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The 1993 Swamp Bowl

Nixon was in his third year as President. Jim Brown, Vince Lombardi, Y.A. Tittle, and Norm Van Brocklin were inducted into the NFL hall of fame. Both the new NFL (AFC/NFC) and Monday night football were in their second years. John Brockington and Jack Tatum were rookies in the NFL. The turf in Ohio Stadium was replaced with an artificial surface, and it was the last time the Silver Bucks—then the Over-Forties—had won a football game. The year was 1971. But as Ohio Stadium eventually returned to natural turf so the trophy was destined to eventually return to the Silver Bucks.

The game started with the Young Bucks kicking to the Silver Bucks. On the second play from scrimmage *Game Breaker Bruce Nicolls* picked off a sideline pass and returned it for a touchdown. He slid into the endzone and was called safe for a 6-0 Young Buck lead. It appeared that this would be another Young Buck victory. On the next drive *Joltin' Jim Ridge* was not able to move the Silver Express past the 50 yard line, but two plays later he ended up on the receiving end of a

Young Buck pass and gave the Silvers a new set of downs. On fifth down the ball was thrown into the end zone but no one came up with the catch. Two plays later *Crazy Legs Lewis* picked off another Young Buck pass on the 40 yardline. *Joltin' Jim Ridge* got hot and completed 3 out of 5 passes to *Quick Kyle Kauffman*, *Crazy Legs Lewis*, and *Big Don Nicolls*. Again The Young defense stiffened in the red zone and took over on downs. *Greg Bubby Bundy* kept the ball on the ground and picked up yardage to the 45, but the Young offense stalled out. *Cap'n Crunch Kevin* kicked a corner punt and backed up the Silver Bucks to their own 15. He

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enjoyed it so much he decided to take the ball back from the Silver Bucks by intercepting a pass on the second play of the drive. On the Youngs' fourth down he faked out the Silver defense with a quick kick. The next two series produced two interceptions. One pick



Jammin' Jake dares the Young Bucks to run in his 'hood.



Skin' Ian skates around the right side of the Silver Buck defense.

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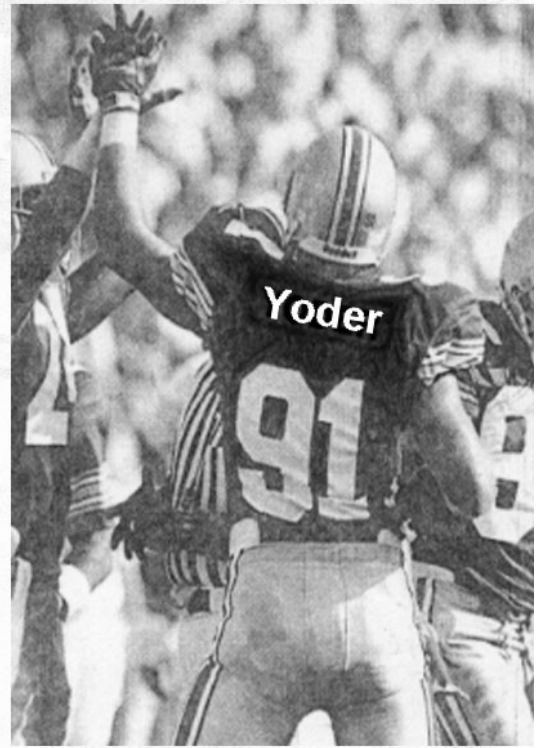
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by *Game Breaker Bruce* and one by *Paul Night Train Yoder*. In two plays the Silver offense moved to within 30 yards of paydirt. On the next play *Skiin' Ian Nicolls* hurried the Silver quarterback and forced an incomplection. On fifth down *Too Small Dale Nicolls* picked off a pass headed for the end zone to stop the drive. With time running out in the half the Silvers held the Youngs deep in their end of the field and took over the ball with good field position. On the 14th series of the first half *Joltin' Jim Ridge* fired a Silver bullet to *Hammerin' Hank Grover* between two Young Buck defenders for a quick 6. *Dandy Dean Kauffman* found himself wide open in the end zone for the two point conversion to give the Silver Bucks an 8-6 lead at half time. It was a lead that they would not give up.

The Silver Bucks came out in the second half with Big Mo on their side. The Young bucks turned the ball over at their own 30 yardline. The Silvers set up their touchdown by first throwing a pass to *Jammin' Jake Grover* on the left side of the field. On the next play *Paul Night Train Yoder* cut from left to right across the field and pulled in a perfect pass from *Hammerin' Hank* to make the score 14-6. The Young offense knew they needed to respond fast. *Wild Bill Nicolls* hit *Too Small Dale* at mid field. On fifth down *Wild Bill* threw a beautiful pass over two Silver defenders that was dropped at the goal line. With that the game slipped away from the Young Bucks. The Silver

Bucks took over and drove all the way to the 5 yard line where *Quick Kyle* was stopped before he could get into the end zone. Two plays later *Night Train Yoder* picked off another pass and returned it to the Youngs' 10. On second down *Hammerin' Hank* ran around the right side of the line that had blocked so well all day and picked up another six for the ecstatic Silver Bucks. That was the final score: 20-6. The Young Bucks were given one last try, but on fifth down *Night Train Yoder* came away with his third interception of the day to end the game and the Young Bucks' 6 year winning streak. *Paul Night Train Yoder* was awarded the 1994 MVP award.



1994 MVP Paul Night Train Yoder celebrates the Silver Bucks victory with his new teammates.

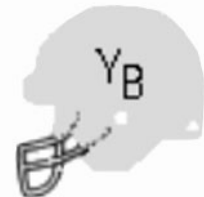
Turkey Bowl XII

Silver Bucks (4-7)



- **KICKOFF**— 10:30 a.m. Saturday, November 26, Nicolls Stadium, 14 Fairhill Drive, New Castle, Pa.
- **CROWD** — More than 10 or 20 expected not including cats, dogs, squirrels, and birds.
- **TV/RADIO** — NBC (Nicolls Broadcasting Network), cameraman and commentator Breakaway Bob Nicolls will be doing his usual fine job come rain, snow, or shine.

Young Bucks (7-4)



- **SERIES** — Young Bucks lead the series 7-4, including 6 out of the last 7 years.
- **COACHES** — Big Don Nicolls, the dean of NFL coaches is in his 12th season as head coach of the Silver Bucks. He has 4 wins including the famous snow bowl victory and the now famous swamp bowl ambush. Young Bucks' Too Small Dale Nicolls will be looking for help from two-time Turkey Bowl MVP Big Boy Bob Nicolls.

More Wisdom From Grandma Grover

Grandma Betty Grover says:

Flattery is all right - if you don't inhale.

The hen knows when it's dawn, but she lets the rooster make the announcement.

Many shortcuts aren't.

We cannot direct the wind, but we can adjust our sails.

Learn to laugh at yourself. You'll have a lifetime of amusement.



Grandma Grover runs the Turkey Bowl concessions stand. Granddaughter Jamie Grover in her Lowellville Little Rockets Cheerleading Uniform.

Cheers From Granddaughter

News Paper, reporting from Lowellville, said that *Jamie Grover* is a Lowellville Little Rockets cheerleader at her brother Bobby's games. She said that they do these cheers:

Bang Bang Choo Choo train
Come on Rockets do your thang.

Get it, get it, get it, get it
Got it, got it, got it, got it
Uh — — and let it roll.

We are dynamite
Don't mess with dynamite.
We are dynamite
Too bad your fuse don't light.
Act — ion, action, action
We want action.

We got the power We got the power
To whoop you.

Reverse — Attack
Sock that quarterback.

We done it before
We'll do it again.
Rockets got the will to win.

De — fense, get tough.

Get that ball
and take control.
Victory is our goal.

H — o — L — D, hold 'em.

Be — at, let's beat those devils
Be — at, let's beat those devils.

All you gotta do
is put your mind to it.
Buckle down, buckle down,
do it, do it, do it.



LOWELLVILLE

Groundskeeper Report



The Turkey Bowl grounds keeper reports that the field is in great shape. The big tree limb has been removed from the southwest corner of the field allowing passing into that corner again. The pine trees haven't been fed; and are just waiting to gobble up a few players.

We are using General George Patton's prayer for good weather for game time — but just in case we get inclement weather for the third year in a row — *bring a change of clothes*. We will furnish bags for the dirty clothes, and warm water, soap, towels and a changing area for after the game. The Silver Bucks want to look clean for their "One More In '94" Picture.



John Crazy Legs Lewis' pronesthesia method seems to be working for him. He is pumped up this year. Hans and Franz approve.

Big Don Nicolls Looking Through Rose-Colored Glasses

Big Don, veteran coach of the Silver Bucks, refused to talk with Ima Dogginitt after their interview before last year's game; so, we sent reporter Dog Gone to New Castle to ask Big Don about his pregame speech last year.

Big Don: Sure, I said that winning wasn't everything and that we played for male-bonding, for fellowship, to build character, and for giving 'high fives'.

Dog Gone: Was that a politically correct speech?

Big Don: What kind of a question is that? What do you mean?

Dog Gone: Didn't you later, to a group of Silver Bucks, say "winning isn't everything - it's the only thing"?

Big Don: Hey, look, a coach has to inspire his players, doesn't he? I got them fired up and we went out and won the game. Now, you can call it anything you —.

Dog Gone: In your speech you said that you spend long hours watching films and designing plays — and that every play was designed to score a touchdown.

Big Don: Well, that's true. Should I design a play for failure? Don't you write with the intent of winning the Pulitzer Prize? You don't understand the dedication, the intensity that goes into this big game. Now, if —.

Dog Gone: Big Don, I don't doubt your dedication and hard work. You are the dean of coaches. Twenty-five years is a long time. But, your speech — was that just a cover up for all the long years of losing, or —

Big Don: Hey, you're as bad as Ima. Get out of here. No more.

Dog Gone: But, Big Don, what's your record?

SLAM



Above: Big Don Nicolls in his 1945 Ohio State University retro uniform. Below: Too Small Dale Nicolls in his 1974 Neshannock High School retro uniform.

Too Small on the Defensive

Justa Dogleg filed this interview with Too Small Dale Nicolls in Columbus, Ohio:

Justa: Too Small Dale, what happened last year?

Too Small Dale: Well, I've been reviewing the game films for the past five years and I can see several reasons for the Silver Bucks win last year.

Justa: That was a humiliating loss for the Young Bucks, wasn't it?

Too Small Dale: Oh, don't ever use that word.

We never say loss — or defeat. You see —

Justa: But, you lost. You were whipped.

Defeated. It was a convincing 20 to 6 thrashing.

Too Small Dale: Ouch. You really go for the jugular. Let's try to be positive and analyze their win. Now, I noticed in the films that —

Justa: Too Small, are you avoiding the reality that the Young Bucks lost?

Too Small Dale: Now, if you look at our record since 1970 You'll see that we've been outscored in only two games. Those are undeniable facts. We lead the series seven to four and we've dominated for the past six years. You can only look at those facts as a winning attitude. The Young Bucks win ball games. Take a look at

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Justa: Too Small Dale, I'm asking you what happened last year. No offense and no defense. The films show —.

Too Small Dale: You know — you can't always go by the films. I think you're seeing things that aren't there — like —.

Justa: Wait a minute. Your offense only scored six points and the defense gave up twenty points to an over-the-hill gang that has seen its glory days.

Too Small Dale: Well, I agree that some of their players are over-the-hill; but, they play with intensity, and they do have some new players who can —

Justa: You mean that they've out recruited you and —.

Too Small Dale: Remember Turkey Bowl ten when our defense held them to just two points? Now if you put those figures in the computer, you'll see —.

Justa: Too Small Dale, it's obvious that you're not going to talk about last year's game; so, what about this year — Turkey Bowl twelve?

Too Small Dale: Now let me make it perfectly clear. Our computer shows that we'll have Big Boy Bob Nicolls back from the Mountain



League to jump start our offense and to add speed to our pass defense, and we expect Mad Dog Gary Grover to toughen up our defense on the line and add speed to our sacking their quarterback. Game Breaker Bruce Nicolls has been working out with the Lions at Penn State, and Skin Ian has added some height and weight. Oh, yes, we'll be much improved. If you look at the computer stats of our team
Justa: Yes, but what does that relate to?
Too Small Dale: Well, you remember that the Silver Bucks threw their 'hand in the face' defense at us last year? Sure, it caused some problems; but, we'll counter with our new 'big shoulder in your gut' offense. You can quote me, the Young Bucks will soar in '94.
Justa: Thank you, Too Small Dale. Good luck.

Too Small Dale: What do you mean 'good luck'. Just look at the computer analysis