All-Time All-Star Teams
Ohio State University

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Andrew Novacek '20
Gomer Jones '34
Center
Dean Trott '21
Joseph Gaitus '33
Guard
Edwin Hess '26
Regis Monahan '34
Guard
Iolas Huffman '26
Lloyd Pixley '20
Tackle
Theodore Rosequist '33
Leo Raskowski '28
Tackle
Wesley Fesler '20
Boyd Cherry '14
End
Charles Bolen '17
Merk Wendt '31
End
Howard Vergus '17
Noel Workman '21
Quarter
Harry Workman '21
Samuel Willman '13
Back
Gasford Stinchcomb '21
Carl Cramer '32
Back
Charles Bolen '26
Martin Karow '26
Back

Rising in gaunt grandeur from the marshy flats of the Olentangy, Ohio State's multi-decked Stadium thrusts its concrete tower skyward, an enduring memorial to the Scarlet and Gray football players whose achievements prompted the public interest which made possible this modern counterpart of the Roman Coliseum. Prior to 1912 Ohio State was a minor football power but with the advent of John Wilce as head coach it gained a rapid climb which culminated in the Big Ten championships of 1916, 1917 and 1920.

Today the Buckeyes stand on the threshold of a span of gridiron fame such as they have never known before. Under the progressive stewardship of Francis Schmidt, whose scheme of football is as wide open as the Texas plains where he formerly taught, Ohio is ready to submerge rivals under a flood of lateral or forwards or both.

Just as Michigan had its Heston, Chicago its Eckersall and Illinois its Grange, so Ohio State has its Chic Harley—a triple threat back worthy to be ranked in that select company. In gridiron argot, Harley was one sweet halfback.” Like Heston, Harley could gather top speed in a few strides. He was a better defensive player than Grange and almost as elusive with the ball. Chic’s speciality was running back kick-offs for touchdowns. His throwing arm ranks with the whips of Gipp and Wyman and his ability to place his kicks pulled the Buckeyes out of many a tight corner.

Marty Karow was, perhaps, the best fullback ever to wear Ohio livery, but no all-time Buckeye backfield would look right without Yerges, Workman and Stinchcomb ranged alongside Harley. For all-around team value, powerful Hoge Workman was unsurpassed. He could punt 60 yards, place-kick accurately and had the deadliest flat pass ever seen in Ohio Stadium. “Pete” Stinchcomb, who hated his Christian name Gaylord, rivalled Harley as open field-runner. A superb receiver of passes, Pete could pick ’em out of the air and distance pursuers with a sudden speed burst. In 1920, Stinchcomb scored two touchdowns on Wisconsin with 5 minutes to go.

Howard Vergus, cagey pilot of the 1916 champions, takes the quarter-back baton by a narrow margin from Noel Workman who skippered the 1920 title winners.

Iolas Huffman heads the big parade of Ohio State tackles with giant Ted Rosequist and Leo Raskowski close on his heels. Regis Monahan was equally good at either tackle or guard. Huffman’s forte was blocking punts. He won the 1920 Michigan game by smothering Steketee’s kick. Yest rated Dean Trott with his own Benbrook as the best Big Ten guards he ever saw. Eddie Hess and Joe Gaitus were even more dynamic blockers than Trott.

Great centers have been few and far between at Ohio State. None could compare with Andy Nemeczek, a raw-loned, wolf-hound of a man, who snapped the ball for the Buckeye champions in 1920.

Wesley Fesler was Ohio State’s Oosterbaan, a marvel at searing touchdown passes and a flash down under kicks. On attack he dropped back to punt or to carry the ball on end-around plays. Fesler’s pleasing personality earned him a post at Harvard.

Charlie Bolen was the Buckeye’s best placekicker bet until Fesler came along. This big, rough, interference crasher was as shifty as a cat on his feet. He could throw passes as deftly as he caught them. Merle Wendt came with a rush last fall and may be the ace of Big Ten ends this year.

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Past OSU Greats: Where Are They Now?

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"People remember you if you played football at Ohio State—especially if you pursue a career in Ohio. The relationship with OSU football is very positive."
—Bill Long

"Ninety percent of the people I run across are OSU people. I picked up a pretty darn good education at OSU, and the will to succeed."
—Jim Houston

The players who gave their best to OSU football didn’t leave the field empty-handed. They took with them the discipline and drive that also means success outside the stadium. The invaluable lessons ingrained in these past OSU greats is reflected in their achievements.
Family Football

In many cases, the qualities necessary to excel in competitive sports and lifestyles are found in more than one member of a family. The 1944 all-America William G. Hackett and his son William J. Hackett played under different coaches. Paul Brown and Woody Hayes. They played different positions. William G. was a guard and William J. was linebacker. What they did the same was play on a National Championship Team. OSU's first championship team, in 1942, set a season scoring record that stood until 1969, when William J. played.

William G., a four-year letterman and doctor of veterinary medicine, was one of the driving forces that started the Cincinnati Bengals Inc. Today he is a minority owner and consultant to Biofirm, Inc., and maintains an office in the family's hometown of London.

William J. 1967-69 letterman, says he grew up with and wanted to be a part of OSU football. After working for the Ohio Youth Commission for a few years, William J. went to work as a sales manager for Old Fort Industries in Ft. Wayne, Indiana.

Richard Logan, all-Big Ten and honorable mention all-America in 1950, scored one point in his career at OSU. That might not sound like a fantastic feat—except that he was a lineman. In the 1950 Iowa game, OSU was leading by such a large margin that coach Wes Fesler agreed to let Logan play end. Instead of kicking for an extra point, Vic Janowicz completed a pass to Logan.

Today, Logan is owner of Logan Sports Inc. in North Canton. He still travels to Columbus to attend all OSU home games. In September, he became a proud grandfather, when his son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Dena Logan, had a daughter, Katie.

When Jeff Logan was old enough to walk, Richard says, he accompanied his father to see the midget league football team he coached. Later, Richard coached his son when he joined the team. All the good advice paid off because in 1978, tailback fullback Jeff Logan, who set several rushing records for OSU, made Academic all-America.

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Les Horvath

Jett, who played for one year with the Baltimore Colts, said "Professional football bores me. It’s not the same game. We had so much fun playing at OSU, and everything was so first-class. Pro football actually was a step down."

The Logans were the second father-son team to play under Woody Hayes. The first is another well-known combination: Howard "Hopalong" and son Craig Cassady.

Howard Cassady, all-America and Heisman Trophy winner, set season rushing, passing, receiving, scoring and total offense records in his OSU days from 1952-55. He also had a career record of 42 kickoff returns.

Craig Cassady, who played defensive halfback from 1972-75, tied with Mike Sensabaugh for the single-season interception record: nine in 1975. He had three interceptions in one game that year against Michigan State. Craig, 28, played for the New Orleans Saints until 1979, when he became a stock broker for Merrill Lynch.

Other members of the OSU football family include brothers Lindell and Jim Houston. Lindell Houston was all-America in 1942, when he played for Ohio State’s first national champ-

ionship team. He was coached by Paul Brown on his high school team, at OSU and during the eight years he played for the Cleveland Browns. In that time, the Browns won seven out of 10 championships, and were runners-up three times.

Lindell joined the Sharon, Penn. Steel Corp. 28 years ago, and at 61 is now a district manager in North Canton. He was enshrined into the Summit County Hall of Fame in October, and is a member of the Hall of Fame Club in Canton. He and his wife, Edna Mae, have four children and seven grandchildren. "We hope there are a few football players in the bunch," he said.

Seventeen years after Lindell left OSU, his brother Jim showed up on Woody’s field as an end. And he wasn’t about to let big brother show him up. In 1958 and 1959, Jim was all-America, Most Valuable Player and all-Big Ten. He was team captain in 1958 and played a college career total of 1600 minutes.

Jim played with the Cleveland Browns from 1960 until 1972, then worked as a Browns scout for two years. After retiring from the organization, he bought Portage Machine Company, which he sold recently. For the last 18 years, he also has worked for Midwestern National Insurance.

Jim, 45, and his wife Barbara have five children. His oldest son, who graduated from OSU this year, played tight end for two years until he was injured.

Great Teams
Of Individuals

Every five years, the team of ’42—OSU’s first national championship team—gets together for a reunion. This year they celebrated their 40th reunion, thanks to the efforts of Robin Frayd, Wilbur Schneider, and Gene Fekete. For the first time, every living member of that team was able to attend this year.

"Wilbur Schneider, owner of Schneider Insurance Agency, still attends OSU games regularly. He is an active member of the Ernie Godfrey chapter of the National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame. He has served two terms on the Gahanna school board and is a member of the boards of trustees of Alpha Gamma Rho fraternity and Stryker Village retirement home.”

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Gene Fekete, who played one year at OSU before enlisting in the Army, was invited to be in the Chicago All-Star game in 1944. He played for the Cleveland Browns in 1946 before returning to OSU in 1947, when he received his degree in education.

In his one year on the OSU team, he led the Big Ten in season scoring and rushing, set a place-kicking record and ended the season with 92 points as a sophomore. "I never had the privilege of experiencing my final two years at Ohio State—much to my chagrin," he said.

He was an assistant coach to Wes Hesler for two years and with Woody Hayes for eight. He coached high school football in Columbus and was a school administrator for many years. Fekete also was general manager at Worthington Hills Country Club until retiring this September.

The Most Valuable Player of the '42 team, Chuck Csuri, is in his 36th year of teaching at OSU as a professor of art education and computer science. Chuck was an all-America in 1942 and team captain in 1943. He is now executive vice president of Cranston/Csuri Productions, a high-technology company. He also is a board member of the Franklin County Association for the Developmentally Disabled.

Bill Willis, who played tackle in 1942, '43 and '44, and was all-America and all-Big Ten, has been director of the Ohio Department of Youth Services since 1963. He is a member of both the College Football and Professional Halls of Fame and still attends every OSU home game.

Willis, 61, was one of the first inductees into the OSU Sports Hall of Fame, and played for the Cleveland Browns for eight years. He served as assistant commissioner of recreation for the city of Cleveland for ten years, before joining ODYS in 1963.

Another standout from the same teams that Bill Willis played for is all-America and Heisman Trophy winner Les Horvath. Les came all the way...
from Los Angeles for the recent '42 team reunion, where he is a practicing dentist.

All-America and all-Big Ten pick Robert Shaw has worked the last three years as an Ohio scout for the N.Y. Yankees. After leaving college to enter the military in 1944, Shaw played professional football for Los Angeles and the Canadian league. He was an assistant coach in the NFL for 10 years, for San Francisco, New Orleans, Chicago and Buffalo. He was head coach for several Canadian teams over a nine-year spread.

Warren Anling, all-America guard in 1945, all-America tackle and team captain in 1946, and all-Big Ten in basketball in 1947, is practicing veterinary medicine with J. Sawyer Company in London, Ohio. Warren, 57, is a member of the Ohio State Football Hall of Fame. Watching OSU and Bengals football, golfing, and "enjoying the grandchildren," are his favorite pastimes.

Aurelius Thomas, all-America in 1957 and all-Big Ten in 1956 and '57, went on to play for the Pittsburgh Steelers, then turned to coaching and teaching in Columbus Public Schools. He was selected Central Ohio Coach of the Year in 1964 with an undefeated city championship East High team. For the past 17 years, he has been owner of A. Thomas and Associates representing New York Life.

Dan Frank, who was all-Big Ten honorable mention in 1958 as a center, now is vice president of the Ohio Company. He also is the president of the Columbus chapter of the Ohio CPA Society, serves on the board of

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Three former outstanding Buckeye linemen: Dan Frank, Frank Machinsky and John Hicks.

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directors of Rob Evans Farms, and was on the board of trustees of the University Club for several years.

Right halfback Bob Klein today is group vice president of Worthington Industries where he has been on the board of directors since 1976. Bob, a three-year letterman in both football and baseball, is second in OSU single season kickoff returns for his part in the Northwestern game of 1962. He may be best known for his 80-yard touchdown pass reception against Michigan in 1961.

Quarterback and three-year letterman Bill Long is now director of Legislative Affairs for Nationwide Insurance Company. Long knew Earle Bruce back in the late '60s when the latter was an assistant coach under Woody Hayes, and he now helps Earle recruit new players.

Former defensive halfback Ted "Trec'" Provost, who was all-America in 1969 and all-Big Ten in 1968 and '69, is a building contractor for Provost Construction Company in Columbus. Ted ranks third among all Buckeyes in career interceptions. After graduating from OSU with a degree in engineering, he played professional football for Minnesota and St. Louis, and for five years in the Canadian league.

Fullback Harold "Champ" Henson farms 250 acres and helps manage his family's farm market just south of Columbus. When Champ was young, his father would take him to Ohio Stadium and they'd dream about his playing for OSU. Champ, a letterman in 1972, 1973 and 1974, is still fourth in OSU career scoring with 36 touchdowns and second in single season scoring for accomplishing 20 touchdowns in 1972.

Steve Luke, who started in three Rose Bowls for OSU and was all-Big Ten and all-America honorable mention in 1974, held the highest single-season tackling record in OSU history. He was captain of the defense for the Green Bay Packers for three years before being traded to Atlanta. He now works for BancOne as a cash management administrator. Steve serves on the board of directors for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, is on the executive board of the Boy Scouts of Central Ohio and is involved in several charitable organizations. He is also active in recruiting for OSU.

Jim Harrell, who lettered in 1976 and '77 as a wide receiver, set a record for the longest pass from scrimmage. He now works for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources as a marketing forester. He and his wife, Sherri, recently had a new home built in Columbus, enjoy camping and attending OSU games regularly.

Offensive guard Ken Fritz was an OSU four-year letterman and all-America. The 1979 graduate has been a representative for Metropolitan Insurance Company for the past two years. "Playing football gives you discipline which is necessary later on in life and your career," Ken said. A loyal Buckeye, Ken travels two hours from his home in front for just about every game.

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