

# OHIO ST BUCKEYES

## POSITION OUTLOOK FOR 2009

**QUARTERBACKS** - In 2007 the Buckeyes had to replace Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith, who threw for 2,542 (65.3%) with a 30-6 ratio in '06. Three QB's battled for the job: Todd Boeckman (PS#30) who had 10 passes (7 gm) in his first 2 years, rFr Rob Schoenhof (PS#12) and Antonio Henton (PS#25). Boeckman (23 yr old) won the job and was among the nation's leaders in pass eff although he topped 225 just once (Penn St). He struggled in the final 3 throwing for just 138 ypg (56.4% with 2-6 ratio). Joe Bauseman (PS#59), who played in the Pitt Pirates org ('04-'06) walked-on in '07 and RS. Last year Tressel signed PS#1QB Terrelle Pryor and Schoenhof and Henton (31 combatt) transferred. Originally Tressel talked about using Pryor like Tim Tebow but after the Buckeyes lost to USC, he started Pryor vs Troy. Pryor became the first OSU true frosh QB to start S/78 (Art Schlichter) and while Schlichter had 4 TD's the entire year, Pryor had 4 TD passes in his first start. Pryor improved as the season went on with many clutch plays. He threw for 1,311 (60.6%) with a 12-4 ratio and was the #2 rusher (631, 4.5). Boeckman saw little action but in the bowl hit 5 of 13 for 110 including a TD pass to Pryor. Bauseman played in 5 (6 att). Not listed in the PSL are Ross Olorik (6'2" 210 rFr, PS#214) and true frosh Kenny Guiton (PS#116) and Justin Siems (PS#292). Pryor should be one of the Big Ten's top QB's this year.

**RUNNING BACKS** - Antonio Pittman became just the 5th OSU RB to have B2B 1,000 yard seasons including 1,233 (5.1) in '06. True frosh Chris "Beanie" Wells (PS#1) lost 4 fumbles but still rushed for 576 (5.5). Maurice Wells (PS#11) rushed for 171 (3.7). After Pittman left for the NFL (#4DC) in '07, Beanie, who had an injury plagued season, erupted with an OSU soph record 1,609 (5.9). Maurice added 367 (3.6) and Brandon Saine (PS#2) had 267 (4.4). All 3 re't'd in '08 but the season took a turn in the opener when Wells injured his foot. He missed the next 3 but still finished with 1,197 (5.8) and was the team's MVP. Dan "Boom" Herron (PS#44) was the #2 RB with 439 (4.9). Maurice had just 129 (3.3) and Saine only 65 (2.5). This year they lose Beanie (#1DC ARZ), Maurice (2 st, 171 ttl yd) and FB Brandon Smith (9 st, 79 rec yd). Not listed below are Joe Gantz (6'0" 199 Sr), Bo DeLande (6'0" 184 So), Marcus Williams (5'10" 202 Sr), KC Christian (5'11" 209 Jr), Spencer Smith (6'2" 225 So), Jermil Martin (6'0" 227 rFr, PS#193) and James Georgiades (6'1" 240 rFr). They add in 3 VHT's. It's always tough to replace a #1DC but I like the talent of this group and with the speedy Saine (OH record 10.38 100M) finally living up to his VHT billing in the spring they might not drop as far as you would expect.

**RECEIVERS** - Buckeye WR's combined for an amazing three #1 DC's in Santonio Holmes (PIT '06), Ted Ginn Jr (MIA '07) and Anthony Gonzalez (IND '07). The leading returnee was Brian Robiskie (383, 13.2 in '06) while Brian Hartline had 256 (15.1) and TE Rory Nicol had 151 (11.6). Robiskie had a fine '07 season with 935 (17.0) while Hartline added 694 (13.3). Ray Small (PS#14) was #3 (267, 13.4). Nicol had just 84 (5.2) as he split time with Jake Ballard (149, 11.5). Everyone re't'd in '08 but with more of a running attack, the numbers were down. Robiskie had just 535 (12.7) and Hartline added 479 (22.8). DeVier Posey (PS#4) had been compared to impact frosh AJ Green (Georgia) and Julio Jones (Ala) but he had just 117 (10.6). Ray Small had just 149 (8.3) while Dane Sanzenbacher (PS#106) added 272 (13.0). This year they lose Robiskie (13 st, #2DC CLE), Hartline (13 st, #4DC MIA) and Nicol (10 st). I think Tressel's recruiting class of '08 will emerge and despite being less exp they could put up better numbers.

**OFFENSIVE LINE** - In 2007 OSU had to replace 2.5 starters from the O-line but the unit paved the way for 196 ypg rush (4.6) while allowing just 19 sacks. All 5 starters started all

13. I feel those were the best stats of the decade as in '05 when they had similar stats, they benefitted from having a mobile QB in Troy Smith. Last year they had to replace 1 starter and I feel the unit underperformed as they avg'd 192 ypg (4.6) despite having a mobile QB like Pryor and a #1DC RB like Wells. This year they lose 1st Tm B10 LT Alex Boone (13 st, 3Y str), OG Steve Rehring (8 st, 3Y str) and OG Ben Person (9 st, 2Y str). C Jim Cordle was moved to LG after the USC game to make room for true frosh Mike Brewster (PS#3, L/10 st). Cordle was on the move again in the spring to RT as OSU is looking for quicker, more athletic OT's. All 5 projected starters are VHT's including Mich transfer Justin Boren (PS#11, 13 st '07). Despite the losses, the Buckeyes could put up better numbers.

**DEFENSIVE LINE** - In '05 OSU had to replace one starter but led the nation in rush D (73 ypg, 2.2). They had to replace both starting DE's in '06 but allowed 98 ypg (3.3) while the D had 38 sacks. In '07 they replaced 3 starters but surprisingly the inexperienced D-line allowed just 83 ypg (2.5) while recording 43 sacks. Last year they replaced the Big Ten DL of the Year in Vernon Gholston (#1DC) but had 7 of their top 8 back. They surprisingly allowed 110 (3.5) while the sack total topped to 28. This year they lose DT Nader Abdallah (9 st, 33 tkl, 6 tfl) but again have 7 of the top 8 back (7 VHT's, 7 st exp). This figures to be a much improved front, especially after 2008's disappointing numbers.

**LINEBACKERS** - OSU had the best LB corps in the country in '05 but had to replace all 3 starters in '06 including two #1 and a #3 DC. James Laurinaitis emerged and won the Nagurski Award in '06. All 3 starters were back in '07 and Laurinaitis won the Butkus Award. Last year they had to replace 1 starter (#7DC) but had 5 of their top 6 back. This time Laurinaitis won Big Ten Def POY and the Lott Trophy while Marcus Freeman was 2nd Tm B10. This year they lose Laurinaitis (13 st, 130 tkl, 2 int, 4 sk, #2DC STL) and Freeman (13 st, 84 tkl, 3.5 sk, #5DC CHI). The top 2 returnees were the #5 and #10 tacklers. They add in the NCAA's best LB class with PS#4, PS#7 and PS#9 true frosh and while this shapes up as a top-notch group, it won't be as strong without their top 2.

**DEFENSIVE BACKS** - Since 1997 the Buckeyes have had 7 #1DC DB's with 21 DB's drafted overall. In '06 they had to replace all 4 starters (#1, #3 and #4 DC's). Surprisingly the inexp group moved up to #12 with a 10-21 ratio. In '07 they had to replace 1st & 2nd Tm B10 starters and finished #13. The ratio (13-11) would have been stronger but FS Anderson Russell dropped at least 4 int. Last year the unit re't'd intact and Chimdi Chekwa beat out Donald Washington for one CB spot. Malcolm Jenkins was a player that opp OC's designed their gameplan around. The Bucks moved up to #9. This year they do lose their star in 1st Tm AA CB Jenkins (13 st, 57 tkl, 3 int, #1 DC NO) as well as Washington (2 st, 22 tkl, 1 int, #4DC KC) and CB Shaun Lane (27 tkl). Normally with 3 starters back you call a unit improved, but that is one less than '08 and without their star I'll call the unit down a notch.



FS Anderson Russell

**SPECIAL TEAMS** - OSU has recorded three #1 finishes in my ST rankings ('95, '98 and '04). Jim Tressel has been quoted as saying the punt is the most important play in football and holds scrimmages devoted exclusively to ST's in spring and Aug. In '07 they had to replace KR Ted Ginn Jr and avg just 17.7 on KR (#117 FBS) and they dropped to #41. Last year, as you would expect, they moved back to #5. They had 2 kickers with powerful legs in Ryan Pretorius (15-19 L/50) and Aaron Pettrey (7-8 L/54). Pettrey also had 13 TB on 74 KO, P AJ Trapasso avg 41.2 (net 38.0). Ray Small was the top PR (15.2) but the KR unit struggled again (19.2). This year they lose Trapasso and Pretorius. Even with those big losses, this should be another top-notch unit.

**COACHES** - In Jim Tressel's 2nd year, he won a Nat'l Championship becoming the first coach to win an NCAA Title at both the IAA and IA levels. He was the Coach of the Year in '02 and now enters his ninth season as does his OC Jim Bollman. Tressel was the first OSU coach to win four Big Ten Titles in his first seven years (5 in 8 yrs). The last four years they have used co-DC's in Jim Heacock and Luke Fickell. Heacock, who calls the def plays, won the Broyles Award as the NCAA's top asst in '07.

## PHIL'S FORECAST

Ohio St actually finished outside of the AP Top 25 for 3 straight years prior to '02. I rated Ohio St #7 in '02 which was far higher than almost every other source. I called them my #1 Surprise Team (darkhorse contender for the Nat'l Title). Only 2 other preseason magazines (besides mine) even picked OSU to win the Big Ten. OSU took home their first Nat'l Title since 1968 (Woody Hayes 3rd) when they defeated Miami. They became the first team in major college history to compile 14 wins in a season (7 by 7 or less). In '03 OSU had a chance to get to the Nat'l Title game but they lost to Mich. OSU finished #4 at 11-2 including a win over K-St in the Fiesta Bowl. In '04 the Bucks set a record for NFL DC's (14) with the prev high being 11. As expected, OSU stumbled to 8-4. OSU only had 2 losses in '05 (both close). Despite being -9 in TO's they finished #4. In '06 OSU lost an amazing 5 #1 DC's. They opened the season #1 and stayed there the entire year including their epic battle vs #2 Mich. They outscored B10 foes by 26.6 ppg. Troy Smith became the 7th Buckeye to win the Heisman. They had 51 days off prior to playing Florida in the Nat'l Title game and were outgained 370-82. In '07 they had to replace Smith, their top RB and top rec. They were just #11 in the preseason AP poll but moved to #1 at 7-0 and stayed for 4 weeks. With Mich on deck, they lost at Ill and fell to #7 and it appeared Nat'l Title hopes were gone. After beating Mich on the road 14-3 and having almost every other team in contention lose, OSU got back to the Title game vs LSU where they dropped to 0-9 vs the SEC in bowls. Last year OSU had 19 ret starters, the most ever for a team that played in the BCS Title game. They did have just 3 starts lost to inj in '07 and did not have that same fortune in '08 as RB Beanie Wells was inj'd in the opener and missed 3 incl USC. After burying YSU, the Bucks, without Wells, actually trailed Ohio 14-12 late 3Q. They dropped from #3 to #5 when they travelled to USC. They had a 177-172 yd edge at half vs USC but had a TD called back, missed a FG and gave up an IR TD and trailed 21-3 before failing to show up in the 2H. They suffered a hangover vs Troy (outgained 315-309) but Terrelle Pryor, in his first start threw 4 TD passes. They led Minn 27-6 after 3Q's (2 garbage TD). They trailed Wisc but Pryor's 11 yd TD run with 1:08 left gave them a 20-17 win. Purdue outgained them at home 298-222 but OSU won by 13. OSU destroyed Mich St 45-7 on the road but with the Big Ten Title at stake at home, they lost by 7 at night to Penn St. With Pryor and Wells now acclimated they blew out their final 3 foes including Mich (schl rec 5th str win over UM) by an avg of 26.7 ppg and landed in the Fiesta Bowl vs #3 Texas. It was their 4th Fiesta Bowl in 7 years. After being #1 in ypg in B10 play for 3 straight years (+158.8 in '05, +149.3 in '06, +151.8 in '07), the Bucks were +54.1 ypg (5th best). They finished #9, their 4th straight Top 10 finish but benefitted from +16 in TO's and had favorable ypg's on both sides (pg 299). Despite some heavy losses in the NFL draft, OSU has a great shot of at least a share of their 5th straight Big Ten Title (most S/72-77, 6 st) and their HG on Sept 12th vs USC will determine if they are a National Title contender.

## OFFENSE

JERSEY #  
IN RED

## 2009 PROJECTED STARTING LINEUP

JERSEY #  
IN RED

## DEFENSE

**QB 2 TERRELLE PRYOR SR.** 6-6 235 PS#1. 10 st, 1311 (61%), 12-4 ratio, 631 rush, B10 Frosh POY. 14 Joe Bauseman (6'2" 220 So) PS#59. 5 gm, hit 3 of 6, 16 rush rFr.  
**RB 3 Brandon Saine Jr.** 6-1 217 PS#2. 1st, 11 gm, 267 (4.4) true. 12 gm, 65 (2.5) LY. 1 Dan Herron (5'10" 193 So) PS#44. 2 st, 11 gm (inj), 439 (4.9) rFr. Jaamal Berry is PS#7.  
**WR 82 Ray Small Sr.** 5-11 180 PS#14. 4st, 484 (10.5), 45PR (11.5) 3Y. Llamaar Thomas (5'11" 186 So) PS#9. 10 gm, 4 rec true. FB 49 Adam Homan (6'4" 235 Fr) PS#53. IFS.  
**WR 12 DANE SANZENBACHER JR.** 5-11 175 PS#106. 2 st, 361 (11.0) 2Y. Duron Carter is PS#33. Chris Fields is PS#24. 6 Grant Schwartz (6'0" 194 Jr) PS#116. Spec Tms L2Y.  
**WR 8 DeVier Posey So.** 6-3 205 PS#4. 12 gm, 117 (10.6) true. 5 Taurian Washington (6'2" 179 Jr) PS#19. 3 rec 2Y. James Jackson is PS#30. 81 Ricky Crawford (6'2" 215 Jr). DNP LY.  
**TE 86 Jake Ballard Sr.** 6-6 256 PS#6. 1 st, 2 rec true. 4st, 149 (11.5) '07. 6 st, 73 (14.6) LY. 11 Jake Stoneburner (6'5" 230 rFr) PS#41. 8 Nic DiLillo (6'5" 237 rFr) PS#22.  
**C 50 MIKE BREWSTER SO.** 6-5 296 PS#3. 10 st, 1st Tm Frosh AA true. 66 Andrew Moses (6'3" 280 Sr). 14 gm 3Y. Scott Sikka (6'2" 280 Jr). 1 gm LY. LS Jake McQuaide (6'2" 219 Jr).  
**RG 70 BRYANT BROWNING JR.** 6-4 312 PS#39. 13 gm rFr. 13 st @RT LY. Jack Mewhort is PS#29. 68 Evan Blankenship (6'3" 290 So) PS#73. 68 Zach Slagle (6'1" 297 Jr) 2 gm 2Y.  
**LG 85 Justin Boren Jr.** 6-3 315 PS#11. Mich trans. 1 st, 5 gm true. 13 st, HMB10 '07. Trans LY. 77 Connor Smith (6'4" 321 Jr) PS#6. 13 gm rFr. 11 gm (inj) LY. Corey Linsley PS#23.  
**RT 64 JIM CORDLE SR.** 6-4 297 PS#24. 5 gm rFr. 13 st C '07. 12 (9LG, 3 C) LY.  
**76 JB Shugarts (6'8" 298 So) PS#9.** 7 gm as true. 73 Josh Kerr (6'4" 286 Jr) PS#44. 1 gm 2Y.  
**LT 75 Mike Adams So.** 6-8 322 PS#6. 5 gm (inj) true. 55 Andrew Miller (6'6" 279 Jr) PS#49. 14 gm 2Y. Marcus Hall (6'5" 300 Fr) PS#5. 57 Chris Malone (6'1" 268 Jr) PS#507.  
**K 20 Aaron Pettrey Sr.** 6-2 199 PS#36. 8-11, L51 rFr. 14 KO in '07. 7-8FG, L54 LY.  
**17 Ben Buchanan (6'0" 200 rFr) PS#3.** 12 Devin Barclay (5'11" 195 Jr). Former pro soccer player.

**DE 97 CAMERON HEYWARD JR.** 6-6 287 PS#28. 20 st, 69 tkl, 14.5 tfl 2Y. 9 Rob Rose (6'5" 285 Sr) PS#10. 4 st, 21 tkl, 8 tfl 3Y. John Simon PS#20. Keith Wells (6'5" 210 So) PS#45. 3 gm true.  
**DT 84 DOUG WORTHINGTON SR.** 6-6 276 PS#12. 22 st, 61 tkl, 7 tfl 3Y. 53 Garrett Goebel (6'5" 280 rFr) PS#14. Willie Mobley (6'3" 265 rFr) PS#12. Solomon Thomas (6'5" 240 So) PS#34. 3 tkl rFr.  
**DT 72 Dexter Larimore Jr.** 6-2 300 PS#80. 1 st, 16 tkl, 5.5 tfl rFr. 2 st, 15 tkl, 3.5 tfl LY. Todd Denlinger (6'2" 292 Sr) PS#23. 5 st, 17 tkl 2Y. 2 st, 7 tkl LY. Tom Ingham (6'1" 243 Sr). 3 gm 2Y.  
**DE 90 THADDEUS GIBSON JR.** 6-2 240 PS#8. 10 st, 37 tkl, 12 tfl 2Y. 87 Lawrence Wilson (6'4" 274 Sr) PS#52. 36 tkl 4Y. Med RS '07. ACL LY. Nathan Williams (6'3" 245 So) PS#27. 18 tkl true.  
**SLB 26 Tyler Moeller Jr.** 6-0 216 PS#70. 2 st, 23 gm, 18 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y. Storm Klein is PS#7. NB 7 Jermale Hines (6'2" 210 Jr) PS#25. 6 st, 34 tkl 2Y. Tony Jackson (5'11" 227 So).  
**MLB 38 Austin Spitzer Sr.** 6-3 234 PS#119. 7 tkl, 13 gm rFr. 26 tkl, 2.5 tfl, 13 gm '07. 9 gm (inj), 11 tkl LY. 6 Etienne Sabino (6'3" 232 So) PS#7. 6 tkl true. Dorian Bell is PS#4.  
**WLB 51 ROSS HOMAN JR.** 6-0 229 PS#14. 28 tkl true. RS '07. 6 st, 67 tkl, 6 tfl LY.  
**36 Brian Roloff (5'11" 221 Jr) PS#26.** 39 tkl, 3 tfl 2Y. 42 Andrew Sweat (6'2" 220 So) PS#13. 5 tkl true.  
**CB 5 CHIMDI CHEKWA JR.** 6-0 188 PS#130. 13 gm, 30 tkl, 10 pd rFr. 2 st, 30 tkl, 5 pd LY.  
**18 Travis Howard (6'1" 180 rFr) PS#86.** 30 Donnie Evege (5'11" 189 So) PS#29. Taylor Rice (5'11" 171 rFr).  
**CB 13 Andre Amos Sr.** 6-1 183 PS#59. 9 tkl rFr. 3 tkl '07. 1 gm LY, (inj). 10 Devon Torrence (6'1" 193 Jr) PS#43. 4 rec true. 10 tkl LY. Corey Brown is PS#15. CJ Barnett is PS#25.  
**5 KURT COLEMAN SR.** 5-11 188 PS#17. 9 tkl true. 13 st, 78 tkl, 9 pd.  
**2nd Tm B10 20 Nate Oliver (6'0" 215 So) PS#23.** 8 tkl rFr. Zach Domicono (6'3" 215 rFr) PS#25.  
**21 ANDERSON RUSSELL SR.** 6-0 205 PS#168. 17 st, 79 tkl 2Y. 13 st, 67 tkl LY. 8 Aaron Gant (6'0" 194 Sr) PS#307. 23 tkl 3Y. Orrian Johnson (6'2" 178 rFr) PS#101. Rocco Pentello (6'0" 194 So).  
**P 17 Ben Buchanan rFr.** 6-0 200 PS#3. Recruited for PK, punts and KOs. 48 Jon Thoma (6'2" 201 Sr) PS#86. 1 gm as holder rFr. 1 punt (13.0) '07. 2 punts (27.5, L32 LY).

## TOP NEWCOMERS FOR 2009

LB Dorian Bell 6-1 220 PS#4  
OL Marcus Hall 6-3 300 PS#5  
RB Jaamal Berry 5-11 195 PS#7  
DB Jamie Wood 6-2 190 PS#14  
DL Melvin Follows 6-5 235 PS#15  
DB Corey Brown 6-1 185 PS#15  
LB Storm Klein 6-3 225 PS#7  
DL John Simon 6-3 265 PS#20  
LB Jordan Whiting 6-0 235 PS#9  
DB CJ Barnett 6-0 180 PS#25  
OL Corey Linsley 6-4 275 PS#23  
WR Chris Fields 6-1 185 PS#24  
OL Jack Mewhort 6-7 290 PS#29  
WR James Jackson 5-11 175 PS#30  
LB Duron Carter 6-2 190 PS#33  
DB Dominic Clarke 5-11 180 PS#47  
RB Jordan Hall 5-10 190 PS#48  
RB Carlos Hyde 6-1 230 PS#48  
RB Adam Homan 6-4 235 PS#53  
OL Sam Longo 6-6 280 PS#47  
TE Field Frugal 6-7 280 PS#13  
LB Zach Boren 6-1 255 PS#46  
DL Jonathan Newsome 6-3 230 PS#69  
DL Adam Bellamy 6-4 280 PS#89  
QB Kenny Guiton 6-3 180 PS#16

# OHIO STATE BUCKEYES

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JIM TRESSEL (Career 83-19) (RS 135-57-2)  
9th Year at Ohio St Tressel's Bowl Record: 4-4

Date	Opponent	Turf	Line	Final Score		W
				OSU	Opp	
Sep. 5	Navy	A				
Sep. 12	USC	A				
Sep. 19	† Toledo (Cleveland)	G				
Sep. 26	Illinois	A				
Oct. 3	at Indiana	A				
Oct. 10	Wisconsin	A				
Oct. 17	at Purdue	G				
Oct. 24	Minnesota (HC)	A				
Oct. 31	New Mexico St	A				
Nov. 7	at Penn St	G				
Nov. 14	Iowa	A				
Nov. 21	at Michigan	A				
Nov. 28						
Dec. 5						

**CAREER PASSING LEADERS**  
1. Art Schlichter 7,547 '78-'81  
2. Bobby Hoying 7,232 '92-'95  
3. Joe Germaine 6,370 '96-'98

**CAREER RUSHING LEADERS**  
1. Archie Griffin 5,589 '72-'75  
2. Eddie George 3,768 '92-'95  
3. Tim Spencer 3,553 '79-'82

**CAREER RECEIVING LEADERS**  
1. Michael Jenkins 2,898 '00-'03  
2. David Boston 2,855 '96-'98  
3. Gary Williams 2,792 '79-'82

Ohio St has won 30 straight home openers by an avg of 21 ppg. Last loss was vs Penn St (78). OSU is 3-0 vs Navy with the last meeting the '81 Liberty Bowl (W 31-28). OSU led 3-0 & trailed 14-3 before USC int TD. OSU had 141 games TD streak snapped. Coming into '09, OSU is 46-1 at home vs non-conf (only loss vs #2 Texas '05). Ohio St is 12-2 vs Purdue but just 2-2 in the last 4 in West Lafayette. Toledo home game in Cleveland. Rockets are 5-12 vs current Big Ten tms all-time. Ohio St is 9-3 vs UI but were ranked #1 in last meeting at home (28-21 loss in '07). Pryor & Wells each topped 110 yds rush LY & OSU allowed a reg ssn high 455 yds. Ohio St has beaten Indiana 14 straight & has won the last 5 by an avg of 30 ppg. The Buckeyes have won a school record 15 straight Big Ten road games. Wisconsin is the only team to beat Ohio St 3 times this decade ('01, '03 & '04). OSU went 80/12pl & Pryor scored on an 11 yd run with 1:08 left for the 20-17 win LY. Ohio St is 12-2 vs Purdue but just 2-2 in the last 4 in West Lafayette. LY OSU was held w/o an offensive TD & was outgained 298-222 in the 16-3 win. Ohio St is 18-3 since 1965 vs the Gophers in Columbus (only loss in '00). Last year OSU led 34-6 before allowing 2 TD's in the last 8:24. Tressel said, "We got sloppy." First meeting, OSU has beaten all 3 WAC foes by an avg of 42-9 (last was San Jose St in '02). NMSt has dropped 16 straight to BCS teams by an avg of 44-12. Ohio St leads series 10-6 since PSU joined the Big Ten. OSU is 3-5 at PSU but won 2 of last 3. OSU was held to 14 FD's LY in front of record home crowd (105,711). The Buckeyes have won 10 of 11 including 5 straight at home in this series. Ohio St has either lost or gone to OT in 5 of the last 8 prior to Michigan. OSU is now 7-1 vs UM under Tressel with a school record 5 game win streak. LY's 42-7 win was the 3rd largest win margin for OSU in this series (38 pts '35 & 36 pts '68).

**Tressel's records AT OHIO STATE**  
83-19 Straight Up 8-7 Vs Top 10  
50-6 Home 28-13 Vs Top 25  
28-9 Away 12-7 Vs BCS Teams  
5-4 Neutral 6-7 Off A Bye  
52-12 Vs Conference 13-2 Off A Loss

**2008 RECORD:** (10-3)  
**RETURNING STARTERS:** OFFENSE: 5\* DEFENSE: 7  
**LETTERMEN:**

**Returning:** 38 (18,17,3)  
**Lost:** 24 (14,8,2)

**2008 AVERAGE ATTENDANCE:** 104,976 (#3)  
**BIG TEN**



RB Dan Herron

**STADIUM: OHIO STADIUM (102,329) (#3)  
PLAYING SURFACE: ARTIFICIAL (FieldTurf)**

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	9Yr Total
<b>Straight Up</b>	8-4	7-5	14-0	11-2	8-4	10-2	12-1	11-2	10-3	91-23
<b>Home</b>	4-2	4-2	8-0	8-0	5-1	6-1	7-0	6-1	6-1	54-8
<b>Away</b>	4-1	3-2	4-0	2-2	2-3	3-1	5-0	5-0	4-1	32-10
<b>Neutral</b>	0-1	0-1	2-0	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	0-1	5-5
<b>vs Conf</b>	5-3	5-3	8-0	6-2	4-4	7-1	8-0	7-1	7-1	57-15
<b>vs Non-Conf</b>	3-1	2-2	6-0	5-0	4-0	3-1	4-1	4-1	3-2	34-8
<b>ATS</b>	5-7	5-7	8-6	5-7-1	7-5	9-3	9-4	7-5	6-6	61-50-1
<b>Home Fav</b>	2-4	2-3	7-1	3-4-1	3-2	5-2	5-2	3-3	1-4	31-25-1
<b>Home Dog</b>	0-0-0	0-1	0-0	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-1	1-2
<b>Away Favorite</b>	3-1	2-1	0-4	1-2	1-2	3-1	3-1	4-1	4-0	21-13
<b>Away Dog</b>	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-1	1-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	0-1	3-5
<b>Neutral</b>	0-1	0-1	1-1	1-0	1-0	1-0	0-1	0-1	1-0	5-5
<b>vs Conf</b>	3-5	5-3	3-5	3-4-1	4-4	7-1	6-2	5-3	5-3	41-30-1
<b>vs Non-Conf</b>	2-2	0-4	5-1	2-3	3-1	2-2	3-2	2-2	1-3	20-20
<b>Off SU Win</b>	3-5	2-5	7-6	2-7-1	4-3	7-2	8-4	6-5	5-5	44-42-1
<b>Off SU Loss</b>	1-2	3-1	0-0	2-0	2-2	1-1	0-0	1-0	1-1	11-7



YR	BOWL/TM RANK	LINE	OPPONENT	SCORE	LAST 5 BOWL GAMES
04	Alamo - #24	+3'	Oklahoma St	33-7	
05	Fiesta - #4	-4'	Notre Dame - #5	34-20	Ohio St's All-Time Bowl Record 18-22
06	BCS Championship - #1	-7	Florida - #2	14-41	
07	BCS Championship - #1	+3'	LSU - #2	24-38	
08	Fiesta - #10	+8'	Texas - #3	21-24	

**2008 STATISTICAL LEADERS**

RUSHING	ATT	GAIN	LOST	NET	TD	AVG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT	
Chris Wells	207	1242	45	1197	8	5.8	James Laurinaitis	130	4	3	4	2	
Terrelle Pryor	139	853	222	631	6	4.5	Marcus Freeman	84	3	6	4	0	
Dan Herron	89	452	13	439	6	4.9	Kurt Coleman	78	1	3	5	4	
Maurice Wells	39	139	10	129	0	3.3	Ross Homan	67	1	5	1	0	
Brandon Saine	26	73	8	65	1	2.5	Anderson Russell	67	0	0	3	2	
Joe Bauserman	3	16	0	16	0	5.3	Malcolm Jenkins	57	1	3	9	3	
Todd Boeckman	23	58	50	8	0	0.3	Cameron Heyward	36	3	1	5	1	
Todd Boeckman	93	57	61.3	620	5	2	Nader Abdallah	33	1	5	4	0	
Joe Bauserman	6	3	50.0	22	0	0	Jermale Hines	31	0	2	3	0	
RECEIVING	REC	YDS	AVG	TD	LONG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT		
Brian Robiskie	42	535	12.7	8	48	Chimdi Chekwa	30	0	0	4	1		
Brian Hartline	21	479	22.8	4	56	Shaun Lane	27	0	0	1	0		
Dane Sanzenbacher	21	272	13.0	1	53	Thaddeus Gibson	26	5	4	1	0		
Ray Small	18	149	8.3	0	23	Donald Washington	22	0	0	1	1		
DeVier Posey	11	117	10.6	1	25	Brian Rolle	21	0	0	1	1		
Brandon Smith	8	79	9.9	0	21	Nathan Williams	18	2	2	0	0		
Jake Ballard	5	73	14.6	0	25	Lawrence Wilson	18	1	1	5	2		
Rory Nicol	6	60	10.0	2	22	Tyler Moeller	18	0	3	0	0		
PUNTING	NO	YDS	AVG	FC	BLK	INT	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT	
AJ Trappaso	58	2390	41.2	14	38.0	(t) 0	21	Ray Small	24	364	15.2	1	
KICKING	XP	1-29	30-39	40-49	50+	TOTAL	LONG	PLAYER	TKL	SKS	TFL	PBU	INT
Ryan Pretorius	38-39	8-8	5-6	1-3	1-2	15-50	50	Lamar Thomas	16	345	21.6	0	
Aaron Pettrey	1-1	0-0	1-1	4-4	2-3	7-8	54	Brandon Saine	8	141	17.6	0	

**OFFENSE - LAST 7 YEARS - DEFENSE**

RET	OFF	TOTAL	OFF	OFF	PASS	%	SKS	TOTAL	RET	DEF	TOTAL	DEF	DEF	DEF	PASS	%	DEF	SKS
STS	PTS	OFF	RUSH	YPC	PASS	YPP	VS	TURN	STS	PTS	DEF	RUSH	YPC	DEF	PASS	YPP	BY	BY
10*	27.6	343	192	4.6	150	59.9	12.4	29 +16	2008	9	13.9	294	110	3.5	184	57.5	21.1	28
5	31.4	394	196	4.6	197	63.9	12.5	19 -3	2007	6	12.8	233	83	2.5	150	53.2	18.2	43
7*	34.6	385	170	4.6	215	65.0	11.1	19 +9	2006	2	12.8	280	98	3.3	182	58.3	22.0	38
9*	32.7	422	197	4.7	226	64.9	12.9	18 -9	2005	9	15.2	281	73	2.2	208	60.7	18.4	44
5	24.2	321	145	4.0	175	53.5	13.3	23 -1	2004	4	18.3	332	130	3.5	202	55.8	18.2	24
8*	24.8	332	126	3.3	206	56.8	13.4	33 +1	2003	6	17.6	297	62	2.0	235	57.9	16.9	37
5	29.3	364	191	4.3	173	61.8	12.4	32 +13	2002	7	13.1	321	78	2.6	243	57.7	24.5	40

OSU 2008 ATT	OPPONENT	OFFENSE					2008 STATS BY GAME					DEFENSE				
		FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	VS	FD	Rush-YDS	AVG	CO-ATT	YDS	SKS	TURN	
105,011	Youngstown St	24	43-251	5.8	21-31	244	1	5	21-(11)	-0.5	12-18	85	2	0		
105,002	Ohio	17	40-162	4.1	16-28	110	3	15	31-145	4.7	12-34	109	1	+4		
93,607	at USC	15	34-71	2.1	21-30	136	5	21	32-164	5.1	18-30	184	1	-2		
102,989	Troy	17	42-170	4.0	10-17	139	1	15	23-97	4.2	30-43	218	2	+1		
105,175	Minnesota	21	37-279	7.5	13-22	135	2	18	28-81	2.9	23-36	187	1	+2		
81,608	at Wisconsin	17	40-183	4.6	13-19	144	4	19	39-179	4.6	13-25	147	2	0		
105,378	Purdue	14	42-125	3.0	10-14	97	3	18	26-70	2.7	23-51	228	2	+2		
77,360	at Michigan St	18	52-216	4.2	7-11	116	2	14	21-52	2.5	23-39	188	3	+5		
105,711	Penn St	14	31-61	2.0	16-28	226	1	18	37-160	4.3	12-20	121	1	-2		
47,130	at Northwestern	23	45-244	5.4	9-16	197	1	20	43-117	2.7	18-27	177	4	+3		
62,870	at Illinois	16	52-305	5.9	6-10	49	0	25	35-214	6.1	20-34	241	2	+1		
105,564	Michigan	13	43-232	5.4	8-16	184	3	11	41-111	2.7	8-25	87	3	+1		
72,047	† Texas	21	39-203	5.2	10-25	176	3	33	29-54	1.9	41-58	414	4	+1		
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>230</b>	<b>540-2502</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>160-267</b>	<b>1953</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>406-1433</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>253-440</b>	<b>2386</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>+16</b>		
<b>AVERAGES</b>		<b>17.7</b>	<b>42-192</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>12-21</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>31-110</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>19-34</b>	<b>184</b>	<b>6.4%</b>	<b>1.2</b>		

OSU Pre #9	2004 RESULTS	Post #20	OSU Pre #6	2005 RESULTS	Post #4	OSU Pre #1	2006 RESULTS	Post #2	OSU Pre #11	2007 RESULTS	Post #5	OSU Pre #2	2008 RESULTS	Post #9	
Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Rank	Opponent	Line	Score	Rank	Opponent	Line	Score
#9	Cincinnati	-14	27-6	#6	Miami, Oh	-15	34-14	#1	N Illinois	-17	35-12	#11	Youngstown St	NL	38-6
#9	Marshall	-16'	24-2												