, Big Don, and good luck in the Turkey Bowl game. Remember — this is off-the-record.

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# 1945 — VE Day! VJ Day!

*All the Nicolls 'boys' served in the U.S. Armed Forces.*

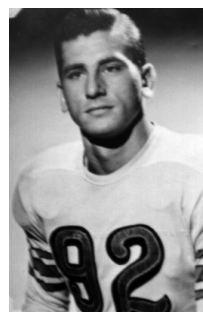


*Uncle Bob served in the Army and was stationed in Europe.*



*Uncle Dave served in the Navy and was on a ship in the Atlantic Ocean.*

*Uncle Gene also served in the Navy and was on a ship in the Pacific Ocean.*



*Uncle Don, the youngest, is celebrating his 50th anniversary as a Buckeye on the 1945 team. Later he traded his football uniform for that of the U.S. Army. A nice anniversary present would*

When I ask mainland Chinese what Americans value the most, they will quickly respond — **freedom**. Unfortunately too many take this for granted in the U.S., but it is the envy of many people. In the spirit of Thanksgiving — thanks to all the men and women who served in the armed forces both in war and peace to preserve this country's great treasure — **freedom**.

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