

THE YOUNG BUCKS/SILVER BUCKS FOOTBALL NEWSLETTER



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There was a renewed excitement in Turkey Bowl VIII as four rookies would experience the thrill of running out onto the field at Nicolls Stadium for the first time. The crowd roared with excitement as the Silver Bucks and Young Bucks took to the *Field of Dreams*. The offenses started off early, and it looked like it would be a high scoring affair. But after the first quarter it was Defense, Defense. There were thirteen turnovers on the day (twelve interceptions and one fumble), along with one safety, seven sacks, and two tackles for losses.

Both teams' offenses showed signs of early jitters as neither team could score. But on the fourth series of the game, *Wild Bill* drove the Young Bucks down the field. On fourth down he threw the fade pattern to *Too Small Dale* in the end zone for the first score of the game. After the conversion failed, the score was 6-0.

The Silver Bucks knew they needed to strike back fast. On the ensuing kickoff, *Dandy Dean* showed the crowd some dandy moves and returned the ball to mid-field. The return gave the Silver Bucks great field position. After turning the ball over on downs, the Silver defense buckled down. On fifth down the Young Bucks decided to go for it, and would soon regret it. The Silver Bucks put the blitz on, and *Quick Kyle* forced the quarterback into the waiting arms of *Captain Crunch Kevin* on the Young Bucks' ten yard line. *Jolt'n Jim* and the Silver offense struck quickly with a flag pattern to *Hammerin Hank*, and it was all tied up. After the conversion failed, the score stood at 6-6.

It looked like the Young Bucks would answer with their second scoring drive when *Monsterman Mark* hauled in a first down throw from *Wild Bill* that was spotted at the Silver Bucks five yard line. But the first two scores were all the points the two offenses would generate as the defenses took over. *Nifty Neal* alertly rushed up from his safety position and picked off a pass in the flats to get the Silver Bucks out of trouble. It was time for the defenses to trade punches as the Dog's defensive cornerback *Monsterman Mark* intercepted a long pass. Then *Fearless Fred* rose up for the Silver defense with back to back sacks. When the Young Bucks punt was dropped and recovered by *Monsterman Mark*, it looked like the Young Buck offense would score again. This time *Big Don* picked the ball off from his middle linebacker position to deny the Young Bucks once again. Appropriately the half ended with an interception by *Bobby Bundy*.



Ski'n Ian pops through a hole in the line, and looks for pay dirt.



Mark Monsterman Hitchins wraps up a Silver Buck quarterback in a doggy sack.

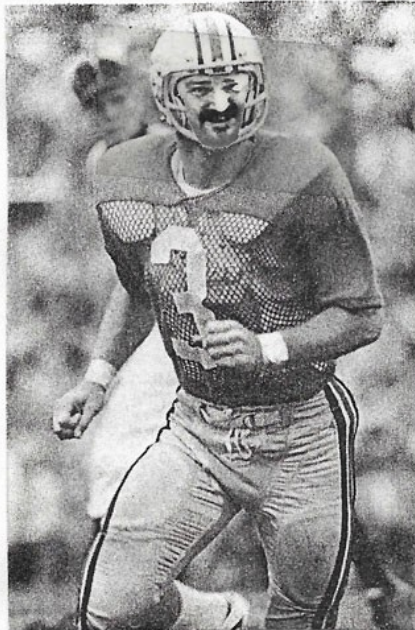


This early TD throw from Wild Bill to Too Small Dale was the first score.

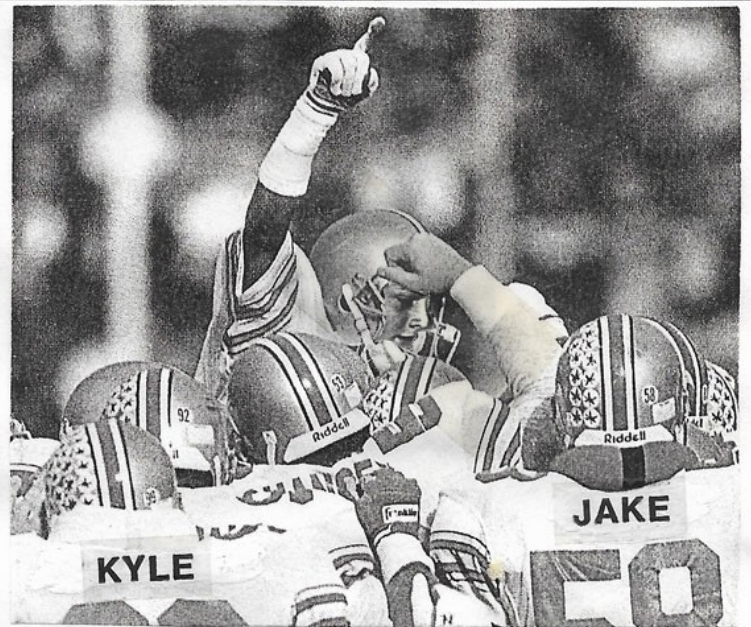
The *second half* started out looking like the Young Buck offense had made the necessary blocking adjustments. **Bubby Bundy** drove the team down to the one yard line on third down. But the Silver defense put up a tremendous goal line stand. Knowing the Young Bucks would try to run the ball up the gut, **Jamm'n Jake** stuffed the middle of the line and forced the ball carrier to run outside where **Fearless Fred** stopped him for a loss. The fifth down pass was broken up by **Hammerin Hank**, so the ball went over to the Silver offense on downs. Neither offense could get things going and the crowd was worried that the game might go into overtime. But on the fourth series of the half, **Ski'n Ian** swooshed in from his defensive end position and sacked the Silver Buck quarterback. It appeared to be a safety, but the ruling was that the force of Ian's sack forced the quarterback into the end zone. The ball was spotted at the five. The score remained tied, and again the offenses sputtered on two different possessions.

When it was apparent to both teams that the offenses were hurting, the Silver and Dog defenses determined to take over the game and score. Four back to back interceptions followed: first **Hammerin Hank**, then **Bubby Bundy**, and then **Crazy Legs Lewis**. But the most damaging one was by **Game Breaker Bruce**, who slipped up from his free safety position to pick off a down and out. Bruce raced into the end zone, off the field, and down the trail à la Bo Jackson. The dog brothers were inspired. First **Mad Dog Gary Grover**, who did a super job on special teams all day, caught the Silver Buck returner on their own five yard line. Then it was **Junkyard Rick's** turn, as he darted in to get a safety on the next play. **Crazy Legs Lewis** stopped the Young Bucks drive after the punt, but **Junkyard Rick** returned the favor. This time **Junkyard Grover** ran it in for the last score of the game. The Silver Buck offense went into their two minute offense but came up short as **Dandy Dean** was stopped five yards away from a score as time expired.

In the end the Silver defense was sterling, but the Dog defense hit gold with a safety and two interceptions run back for TD's.



Rick Junkyard Dog Grover won the 1990 Turkey Bowl MVP.



Jamm'n Jake, Quick Kyle, and Captain Crunch Kevin fire up before the Big Game.

A Message from the NFL Commissioner



Welcome to the 1991 Turkey Bowl sponsored by the Nicolls Football League. A great deal of preparation on the part of many persons has gone into the plans for this annual game. The Turkey Bowl is acknowledged world-wide as the apex of all bowl games. We want this year's game to be another in a long line of memorable games. We hope that you have a good time. Support your team - the Silver Bucks or the Young Bucks. Cheer enthusiastically and encourage the players to an outstanding performance. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

David S. Nicolls
Commissioner



TURKEY BOWL IX

This year's game will be Saturday, November 30, 1991, at 11:00 a.m. at Nicolls Stadium. As usual the starting time is tentative as NBC is still juggling their schedule around. If you only see one football game this year *this is the one* you won't want to miss.

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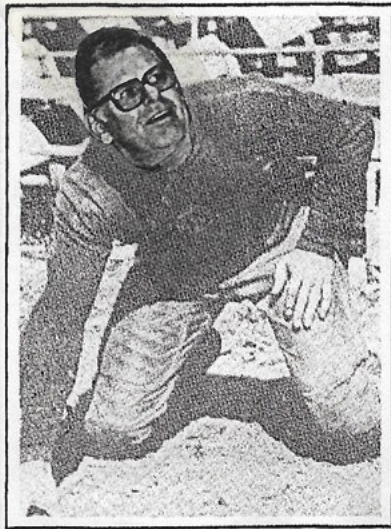


Last year the NFL had its best draft since 1987, the year the League was rejuvenated. Now last year's rookies are this year's Super Sophs. The young bucks paid dearly for their reacquisition of *Wild Bill*, giving up a first round draft pick. The balance of new talent swung heavily in favor of the Silver Bucks who picked

up three Blue Chippers (*Quick Kyle, Fearless Fred, and Jamm'n Jake*). But the Young Bucks' one pick paid off with immediate dividends when they signed *Ski'n Ian*. The rookies's combined stats included five and one half sacks and two tackles for losses. The **new generation** of Bucks is here.

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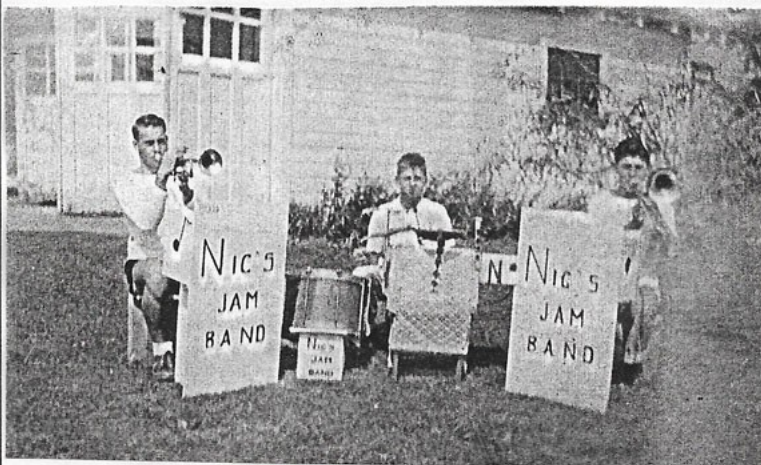
The Football Trading Card industry got a boost from the recent induction of *Eugene Nicolls* onto the Nicolls Wall of Fame. Mean Gene is one of the few players who is undefeated in Turkey Bowl history. His drive sustaining grab on the hill during the Silver Bucks' Snow Bowl comeback is still known simply as *the catch*. This and other similar plays earned him the 1971 Turkey Bowl MVP. His rookie card (*shown above*) jumped in value from 10¢ to \$999.95 after the news of his inauguration. When Wild Bill was asked about his father's ennoblement, Bill replied, "I wish I hadn't traded my dad's card for that 1986 Twick Nibbleman Wampum Miners retirement card."



Silver Buck Eugene Nicolls

Test Your Football Knowledge

1. Who was the MVP of the Nicolls Football League for two years in a row?
2. Who won the NFL's MVP in Turkey Bowl VIII?
3. The Young Bucks dog defense was named for which two players?
4. Which Silver Buck player came up with that name for the Over-Forties team?
5. Which Silver Buck player is known for his helicopter beanie cap?
6. Which Silver Buck player was a four-letter man in college?
7. Which Young Buck player was traded to the Silver Bucks for two years?
8. Name the six players who played in Turkey Bowl I.
9. What Young Buck held out for 19 years before returning to the team?
10. What two Young Bucks revived the Turkey Bowl tradition?



TBJBITL (*The Best Jam Band in the Land*). It has been rumored that they will perform at half time this year.



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