

## SILVER/YOUNG BUCKS

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## SHOUT OUTS:

- Thanks to the many people who contributed articles.
- Thanks to Marty Nicolls for the photos.
- Thanks to Barb for the Turkey Bowl Banner.
- Thanks to Jim Ridge and Gary Grover for doing the video.
- Cheri Lewis says "Hi" from Virginia.
- Suzi and the rest of the Yoders say "Hi" from North Carolina.

## SILVER BUCKS SURPRISE YOUNG BUCKS 16-6

New Castle, PA— It was a beautiful day for Turkey Bowl XIX. The game opened with two straight interceptions. On the third series of the game on third down, Silver Buck QB **Greg Bubby Bundy** threw the bomb to **Big Boy Bob Nicolls** in the south endzone for six. **Greg Bubby Bundy** executed a throw back pass to **Game Breaker Bruce Nicolls** for two points. On the seventh series of the game **Jamm'n Jake Grover** intercepted a Silver pass. Two plays later **Quick Kyle Kauffman** threw a screen pass to **Jamm'n Jake Grover** who weaved his way through the Silver defense on his way to the endzone. The Young Bucks were ready to tie the game when **Big Boy Bob Nicolls** intercepted the pass and ran it back all the way for two Silver Buck points. The game was now the Silver Bucks 10 and the Young Bucks 6. On the tenth series **Bobby Roadrunner Nicolls** sacked the Young QB and then two plays later **Big Boy Bob Nicolls** picked off his second pass of the day. On fourth down **Big Boy Bob Nicolls** threw long to **Nifty Neil Chessin** who hauled it in for another Silver score. The Young Buck defense stiffened

## TURKEY BOWL XX

10:30 A.M. Kickoff will be at Nicolls Stadium on Saturday, November 30, 2002 in New Castle, PA. The game will be covered by NSN Plus (the Nicolls Sports Network).



Turkey Bowl XIX Team Picture.

and stopped number 8, **Danny Bronco Nicolls**, from scoring two. The half ended with the score 16-6.

At halftime **Carol Kauffman** led the band in a rousing performance of Script Ohio. Silver Buck **Gayle "Sayers" Ridge** had the honor of dotting the "I". **"Killer" Hillary Nicolls** treated the crowd to some gymnastics.

The second half was dominated by the defenses. The offenses went conservative with 17 rushing plays as opposed to only 7 rushes in the first half. **MVP Marieta Nicolls** had 4 carries in the second half. The play in the trenches was fierce

with Young Bucks **Edgerrin James Bundy, Jonathan Speedy Bundy, Defender Joel Bundy, Emilie Bulldog Ridge, MVP Marieta Nicolls and Jeffrey Bulldog Grover** going up against Silver Bucks **Bobby Roadrunner Nicolls, Danny Bronco Nicolls, Gayle "Sayers" Ridge, Wild Bill Nicolls and Dandy Dean Kauffman. Mad Dog Gary Grover** was so caught up in the game that he came out of retirement for one play. The game ended as the half ended with the score, Silver Bucks 16, Young Bucks 6. **Marieta Nicolls** was awarded the Turkey Bowl MVP.



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New England Patriot Stanley "Steamer" Ingison is available as a free agent. Young Bucks and Silver Bucks, be prepared to make your best offer.

## TURKEY BOWL XIX NOTABLES

- **Dandy Dean Kauffman** was wearing number 13. What did he know about this OSU season that the rest of us did not?
- **Quick Kyle Kauffman** had the best hat I have seen since **Jolt'n Jim Ridge's** beanie cap.
- **Gayle "Sayers" Ridge** played in her first Turkey Bowl game. She must have caught the football bug. Ten months later, she saw her first game in Ohio Stadium; OSU vs. Texas Tech.
- **Balint** got a taste of American football. I wonder if he will play a Turkey Bowl game in Hungary this year?
- There were nine interceptions in the game. **Greg Bubby Bundy, Jamm'n Jake Grover** and **Big Boy Bob Nicolls** each had two interceptions.



Above—The line play in Turkey Bowl XIX was fierce, but referee Hammerin' Hank Grover called a good game.

Right—Fans enjoy a beautiful day and an exciting Turkey Bowl game.



By John "Crazylegs" Lewis

## A SPECIAL THANKSGIVING

Thanksgiving is a very special day for one of the Nicolls - Aunt Ruth! The reason for this is that she entered the world on that day, and joined her brothers and sister as the newest and youngest Nicolls!

As the sixth sibling and the "little sister", her entrance into the family was expected, but not necessarily on Turkey Day. But, Grandma Nicolls knew that it was a good day for a new birthday girl, so Thanksgiving dinner had to be interrupted, much to the dismay of Grandpa Nicolls.

The Nicolls family had just sat down for Thanksgiving dinner at Great Grandma and Great Grandpa McCoy's in Poland, when Grandma went into labor. Grandpa immediately drove Grandma home to Delaware Avenue for the big event.

He then called Florence Gallagher, the local midwife/practical nurse.

The problem of what to do with the brothers and sister had all been planned. Grandpa Nicolls fired up the car for the long, long drive to Pittsburgh to take Uncle Gene and Uncle Don to stay with Aunt Ruth and Uncle Howard Blair. Aunt Betty, Uncle Bob and Uncle Dave stayed with the McCoy Grandparents for a few days.

Aunt Ruth arrived at 2:00 PM and had the honor of being the sixth child born to 26-year-old Grandma Nicolls! Wow! Florence Gallagher delivered Aunt Ruth, and Dr. Stewart finally arrived in time to sign the birth certificate.

While Aunt Ruth's birthday was on Thanksgiving Day that particular year,

the two dates have not come together since. In 1931, President Roosevelt changed the schedule for Thanksgiving to occur on the fourth Thursday in November. That meant that never again would November 29 fall on Thanksgiving (you can check out the accuracy of that fact, if there is any doubt!).

So Aunt Ruth can legitimately lay claim to a SPECIAL BIRTHDAY, that hasn't happened since. She has her own very special day! When asked for a quote for this story, Aunt Ruth was quick to respond, "Can you think of any better way to celebrate two great holidays at the same time? And besides, I've always claimed to be the original "TURKEY".

"In 1931, President Roosevelt changed the schedule for Thanksgiving to occur on the fourth Thursday in November."



Marieta Nicolls won the MVP award for Turkey Bowl XIX.



♪♪ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU** ♪♪

**DJN**

Bev has prepared and served on Friday nights since November 26, 1971.

- a) 1,719 sticky rolls
- b) 155 pounds of potatoes
- c) 135 gallons of green beans
- d) ham slices from 43 Honey Cooked Hams

Bev has prepared and served for Saturday breakfasts since 1985.

- a) 204 waffles
- b) 1,020 slices of bacon
- c) 187 pieces of sausage
- d) 170 gallons of orange juice
- e) 34 gallons of grapefruit juice
- f) 15 quarts of syrup

Bev has prepared and served for Saturday's post Turkey Bowl lunch since 1985.

- a) 850 wieners
  - b) 849 buns
  - c) 13.5 gallons of Coney Island Sauce
  - d) 21 cut up onions
- WHEW!!**

So Be Sure to Wish **BEV "Happy Birthday."**



72 at last on Friday 29th. Tell Bev "Happy Birthday."

The hostess with the mostest since 1971.

**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR THIS PERSON**

**CLK**

*Member of Nicolls Network detained for possible terrorist activity:*

At the George Bush airport in Houston, on the way home from presenting a seminar, Ms. Carol (Nicolls) Kauffman was asked to please step aside. A suspicious, unidentified metal object had been detected in one of her carry on bags. She was thus detained, instructed to

remove shoes, stand for obligatory "wandering" and subject her purse and bag to thorough searching.

Mercifully, the true culprit was found. Ms. Kauffman, greatly inspired by her uncle's creative Bingo prizes, had given a demonstration on the use of "weird and wacky" toys as part of her seminar on "ways to keep hyper kids motivated in speech

therapy." One of the "talking" toys had an electronic device encased in the fabric. Ms. Kauffman was finally released, but not before being required to divulge the name (under extreme torture, of course) of the person who had originally promoted this dangerous and subversive practice.

Sorry, Uncle Don. You're next.

**"A suspicious, unidentified metal object had been detected in one of her carry on bags."**



**ATTENTION LADIES...**

...who feel no inclination or obligation to encourage or support their honeys and sweeties during the football game and who have a love of classic literature. Volunteers are needed to help me tweak a Jane Austen card game I invented. No knowledge of Ms. Austen's books is required; however participants must know how to read (aloud!) and how to count in increments of 10. Any willing assistance would be welcomed and appreciated.

Your Humble Servant,

**Barb Nicolls**



Number 92, Big Don Nicolls was smiling with confidence before the big game. He will also have plenty more Bingo prizes for this year.

## THANKSGIVING IN POLAND

C. Robert Nicolls, November 25, 1998

Thanksgiving Day was always a special day for the C. E. Nicolls family. During my youth in the Twenties and Thirties our family had a pattern of activities that remained the same every year.

After breakfast, our father would get his shotgun, clean it, and then take his four sons—Bob, Dave, Gene, and Don—plus our little poodle dog, Toodles, out to the open fields and woods for hunting near our home in Poland, Ohio. We boys would spread out and try to flush out a rabbit or a pheasant for our dad to shoot. At the first shot our dog, Toodles, would run for home. I don't ever recall that we actually caught any wild game; I do know that we never ate any wild game. Our dad never let any of us shoot the shotgun—even for practice. Today it is probably called 'male bonding', but in those days it was just a father and his sons enjoying some time together without some psychological meaning.

While the 'men' were hunting, our mother and sisters—Betty and Ruth Ann—were preparing some of the food to take to our grandparent's home for Thanksgiving Dinner. After a light lunch and a bath, we all went to our grandparent's—Smith and Minnie McCoy—for the afternoon and evening. They lived on Main Street in Poland

beside Yellow Creek at the foot of a small hill.

Our grandparent's house was large with a porch that extended to the sidewalk. They had several canaries that sang constantly. They had a large swing and a playhouse in the large backyard that sloped down to the creek. My grandfather had a large five-car garage with an old iron pot—bellied stove. The garage was a child's delight because of the many tools and artifacts. Often there were small wooden toys or boats that he was making for us. It was a joy to sit around the pot—bellied stove and listen to the stories told by our grandfather and father.

When Yellow Creek was frozen we would make a bonfire on the bank of the creek and ice skate—sometimes a mile or so up the creek. Often on Thanksgiving there would be snow on the ground and the road. We enjoyed sitting on the porch and watching the street car trying to get up the slippery hill. Often the trolley connector to the electric wire above the road would come loose. The conductor would have to jump out to connect the trolley to the electric wire which usually brought on a shower of sparks. We would cheer him on. Sometimes we would sled ride down the hill or down the slope to the frozen creek.

Our Grandmother McCoy was an excellent cook. She had turkey, mashed potatoes, sweet potatoes, stuffing, cranberry, vegetables, gravy, and hot rolls. She always had mince meat pie, pumpkin pie, and a cake for dessert. It was delicious and we would be stuffed.

In the evening we would sit around in the parlor and talk or play games like Monopoly or Bingo. Generally the radio would be playing the music of the big bands playing at dance halls around the country.

Betty remembers that the big sporting event on Thanksgiving was the annual football game between Youngstown's two high schools—Rayen vs. South.

Ruth added "Going back home on Thanksgiving night, it was very cold and snowy like mad, and we had to drive up Massachusetts Avenue to pick up a formal dress that some lady was making for Betty. We were all afraid that we would get stuck in the snow." Also "One year, 1928 on Thursday 29th, when we were all there and ready to sit down to eat Thanksgiving dinner, Mom went into labor with Ruth Ann. Dad wasn't too happy to drive Mom home to have the baby. We did survive."

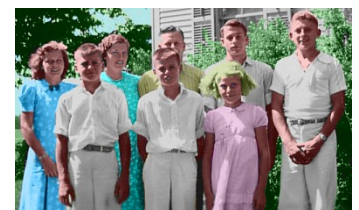


Smith and Minnie McCoy's house on Main Street in Poland, OH.



Smith and Minnie McCoy, parents of Grandma Nicolls

Thanksgiving was always a special and enjoyable day for our family.



Above—The C. E. Nicolls Family

Below—Grandma & Grandpa Nicolls

