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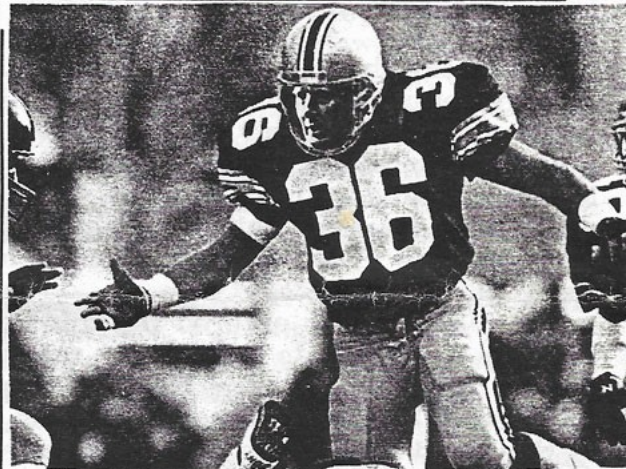
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When you think of the word dynasty, a myriad of thoughts may flood the grey matter between your ears. The mighty Packers of the sixties, the Steel Curtain that dominated the seventies and obviously the Montana led Niners of the eighties come to mind. After three consecutive victories by the Young Bucks over the Silver Bucks, though, the world of professional football is buzzing. Could the Young Bucks become the dynasty we think of with respect to the nineties or will it be the Silver Bucks who flex their muscles and change the course the Young Bucks hope to sail? The answer to that question will remain to be answered as the nineteen-nineties unfold before our very eyes but last years defeat of the Silvers by the Youngs solidified their standing as a team to be reckoned with.

With the typical amount of hoopla accustomed to the Turkey Bowl over and done with, the seventh meeting of these two powerhouses was begun as the Young Bucks chose to receive the opening kickoff. The stalwart defense of the Silver Bucks, led by "Wild Bill" Nicolls, quickly stymied the Young Bucks and his mates took over the ball on downs. On fourth down, though, "Monsterman" Mark Hitchins intercepted the Silver Bucks pass and set up a fourth down scoring strike to Bob "Big Boy" Nicolls as the Young Bucks drew first blood. The extra point attempt was good as "Monsterman" went high in the air to snatch the pigskin one-handed. John "Crazy Legs" Lewis electrified the crowd on the ensuing kick by twisting and turning his way to midfield but the Young Bucks defense was true to the test and on fifth down "Monsterman" stole his second aerial of the afternoon. It was of no concern to the Silver Bucks, though, as they held the Young Bucks on downs and switched ends of the field to end an exciting quarter of football.

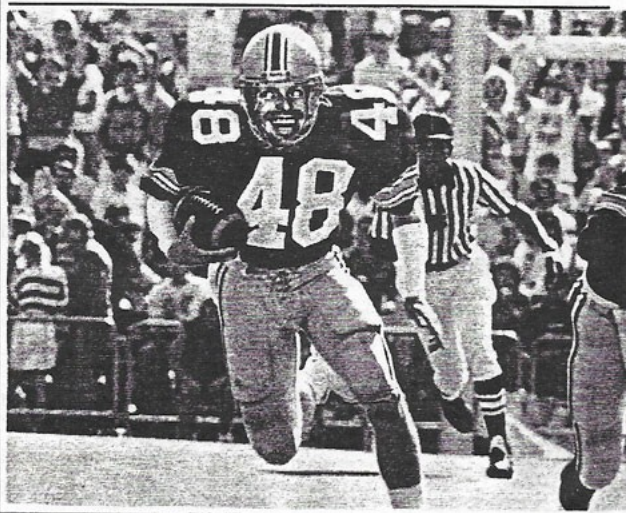
The second quarter began with a defensive stand by each club. The Young Bucks "Bubby" Bundy picked off a second down attempt by the Silver Bucks but the Youngs in turn could mount no offense against "Jolt'n" Jim Ridge and his fellow teammates as the Young Bucks went back to defending their own goal. The goose egg on the scoreboard was ready to be cracked by the Silvers this time though as they drove down the gridiron completing three of five passes. On fifth down they found paydirt as "Nifty" Neil Chessin made a nifty (what else?) catch in the corner of the endzone. The score re-



Jolt'n Jim Ridge poised to make a tackle



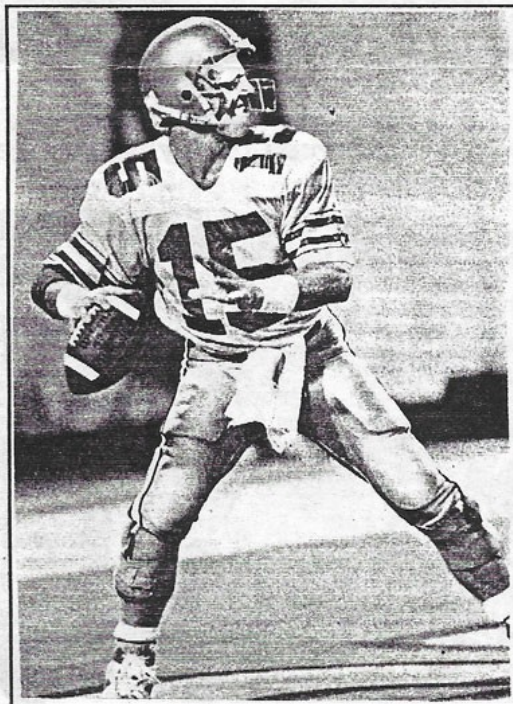
Big Boy Bob (above) catches a first quarter TD pass from Junkyard Dog. Mad Dog (below) runs to daylight and a third quarter TD.



mained seven to six as the point after attempt fell to the ground thus ending the play. The one point which separated these two monsters of the midway was soon to explode to a fourteen point lead in a matter of just two possessions. After receiving the kick the Young Bucks immediately went on the offensive and marched the length of the field and in just four downs climaxed the drive with a touchdown pass to Rick "Junk Yard" Grover tight-roping the sideline. The PAT was no good by the Young Bucks. After a short return by the Silver Bucks their first try at penetrating the Youngs defense ended in disaster as "Big Boy" intercepted the ball and raced to the opponents goal line for a quick six. Dale "Too small" Nicolls outleaped three defenders for the extra point to end a first half of tenacious football and give his mates a twenty to six halftime lead.

The Silver Bucks entered the third quarter fired up and ready to roll as they received the second half kick and prepared their comeback. The Young Bucks had other intentions though as they held the Silvers on downs and went to the ground game on offense. On just the second rush in a row by Gary "Mad Dog" Grover the Youngs scored what proved to be their last tally of the afternoon thereby stretching the lead to twenty. The Silver Bucks never said die and as the true competitors that they are moved the ball against the Young Bucks' prevent defense after returning the ensuing kickoff. The Silvers turned the ball over on downs, though, as the Youngs bent but did not break. Turnover was on all the Silver Bucks minds as they went on defense and

**Big Don spots an open receiver downfield.**

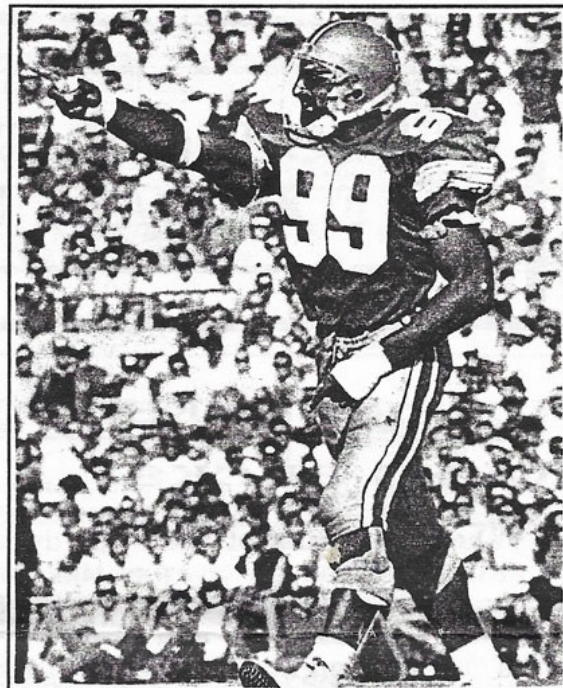


"Jukin" Joey Stephan did not disappoint his team as he picked off the second down pass attempt by the Youngs. Stingy defense was the trademark of both teams in the next four series which spanned the latter part of the third period and the

first half of the final fifteen minutes. Each stand was highlighted with brilliant plays by both teams.

The Youngs' "Big Boy" picked

off his second interception followed by another act of thievery by "Jukin Joey". The Young Bucks' defense stopped the Silver Bucks on a fifth and goal. Deep in their end of the field, though, the Young Bucks threw a costly pass which found its way into the awaiting hands of Hammerin Hank Grover who returned it to the one foot line. The Young Bucks' defense worn from the many assaults on its endzone finally succumbed to the Silver Bucks. On second down they tallied a touchdown which was caught by an outstretched "Big Don" Nicolls thus ending all scoring for this beautiful afternoon at twenty six to twelve in favor of the Young Bucks. The fireworks ending the game and celebrating this rich tradition were ringing in all the ballplayers ears as the errant extra point pass drifted over a Silver Buck receiver and dropped softly to the ground bringing to close a hard fought battle between two teams vying to be known to future generations as the dynasty of the nineties.



**Wild Bill will have his six shooters blazing this year.**

## TURKEY BOWL VIII

This year's game will be Saturday, November 24, 1990 at 11:00 a.m. in Nicolls Stadium. As usual the starting time is tentative as NBC is still negotiating the television coverage contract with us. Will the Silver Bucks tie the series or will the Young Bucks widen their lead? Join us.

# NEWS FROM AROUND THE LEAGUE

## Long Time Hold Out Finally Comes to Terms

Hold outs have been a major problem in the league. Players want more money, more respect, and more freedom. Charter member, Young Buck Bruce Nicolls has been a hold out for 19 years. Some sources said that after the snow bowl of '71 he wanted to play in a warmer climate. Denver?? After playing in the RMFL (Rocky Mountain Football League) for 10 years he's finally come to terms with Young Buck management. While Bruce would not divulge the details of the deal and the money involved, some speculate that an after season Colorado ski trip may be part of the package.

In a related story, the Young Bucks' former sage mentor Wild Bill is seeking to be traded back to his old team. The Young Bucks feel confident that a deal can be made. Future draft picks and a player to be named later may be involved.

## Dog Day Afternoon

Last year the dog brothers introduced us to a little rap ("We Kill the Quarterback") at the pre-game ceremonies. This year sources say that the dog brothers have been working out with M.C. Hammer. Their theme will be

**Breckenridge Bruce demonstrates his uncanny ability to stand on one leg at a 45° angle**



"H a m m e r Time". In past years Junkyard Dog and Mad Dog have relied on their strength to bull rush the quarterback. This year they will rely on speed and technique. As they race past the Silver Buck line unblocked, they will be singing "Can't Touch This". Look out Joey. It's H a m m e r Time!

## MVP Improbable Starter for Young Bucks

Bob Nicolls, MVP of the past two Nicolls Turkey Bowls, very possibly may not be available this year. In an exclusive interview with reporter Newsy Paper of the Struthers Gazette, Bob said that his wife, Kathy, is due to have twins on the 22nd. Newsy quoted Bob as saying, "If the babies are born at that time, I'll stay with them. I still remember the early defeats for us Young Bucks, and I look forward each year to beating the Silver Bucks. I get pumped up for that game. If I have to miss the game, I have confidence that my teammates will cream the Silver Bucks. Mad Dog Grover and Junk Yard Grover will keep their quarterback running for cover, while Wild Bill Nicolls, Monsterman Mark Hitchins, Bubba Bundy, and the Twin Towers - Bruce and Dale - run up a big score." When asked if he knew that Mountainman Bruce was playing this year, Bob answered Newsy Paper with, "Oh, yes. I was looking forward to playing along side of Bruce. We've been on the ski slopes together and he's a tough competitor." In conclusion, we can only wait to learn if Bob will play this year.

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# BUCKS BOWL SCORES

Year	Bowl	Site	Silver Bucks*	Young Bucks
1968	Turkey Bowl I	Pearson Park	Won Bob, Don	Lost Bill, Bruce, Dale, Bob
1969	Turkey Bowl II	Pearson Park	30 Bob, Dunk, Mickey, Norm Wilson, Don, Gene	12 Bill, Bruce, Rick, Dale, Bob, Gary, Norman Wilson
1970	Turkey Bowl III	Pearson Park	42 Bob, Don, Tom Robinson, Patty, Judy	54 Bill, Bruce, Rick, Dale, Bob, Gary
1971	Turkey Bowl IV	Nicolls Stadium	36 Bob, Gene, Don, Gary B., Tom Robinson	32 Bill, Bruce, Rick, Dale, Bob, Gary
1987	Turkey Bowl V	Nicolls Stadium	14 Bob, Don, Hank, Jim, Kevin, Dean, Kevin, Joey	37 Bill, Rick, Dale, Bob, Gary, Greg
1988	Turkey Bowl VI	Nicolls Stadium	6 Don, John, Hank, Dean, Bill, Kevin, Joey	12 Rick, Dale, Bob, Gary, Greg, Mark
1989	Turkey Bowl VII	Nicolls Stadium	12 Don, John, Hank, Jim, Bill, Neil Chessin, Joey	26 Rick, Dale, Bob, Gary, Greg, Mark

\*Formerly the Over-Forties.

☞ Young Bucks lead the series 4-3.

## READER'S COMMENTS

### Thanks To Hank

Many thanks go to Hank Grover who came up with the Silver Bucks name for the Over-Forties team, and for supplying the team with their official black shirt with the silver letters 'Silver Bucks'.

- The rest of the silver Bucks

### Official Business

It's a well known fact that the Nicolls Football League allows each team five downs. As I was watching the Colorado vs Missouri game on TV, Colorado was allowed five downs to score their winning touchdown. Many fans wondered how the refs could permit this to happen but I believe I have the answer. As I glanced at the sidelines I saw a familiar face holding the down markers. Do you have a picture of that controversial 5th down touchdown? I think the picture will speak for itself.

- One of the Ohio State vs Illinois Officials

### What's in a Name

What's in a name.

A rose by any other name  
would smell as sweet

The Over-Forties by any other name  
will still get beat.

- Anonymous

### Stadium Facts

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| Name       | • Nicolls Stadium                                       |
| Built      | • 1970  |
| Capacity:  | Upper deck - 150<br>Lower deck - 130<br>Sidelines - 300 |
| First Game | • 1971 (Turkey Bowl IV)                                 |
| Turf       | • Natural grass from OSU Stadium                        |

A picture is worth a thousand words.

