



Silver Bucks/ Young Bucks

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YOUNGS OUTLAST SILVERS 12-0 IN MUD

NEW CASTLE — The Silver Bucks' jerseys were new, but that was not all. Gone were *Crazy Legs Lewis*, *Wild Bill Nicolls*, *Dandy Dean Kauffman* and *Nifty Neil Chessin*. New to the Turkey Bowl were *Iron George Holcomb*, *Speedy James Bundy* and *Road-Runner Bobby Nicolls*. To replenish the depleted ranks of the Silver Bucks, *Game Breaker Bruce Nicolls* and *Emilie Pancake Ridge* were traded from the Young Bucks. Could the Buckeyes' Rose Bowl birth and the new Rose Bowl jerseys motive the Silver Bucks to win?

A cold, wet day greeted the teams as they took the muddy field. As a result of the conditions, the first half was dominated by defense. *Mad Dog Gary Grover* the leader of the Young Buck defense started off the game with a sack which was followed by an interception which *Cap'n Crunch Kevin*

Blucker returned to the Silver 40. The tone of the game was set — defense. The next six series were highlighted with interceptions by *Big Boy Bob Nicolls* and *Jamm'n Jake Grover*. On the last drive of the first half, the Young Bucks were starting to move the ball. On third down, the Young Buck receivers were all covered so *Big Boy Bob* pulled the ball down and reversed field and headed up the sideline where he made some people miss until *Iron George Holcomb* finally ran him out of bounds at the Silver 5 yard line. In the process of chasing Big Boy Bob, *Hammerin' Hank Grover* was hurt in what turned out to be a Turkey Bowl career ending injury. The Silver defense would have to play the rest of the game without their multiple MVP winner. The Silver bullets rose to the occasion by making a goal line stand

and twice denying the Young Buck offense poised near the goal line. The half ended in a scoreless tie.

The Young Bucks knew they needed to get their offense going in the second half. After *Skiin' Ian Nicolls* returned the kickoff to the 50 yard line, *Big Boy Bob* threw to *Too Small Dale Nicolls* to advance to the Silver 35. After completing a pass to *Greg Bubby Bundy*, *Big Boy Bob* hit *Too Small Dale* on a flag pattern for the first points of the game. *Speedy James Bundy* was quarter-back for the extra point. He handed the ball off to *Bobby Road-Runner Nicolls* who ran for 70 yards before he was finally stopped by *Quick Kyle Kauffman*. The score was 6-0.

Three series latter a broken finger nail caused a high Silver snap which was recovered by *Speedy James*



SPEEDY JAMES



IRON GEORGE



BOBBY ROAD-RUNNER

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This controversial touchdown put the Young Bucks ahead 12-0. You be the judge. Is this a touchdown?

*1-555-ISAY-YES
1-555-ISAY-NO!*

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Bundy at the Silver 25 yard line. The Silver bullets were stingy, forcing four straight incompletions. The next play was the most controversial play of the game. **Big Boy Bob** called a quarterback draw and ran straight up the field, diving and extending the ball across the goal line as **Game Breaker Bruce** ran to met him. It was a close call but unbiased, former founder of the Young Bucks, **Wild Bill Nicolls** called it a touchdown for the Youngs. The extra point attempt was unsuccessful so the score was 12-0.

The game ended three series later on another fumble. **Big Don** got a cramp when he went down to recover the fumble. That was one too many Silver Bucks injured so it was game over.

For the Silvers, **Big Don** and **Game Breaker Bruce** tied for the most receptions with four a piece. Seven of the eight passes came from **Jolt'n Jim Ridge**. For the Youngs, **Mad Dog Grover** had a game high of three sacks. He must be teaching something to **Bobby Bubba Smith** because Bobby also put pressure on the quarterback all game.

Turkey Bowl XIV was a hard fought game in difficult conditions, but in the end the Youngs outlasted the Silvers.

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Mad Dog Gary Grover had a game high of three sacks. Gary also wins the award for most unusual t-shirt each year. Last year he unveiled his cow pi shirt.

The Silver Bucks have some big shoes to fill with the retirement of **Hammerin Hank Grover, John Crazy Legs Lewis, and Dandy Dean Kauffman**.

The retirement of those three aces leaves **Big Don Nicolls** as the only original member of the Over Forties/Silver Bucks team still playing.

That leaves only **Big Don Nicolls, Game Breaker Bruce Nicolls, Too Small Dale Nicolls, and Big Boy Bob Nicolls** as the only players still active who played in the first Turkey Bowl game back in 1968. CRN



TURKEY BOWL LEAGUE REALIGNMENT TALKS

The talk among the owners and sponsors of the Turkey Bowl 1997 is a possible realignment of the league and the addition of an expansion team. The Silver Bucks management stated that it is having problems with retirements and ailments of the players. Efforts to acquire some of the Young Bucks who have turned 40 have been limited by their demands for excessive salaries and by the Silver Bucks salary cap. In negotiations with members of the Silver Bucks for the 1997 Turkey Bowl, the coach is getting responses such as:

- ★ "I hope to have a cold on game day."
- ★ "I feel a headache coming on."
- ★ "If I can find new batteries for my beanie by then."
- ★ "I'll probably have to take some relatives to the airport."
- ★ "I feel a leg cramp coming on."
- ★ "As long as there aren't any football games on TV that day."
- ★ "Only if the field is dry and it's a sunny 60°F day."
- ★ "Only if Bev has her annual tailgate party after the game with Coney Island Hots!"
- ★ "My wife says I'm too old for that macho male-bonding stuff."

In the meantime, an expansion team to be called the "O-Zone Bucks" is being promoted by O-Zone Bob. He has signed himself as the "way back" for the new team. Negotiations are continuing. DJN

TURKEY BOWL XV

The Turkey Bowl XV kickoff will be Saturday, November 29, 1997 at 10:30 a.m. in Nicolls Stadium, New Castle, Pennsylvania. As usual the starting time is tentative because NBC has not finalized its schedule.



WORDS OF WISDOM

Grandma Betty Grover says:

- ★ Patience is a fine thing to have — unless you want to get something done.
- ★ After all is said and done — sit down.
- ★ More than kisses — letters mingle souls.
- ★ What we believe about the future determines what we do now.
- ★ Whatever you want to do, do it now. There are only so many tomorrows.

MEMORIES OF XIV

- ★ The cold drizzling rain and the muddy field. So very slippery.
- ★ **Big Don Nicolls** in knee pads. What's next — a padded suit of armor?
- ★ **Greg Bubby Bundy** wearing a full woolen red hood on his head and a no-sleeves shirt.
- ★ A scoreless first half. Was that a record?
- ★ **Bobby Road Runner Nicolls** extra point runs. Which goal line, Daddy?
- ★ **Speedy James Bundy's** fast coverage of a Silver Buck fumble. That recovery gave the ball to the Young Bucks on the 20 yard line.
- ★ **Hammerin Hank Grover's** career ending injury. He had caught two passes and had thrown a completed pass before his injury.
- ★ Two great goal line defensive stands by the Silver Bucks.
- ★ **Big Boy Bob Nicolls** great running on the slippery field. One run ended with a dive over the goal line for a touchdown.
- ★ The 'time-out' for **Emilie Pancake Ridge's** broken fingernail. That has to be a first.
- ★ **Greg Bubby Bundy's** punt return to the 50 yard line.
- ★ Also, his belly flop at the goal line trying to catch a long pass.
- ★ **Too Small Dale Nicolls'** towering over the Silver Bucks defense to pull down a pass in the end zone for a touchdown.
- ★ Great pursuit of the quarterback by the Silver Buck's young blood — **Quick Kyle Kauffman, Emilie Pancake Ridge,** and **Jammin Jake Grover.** They had the Young Buck's quarterback scrambling around in the mud.
- ★ The Silver Buck's new game shirts. Where did the black go? CRN

TURKEY GOBBLING

Wild Bill Nicolls, retired Young Buck, took over the job of taking the official video pictures of the Turkey Bowl from retired Silver Buck **Grandpa Nicolls**. Wild Bill's answer to how he got the job was, "I was relaxing in the clubhouse, waiting for the game, when **Marty Bundy** shoved the video camera at me and said, 'Grab your umbrella and get out there', and I went. That's it. No negotiation, no terms, no contract — just an order."

Kathy Nicolls reports from the Colorado ski land that there are seven professional sports teams in the baseball Major Leagues, the National Football League, the National Basketball Association, and the National Hockey League — (soccer is not included) — whose names do not end with an 'S'. Kathy challenges you to name them. Check your answers below.

Bobby Road Runner Nicolls, who made his debut in the '96 game, is the third CRN to play in the Turkey Bowl. He played safety and on the line, and was always in the "O" zone — in the middle of the huddle of giants — telling his Dad how to run the team. His enthusiasm was contagious.

Speedy James Bundy: Last year I thought I could run right through the Silver Bucks, but I guess it wasn't my day. I've had a little strategy, and I'm not telling you because I don't want the Silver Bucks to know. Go, Young Bucks.

Jonathan Jaguar Bundy: I'm not too good at catching the football, but I can really run fast — like a jaguar. I'm in condition from swimming and playing soccer. I'm for Daddy and the Young Bucks.

Joel Crusher Bundy: If I get in the Turkey Bowl game I'll stiff arm the Silver Bucks and crush them. They can't beat the Young Bucks.

Major League Baseball	NBA	NHL
1. Boston Red Sox 2. Chicago White Sox	3. Miami Heat 4. Orlando Magic 5. Utah Jazz	6. Colorado Avalanche 7. Tampa Bay Lightning

Quick Kyle Kauffman and his grandmother Mary Nicolls get pumped up the night before the big game while sporting the new Silver Buck jerseys.





COACHES CORNER

Ima Dogginit, our western Pennsylvania reporter, saw **Big Don Nicolls**, coach of the Silver Bucks, trying on some extra-padded knee pads, elbow pads, and helmets at the local sports store in New Castle.

Ima: Hi, Big Don. Getting ready for the Turkey Bowl game? **Big Don:** Oh, it's you, Ima. You're not on my most favorable reporter list. Again, last year, you printed some off-the-record information that I ga — **Ima:** Not so — you only confirmed what I already knew, and there was no — Say, how does your team

look for this year's game? **Big Don:** Not too promising. Now — that's off-the-record — and I mean strictly. I don't want my players reading that I said that. You know, since Grandma Grover's syndicate controls the concessions, souvenirs, parking, and ushering, it's been tight financially. I had to cut salaries — that included aces Crazy Legs, Hammerin Hank, and Dandy Dean. So, what do they do? They retired on their NFL pension. They're off the roster. I — **Ima:** But, Big Don, you've got some good young players like Quick Kyle, Skiin' Ian, Jammin Jake, and Emilie Pancake along with seasoned players like

Jolt'n' Jim, Game Breaker Bruce, and Gorgeous George. That's a good mix. What about Nifty Neil? **Big Don:** We're working on his contract. Well, yes, that is a good mix of players. We just need to gel our offense. We've held the Young Bucks to an average of just two touchdowns the past five years. That's good defense against an explosive team that they have. We had some great goal-line stands last year. We just need to find some offense and — **Ima:** Is it true that you've been practicing with Quick Kyle and Emilie Pancake at the quarterback position? **Big Don:** Now, where did you get that one? We haven't even — **Ima:** We've seen



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Pancake run cross-country for the Seminary in Poland. She has speed, good footwork, a strong arm, and — **Big Don:** Enough — end of the interview. Besides, I've got to go check on the stadium negotiations. **Ima:** Where? Cleveland or New Castle? **Big Don:** Goodbye, Ima. See you at the game. CRN

Justa Dogleg caught up with **Too Small Dale Nicolls** near the Capitol Building in Columbus, and asked about the Young Bucks prospects for this year.

Too Small: Well, I'm on my way to the governor's office and — **Justa:** Too Small Dale, last year you talked about your new *Zero* defense to match your *Jumbo* offense. It doesn't take a rocket engineer — **Too Small:** Wait a minute now. Forget the engineer. Wake up, Justa, we're in the computer age. Now just look at the computer fact

sheet — see? In the fourteen Turkey Bowl games the Young Bucks have outscored the Silver Bucks 289 points to 231. That's 47 touchdowns to 37. Now, look — **Justa:** That doesn't look like a *Zero* defense. **Too Small:** But, look — straight from the computer. The Silver Bucks had us in the first four games 156 to 116 points or 26 to 19 in TDs. **Justa:** What does that show, Too Small? **Too Small:** See here? In the last ten games the Young Bucks have scored 173 points, 28 TDs — to a measly 75 points - or just 11 TDs for the Silver Bucks. **Justa:** Yes, that's impressive, but I — **Too Small:** Look,

since we brought in our *Zero* defense two years ago the Silver Bucks haven't scored a point — ZERO. Sure, they get close, but for them its Z-E-R-O. Now, that's — **Justa:** Too Small, you broke your long tradition and had a female, Emilie Pancake Ridge, on your team. She played a good game, but why did you trade her — or was it a release? People are asking and saying that the Young Bucks are preju — **Too Small:** Justa, look at these figures. See the — **Justa:** What about Pancake? **Too Small:** Well, you can see by the figures that we only scored 12 points in '95, and we needed to generate more points with our — **Justa:**



Too Small Dale Nicolls, coach of the Young Bucks, leading a PUMP-YOU-UP session during the Young Bucks summer camp training on Lake Erie. He was assisted by Big Boy Bob Nicolls, Greg Bubby Bundy, and Skiin' Ian Nicolls. Too Small said, "We'll have the team floating in Turkey Bowl XV."

But, after trading Pancake, the Young Bucks still only scored 12 points last year. How do you acco — **Too Small:** Well, ah — oh,