

OHIO STATE VS. MINNESOTA

Sept. 15, 1973

FINAL TEAM STATISTICS

	<u>OHIO STATE</u>	<u>MINNESOTA</u>
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS-----	<u>25</u>	<u>13</u>
BY RUSHING-----	<u>23</u>	<u>9</u>
BY PASSING-----	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>
BY PENALTY-----	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>
RUSHING ATTEMPTS-----	<u>68</u>	<u>45</u>
YARDS GAINED RUSHING-----	<u>385</u>	<u>172</u>
YARDS LOST RUSHING-----	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>
NET YARDS RUSHING-----	<u>383</u>	<u>163</u>
NET YARDS PASSING-----	<u>74</u>	<u>36</u>
PASSES ATTEMPTED-----	<u>5</u>	<u>15</u>
PASSES COMPLETED-----	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>
HAD INTERCEPTED-----	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS-----	<u>73</u>	<u>50</u>
TOTAL NET YARDS-----	<u>457</u>	<u>199</u>
FUMBLES-NUMBER-LOST-----	<u>0-0</u>	<u>1-1</u>
PENALTIES-NUMBER-YARDS-----	<u>4-23</u>	<u>6-35</u>
INTERCEPTIONS-NUMBER-YARDS-----	<u>1-21</u>	<u>1-55</u>
PUNTS-NUMBER-YARDS-----	<u>3-99</u>	<u>8-386</u>
AVERAGE PER PUNT-----	<u>33.0</u>	<u>48.2</u>
PUNT RETURNS-NUMBER-YARDS-----	<u>4-105</u>	<u>0-0</u>
KICKOFF RETURNS-NUMBER-YARDS-----	<u>2-120</u>	<u>8-126</u>
SCORE BY QUARTERS: 1 2 3 4 -FINAL		
MINNESOTA 0 7 0 0 7		
OHIO STATE 14 21 7 14 56		
		ATTENDANCE <u>86,005</u>

SCORING SEQUENCE

TEAM	QT.	TIME LEFT	PLAYER OR PLAYERS	SCORE	
				OHIO	MINN
OHIO	1	10:24	Henson 2 RUN (Conway Kick)	7	0
OHIO	1	8:44	Greene 4 RUN (Conway Kick)	14	0
MINN	2	12:59	King 1 RUN (Goldberg Kick)	14	7
OHIO	2	12:45	Griffin 93 KICKOFF RET. (Conway Kick)	21	7
OHIO	2	0:51	Henson 2 RUN (Conway Kick)	28	7
OHIO	2	0:00	Baschnagel 5 RUN (Conway Kick)	35	7
OHIO	3	5:36	Colzie 78 PUNT RET. (Conway Kick)	42	7
OHIO	4	10:39	Henson 1 RUN (Conway Kick)	49	7
OHIO	4	1:51	Ezzo 55 Pass from Hare (Conway Kick)	56	7

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

OHIO STATE

MINNESOTA

PLAYER	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	TD	RUSHING		PLAYER	ATT	GAIN	LOSS	NET	TD	LG
						LG								
Henson	21	81	0	81	3	10		King	17	51	0	51	1	7
Griffin	15	129	0	129	0	19		Upchurch	13	47	0	47	0	6
Greene	16	86	2	84	1	19		Lawing	6	17	0	17	0	9
Lippert	8	26	0	26	0	8		Dungy	4	16	9	7	0	9
Roach	6	30	0	30	0	7		Powell	3	26	0	26	0	12
Johnson	2	3	0	3	0	2		J. Jones	1	6	0	6	0	6
Harrell	1	1	0	1	0	1		Holmes	1	9	0	9	0	9
Dembry	1	10	0	10	0	10								
Baschnage1	4	19	0	19	1	10								

PLAYER	PA	PC	INT	YDS	TD	PASSING		PLAYER	PA	PC	INT	YDS	TD	LG
						LG								
Greene	3	1	1	10	0	10		Lawing	9	5	1	31	0	12
Hare	2	2	0	64	1	55		Dungy	6	1	0	5	0	5

PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	TD	RECEIVING		PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	TD	LG
				LG						
Ezzo	1	55	1	55		Fahnhorst	3	23	0	10
Baschmagel	1	10	0	10		Upchurch	1	12	0	12
Holycross	1	9	0	9		Powell	2	1	0	5

PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	PUNTING		PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	AVG
			AVG					
Skladany	3	99	33		Mosco	8	386	482

Longest: 61 yds.

PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	TD	PUNT RETURNS		PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	TD	LG
				LG						
Colzie	4	105	1	78						

PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	TD	KICKOFF RETURNS		PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	TD	LG
				LG						
Griffin	2	120	1	93		Upchurch	7	111	0	23
						Holmes	1	15	0	15

PLAYER	OFFENSE	FUMBLES RECOVERED BY		OFFENSE	DEFENSE
		DEFENSE	PLAYER		
Elia		1			

Minn. 23 ydline

DEFENSIVE STATISTICSOHIO STATEMINNESOTA

PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	<u>INTERCEPTED PASSES</u>		PLAYER	NO.	YDS.	TD
			TD					
Fox	1	21			Keller	1	55	

FUMBLE RECOVERY

<u>PLAYER(YARD LINE)</u>			<u>PLAYER(YARD LINE)</u>		
Elia	Minn-	23			

PASSES BROKEN UP

<u>PLAYER</u>		<u>PLAYER</u>	
Cope	1		
Koegel	1	Simons	1
Curto	1		
Smith	1		

TOUCHDOWN SAVES

<u>PLAYER(METHOD)</u>		<u>PLAYER(METHOD)</u>	
Greene	tackle	Bakken	tackle
		Kuklenski	"
		Keller	"
		Steidl	"

BLOCKED KICKS

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>

TACKLES FOR LOSS

<u>PLAYER(NO.-YARDS)</u>			<u>PLAYER(NO.-YARDS)</u>		
Elia	1	4 yards			
Buonamici	1	9 yards	Neils	1	2 yards

TACKLES

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SOLO</u>	<u>ASST.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SOLO</u>	<u>ASST.</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Koegel	4	9	13	Bakken	8	15	23
Jones	3	8	11	Beaudoin	6	12	18
Gradishar	0	8	8	Steidl	3	11	14
De Cree	3	4	7	Kuklenski	2	8	10
Elia	2	5	7	Neils	4	7	11
Middleton	1	6	7	Keller	6	3	9
Cutillo	2	4	6	Glanton	0	7	7
Cope	1	4	5	Wilson	1	6	7
Cusick	1	4	5	Simons	2	5	7
FOX	3	2	5	Engelos	3	3	6
Kuhn	3	2	5	Gunderson	1	3	4
Mathis	2	2	4	Meadowcroft	1	2	3
Luke	1	2	3	Lowen	0	2	2
Colzie	1	2	3	Irwin	1	0	1
Davis	1	2	3	Craine	0	1	1
Rich	1	2	3	Gerths	1	0	1
Parsons	0	2	2	Ramerth	0	1	1
Cassady	2	0	2	Adzick	1	0	1
Brudzinski	2	0	2	Bunge	0	1	1
Skladany	0	2	2	Selleck	0	1	1
Plank	1	1	2	Horkenhoff	0	1	1
Kain	0	1	1	Lawing	1	0	1
Greene	1	0	1	Team	0	1	1
Buonamici	1	0	1				
Team	0	1	1				

FOOTBALL PLAY-BY-PLAY OHIO STATE VS MINNESOTA
 SEPTEMBER 15, 1973 COLUMBUS, OHIO
 First Half

WEATHER: 74° with the wind out of the North at 7 mph

Ohio won the toss and elected to receive; Minn to defend the South goal

Goldberg kicked off to the 7; Griffin swung to left side line and returned 27 yards

Ohio 11:52

1 10 O34 Griffin took pitch re 4
 2 6 O38 Griffin on draw rg 7
 1 10 O45 Greene kept inside le 7
 2 3 M18 Henson rg 1
 3 2 M17 Henson rt 7
 1 10 M10 Greene faked, passed to Raschnagel 10
 1 10 M30 Griffin took pitch re 8
 2 2 M22 Griffin draw at middle 9
 1 10 M13 Henson rt 8; Ell. Pro. -5
 1 15 M18 Griffin took option pitch le 14
 2 1 M4 Henson lg 2
 1 2 M2 Henson rt for 2 yards and a TD at 10:24

Conway PAT - OHIO STATE 7 MINNESOTA 0
 Skladany kicked off to the 7; Upchurch fumbled and was recovered by Ellia (return 21)

Ohio 10:18

1 10 M23 Griffin rt 15
 1 8 M8 Henson lt 3
 2 5 M5 Henson through rg 1
 3 4 M4 Greene kept inside re and scored untouched at 8:44

Conway PAT - OHIO STATE 14 MINNESOTA 0
 Skladany kicked off to the two; Upchurch down high sideline for a 37 yard return; Minn clipping -9

Minn 8:36

1 10 M10 King over middle 1
 2 9 M19 King over middle 2
 3 7 M13 Upchurch draw middle 5
 4 2 M18 Mosco punted 42; rolled dead

Ohio 6:37

1 10 O10 Griffin pitch inside re 7
 2 3 O47 Greene kept inside le 13
 1 10 M40 Griffin cut back over lg 9
 2 1 M31 Henson at middle 3
 1 10 M28 Griffin slanted over rt 5
 2 5 M23 Henson lt 4
 3 1 M19 Henson rt 2
 1 10 M17 Griffin cut back over middle 1
 2 9 M16 Greene kept inside re no gain
 3 9 M16 Greene's pass for Dartozek inter by Keller; returned 55 tackled by Greene and Raschnagel

Minn 1:32

1 10 O30 King rg 7
 2 3 O31 King rg 4
 1 10 O27 King lt 2
 2 8 O25 Upchurch took option pitch le 3

FOOTBALL PLAY-BY-PLAY OHIO STATE VS MINNESOTA
 SEPTEMBER 15, 1973 COLUMBUS, OHIO
 Second Quarter

Minn 15:00

3 5 022
 1 10 012
 2 3 0 5
 3 2 0 4
 1 1 0 1

Lawing passed on delay to Fahnherst over middle 10
 King rg 7
 Lawing kept inside le 1
 King into lg 3
 King dove over lg for the TD at 12:59

Goldberg PAT - OHIO STATE 14 MINNESOTA 7
 Goldberg kicked off to the 7; Griffin swing to the left
 side line and scored standing up at the left flag behind
 a wall of blockers - Conway PAT - OHIO STATE 21 MINN 7
 Skladany kicked off to the 4; Upchurch returned 17

Minn 12:40

1 10 M21
 2 5 M26
 3 4 M27
 4 2 M29

Upchurch lt 5
 King cut thru center 1
 Upchurch teek pitch le 2
 Mosco punted 48; Colzie returned 13

Ohio 10:50

1 10 030
 2 8 038
 1 10 046
 2 8 048
 1 10 M42
 2 6 M38
 3 5 M37
 4 5 M37

Lippert rg 2
 Lippert took option pitch le 8
 Johnsen rt 2
 Baschnagel inside reverse le 10
 Roach pitch inside re 4
 Johnsen at middle 1
 Greene was hit as he passed low to Baschnagel inc.
 Skladany punted into end zone for TB

Minn 7:36

1 10 M20
 2 9 M21
 3 3 M27
 4 1 M29

Upchurch cut into center 1
 Upchurch on option pitch le 6
 King into lg 2
 Mosco punted 43 yards; Colzie returned 4

Ohio 6:03

1 10 032
 2 8 034
 3 5 037
 1 10 M46
 2 7 M43
 3 1 M37
 1 10 M36
 2 8 M54
 3 7 M33
 1 10 M19
 2 12 M21
 1 2 M 2

Baschnagel on counter le 2
 Henson lt 3
 Griffin cut back thru middle 17
 Roach on draw at middle 3
 Roach pitch inside le 6
 Henson at rt 1
 Henson into lt 2
 Lippert at center 1
 Greene faded, ran middle 14
 Greene kept right -2 Neils
 Griffin draw at middle 19; TD saved by Keller OHIO TIME OUT 0:54
 Henson for the TD standing up at lt - 0:51
 Conway PAT - OHIO STATE 28 MINNESOTA 7 (offside Minn)
 Skladany kicked off from the 45 to the 21;
 Upchurch returned 20

Minn 0:44

1 10 M41
 1 10 048

Lawing passed over middle to Upchurch 11
 Lawing passed len& left; intercepted Fox, returned 34 yds.

Ohio 0:28

1 15 M35
 1 10 M16
 1 5 M 5

Greene faded, ran thru middle cut right 19
 Greene faded, ran thru middle 11 TIME OUT OHIO 0:06
 Conway lined up to try FG; Baschnagel received pass from
 center, ran right end, dove into endzone at right flag
 for TD at 0:00 - Conway PAT - OHIO STATE 35 MINNESOTA 7

HALF TIME STATISTICS

MINNESOTA _____ OHIO STATE _____

	<u>OHIO STATE</u>	<u>MINNESOTA</u>
FIRST DOWNS-----	17	4
BY RUSHING-----	16	2
BY PASSING-----	1	2
BY PENALTY-----	0	0
NET YARDS RUSHING-----	258	48
NET YARDS PASSING-----	10	22
PASSES ATT-COMP-INT-----	3-1-1	3-2-1
TOTAL OFFENSIVE PLAYS-----	46	19
TOTAL NET YARDS-----	268	70
FUMBLES-NUMBER-LOST-----	0-0	1-1
PENALTIES-NUMBER-LOST-----	1-5	2-14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

OHIO STATE

MINNESOTA

PLAYER	ATT	YARDS	TD	RUSHING		PLAYER	ATT	YARDS	TD	LG
				LG						
Greene	8	66	1	19		Upchurch	6	22	0	6
Griffin	12	115	0	19		King	9	25	1	7
Baschnagel	3	17	1	10						
Henson	13	33	2	7						

PLAYER	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	PASSING		PLAYER	ATT	COMP	INT	YDS	TD
					TD							
Greene	3	1	1	10	0		Lawing	3	2	1	22	0

PLAYER	NO.	YARDS	TD	RECEIVING		PLAYER	NO.	YARDS	TD	LG
				LG						
Baschnagel	1	10	0	10		Fahnhorst	1	10	0	10
						Upchurch	1	12	0	12

FOOTBALL PLAY-BY-PLAY OHIO STATE VS MINNESOTA
 SEPTEMBER 15, 1973 COLUMBUS, OHIO
 Third Quarter

Minnesota elected to receive; Ohio to defend the North goal

Minn 14:51 Skladany kicked off to the 12; Jones reversed to
 Upchurch - total return 4 yards
 1 10 M16 King rg 3; Minn offside -5
 1 15 M11 Upchurch option pitch le 6
 2 9 M17 Upchurch option pitch re 5
 3 4 M22 Upchurch option pitch le 2
 4 2 M24 Mosco punted 46 yards; Colzie returned 13

Ohio 12:48
 1 10 O13 Lippert cut back into lg 4
 2 6 O17 Baschnagel inside reverse rt 2
 3 4 O19 Henson broke clean at rg 10
 1 10 M11 Lippert into the middle 1
 2 9 M10 Roach took option pitch le 4
 3 5 M36 Greene kept inside le 2
 4 3 M34 Skladany punted out of bounds 24 yards

Minn 9:07
 1 10 M10 King cut over center 4
 2 6 M14 King cut over center 4
 3 2 M18 King at lg 2
 1 10 M20 Lawing kept inside le 1
 2 9 M21 Upchurch option pitch re 1
 3 8 M22 Lawing passed on delay to Fahnhorst over middle 5
 4 3 M27 Mosco punted 50 yards; Colzie returned down left sideline
 behind blockers for the TD at 5:36 - Minn offside - declined
 Conway PAT - OHIO STATE 42 MINNESOTA 7 - Minn offside
 Skladany kicked off from the 45 to the 4; Upchurch
 returned 17 yards

Minn 5:31
 1 10 M21 Lawing kept inside re 5
 2 5 M26 Upchurch took option pitch le 2
 3 3 M28 King rg 2
 4 1 M30 King into lt 2
 1 10 M32 Lawing's pass over middle ot Fahnhorst inc. -
 Pass interference Gradishar 6
 1 10 M38 Upchurch option pitch re 3
 2 7 M41 King dove through lt 2
 3 5 M43 Lawing passed on dealy over center to Fahnhorst 8
 1 10 O49 Lawing passed thru Fahnhorst's hands - KD Cope inc.
 2 10 O49 Upchurch option pitch le 6; Minn clipping -15
 2 18 M43 Lawing passed on screen left Powell -4 Elia, Cutillo
 3 22 M39 Lawing passed in flat inc. Koegel
 4 22 M39 Mosco punted into end zone for the TB

Ohio 0:42
 1 10 O20 Griffin pitch re 8
 2 2 O28 Henson rt 9
 1 10 O37 Griffin draw at middle 1 as the quarter ended

FOOTBALL PLAY-BY-PLAY OHIO STATE VS MINNESOTA
 SEPTEMBER 15, 1973 COLUMBUS, OHIO
 Fourth Quarter

Ohio 15:00

2 9 038	Henson rt 5
3 4 043	Griffin at middle 5
1 10 048	Greene kept inside lt 15
1 10 M37	Henson rt 9
2 1 M28	Henson up middle 5
1 10 M23	Roach pitch re inside for 7
2 3 M16	Henson rt, broake tackle for 8
1 8 M 8	Roach pitch le 6
2 2 M 2	Henson lg 1
3 1 M 1	Henson between left tackle and guard for the TD at 10:39 Conway PAT - OHIO STATE 49 MINNESOTA 7 - Minn offside Skladany kicked off from the 45, 56 yards; Holmes returned to the 16 yard line

Minn 10:32

1 10 M16	Lawing kept inside le no gain
2 10 M16	Powell option pitch re 12
1 10 M28	Lawing kept inside le 9
2 1 M37	King up middle 6
1 10 M43	Lawing kept inside re 1
2 9 M44	Powell option pitch le 12
1 10 044	King lg 3
2 7 041	Powell dove into lt 2
3 5 039	Lawing passed too long for powell in left flat inc.
4 5 039	Mosco punted into end zone for a TB

Ohio 6:49

1 10 020	Ohio delay of game -5 (Hare at Quarterback)
1 15 015	Lippert at rt no gain
2 15 015	Lippert option pitch le 7
3 8 022	Lippert draw at rg 3
4 5 025	Skladany punted 38 yards; Ohio downed ball

Minn 5:23

1 10 M37	Dungy kept inside re 5
2 5 M42	Dungy kept inside le 2
3 3 M44	Dungy kept inside rt 9
1 10 047	Dungy passed on screen left 5 to Powell
2 5 042	Jones lg 6
1 10 036	Dungy faded, chanced right, passed to Powell - dropped inc.
2 10 036	Dungy passed for Meadowcroft too long inc.
3 10 036	Dungy's pass over miccle KD Smith inc.
4 10 036	Dungy passed a little too long for Williams inc.

Ohio 2:31

1 10 036	Hare passed in left flat to Holycross 9
2 1 045	Hare faked a pitch, passed long down left side lines to Ezzo on the 21 all alone for the TD at 1:51 Conway PAT - OHIO STATE 56 MINNESOTA 7 Skladany kicked off out of bounds -5 Skladany kicked off to the 9; Upchurch returned 15

Minn 1:45

1 10 M24	Holmes took option pitch re 9
2 1 M33	Dungy faded, chased, sacked -9 Buonamici
3 10 M24	Dungy faded, chased, passed short inc.
4 10 M24	Mosco punted 56 yards, downed by Minn

Ohio 0:40

1 10 020	Harrell pitch le 1
2 9 021	Bembry rt 10 and a FIRST DOWN as the game ended at 3:53 P.M.

PLAYERS IN THE GAMEMINNESOTAOFFENSE

LE Kephart, Henricksen,
 LT Herkenhoff, Gunderson, Greeley,
 LG Bunge, Dunn,
 C Selleck, Brownson, Nolander,
 RG Hegland, Shoff,
 RT Simonson, Krol
 RE Fahnhorst, Meadowcroft,
 QB Lawing, Dungy,
 TB Upchurch, Holmes, Powell,
 FK Fuller, Williams,
 FB King, Jones,
 PK Goldberg

DEFENSE

LE Neils, Wrobel, Byrne,
 LT Gunderson, Lowen, Irwin,
 RT Simons, Irwin,
 RE Wilson, Wrobel,
 LB Steidl, Gerths,
 LB Glanton, Ramerth,
 LB Bakken, Craine,
 LC Engebos, Cummings,
 RC Keller, Beaudoin,
 FS Randall,
 SS Kuklenski, Adzick,
 PT Mosco

OHIO STATEOFFENSE

TE Pagac, Smurda, Powell,
 LT Schumacher, France,
 LG Kregel, Graf, Renard, McEndree,
 C Myers, Straka,
 RG Mack, Scott, Husband,
 RT Hicks, Dannelley, Willard,
 SE Bartoszek, Hazel, McCutcheon,
 QB Greene, Hare, Morrison,
 LH Griffin, Lippert, Roach, Harrell
 RH Baschnagel^{Molls}, Holycross, Bradshaw,
 FB Henson, Johnson,
 PK Conway

DEFENSE

LE VanDeCree, Kain, Brudzinski,
 LT Jones, Cutillo, Buonamici,
 RT Cusick, Curto,
 RE Cope, Ezzo,
 LB Gradishar, Kuhn, Rich,
 LB Koegel, Bowers, Smith,
 LB Middletown, Elia,
 CB Fox, Plank,
 LH Colzie, Cassady,
 RH Luke, Davis,
 S Parsons,
 PT Skladany,

COACHES COMMENTS

MINNESOTA VS. OHIO STATE

Coach Cal Stoll - Minnesota

Ohio State was too much too soon. I guess we were just too green, too many things happened to us early. We came into the game with a lot of confidence, but 28 points from Ohio State's kicking game made it too one sided.

Ohio State is a great team. It is no longer three yards and a cloud of dust but 12 yards and mass of humanity. Ohio State is a better team this year than they were last year, both offensively and defensively.

Coach Woody Hayes - Ohio State

For our opening game, our ground game was the best we have ever had. We showed real versatility. With 23 first downs rushing, we got the job done. We showed the advantage of being a veteran team, and Minnesota showed the disadvantage of not being experienced. They were not able to put together an offensive threat to take advantage of their speed. Our defense controlled the line of scrimmage and shut down their offense. Van DeCree was a thorn in the side of the Minnesota quarterback all afternoon. We have to be careful now not to become complacent. We obviously have the makings of a good football team.

Archie is better than ever this year. He runs with more authority. Greene did a fine job of running the offense. With his fine quickness he can turn each play into a long gain.

MINNESOTA VS. OHIO STATE

Playing Time

(62)

1	Skladany, p	.5	54	Kuhn, lg	8.5
3	Conway, pk	.5	56	S. Koegel, lt	.5
7	*Greene, qb	29.5	57	Straka, c	4.0
8	Ezzo, se	2.5	61	Husband, rg	.5
12	*Fox, fb	15.0	62	*V. Koegel, c	20.0
13	Bradshaw, rh	5.0	63	*Kregel, lg	28.0
14	McCutcheon, se	.5	65	Renard, lg	.5
16	Davis, qb	8.0	66	Graf, lg	4.5
17	Morrison, qb	.5	67	Cutillo, lt	9.5
18	Hare, qb	3.5	69	*Mack, rg	28.0
20	*Colzie, lh	20.0	70	Willard, rt	.5
23	Cassady, lh	7.0	71	*Cusick, rt	20.0
24	*Parsons, qb	19.0	72	*Schumacher, lt	24.0
27	Holycross, rh	4.5	73	Dannelley, rt	6.5
28	Plank, rh	7.0	74	*Hicks, rt	26.0
30	Mathis, fb	12.0	75	Buonamici, rt	1.0
32	*Middleton, rg	18.5	76	Scott, rg	4.5
33	Johnson, fb	5.0	77	France, lt-re	12.5
34	Bembry, fb	.5	80	*Pagac, le	27.0
35	Rich, c	1.0	82	Hazel, re	10.0
36	Elia, rg	8.5	83	Williott, le	1.0
38	*Henson, fb	27.5	84	Brudzinski, le	6.0
41	Roach, lh	6.5	85	Smurda, le	3.5
42	*Jones, lt	24.0	87	*Bartoszek, re	16.0
45	*Griffin, lh	19.0	88	*DeCree, le	20.0
46	*Luke, rh	20.0	89	Powell, le	2.5
47	Lippert, lh	6.5	90	Curto, re	6.0
48	*Baschnagel, rh	23.5	91	*Cope, re	20.0
49	Kain, re	1.0	92	Battle, rt	6.0
52	*Myers, c	29.0	97	Smith, c	6.0
53	*Gradishar, lg	18.5	11	Harrell, lh	1.0

* Starter

SCORE
OHIO 56 OPP. 7

ATTENDANCE
86,005

CAPTAIN
Hare &
Middleton

MANAGER

Form 8190

By PAUL HORNING

Dispatch Sports Editor

Ohio State ranked No. 2 in the pre-season Big 10 polls and Minnesota No. 3.

But the deep, talented and resourceful Buckeyes made a mockery of that prediction Saturday to the delight of an opening-day Ohio Stadium audience of 86,005 burying the Gophers with ground power and big plays, 56-7.

SCORING FIVE of the seven times they touched the football in the first half, Coach Woody Hayes' veteran Conference co-champions rolled up the largest victory margin in the series with Minnesota (48-0 in 1950 was the previous high).

Columbuson Archie Griffin, stronger and as fast and clever as last year, exploded for the day's most spectacular play, a 93-yard kickoff return for a TD, and defensive halfback Neal Colzie went 78 yards with a Minnesota punt for another six points.

Churning fullback Champ Henson picked up where he left off last year with three touchdowns. He led the nation and set a new OSU record in 1972 with 20 plunges over the goal line.

THE BRILLIANT Griffin had covered 115 yards by halftime and retired in the first minutes of the fourth quarter with a game high 129. Henson thundered for 81 yards before also being called off after scoring his third TD and the Buckeyes' seventh at 4:21 of the final period.

Coach Hayes, starting his 23rd year with what has been considered potentially one of his best teams, played his second and third units from that point — and still the Buckeyes added to their impressive total.

Co-Capt. Greg Hare, replaced as a starter by dazzling sophomore Cornelius Greene, came in to pitch a perfect 55-yard strike to trackman Billy Ezzo. The 145-pound sophomore had eluded Minnesota's secondary by 10 yards and sprinted in unmolested.

ONE OF the key developments of this unexpectedly-strong season launching was the performance of Greene, the spindly, but durable recruit from Washington, D.C.

He played only one series all last year as a freshman (against North Carolina, the second game), but he handled Hayes' offense like a veteran Saturday. The catquick Greene accounted for the second OSU touchdown with a fake pitch to Griffin

and a keep inside right end for six yards.

Greene contributed 84 yards to Ohio State's 363 rushing total and completed one of his three passes for 10 yards in a brilliant, well-developed 68-yard scoring march from the opening kickoff.

HE ALSO fell victim of a miscue Hayes doesn't like — an interception that

Minnesota's defensive halfback Kevin Keller picked off and ran to the Buckeye 38 to set up the visitor's only TD.

But, by that time, Ohio State had a 14-0 lead and Griffin's exciting kick return balanced the Gophers' TD only 14 seconds later. A 68-yard march and a 34-yard spurt, after a pass interception by Tim Fox, sent Ohio on top by 35-7 at intermission.

The last TD may have delighted the huge crowd as much as any. Hayes sent in place kicker Blair Conway because only six seconds remained, even though the ball was on the Gopher five.

WINGBACK BRIAN Baschnagel, the holder, picked up a low snap from center and started on a sweep of right end. He got blocks, one key one from end Fred Pagac, was hit at the sideline about the two, but hurled himself over the goal line, just inside the flag.

Ohio State's veteran defense, spearheaded by linebacker Vic Koegel, back after knee surgery, and linebacker - converted - to - tackle Arnie Jones, forced Minnesota into eight punts in a dozen possession — on which sophomore Frank Mosco averaged 48.2 yards.

Over-all, the Buckeyes yielded 199 yards, but 73 of that came after the first platoon retired in the fourth period. Ohio State remained a strongly-ground-oriented team, with 383 of its 457 yards belonging to the runners. And it didn't fumble once.

OHIO'S FAST start may have unsettled the younger Gophers, but Hayes unveiled a squad that can do many things and did all of them well Saturday. Henson is power personified, Griffin is a super runner,

Greene adds a new dimension to the attack and the big, experienced line creates the holes and clears the paths.

FULLBACK JOHN King, who holds all of Minnesota's ground-gaining records, battled for 71 yards, but the greater achievement by the Buckeye defense was in controlling the Gophers' ballyhooed — and obviously dangerous — rookie halfback Rick Upchurch.

The latter settled for 47 yards in 13 attempts from scrimmage, although he used his speed and quick-cutting for 111 on seven kickoff returns.

Ohio State's first scoring march started the season right.

HAYES USED Griffin five times and Ohio State fans already knew the Eastmoor grad had improved over his freshman year, when he was the team's leading rusher. Archie spun

around left end on a pitch from Greene for 14 to the four and Henson took it in with two smashes.

Upchurch was tackled hard on the ensuing kickoff return fumbled and linebacker Bruce Elia recovered on the Minnesota 23. Griffin slid off right tackle, hit a tackler, spun off and was brought down from behind after 15 yards.

Henson pounded the tackle for four and Greene carried over untouched for his first collegiate TD. That only took a minute and 30 seconds and the Buckeyes were up by 14-0 with almost two-thirds of the first period still to be played.

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GRIFFIN, AFTER scoring on the kick off return, set up the next OSU six-pointer with a 9-yard cutback to the two and Henson went over standing up.

Greene's great cutback for 18 yards, breaking two tackles along the way, and his 11-yard bolt up the middle on a fake pass play put Ohio State in position for its field goal — that turned out to be a TD.

Koegel led the Buckeyes in tackles with 13, followed by Jones with 11, Randy Gradisher with eight and Van DeCree, Elis and Rick Middleton with seven each.

IT IS significant that Minnesota's leading tacklers were linebackers Ollie Bakken with 23 and halfback Doug Beaudoin with 18. The Buckeyes were getting by the first line of defense rather consistently.

Ohio rests for a week, before facing TCU in the stadium, Sept. 29.