

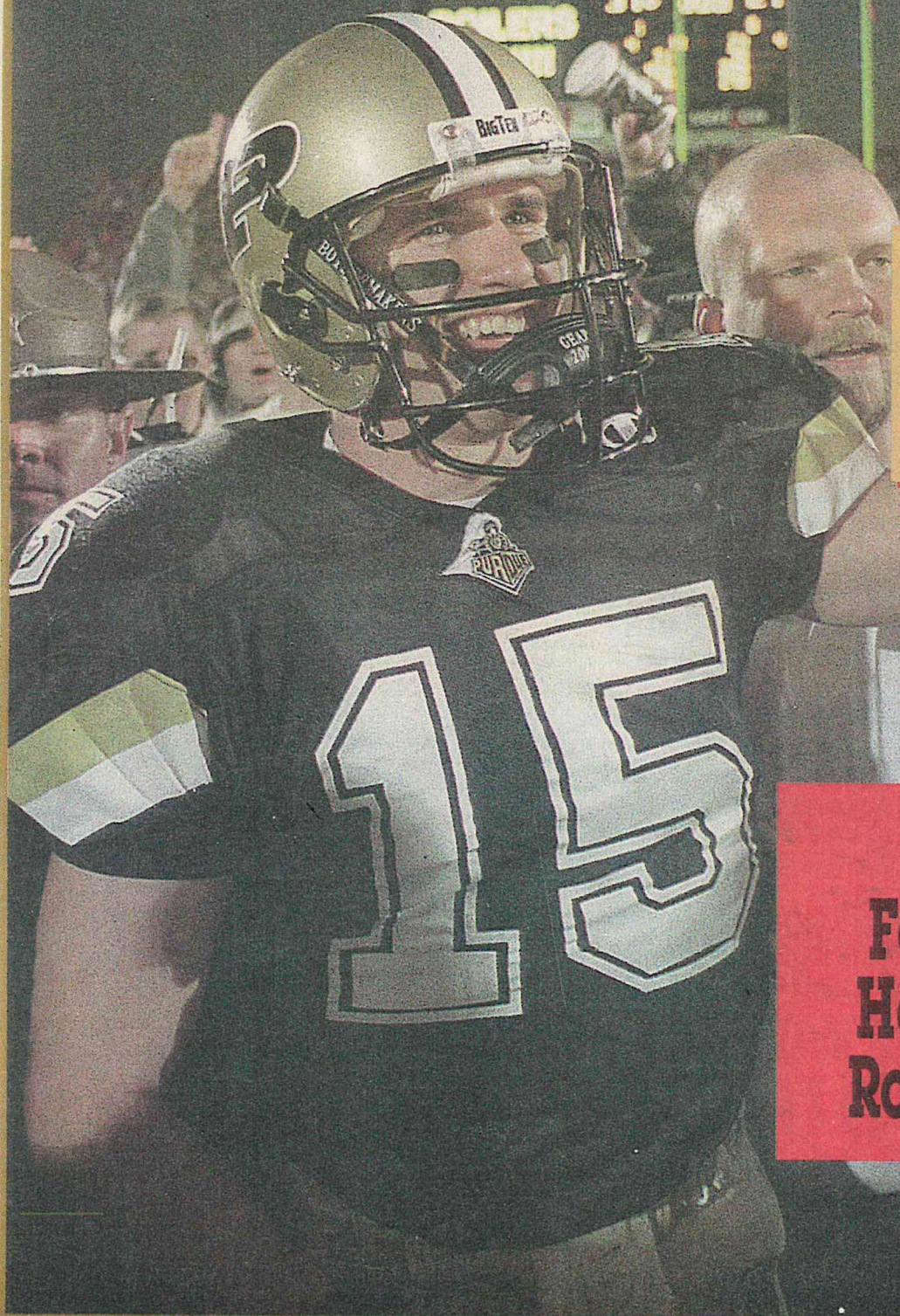
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## THE FIX-IT MAN

**Drew Brees'  
Fourth-Quarter  
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Rose Bowl Hopes**



# Mentally Draining Month Finally Over

BY KEVIN KECKLER

**E**ach Sunday, *Gold & Black Illustrated* talks with Coach Joe Tiller following Saturday's game, getting his most recent thoughts on the contest after he's analyzed it on film.

**Q: Now that you've met with your team a day after the win, do you think this bye week is coming at a good time or would they rather keep playing?**

**Tiller:** "It's a real good time for it. We came out of that ball game pretty good health-wise. (Defensive tackle Brent) Botts came out of that game with a reaggravation of the injury he suffered a few weeks ago. Right now he's questionable for the Michigan State game. I think we have a few more bruises, sore muscles and owies than we've had so maybe the break time will give us a chance to recover from that."

"All in all, I think it's coming at a good time. But as (offensive coordinator) Jim Chaney said, ask us after the Michigan State game."

**Q: Is there anyway to tell if this is a good time from a psychological standpoint?**

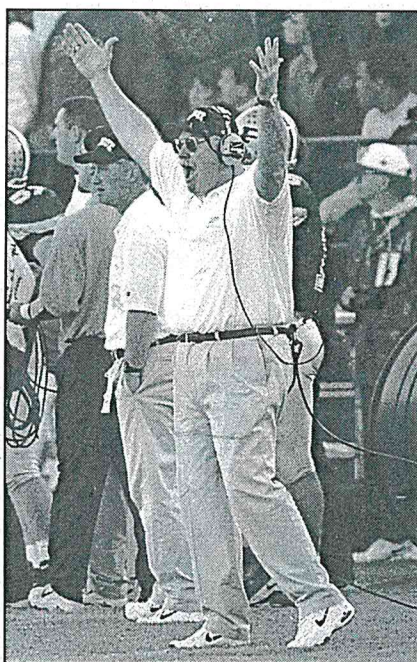
**Tiller:** "I think our team is looking forward to this bye. They've expended themselves emotionally and physically for a month straight now. They want to step back, take a deep breath and then move on. I sensed the kids aren't too disappointed we have a bye this week."

**Q: It seemed as though the offense came out flat after the bye week last year. Is there anything you do to try and prevent that from occurring this year?**

**Tiller:** "We had the bye week last year before the Indiana game and we came out in that game wanting to run the ball. We proceeded to run ball a lot in that game. I don't think it was a sluggish issue or whatever. We're going to have plenty of time going into this game. We won't change our routine, though. We'll practice Tuesday through Thursday before giving them Friday and Saturday off. We'll treat next Sunday (Nov. 3) as a Tuesday practice. It's the same plan we've had the last 10 years. Sometimes we've been good coming out of a bye and sometimes we've been bad."

**Q: With all of the close games you've had, has this been a mentally draining time for you and the coaching staff?**

**Tiller:** "It's been a lot of fun, but yeah, it kind of wears you down. I'm looking forward to going home and going to bed early tonight. It's exhaustive, that's for sure. Talking to our coaches today a couple of them said they're not tired physically but they are mentally. That might be the same way our team is. I've got to think if nothing else this bye week is coming at a nice time for us coaches."



Joe Tiller reacts to an official's call during the Ohio State game. The fourth-year coach welcomes his team's upcoming bye week.

Those will hurt you even more on the road because it really energizes the crowd."

**Q: Speaking of the crowd, how did you feel your home field advantage turned out with the capacity crowd at Ross-Ade Stadium against the Buckeyes?**

**Tiller:** "I don't know if it was the total difference in the game but it certainly was an energetic crowd. It always helps your defense more than your offense. Defensive football is reaction football and a lot of it is based on emotion."

**Q: Did any players stand out on film?**

**Tiller:** "I don't know because we went through the tapes very quickly with five recruits here on official visits. I've got to believe Akin Ayodele had one of his better games as a Boilermaker. One thing that jumped out to us was what happened when (Vinny) Sutherland came back and got in the game. We kind of plateaued when he was gone. He came back and scored a touchdown and had two or three critical catches that helped lift our squad. I thought he played OK, but in the fourth quarter I sure was glad he was on our team because he made some great plays."

"Our corners played pretty darn well all day. (Craig) Terrill and (Matt) Mitrione had good games. I also thought Niko Koutouvides showed moments of real improvement." ■■

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### ON THE COVER

Drew Brees went from goat to hero in a matter of minutes in the fourth quarter. After throwing an interception that allowed Ohio State to take the lead with 2:16 left, Brees decided to fix what he had broken and tossed a game-winning 64-yard touchdown pass to sophomore receiver Seth Morales. The victory puts Purdue two wins away from a Big Ten title and Rose Bowl bid.

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## I LIKE IKE EVEN MORE NOW

When teams make runs for championships there are usually defining moments that pull the units toward their destinies.

It can be something seemingly insignificant said in a huddle or on the sideline that has the impact of changing the course of a game and a season.

Drew Brees may have reached the lowest moment of his college career after Ohio State strong safety Mike Doss' shaggy down the senior quarterback's wounded duck pass and returned it to the Boilermaker 2 — a play that appeared to give the Buckeyes the victory.

In what may forever be entrenched in the lore of Boilermaker football, reserve senior defensive end Warren "Ike" Moore said something to his classmate that breathed life into his crestfallen teammate.

"He told me, 'What did your mom always used to say... if you break it, you fix it.'" said Brees to the ABC television audience and in the postgame press conference.

The words struck a nerve to No. 15. In what is becoming a season of second opportunities for Purdue; like kicker Travis Dorsch against Michigan, Brees made the most of his mulligan. On Purdue's next possession, his 64-yard scoring pass to sophomore receiver Seth Morales not only may be remembered as the play that delivered the Boilermakers to Pasadena, but it has a chance to bring Brees the Heisman Trophy.

"It was the most clutch pass I've seen in my 10 years of covering college football," said ABC color analyst Gary Danielson during the broadcast.

Lead announcer Brent Musburger gushed further.

"It was one of the biggest passes in Big Ten history," barked Musburger. "They'll be talking about this play for years. The way the game turned out, it has become an instant classic."

When you look back at past Heisman Trophy winners, they all seem to have a play or theme that sticks to them thus becoming memorable to the viewing public and most importantly to the voters. Michigan's Desmond Howard had his Heisman pose, Texas' Ricky Williams and Wisconsin's Ron Dayne had their weekly assaults on the NCAA rushing records. The image of Brees fighting back from complete despair to unparalleled (in recent Purdue memory) glory gives all involved something to remember and Brees something to hang his hat on as the voting draws near.

It works in political campaigns and it works in Heisman campaigns. If George W. Bush or Al Gore could manufacture such a moment, believe me they would.

A huge statistic from the Ohio State game tells all about Brees. On third down against Ohio State, he completed 16-of-20



passes for 160 yards with two touchdowns and 12 first down conversions. In crunch time in the fourth quarter, he was 6-of-7 for 74 yards and two scores with four conversions. Brees' mettle in clutch situations has gotten the Boilermaker offense in a position to go to Pasadena.

### ARE THE BOILERS TAKING ROUTE '66?

There are some things that happened in the Boilers' last and only Rose Bowl season in 1966 that are repeating themselves in 2000. As we reported in last week's issue, linebacker Frank Burke's blocked punt at Michigan gave Purdue a crucial road win not unlike the blocked field goal and return Oct. 21 at Wisconsin. In the last weekend of October, All-American quarterback Bob Griese threw five interceptions, including one that was returned 90 yards for a touchdown. Like Brees, however, Griese gathered himself and led his team on a last-minute scoring drive that culminated in a clutch scoring pass to flanker Jim Finley, giving it a 25-21 win over Illinois.

But I think the biggest similarity of the two teams is the emergence of the defense. In '66, Coach Jack Mollenkopf's defenders gave up just six points in the last three games en route to the Rose Bowl. The catastrophic

nature of this year's blunders has sullied the stats of coordinator Brock Spack's unit. Still, if I had to pick the primary reason Purdue has won its last four games, it would be the defense. In the world of high-scoring offenses, it may be passe to say defense wins championships. But, great defenses put teams in a position to win titles.

### TAKING INSPIRATION

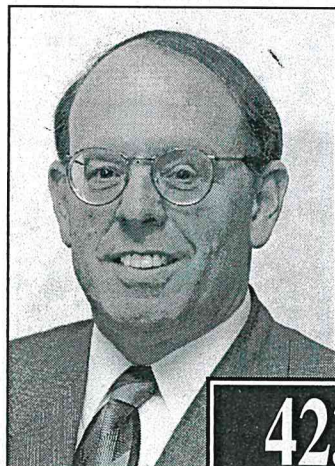
Moments like Purdue fans have enjoyed this year in Ross-Ade Stadium wins over Michigan and Ohio State, have truly been inspirational. It's fun to see a team and program come from so far back to be on the brink of achieving a major goal. The Boilermakers still have a difficult road ahead to reach their destination of the Rose Bowl, but I would not bet against them.

A person that will take some inspiration from the Boilermakers' effort against Ohio State is one of its all-time great receivers, Bart Burrell. The sure-handed Burrell, who was instrumental in starting this publication 10 years ago and who has lent a steady hand in its continued development, is fighting a personal medical battle at the Mayo Clinic over the next few weeks. While blessed with a strong faith and wonderful family and friends, additional prayers and thoughts by Boilermaker fans everywhere will make a difference. We all wish you and your family well, GBB. **AW**

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# ONE DOWN, TWO TO GO

## Boilers In Driver's Seat For Rose Bowl After Thrilling Win Over Buckeyes

BY DOUG GRIFFITHS

**W**hen a team wins a game like Purdue did over Ohio State Oct. 28, you begin thinking the Boilermakers are destined for the Rose Bowl.

Destiny continues to be in Purdue's hands after one of the most thrilling games ever to be played in Ross-Ade Stadium.

If the Boilermakers, 7-2 overall, 5-1 in the Big Ten, win their remaining two regular-season games, they'll win at least a share of the Big Ten

Championship and go to the Rose Bowl for the first time since the 1966 season.

Michigan State and Indiana will provide the opposition for Purdue Nov. 11 and Nov. 18, respectively. The Spartans and Hoosiers are a combined 7-9 overall, 3-7 in the Big Ten. In addition, Coach Joe Tiller has never lost to either of those teams in six games at Purdue.

Michigan and Northwestern trail the Boilermakers at 4-1, but since Purdue beat both of those teams, it owns the tiebreaker edge.

Even with the Rose Bowl talk intensifying, Tiller, his assistant coaches and players continue downplaying the position they're in.

When Gold & Black Illustrated asked Tiller if he thought his team was destined for the Rose Bowl after winning the Ohio State game he said, "I hadn't thought about that. It was certainly nice to win that football game."

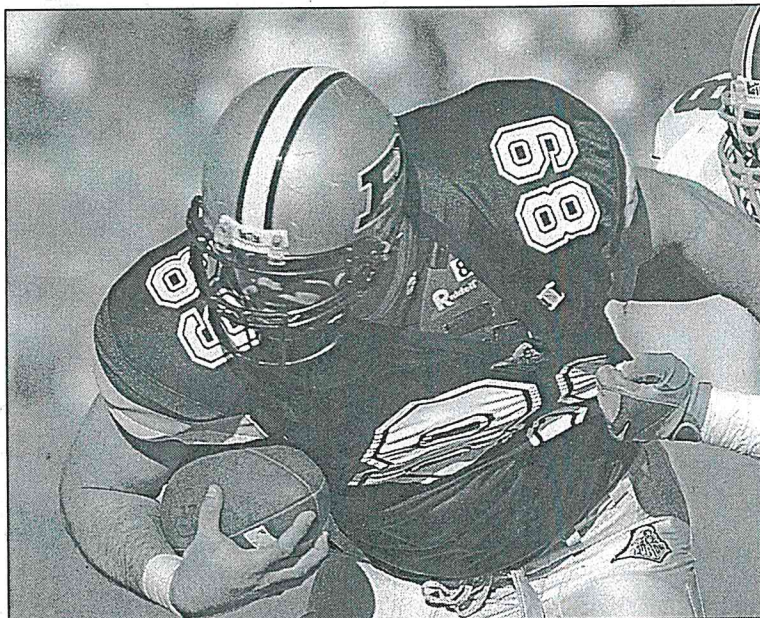
"Our guys are playing with a sense of purpose. Anytime your football team does that, there are no limitations. However, as I reminded them in the locker room after the game, our goal has not changed. Our goal is to just win one more football game."

GBI then asked quarterback Drew Brees the same question. He said he thought maybe Purdue's time to return to Pasadena had arrived.

"I'm still in shock about what happened at the end," Brees said. "It's weird how things work out."

As hard as they're trying to focus on the "one game at a time" theory, it's difficult not thinking about how close Purdue is from playing in "The Granddaddy of Them All."

"I talked to a lot of older guys when I was a freshman on that 1980 team," said defensive coordinator Brock Spack, who was an All-Big Ten linebacker at Purdue. "They called me before the game and said, 'Brock, we had to play on the road at Michigan for the Rose Bowl, and now you have a chance to play at home. Let's win it at home.'"



Tom Campbell

Junior tight end Tim Stratton caught a career-high 12 passes for 100 yards. The Boilermakers had three receivers eclipse the 100-yard mark for only the second time in school history.

"I think it meant a lot for the guys who have put a lot of work into the program and never got the opportunity that we had today. That was for those guys. We told our guys before the game that we're taking a lot of former players on the field with us today. We all dreamed of this, but most of us never got this opportunity."

Purdue, 3-1 against ranked opponents this season, definitely cashed in on the opportunity thanks to one of the wildest finishes in Boilermaker football history.

"This was certainly a heck of a football game," said Tiller, whose team has defeated both Michigan and Ohio State this season for the first time in a single season since 1984, which was also the last time the Boilermakers defeated the Buckeyes in Ross-Ade Stadium. "This was another nail-biter and was very similar to the Michigan game in the sense that we came from behind, but we did it in a different manner and under different circumstances."

"I now have a greater belief in Lady Luck. I always like her in our corner."

The 16th-ranked Boilermakers trailed the 12th-ranked Buckeyes 20-10 entering the fourth quarter and mounted one of the most memorable rallies in the program's 113-year history.

Purdue cut the deficit to three when Brees scrambled left and made an incredible throw while back peddling to receiver John Standeford on the left side of the end zone. The five-yard score made it 20-17 with 12:46 left in the game.

Less than seven minutes later, the Boilermakers took the lead thanks to a 90-yard, 13-play drive. Brees hit receiver Vinny Sutherland, who raced right 19 yards diving across the goal line to give the hosts a 24-20 lead with just under six minutes to play.

Later in the quarter, Purdue looked to be in good shape until Brees made a horrific play. On third-and-six from the Boilermaker 30, Brees tried to avoid Buckeye linebacker Joe Cooper's blitz up the middle but threw an off-balance pass that was intercepted by strong safety Mike

Doss on the right sideline. He returned the pick to the Purdue 2 before Brees knocked him out-of-bounds.

"I was just trying to throw it away," Brees explained. "It surprised me. The linebacker came up the middle, so as I was trying to get the ball in my hands, I was trying to push it out and it slipped. If you look at it, it was just a duck."

"I thought he was trying to throw it out-of-bounds, and the Ohio State guy did a nice job of getting a hit in on him and he just couldn't get any oomph on the ball," Tiller said. "As a result, the ball floated. I damn near came off the sideline to catch it. That's as close as I've ever come to pulling that type of stunt."

"I really felt for Drew. I don't think I've ever felt as empathetic and sympathetic for a guy as I did when he threw that last interception. I thought, 'this guy deserves more than this based on all that he's given Purdue University.' Then to come back and make the throw, and to actually suggest that was a route we ought to think about in the last series was poetic justice. He hung in there. It certainly helps to have an experienced quarterback, because he can come back from something like that."

"Those things happen sometimes," Spack said. "We were sick about it, but nobody felt worse than him. He's such a great competitor and came back to hit a great pass to win the game."

Three plays later tailback Jerry Westbrook gave the Buckeyes a 27-24 lead when he scored from two yards out with 2:16 remaining in the fourth quarter.

"As it turned out, it's almost like we had to beat them twice," Tiller said. "I really thought we had them where we wanted them late in the ball game. As luck would have it, we throw the interception and things didn't look so good. I'll have to admit, I had visions of Penn State from a year ago because turnovers were a difference in that game. But our guys came back, made a big play and did what they had to do to win the game."

Needless to say, Brees was dejected on the

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Tim Stratton had a career day with

12 receptions for 100 yards against the Buckeyes. Stratton made several huge catches on third down to keep the chains moving for the Boilermakers. He now has 51 catches for 518 yards this season, eclipsing last year's total of 49 catches for 593 yards. Also, can anyone stop Seth Morales? The sophomore transfer from Division I-AA Butler was the hero again this week with his 64-yard touchdown reception from quarterback Drew Brees. Morales had seven receptions for 115 yards in the big win.



Tom Campbell

Sophomore receiver Seth Morales, who has hauled in two Drew Brees bombs in consecutive games, celebrates his game-winning catch.

A glaring weak spot was the punt return for a touchdown in the third quarter. It was a tremendous play by Nate Clements, but showed Purdue's

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inability to have a complete effort by special teams throughout the game. The punt team was also shaky with a couple of bad snaps.

Vinny Sutherland was suffering from cramps midway through the second half and had to return to the locker room for an IV. No one was more angry with Brees than himself after the fourth and final interception. Despite players wondering what Brees was doing, the senior remained extremely confident he would lead Purdue to victory.



We would be thankful that depth is starting to develop on defense. When freshman linebacker Gilbert Gardner struggled against the run in the first half, freshman Niko Koutouvides played well in his place. The defense is also receiving incredible play from the front four, which may be playing as well as any in the conference.

Purdue again forced eight tackles for loss, including five sacks.

The offensive line has just two regular season games remaining and you don't want to miss them. This might very well go down as the best group of linemen you'll ever see at Purdue. The experienced group handled a plethora of blitzes from Ohio State throughout the game. It gave Brees the time needed on the final touchdown, as he went through four different reads before he found Morales.



Boilermaker sideline after throwing his last interception, but players continued giving him encouragement. Defensive end Warren "Ike" Moore asked him, "What did your mom always tell you? If you break something, fix it."

"I thought it made sense, but I was still mad at myself," Brees said. "He kept saying, 'If you break it, fix it.' He kept saying it to me until I said, 'Alright,' and smiled. I guess that was the trick. It got my attitude back to being positive and saying, 'We can still win this.'"

What happened on Purdue's next series was nothing short of remarkable. After having a pass knocked down at the line of scrimmage, Brees dropped back, looked left, looked over the middle and finally to the right and found a wide open Seth Morales. Brees hit Morales in stride for the 64-yard game-winning touchdown with 1:55 left.

On the play, receiver A.T. Simpson ran deep down the middle of the field and Doss, who intercepted Brees twice, went in his direction, which left OSU cornerback David Mitchell with no help over the top. The result was Morales running down the field and no Buckeye defender within 10 yards of him.

"We talked as a staff about throwing the fade route to Vinny to the middle of the field because we had been throwing it to the sideline," offensive coordinator Jim Chaney admitted. "We thought we'd get it to. We called it in the two-minute drill there and Vinny pulled the safety over. That caused A.T. to come to the middle of the field and when he did, he crossed the face of the strong safety. That left Ohio State without a deep safety. Drew went through all

four options and hit the final guy for a 64-yard touchdown pass. I want you to show me a quarterback who can do that."

"It wasn't designed to go to me," Morales said of the game-winning touchdown. "Drew looked at Vinny, and looked at (Standeford), and just came to me. You kind of talk to yourself, 'Just catch the ball, just catch the ball.' I didn't want to hear the crowd go 'Oooooohh' (if he dropped it)."

"Since I've been here, we've probably run that route 1,000 times," Brees said. "Do you know how many times I've thrown it to the fourth option? Once, and Seth was the fourth option."

"I just blew the coverage," said Doss, who had a game-high 11 tackles. "I knew they could throw for a score at any moment. I looked back at the No. 1 receiver and they threw over the top of me. That was it."

The Boilermakers sealed the game on the Buckeyes' next possession. On second-and-seven from their own 32, center LeCharles Bentley's snap to quarterback Steve Bellisari hit receiver Chad Cacho while he was going in motion behind Bentley. The ball bounced in front of the offensive linemen where linebacker Landon Johnson recovered it.

When Brees dropped to a knee for the third time, the Buckeyes couldn't stop the clock and time expired, sending many of the sellout crowd of 68,666 into a frenzy. Several thousands of fans spilled out onto the field celebrating one of the greatest wins in Purdue history.

The game was hyped to be the biggest in Ross-Ade Stadium since No. 2 Michigan State



Things looked good for Purdue when senior receiver Vinny Sutherland electrified the Ross-Ade Stadium crowd with a 19-yard scoring reception from Drew Brees with 5:59 left in the game. The play gave the Boilers a 24-20 lead and was Sutherland's lone touchdown.

facted No. 6 Purdue in 1965.

It was definitely the biggest game of Tiller's Purdue coaching tenure and was as big as they come for the players.

"Sure it is (the biggest game) to date because we've never had a chance to go to the Rose Bowl," Brees said. "Now that we have this chance, every game is the biggest game of your career."

The victory was Purdue's fourth straight conference tilt. Ohio State, on the other hand, lost for the second time in three outings, falling to 6-2, 3-2.

Heading into the fourth quarter, it appeared Purdue would be on the losing end of the ledger rather than Ohio State. But Brees came to the rescue.

After a sub-par three quarters, he took his

game to another level when his team needed it the most. He was 27-of-47 passing for 281 yards, three interceptions and no touchdowns through three quarters. During the final 15 minutes, however, the Heisman Trophy hopeful was 12-of-18 for 174 yards, three touchdowns and one interception.

Brees' four interceptions, which tied a single-game career-high, equaled as many picks as he threw in Purdue's first eight games this season.

He finished with 455 yards passing on 39-for-65. Brees' 455 yards passing were the third most by a Purdue quarterback against Ohio State. Jim Everett had 497 yards passing in a 1985 loss at Columbus and Scott Campbell threw for 516 in a 1981 home loss to the Buckeyes. Additionally, the 455 yards were the fourth-most ever allowed by an Ohio State team.

## BOILER BITS

### STAGGERING STATISTICS

Quarterback Drew Brees threw for 455 yards on 39-of-65 passing and three touchdowns against Ohio State, raising his collegiate totals to 11,022 passing yards and 86 TDs.

Brees is now fifth on the all-time NCAA records list with 957 completions and 11,840 total yards. In addition, he needs 278 yards and two TD passes to move into fifth place all-time in NCAA history.

### LUCKY SEVENS

In each of his four seasons at Purdue, Coach Joe Tiller, who is 32-14 at Purdue, 45-16 in his last 61 games and 71-44-1 in 10 seasons as a college head coach, has led the Boilermakers to at least seven victories.

The last time Purdue had four consecutive seasons when it won seven or more games each season was 1965-69.

● Tiller's Boilermakers are 20-3 in Ross-Ade Stadium. To put the 20 wins in perspective, former coaches Jim Colletto and Leon Burtnett won a total of 21 games in six and five seasons at Purdue, respectively.

### COOPER'S COMMENTS

Prior to kickoff, most of the talk surrounding the Purdue-Ohio State game, centered around Buckeye linebacker Joe Cooper's comments about Brees in a story by *The Associated Press*.

He was quoted as saying Brees was "soft" and the Buckeyes were going to hit him like he hadn't been hit all season. After the game, Cooper denied ever saying that, saying he was misquoted.

Cooper's comments made the bulletin board in Purdue's locker room and some of the Boilermakers addressed his comments after the game.

"Nothing a guy says in a newspaper a week before the game is ever going to effect my play in the game," Brees said. "Nothing he says on the field is going to do it either."

"That hyped up our guys. I'm sure more than it had an effect on them. I'm just glad it ended up the way it did and that we got another chance and we cashed it in."

### SUTHERLAND, STRATTON MOVING UP THE CHARTS

Receiver Vinny Sutherland continues to move up in Purdue's records book. The senior has 159 receptions (fifth in school history) for 2,139 yards (fourth) and 22 touchdowns (third). Brian Alford, who played for the Boilermakers from 1994-97, holds the school mark for receiving yards (3,029) and touchdown catches (31). Rodney Carter is Purdue's all-time leader in receptions with 181.

Stratton has 138 catches for 1,492 yards and 12 touchdowns in his career. The junior is fourth in Purdue annals among tight ends in career receptions and career touchdowns. He trails Dave Young (2,316 yards and 27 touchdowns) and Jim Beirne (1,795 and 17), as well as Cliff Benson (1,546) in yards and Ashley Bell (12) in touchdowns.

### NEXT TEST

The Boilermakers travel Nov. 11 to East Lansing to face the 4-4 Michigan State Spartans, who are 1-4 in the Big Ten. For more on Bobby Williams' Spartans see pages 18, 21-22.



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"I didn't know it would happen like it did, but it happened, didn't it?" Brees said. "It's hard not to think about the mistakes, but I guess I redeemed myself."

Brees and the offense dominated the fourth quarter. The Boilermakers had the ball for 10:35 in the final 15 minutes and outscored the Buckeyes 21-7. In all, Purdue ran 93 plays, while Ohio State had 60 snaps. The Boilermakers controlled the clock 34:36-25:24.

Brees' primary targets were tight end Tim Stratton, who had a career-high 12 catches for 100 yards, Sutherland (10 grabs for 142 yards), who was bothered by leg cramps and left in the third quarter but returned in the final 15 minutes after getting an I.V. in the locker room, and Morales (seven receptions for 115 yards). It marked just the second time in school history that three players reached the century mark. The other time was Oct. 3, 1998, against Minnesota (Randall Lane had 137, Gabe Cox 133 and Cliff Jackson 101).

Morales made another reception, which would've been a 59-yard touchdown catch and increased Purdue's lead to 14-3 with just 1:20 left until halftime. However, right guard Rob Turner was called for holding which nullified the play.

Ohio State had trouble defending the Brees to Stratton combination.

"I want the ball thrown to me in big situations," Stratton said. "Ohio State was playing nickel and that meant I was one-on-one with a linebacker. It is easier to get open against a linebacker than it is a defensive back. I guess I got open more times than not."

Brees may not have been on top of his game in the early going, but the defense was. It allowed just 10 points. The Buckeyes' other 17 points were the result of a special teams blunder and two interceptions. Buckeye cornerback Nate Clements returned a punt 83 yards for a touchdown, giving the visitors a 20-10 third-quarter lead. Two of Brees' four interceptions led to 10 points, the first three coming on a 35-yard field goal by Dan Stultz in the second quarter after the Buckeyes took possession at Purdue's 24. The other seven points were the result of Doss' interception.

Safety Ralph Turner and end Akin Ayodele paced the Boilermakers with eight tackles each. Three of Ayodele's tackles were for losses, including a pair of sacks. As a team, Purdue had eight tackles for 41 yards lost, including five sacks.

It also held Buckeye tailback Derek Combs to 73 yards rushing. Buckeye quarterback Steve Bellisari was 17-of-29 passing for 208 yards, threw one interception and no touchdowns.

"Our line had excellent penetration and made the plays it needed to," Ayodele said. "This is the reason I came to Purdue, to play in the Big Ten and because of games like this. To play a team like Ohio State and have a chance to win a conference championship is what I wanted."

Defensive tackle Craig Terrill, who had four tackles, including two sacks, added, "It's our goal every week to get off the ball and play physical defense. If we do that, we can compete with anybody in the nation. Our front seven played really well today. We just tried to pressure Bellisari, and I feel like we got the job done."

"All of us are gaining confidence every game and every snap," said defensive tackle Matt Mittrione about the defense. "We went with a base defense today, and Craig Terrill had the game of his life. That kid just snapped. It seemed like he was in the quarterback's mouth all day."

The Boilermakers allowed the Buckeyes, who averaged 376 yards a game coming in, just 278 yards, including 70 rushing.

OSU entered the game third in the league in total defense (331.5), while Purdue was No. 1 in passing (311 yards a game) and total offense (478.6), and third in scoring offense (34.4 points a game).

Ohio State led the league in rushing defense (89.9 yards a game), total defense (298.9) and scoring defense (13.6).

The Boilermakers, who averaged 167.6 yards a game rushing entering the contest, gained 486 yards, but were held to just 31 (in 28 carries) on the ground. It was the first time since the '99 home loss to Penn State that Purdue failed to reach 100 yards rushing.

"As long as you can throw the football, you've got a chance to win any football game, particularly if your defense is playing good behind you and our defense did well," Tiller said.

Purdue trailed 3-0 in the second quarter, but an outstanding interception by Ayodele set up the Boilermakers' first score. Bellisari's pass deflected off cornerback Chris Clopton's helmet and Ayodele made a fingertip catch before the ball hit the ground, giving Purdue possession at the Buckeye 45.

Six plays later, running back Steve Ennis plunged in from two yards out to put the Boilermakers up 7-3. It was Ennis' eighth rushing touchdown of the season.

Stultz and Purdue's Travis Dorsch traded field goals early in the third quarter before a one-yard TD run by the Buckeyes' Jamar Martin gave OSU a 13-10 lead.

Dorsch's 34-yard field goal was his third straight made field goal. He is now 10-of-14 in the field goal department this season.

After suffering through heartbreaking defeats to Notre Dame and Penn State (by a total of four points) earlier this season, Purdue is now winning the close ones. To date, the Boilermakers have won three games by a total of 11 points.

"As a coach, I've never been through as many tight games as we have this year," Chaney said. "If you want to find your way to the top and

stay there, you have to find a way to win games like these. It seems like this team is finding a way to win. We've screwed some up in the past two years and even a couple this year, but lately we're finding ways to win games."

Purdue hopes it wins its next two tilts. If it does, it will finish 7-1 in the league. The Boilermakers' last seven-win conference season was in 1980.

Purdue hopes to post win No. 7 Nov. 11 at Michigan State, but realizes nothing will come easy.

"We're going to go on the road for our next game and play before 70,000-plus fans at Michigan State who hate our guts and are trying to knock us out," Chaney said. "I'm happy with this win, but tomorrow we'll start working on Michigan State. That's the nature of this beast."

"All I care about is the Michigan State game," Spack said. "You know... one game at a time." **AW**

## Game Stats

### Purdue vs. Ohio State

#### Rushing

Purdue	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
	Lowes	14	38	2.7	12	0
	Brees	6	4	0.7	6	0
	Ennis	2	3	1.5	2	1
	Sutherland	2	-6	-3.0	0	0
	Team	4	-8	-2.0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>

Ohio State	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
	Combs	15	73	4.9	14	0
	Westbrooks	7	19	2.7	12	1
	Martin	1	1	1.0	1	1
	Team	1	-1	-1.0	0	0
	Bellisari	7	-22	-3.1	4	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>

#### Passing

Purdue	Player	Att	Comp	Yds	Pct	TD	Int
	Brees	65	39	455	60.0	3	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>

Ohio State	Player	Att	Comp	Yds	Pct	TD	Int
	Bellisari	29	17	208	58.6	0	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>58.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>

#### Receiving

Purdue	Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
	Stratton	12	100	8.3	13	0
	Sutherland	10	142	14.2	45	1
	Morales	7	115	16.4	64	1
	Standeford	7	52	7.4	32	1
	Simpson	2	33	16.5	19	0
	Winston	1	13	13.0	13	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>455</b>	<b>11.7</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>3</b>

Ohio State	Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
	Rambo	6	75	12.5	32	0
	Germany	5	59	11.8	21	0
	Combs	3	30	10.0	21	0
	Sanders	2	38	19.0	22	0
	Cacchio	1	6	6.0	6	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>

#### Punt Returns

Purdue	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
	Sutherland	3	21	7.0	11	0
	Clements	3	131	43.7	83	1

#### Kickoff Returns

Purdue	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	Td
	Clopton	3	87	29.0	37	0
	Sutherland	3	71	23.7	36	0

Ohio State	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	Td
	Rambo	2	48	24.0	29	0
	Wells	2	27	13.5	17	0

#### Field Goals

Purdue	Player	Att	Good	Made	Miss
	Dorsch	1	1	34	—

Ohio State	Player	Att	Good	Made	Miss
	Stultz	3	2	35, 45	49

#### Punting

Purdue	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long
	Kurz	4	158	39.5	48

Ohio State	Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long
	Sander	4	196	49.0	57
	Stultz	2	83	41.5	45

#### Scoring Summary

**Second Quarter**  
OSU: Stultz 35 field goal, 9:02 left; Drive: 4 plays, 6 yards, 2:09  
Purdue: Ennis 2 run (Dorsch kick) 3:41 left; Drive: 6 plays, 45 yards, 1:59

**Third Quarter**  
Purdue: Dorsch 34 field goal, 12:40 left; Drive: 8 plays, 66 yards, 2:20  
OSU: Stultz 45 field goal, 8:52 left; Drive: 8 plays, 47 yards, 3:48  
OSU: Martin 1 run (Stultz kick) 3:41 left; Drive: 8 plays, 62 yards, 2:43  
OSU: Clements 83 punt return, 1:53 left

**Fourth Quarter**  
Purdue: Standeford 5 pass from Brees (Dorsch kick) 12:46 left; Drive: 11 plays, 73 yards, 4:07  
Purdue: Sutherland 19 pass from Brees (Dorsch kick) 5:59 left; Drive: 13 plays, 90 yards, 5:18  
OSU: Westbrooks 2 run (Stultz kick) 2:16 left; Drive: 3 plays, 2 yards, 0:53  
Purdue: Morales 64 pass from Brees (Dorsch kick) 1:55 left; Drive: 2 plays, 64 yards, 0:21

#### Team Statistics

Category	OSU	Purdue
First downs	12	25
Rushing	4	3
Passing	8	21
Penalty	0	1
Total offensive plays	60	93
Rushing plays	31	28
Net yards rushing	70	31
Net yards per rush	2.3	1.1
Passing plays	29	65
Completions	17	39
Net yards passing	208	455
Net yards per completion	12.2	11.7
Total net yards	278	486
Avg. gain per play	4.6	5.2
Kick returns-yds	4-75	6-158
Punt returns-yds	3-131	3-21
Fumbles-lost	1-1	0-0
Interceptions by-yds	4-76	1-0
Third down conversion	4-14	13-23
Time of possession	25:24	34:36
Sacks by-yds lost	2-14	4-21
Penalties-yds	6-63	4-31

#### Defensive Leaders

Purdue	Player	Solo	Asst	Total	For Loss-Yds	FR-Yds	Int	Pass Def	Sack-Yds
	Turner	5	3	8	0	0	0	2	0
	Ayodele	4	4	8	3-11	0	1-0	2	2-6
	Odum	4	2	6	0	0	0	0	0
	Johnson	3	2	5	0	1-0	0	0	0
	Schweigert	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	0
	Woodyard	3	1	4	0	0	0	1	0
	Terrill	1	3	4	2-15	0	0	1	2-15
	Moore	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
	Clopton	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
	Gardner	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0
	Mittrione	1	1	2	1-3	0	0	0	0
	Koutouvides	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Team	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Phillips	0	2	2	1-7	0	0	0	1-7
	Botts	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
	Kurz	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Brees	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Loerzel	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Morales	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Tone	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Dorsch	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Reaves	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Ferrell	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>8-41</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>1-0</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4-21</b>

**Ohio State (top seven)**

Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Doss	9	2	11	2-3	0
Bullard	6	4	10	1-6	0
Ross	7	0	7	2-4	0
Cooper	6	1	7	1-8	0
Clements	6	0	6	0	1-35
Nickey	5	0	5	0	0
Mitchell	4	1	5	0	1-8
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>7-25</b>	<b>0</b>

# OHIO STATE UNABLE TO HOLD ON

## Brees Picks Apart Big Ten's Top Defense



*"(Drew Brees) picked us apart. It was amazing to look up at the scoreboard and see how the yards just kept piling up. He gets my vote for the Heisman, that's for sure."*

— Ohio State linebacker Matt Wilhelm

BY BRIAN NEUBERT

**E**ven though it appeared a near certainty that Ohio State had Purdue beaten in improbable fashion Oct. 28, no one on the Buckeye sideline believed it for a moment.

After an interception led to a potentially game-winning scoring run by Jerry Westbrook, the Buckeyes held their collective breath as Drew Brees took the field again with two minutes remaining and one last chance to win the game.

"I didn't think we had the game won," Coach John Cooper said. "Absolutely not."

"We never stopped worrying," linebacker Matt Wilhelm said. "(Brees) picked us apart. It was amazing to look up at the scoreboard and see how the yards just kept piling up. He gets my vote for the Heisman, that's for sure."

Brees quickly made the Buckeyes' worst fears reality, hitting Seth Morales for a 64-yard touchdown.

The Boilermaker senior quarterback was the center of discussion in a solemn

David Mitchell grabbed one of Ohio State's four interceptions of Drew Brees. Surprisingly, Purdue was able to overcome the turnovers and beat the Bucks 31-27 Oct. 28.

Tom Campbell

Buckeye locker room afterwards.

"I don't know if I've seen a quarterback put on a better passing performance than the one Drew Brees put on against us," Cooper said.

Brees threw for 455 yards and three fourth-quarter scores, rallying his troops back from a 20-10 deficit. He also helped Purdue convert 13-of-23 third-down situations.

"He's a great quarterback and he's up for the Heisman, so what would you expect from him?" said Buckeye linebacker Joe Cooper, the player who had publicly questioned Brees' toughness during the week leading up to the game. "He's a great quarterback and he stepped up today."

Making the loss even harder to swallow for the Buckeyes was the fact they intercepted Brees four times.

"He's a great quarterback, and if you

intercept him four times, you ought to win the game," said safety Michael Doss, who accounted for two of those picks. "But big-time players make plays, and he did."

Cornerback David Mitchell scoffed at the suggestion that Ohio State did everything it needed to in order to beat the Boilermakers.

"We didn't care how many interceptions we got," Mitchell said. "We just wanted to win the game, and that's what we didn't do."

The big-time play Doss is referring to was Brees' game-winning pass. On the play, Doss missed his assignment in the Buckeyes' two-deep zone coverage, a blunder that allowed Seth Morales to run free deep down the field and score the game's final touchdown.

"I just blew the coverage," Doss said. "No. 84 caught the ball and they won the game."

While Purdue's offense came through in the end, it was the defense that stymied the Buckeyes. The stingy Purdue defense held Ohio State to just 70 rushing yards and 278 in total offense. The Buckeyes managed only 12 first downs. The Boilermakers ran 33 more plays and had the ball for nearly nine minutes more than the Buckeyes.

"They just took the running game away from us," John Cooper said. "We have to run the football because we're not Purdue when it comes to throwing it... I don't think the offense upheld their end of things today."

Purdue's defense forced two turnovers and sacked quarterback Steve Bellisari four times.

"They just made plays," Bellisari said. "They didn't do anything special. They played good defense. They made big plays when they needed to, on both sides of the ball."

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# Coming Through In The Clutch

Brees Atones For Four Interceptions With Terrific Second Half

BY KEVIN KECKLER

**F**ollowing are offensive coordinator Jim Chaney's thoughts on the Boilermakers' 31-27 victory over Ohio State Oct. 28.

**GBI: Obviously this is a great win and Drew Brees came through at the end, but what happened on the last interception?**

Chaney: "OK, let's get all the negatives out of the way first. I don't know if it was poor decisions as it was the ball was headed in the right direction but maybe Drew's juices were flowing a little too much. We were a little off target early and it took us longer to get adjusted to the speed of the game than we would have liked. There was a lot of juice flowing in this game, our kids were completely stoked."

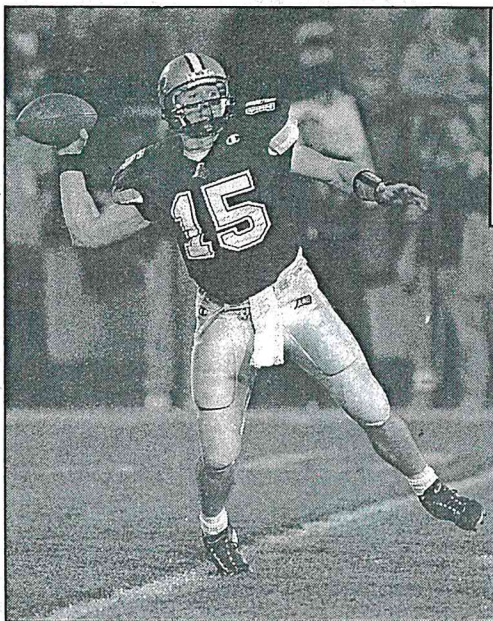
"Drew wasn't as accurate as he usually is but that's because we're so accustomed to him being on target. Everyone, from Drew on down, was pressing at the beginning of the game. We were tighter than a bull's behind at fly time."

**GBI: It seemed like Brees was so intent on getting the ball to Tim Stratton in the first half that Ohio State caught on eventually and made the second interception.**

Chaney: "That's completely Jim Chaney's fault. I had us in the wrong formation. I had been calling that play to the middle of the field all game but I tried to mix it up and called it to the boundary. Their corner, Nate Clements, is a great player and he made a terrific play."

**GBI: How much of your struggles offensively in the first half can be attributed to being tight and how much of it was Ohio State's defense?**

Chaney: "It was a combination of things. They're one helluva good football team and they came in here giving up just 13 points a



Tom Campbell  
Quarterback Drew Brees was off-balance when he threw this nearly-fatal interception that Ohio State's Michael Doss intercepted and returned to the Purdue 2 with 3:09 left. The visitors took a 27-24 lead three plays later.

game. I want to credit their defensive line because they were all over us early in the game. My hat is off to them, they're awfully tough."

*"I can't say enough about Drew Brees. We had nothing in the passing game on like 10 plays and he made something happen. Sure he threw some interceptions, but we were playing the Big Ten's No. 1 defense and we found a way to win the game."*

— Offensive coordinator Jim Chaney

**GBI: Was there a lack of focus at all from your team early on?**

Chaney: "No. I don't know if I've ever been around a more focused team. It was to the point where we were probably too focused. We went through a span of about 15 minutes there early in the game where as an offensive staff we really felt we were being defended well. The plays we made were on scrambles and thanks to Drew Brees. Toward the fourth quarter we slowed down their front and they got tired. We started to have our way a little more with them."

**GBI: Despite your struggles in the first half, you were able to head into the locker room with a 7-3 lead thanks to a Steve Ennis touchdown. Take us through that drive.**

Chaney: "The nature of our offense is to hang in there and make something happen when you don't expect it. We were fortunate to show some resolve by scoring after we dropped that long pass from Drew to Vinny (Sutherland). Sometimes emotional things happen in a big game like this and it can sway the momentum. This was a game of momentum today, a volleyball-type match. We'd score, they'd score, we'd score, they'd take a punt return back, we'd throw an interception. It was unbelievable. It was a great football game that people would pay a lot of money to watch. If I was a fan I would have had a heck of a good time today."

**GBI: Your team the past two weeks entered the locker room at halftime very confident. What did you say to reassure them everything would be OK today?**

Chaney: "We said, 'Hey guys, does anyone think we're playing well?' Nobody said we were. We then asked them if we could play better, have some fun and smile a little and they all said, 'Yeah!' As an offensive staff we just needed to stay positive, tell them they'll be fine and go out and have fun. We reminded the guys that we were winning the game despite playing so-so offensively. If we could take away our mistakes, it wouldn't be a football game. Our mistakes enabled them to stay in the football game."

**GBI: You saw an awful lot of blitzes today. How did you feel the line handled them?**

Chaney: "They showed us blitzes they hadn't brought at all this year. They put five down linemen, feathered the ends off and brought the middle linebacker. That means the tackles have to push the ends out and help

out getting the rushing linebacker. On Drew's last interception that's what took place and no one could get the linebacker."

"He was trying to make a play on the wheel. I believe when we watch that on film we'll see he could have hit the wheel and had about an 80-yard touchdown reception. It was an ill-advised throw, but I know when he came to the sideline after throwing it he was so mad that he was going to come back out and win that football game. If there was a Purdue fan out there who didn't believe Drew would come back and throw a touchdown they're lying to themselves. Drew Brees is the best player in the nation. He showed it again today by not playing up to his level the whole game but when he had to he won the game."

**GBI: The second-to-last touchdown came thanks to six consecutive third-down conversions. Did you feel as though your offense is virtually unstoppable regardless of the yardage needed on third down?**

Chaney: "I don't know if we as a staff did, but our players did. They're confident they can get a first down anytime. Timmy (Stratton) had the hot hand for awhile on third down and made a bunch of huge plays for us. Then, Vinny came back after getting an IV to score a touchdown. Our boys gave it all to Purdue University today and we're very proud of them."

**GBI: Rarely did we see a running back in the backfield today and Brees threw 63 times. Why did you abandon the running game so soon?**

Chaney: "They were playing man coverage which numerically puts one more man in the box than we have. Going into the game we thought they might have some problems with our empty sets. It was based a little bit on what they were doing and a little bit on what we wanted to do. We would have loved to run the ball better than we did today. As a play-caller I probably abandoned the running game too soon. Most of it was the flow of the game. Our defense was playing fantastic, their D-line was getting a good push, but rather than take the ball out of No. 15 hands to get two yards, I decided to let him make the plays."

**GBI: What is your view of the bye week? Does it give you a chance to savor this win and head to Michigan State focused, or would you rather keep playing since you're on a four-game winning streak?**

Chaney: "My gut feeling is to just keep playing. No one has figured out the best way to master these bye weeks. You just never know how the heck your team is going to respond with the week off. We've done it 1,000 different ways to try and find some harmony to make it work. I'm indifferent about this off-week." ■■■



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# Cracking The Buckeyes

## Defense Continues Stellar Play

BY MATT BRANN

**A**gain Purdue turned in a gritty effort on defense in its 31-27 victory over Ohio State. *Gold & Black Illustrated* talked with defensive coordinator Brock Spack following the game to get his thoughts on the win.

**GBI: What are your thoughts on yet another exciting victory?**

**Spack:** "It was unbelievable. The last five or six minutes of that game had so many peaks and valleys and emotional swings. It was an amazing game. We kept saying we deserved to win this game because we've been in these situations before. We've been so close so many times and hadn't been able to pull it out, but we felt confident our players were going to do it at the end."

**GBI: In tight games, things are starting to go Purdue's way this year. Does that give you the feeling something is special about this season?**

**Spack:** "When you have special seasons, those kind of things happen. You've got to play hard and you have to have a little luck on your side. We've certainly had that the last four weeks."

**GBI: After Purdue scored to make it 24-20, the defense held Ohio State and forced it to punt. Were your players rested because the offense put together a five-minute drive?**

**Spack:** "There's no question we needed that drive. The offense did a great job. Even if you don't get points sometimes, a long drive is good because it allows us to rest and get our feet back under us."

**GBI: Did the defense get energized when Purdue went up 24-20?**

**Spack:** "There's no question about that. The punt return (for a touchdown) kind of deflated us and we needed to come back. We huddled everybody up and said, 'Hey, this thing is a long way from being over. We've been here before and we need to get our eye of the tiger, so to speak, back and go out there and try to win this game.' Our players did it again. They did a great job."

**GBI: After Drew Brees threw the late interception and Ohio State took over at the 2-yard line, the defense stuffed the Buckeyes on the first two plays. Did that give you confidence on third down, even though they eventually scored?**

**Spack:** "It did. We were playing for the pass on that play in our goal-line defense. We were thinking a naked or bootleg, but they ran to the perimeter. We missed a tackle out there and they walked in. Those are tough calls down there on the goal line. I was expecting a throw on third down, but they threw it on second down and luckily we covered them well."

**GBI: It looked like you had pursuit to the outside and had a chance to make the tackle on their fourth-quarter touchdown run.**

**Spack:** "Yeah, we brought a perimeter blitz and our ends were playing man coverage on their tight ends. We had good pursuit, but it looked like we just missed a tackle."

**GBI: On the Buckeyes' last possession you got a big play from Akin Ayodele with another sack.**

**Spack:** "That was a big sack. We felt our front rushed the passer well again today. We didn't blitz quite as much this week. We thought our two ends would cause some problems, and they did. The guys inside got a good push, so we just brought four (linemen) a lot of times."

**GBI: Did you see what happened on Ohio State's bad snap that was recovered by Landon Johnson? (Note: the snap hit flanker Chad Cacchio, who was in motion, in the leg before Johnson recovered it.)**

**Spack:** "I didn't, but I saw the ball on the ground. I was happy that Landon picked it up. We didn't need Ohio State to have the ball any longer."

**GBI: How did Johnson play while continuing to heal from an ankle injury?**

**Spack:** "He had his moments. This was a tough game for him because it was more of an iso, power-rush game. But when it came to a passing game, it became his kind of game."

**GBI: Is he still a little gimpy on the ankle?**

**Spack:** "Yes, he's not quite 100 percent. His back and ankle are sore, but it's one of those deals where he's got to live with it and hopefully heal up in this off week."

**GBI: You went from Gilbert Gardner to Niko Koutouvides pretty early in the game. Why was that move made?**

**Spack:** "In the power running game, Niko has really improved a lot. We put Gilbert in on passing situations, and left Niko in there on the running downs. He's a bigger guy, and plays that technique better."

**GBI: This was really Koutouvides' first extended action this season. How did he respond to his time on the field?**

**Spack:** "I thought he played pretty good. He played strong and looked confident. I'm happy with him."

**GBI: Another guy who seemed to play well, especially in the first half, was redshirt freshman tackle Craig Terrill.**

**Spack:** "Craig is a hard worker. He has done a great job. This week off will help him



Tom Campbell  
**Junior defensive end Akin Ayodele (13) picked off his second pass of the season in the second quarter. The play helped the Boilers set up the only first-half touchdown. Ayodele had another great outing with three tackles for loss, two sacks and deflected two passes.**

them on the ground?

**Spack:** "To win this game, we thought we would have to make them one-dimensional and throw the football. It sounds funny to say that when they have two great wide receivers. We wanted to keep them under control, and I was happy that we played the run so well. The run didn't beat us in this game. We just tried to be sound in the passing game and we covered them pretty well."

**GBI: Did Ken-Yon Rambo and Reggie Germany give your secondary some matchup problems?**

**Spack:** "They did, but it depended on what coverage we were in. I thought Ashante (Woodyard) and Chris (Clopton) played well. They are dangerous receivers and they gave us some problems, but they didn't score any touchdowns."

**GBI: With two games left, everybody is going to be talking about your chances of going to the Rose Bowl. How do you keep the players from losing their focus?**

**Spack:** "We're taking things one game at a time. All we're worrying about now is Michigan State. That's all we care about. They are a good football team and we have to play up there on the road and it's a tough place to play. We've just got to

focus on them."

**GBI: Are you glad to have an off week?**

**Spack:** "Yes, I think it's a good time for us. We're a little nicked up right now and we could use some rest." **MB**

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