

# Oklahoma Beats Ohio State, 29-28

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COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 24—Uwe von Schamann, an unflappable native of West Berlin who now lives in Fort Worth, settled a big football game that a bunch of fast, husky native Americans could not resolve when he kicked a 41-yard field goal in the last three seconds to give Oklahoma a thrilling 29-28 triumph over Ohio State today.

Just moments before his third and winning field goal von Schamann had given the Sooners their last chance by dribbling a short, right-to-left onside kickoff. The ball was recovered by Mike Babb, a native Oklahoman, on the 50-yard line, and from there the Sooners moved to the Ohio State 23 in four plays before the field goal ended one of the most unusual and thrilling games ever staged by either of these two powers.

This was the first meeting between Oklahoma and Ohio State, a first that will long be remembered by the 88,119 people packed into Ohio Stadium and a large regional television audience.

At first it appeared Oklahoma would run away to the biggest victory ever gained against an Ohio State team coached by Woody Hayes. The Sooners scored each of the first four times they got the ball and led by 20-0 early in the second period.

Then things changed so abruptly that it appeared the Buckeyes would win easily while much of Oklahoma's offensive power was sidelined with injuries.

Then it became anybody's game at the end, and Oklahoma came up with a victory that its coach, Barry Switzer, said was "certainly one of the biggest in Oklahoma history—right there up on top."

Hayes, in his 27th season as Ohio

State's head coach, acknowledged the excitement and emotion of this game, in which the Buckeyes were dealt their first defeat in three contests this season, but said, "I would rather have it dull and win."

There just was not a dull moment

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throughout, as Oklahoma struck with as fast a wishbone attack as college football has produced. The Sooners even turned their own fumbles into successes in the early stages.

But by the time they had taken the 20-lead, the Sooners' starting quarterback, Tom Lott, was out with a leg injury, and their best running back of the game, Billy Sims, was limping and also out. Only one of Oklahoma's starting offensive backs, Elvis Peacock, remained uninjured to the end.

Once Ohio State took control, Rod Gerald guided the team to what became a 28-20 lead. But Ohio State also lost manpower, as Gerald, the quarterback, was put out with a head injury. The Buckeyes also lost their all-America linebacker, Tom Cousineau, to a shoulder separation.

## Peacock Scores Late Touchdown

Oklahoma was lucky that Peacock remained healthy. It was this speedy back who scored the last touchdown of the game, on a 2-yard right-pitchout sweep that got the Sooners back to a 28-26 deficit with 89 seconds to go.

Oklahoma attempted the same play for a 2-point conversion that would have tied the game. But this time Mike Guess, Paul Ross and Tom Blinco swarmed all over Peacock and stopped him short of the goal line.

Then came the short kickoff, by von Schamann. The ball bounced off a huge Buckeye lineman, and Oklahoma's Babb fell on it.

When in control, each team struck with spellbinding suddenness that turned the big partisan crowd from total despondency to total enthusiasm within seconds.

On the Sooners' sixth offensive play Lott fumbled in a drive through center. But the ball was kicked up into the hands of Peacock, who never missed a step and ran 33 yards into the end zone.

Ohio State fumbled the ball on its next play, and Oklahoma's George Cumby, a linebacker, fell on it. Sims burst over left tackle two plays later for a 14-yard touchdown run just 54 seconds after Peacock's score. Von Schamann converted after both tallies.

## Kicker Goes to Work

The next time Oklahoma got the ball the Big Eight power drove close enough for von Schamann to kick a 23-yard field goal, and the next time the Sooners set up von Schamann again, for a 33-yarder.

So Oklahoma had that 20-0 lead at 2 minutes 2 seconds of the second quarter, and Ohio State did not even have a first down yet.

Rarely does a team, even a power such as Ohio State, gain dominance of a game from an opponent that was once in complete control. But that is just what Ohio State did after that second von Schamann field goal.

First it was Ron Springs, the fleet Virginian in the Buckeye backfield, who went 30 yards for the first Ohio State touchdown. Then the Buckeyes, like Oklahoma, struck again quickly, scoring 46 seconds after Springs's tally. This time Gerald went 19 yards on a keeper for the 6 points.

Ohio State had taken advantage of one of Oklahoma's fumbles to set up Gerald. Oklahoma, which has been having considerable trouble this season with fumble turnovers, lost four of its

seven fumbles to the Buckeyes and also lost the ball on two pass interceptions. These all helped the home team, as Ohio State continued control and scored two touchdowns in the third period for its 28-20 lead.

## Colgate 28, Cornell 22

ITHACA, N.Y., Sept. 24 (UPI) — A touchdown pass from Bob Relph to Dick Slenker with less than five minutes left put Colgate over Cornell today, 28-22.

Cornell, having trailed by 14-0 at halftime, rallied with three second-half touchdowns. The Big Red missed two further opportunities late in the fourth quarter, the second with 20 seconds to play. Cornell fumbled both times, the ball made slick by a steady downpour.

Relph, Colgate quarterback, threw for 246 yards and three touchdowns, one to Slenker and the others to Casper Wells and Jim Comforti in the first half.

Pat Healy ran for the other Colgate score and totaled 146 yards on the ground, passing Tom Parr and moving into second place on the Colgate career rushing list. He is only 219 yards behind the leader Mark van Eeghen, now with the Oakland Raiders of the National Football League.

## Gettysburg 6, Kings Point 2

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Sept. 24 (UPI)—Gettysburg recovered a Kings Point fumble on the second play of the game and scored four plays later today to defeat the Mariners, 6-2.

Ken Wiblitzhouser, a sophomore linebacker, pounced on the fumble by the Kings Point quarterback, Mark Isenberg, on the Mariners' 11. Jim Bixby went in for the game's only touchdown from two yards out.

Kings Point scored its only points when the Gettysburg punter, Mike Ryan, ran beyond the end zone in the fourth quarter for a safety.

## Lehigh 19, Penn. 7

BETHLEHEM, Pa., Sept. 24 (UPI)—Mike Rieker, quarterback, and Steve Kreider, split end, led Lehigh to a 19-7 triumph over Pennsylvania today.

The Engineers beat the Quakers for the third straight year, with Rieker completing nine of 12 passes for 194 yards and two touchdowns. Kreider caught three of the passes, one of them for a 73-yard scoring play, and returned a punt 58 yards for another touchdown.

Rieker's other touchdown toss was of 5 yards, to Don Van Orden, a tight end.

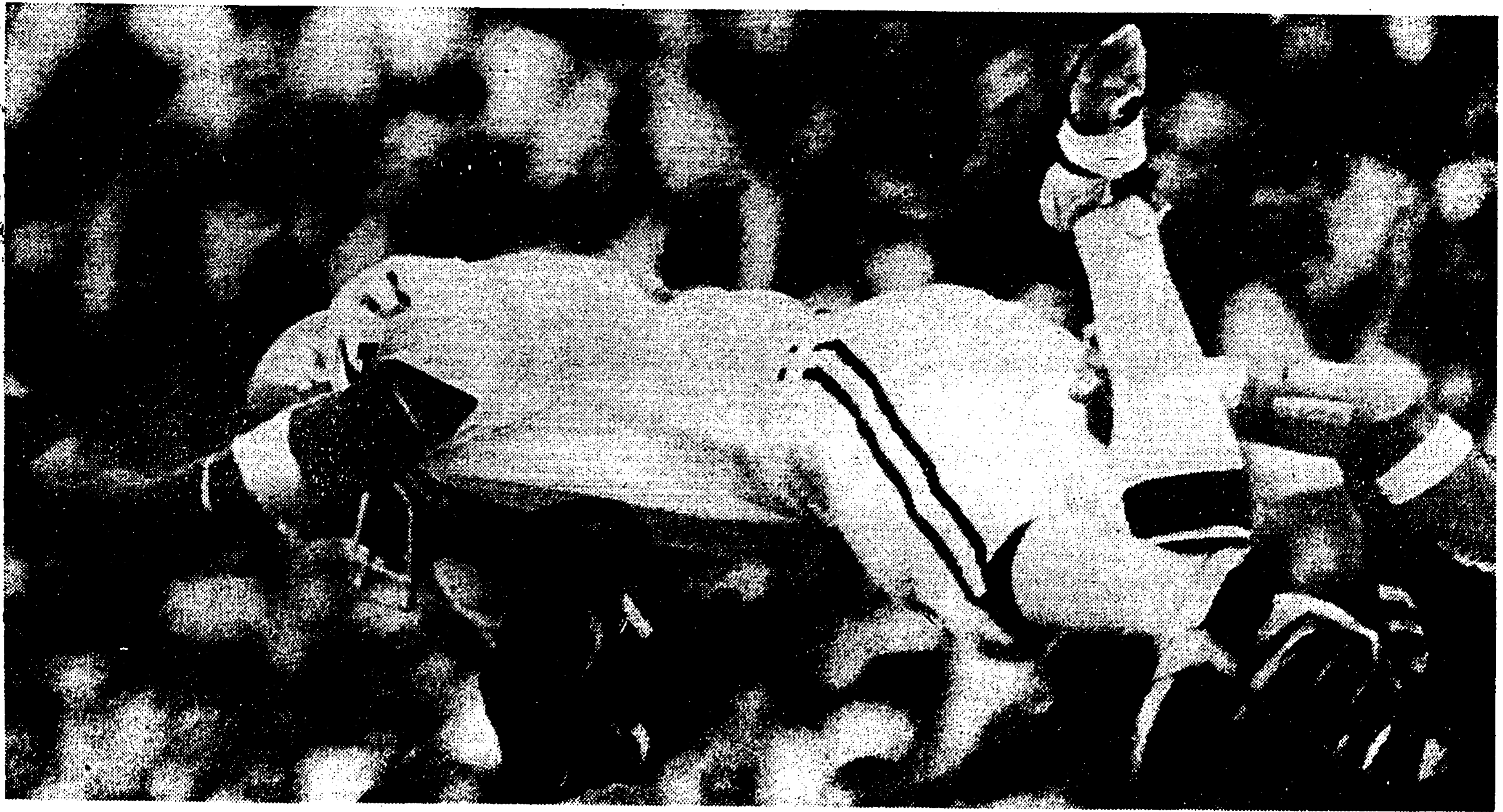
## Syracuse 22, Washington 20

SYRACUSE, Sept. 24 (UPI)—David Jacobs kicked a 31-yard field goal with 26 seconds left to give Syracuse a 22-20 victory over Washington today.

Washington scored with a little less than five minutes left on a keeper by Warren Moon, capping an 89-yard drive. The conversion failed and the Huskies led, 20-19.

Syracuse then put together a nine-play drive featuring three runs for 41 yards by Bill Hurley, the quarterback. The Jacobs field goal was his third of the day.





Billy Sims of Oklahoma looked as if he were going into orbit as he avoided tackle by Ohio State's Eddie Beamon and dived for a first down yesterday

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