



Turkey Bowl Newsletter

Turkey Bowl XXV—Youngs 22 / Silvers 0

Thank You:

- Bev and Don Nicolls for hosting another great Nicolls Reunion.
- Everyone who contributed articles.
- Marty Bundy for the Turkey Bowl XXV pictures and Joel for putting them on a CD.
- Jim Ridge for taking the video of the game.

New Castle, PA – A milestone was reached in the annual Nicolls Turkey Bowl Game on November 24, 2007. It was the twenty-fifth Turkey Bowl game. That is a quarter century of Turkey Bowls! Twenty-five is an age that not a single Young Buck has yet achieved. Fifteen players took to the overcast, but dry, field for the historic event. Starting on defense for the Young Bucks was Jamm'n Jake Grover, Jeffrey "Bulldog" Grover, Edgerrin James Bundy, Jonathan Speedy Bundy, Defender Joel Bundy, Brad "BDog" Lawrence, Marieta Nicolls, and A. J. Grainger. Starting on offense for the Silver Bucks was "Wild" Bill Nicolls, "Game Breaker" Bruce Nicolls, "Too Small" Dale Nicolls, Greg "Bubby" Bundy, "Cap'n Crunch" Kevin Blucker, Hillary "Killer" Nicolls, Jeff "Rocky" Zappieri, Brian "Big Dog" Grover, and Alex "The Great" Blucker. The Silver Bucks again won the two-headed coin toss since they got to make the call.

end zone for a score. The two point conversion failed, so after just four plays from scrimmage, the score was 6-0. Would the Silvers be able to recover? They had been shutout in the previous three Turkey Bowls.

After two four-and-outs, the Silvers showed life when "Cap'n Crunch" Kevin Blucker threw long to Hillary "Killer" Nicolls on the Young 25. On fourth down, Edgerrin James Bundy dashed the Silver hopes when he picked off a Silver aerial with one foot in the end zone. He ran the ball out and started to his right and then reversed field, running back into the end zone where he was tabbed on the other side of the field. The ruling on the field was that he was out of the end zone when he was touched down. New GPS technology developed after the game shows definitively that "Game Breaker" Bruce Nicolls yielded a touchback for the Silvers. The Silver defense held and pinned against the shadow of their own end zone, the Silvers relied on their stable of running backs. "Cap'n Crunch" Kevin Blucker, Hillary "Killer" Nicolls, and Alex "The Great" Blucker, to get them out of trouble. The Young defense was up to the challenge highlighted by Marieta Nicolls' TFL (tackle for loss). The Silvers punted and that was the end of the first half with the score 6-0 in favor of the Youngs.



The Young Buck defense pitched its 4th shutout in a row.



Jeff "Rocky" Zappieri was the MVP for the Silver Bucks.



This TD by Edgerrin James Bundy made the score 12-0.

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The Silver Bucks received the kickoff from the foot of Jamm'n Jake Grover and returned it to the 30 yard line. On the second play, the Silvers were picked off by Jonathan Speedy Bundy who made a leaping grab in front of Jamm'n Jake Grover near midfield. On the Youngs' second offensive play Jamm'n Jake Grover threw long to Brad "BDog" Lawrence in the southwest corner of the

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At the half "level headed" Hank (at least that is what his cap said) explained how his new high-tech, instant replay glasses worked.

The second half started off well for the Youngs when they got to start their drive at the 50. But the Silvers made some adjustments at half and held the Youngs to two short gains. On the Silvers' second offensive play of the half, Brad "BDog" Lawrence recorded the third interception of the game at the Silver 35. On third down Jamm'n Jake Grover connected with Brad "BDog" Lawrence at the Silver 15. On fifth down, Jamm'n Jake Grover threw a sun ball to the front of the end zone where Edgerrin James Bundy out-jumped a defender to hall in the pass

with his foot 1 millimeter inside the line. Jamm'n Jake threw to A. J. Grainger for the two point conversion and the Young Bucks took a commanding lead of 14-0.

The Silvers started their next drive at midfield and picked up some yards when Greg "Bubby" Bundy threw to "Wild" Bill Nicolls. On the next play the Silver pass was tipped by Jonathan Speedy Bundy, almost caught by Hillary "Killer" Nicolls and then was finally intercepted by Defender Joel Bundy. The Youngs tried some trickery when Jamm'n Jake Grover lateralled to Brad "BDog" Lawrence who then threw back to Jamm'n Jake Grover. The plan backfired when "Too Small" Dale Nicolls beat Jamm'n Jake Grover to the ball and then flattened Jamm'n Jake. You could hear the hit in the

upper deck of Nicolls Stadium. But the Youngs got their revenge when on the next series Jonathan Speedy Bundy picked off his second pass of the day and took it to the house (literally). Jonathan Speedy Bundy earned his name on the two point conversion when he started to his right and then reversed field and ran all the way across the field and into the end zone for a score of 22-0. The Silvers made one last effort to score when Greg "Bubby" Bundy threw to "Game Breaker" Bruce Nicolls who ran down to the Youngs' 10. But after two sacks, the drive ended and two plays later, so did the game. The final score was 22-0. Jonathan Speedy Bundy was the Young Buck MVP while Jeff "Rocky" Zappieri was the Silver Buck MVP.

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The Center for Disease Control has ruled out last year's Big Don's Bingo as the source of the virus known as "The List".

Notice: Virus Alert

Warning: Your computer may be at risk! At first, it looked like just annoying SPAM. However, it has been verified that it is a widespread virus that will attack your e-mail functioning. It is known as "THE LIST". Open this at your own risk; but be aware if you do open this e-mail, it will keep coming back and it appears to grow longer each time.

There is no telling when this virus will go away. All anti-spyware has proved impenetrable. Sometimes there are as many as 5 or 6 hits a day on the same e-mail accounts. It apparently started somewhere in the foothills of Colorado. We have confirmed data that it has spread as far as our nation's capital. An e-mailer from Virginia reported that he no

By Kathy Nicolls

longer had the capacity to program his own cell phone after opening this e-mail. He had to resort to asking his grandchild to do it for him. After doing so, she apparently stated, "I will cover the list from the years 2010 -2020." There is no telling how many years this virus will be plaguing us.

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Let's Hear It For The In-Laws!

As the Carl E. Nicolls Clan prepares to gather for their Annual Thanksgiving Turkey Bowl festivities, it is only appropriate to recognize the contributions of the Nicolls In-Laws, hereafter defined as those who married a direct Nicolls descendant. Obviously, without the In-Laws, there would be fewer attendees to these festivities or to previous years' events.

As each In-Law joined the Nicolls Clan, an additional strength was added to the family tree. Nicolls In-Laws arrived from many directions and with many talents. While Ohio produced the majority of the In-Laws, diversity is noted since many other states have made major contributions to the family. West Virginia, Florida, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Kansas and North Carolina were among states claimed as origins of the In-Laws. Teaching, nursing, coaching

and business experience were among the many skills that were added to the already talented Nicolls family.

It is only fitting that the Nicolls In-Laws should be suitably recognized as having played an important role in the further expansion of the Nicolls family tree. No pre-qualification requirements were enforced in order for them to join the family. No litmus tests were imposed. The only prerequisite was that they meet the approval of their family sponsor, their spouse.

Their arrival was greeted with appropriate fanfare and they were welcomed with warmth and love. They were quickly indoctrinated into the Nicolls family rituals. These rituals featured reunions at 26 Delaware Avenue, as well as The Turkey Bowl Game, Good Dinner, Thanksgiving

By John Lewis

Bingo at Uncle Don's, and the now famous Semi-Annual Oglebay Outing. There was enjoyment for young and old with unending availability of food and fun! Birthdays and anniversaries were celebrated as joyous events.

While espousing the singular role of the Nicolls In-Laws is the primary theme of this piece, an even more important message is to re-emphasize the Nicolls family as a strong and cohesive unit. Traditions will be shared and preserved as the years pass. New In-Laws will continue to arrive and will be welcomed. The mantle of leadership will be handed to younger members, but the key emphasis on important family relationships will remain unchanged. And the Nicolls In-Laws are proud to have contributed to this outstanding legacy!



The Nicolls Family, with In-Laws, back in 1953.

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Oglebay

On Oct. 17 Bev, Don, Ellen, and Gene reserved a Queen suite for the weekend at Wilson Lodge in Oglebay Park, Wheeling, W.Va. On Saturday, they were joined by Betty, Gayle, Jim, Gary, Beth Ann, Nora, Emilie, and Micah.

They celebrated Emilie's birthday with a brownie cake

and her Uncle Don presented her with a pair of tickets to the OSU Penn State game.

The day was spent eating, shopping, race tracking, golfing, watching the OSU and Mich. State game, and more eating. In the evenings there were rousing games of "99".

By Ellen & Gene Nicolls

Don and Gene have reserved the same rooms for May 1, 2 & 3 and also for Oct 16, 17 & 18. They want to invite anyone in the family to come and visit for the day on Sat. or for the weekend. Reservations can be made in advance.

Tinfoil "Rocks Out" in Toledo

Out of 111 bands to compete online in this past summer's Battle of the Bands sponsored by The Blade, the Nicolls extended family helped make it possible for Wild Bill to live out a dream. By sending in your favorable votes, Tinfoil ended up in the fifth spot which guaranteed

a gig on the waterfront for the 4th of July weekend. We rocked our socks off and had a great time. Thanks to all who voted. Wild Bill will have his thrashing arms and legs

Website: <http://www.tinfoilmusic.com>

MySpace: <http://www.myspace.com/tinfoilbandsite>

By Bill Nicolls

on display at this year's annual Turkey Bowl smashing through the line to sack and punish the Young Bucks, much like he does to his drum heads and sticks.



Wild Bill Nicolls—
Drummer for Toledo's
own Tinfoil.

Grandma's Dining Room Table

Dear Grandma,

I'm traveling Africa. I studied language and culture in Fez, Morocco while living with a native family for 1 month. I worked with Moroccan immigrants in France for a few days. I worked in a school and clinic in Nairobi Kenya while living in an orphanage for 1 month. And now, I work at an international school in Khartoum Sudan teaching middle school science. I'll be here five months.

Love, Hillary



Dear Grandma,

If you really want to know what I have been up to, I ran the fastest time as a soph in the country for the 2 mile (9:10), then the fastest last year for a junior in 9:03. I placed 2nd in the 2 mile and 3rd in the mile as a junior last year at State Track. I was also the fastest junior at Footlocker Nationals last year placing 18th. I will try it again this year with the qualifying race on Turkey Bowl Saturday. I have won 4 races this fall. I am being recruited by a number of colleges. I have a final five of: Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Florida State and Oregon and have been on official visits to the first 3.

Love, Bobby

Dear "Grandma",

In May, Jonathan (18) graduated from high school. He is now attending Cedarville University near Dayton, Ohio. Jonathan enjoys dorm life, classes, and studying journalism. James (20) graduated from Marine Basic Training in October. He follows Jim Ridge onto "the Few, the Proud, the United States Marine Corps". Joel (16), a junior in high school, is visiting colleges and investigating areas of study. He likes to read, listen to music, and play the guitar. Joshua (9), a fourth grader, spends time in make-believe play and building with K'Nex. Jacob (7), a second grader, delights in drinking hot chocolate and taking pictures with his camera. Greg, a Branch Engineer with Simpson Strong Tie, enjoys reading to his boys. Martha, a home educator and homemaker, still is a fan of "Build Me up Buttercup"

Love, Martha



Dear Grandma,

Here is what I have been up to. Last year I ran a 9:33 2 mile at sea-level to finish my soph year. This year as a junior I just had a great cross country race at State placing 5th. Our team finished second at state. I like Oklahoma and Oregon at this point. I am looking forward to this spring running the mile and 2 mile with Bobby.

Love, Danny



Dear Grandma,

Here is what I have been doing. Last year I graduated from high school early via online classes. I had a fiesta graduation party in New Castle during the Memorial Day Weekend. I am now at Colorado Mountain College in Glenwood Springs. It is close to skiing.

Love, Marieta