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## Young Bucks Cruise in 18-6 Victory over Silver Bucks

New Castle, PA – It was a crisp fall day in Western Pennsylvania when the Young Bucks and Silver Bucks took the field. The theme for Turkey Bowl XX was “Remembering Turkeys of the Past.” Five new players experienced the thrill of entering Nicolls Stadium, hearing the roar of the capacity crowd, running through the banner and down the tunnel of pride made up of former Silver and Young Buck players.

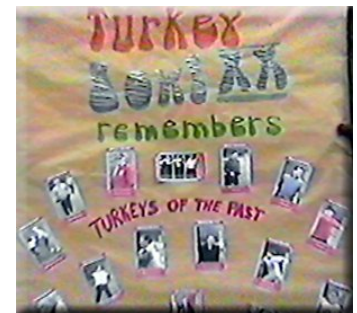
The offenses began the game as cold as the temperature outside. An interception by **Stanley “Steamer” Ingison**, a sack by **Jonathan Speedy Bundy**, and a breakup of a 5<sup>th</sup> down pass by **Skiin’ Ian Nicolls** highlighted the defensive play on both sides. Then the Young Bucks caught the Silvers off guard by going to a quick snap on 1<sup>st</sup> down. **Jamm’n Jake Grover** threw long to **Ben “Big” Mack “Attack”** for the first TD of the game. The 2 point conversion was unsuccessful so the Youngs were up 6-0. The Silver Bucks offense showed signs of life with a run by **Greg Bubby Bundy** and three straight completions to **Hillary “Killer” Nicolls**, **Janice “Hopalong” Grover** and **Too Small Dale Nicolls**. The Young offense took over on downs and milked the clock by going to the running game with **Brad “BDog” Lawrence** and **Edgerrin James Bundy** carrying the pigskin. The half ended when **Ben “Big” Mack “Attack”** intercepted a Silver aerial.

The Young Buck offense came out of the locker room with some key adjustments. On the fourth play of the half, **Jamm’n Jake Grover** hit **Edgerrin James Bundy** on a crossing pattern for six. The Youngs now had a commanding lead of 12-0. The



defenses for both sides began to dominate. A sack by **Defender Joel Bundy**, and interceptions by **Game Breaker Bruce Nicolls**, **Ben “Big” Mack “Attack”** and **Stanley “Steamer” Ingison** were the key plays. The last interception was returned by **Stanley “Steamer”** to the Young Buck 10 yard line. Three plays later, a scrambling **Greg Bubby Bundy** found **Stanley “Steamer” Ingison** in the back of the end zone for the Silver Bucks first score. The score made it a game again, 6-12. The Young Bucks responded three series later when **Skiin’ Ian Nicolls** gave the Youngs good field position with a nice punt return. **Jamm’n Jake Grover** turned a broken play into a touchdown by weaving his way through the Silver defense and stretching the ball over the goal line. The Youngs now had the game in hand 18-6.

**Ben “Big” Mack “Attack”** ended the game with his third interception. **Jonathan Speedy Bundy**, **Defender Joel Bundy**, **Dashing Dasha Dobrova**, **Brad “BDog” Lawrence**, **Jeffrey Bulldog Grover** and **Trevor T-Bone Tingley** played key rolls by putting pressure on the Silver quarterback all game. Their counterparts – **Wild Bill Nicolls**, **Hillary “Killer” Nicolls**, **Gayle**



**A surprised Stanley “Steamer” Ingison was awarded the MVP. The Silver Buck rookie had two interceptions and one touchdown.**



**“Sayers” Ridge**, and **Janice “Hopalong” Grover** also kept the Young quarterbacks scrambling.

**Stanley “Steamer” Ingison** was awarded the MVP of Turkey Bowl XX for intercepting two passes and scoring the only Silver Buck touchdown.



The Young Bucks set their defense.

"Tradition, I don't know about that, I just show up and spank whoever lines up on the other side."

### Memories of Turkey Bowl by Aunt Ruth Lewis

- Uncle Dave and I always telling Dean K. that he's supposed to put on his underpants first – not over his long sweat pants....
- Some of us doing the wave up on the balcony.....
- Jim Ridge with his whirly-gig-hat.....
- Son-in-law Paul Yoder making MVP and never returning to reclaim his title....
- Dale catching every ball that came anywhere near him....
- The spectators always asking, "Who is that guy out there? Neighbor, stranger or out-law?"....
- Crazy Legs Lewis stinking up my bedroom with his Ben Gay for a night or two....

### Turkey Bowl XXI Weekend Events by Big Don Nicolls

#### Friday Evening

- **Supper** 6:00 PM – Bev's usual great meal.
- **Fishing** for those who are still "kids." Jessica and Katy think that they are too "mature" now.
- **Bingo** – one Sunday afternoon Bev, Beth, Barb and I started wrapping bingo prizes – and when we stopped there were over "80". So we need a few bingo players. The people

who won the two dogs last year; please take them home.

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#### Saturday

- **Breakfast** 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM – the kitchen is open for coffee, juices, waffles, pancakes, breakfast rolls, fruit, bacon, sausage, potato cakes, Teton egg McMuffins.

- **Turkey Bowl Game XXI** 10:30 AM
- **Lunch** – about noon – right after the Turkey Bowl Game.



### Gen Exing by "Big Boy" Bob Nicolls



Jammin' Jake Grover throwing aside the tradition of QBing from the shotgun.

Jake Grover is one of the nuevo breed of Young Bucks with the swagger to go with it. Jake's vast skills have dominated the annual Turkey Bowl in recent years but seems to be missing any preparation or history. Confused

by his seemingly boundless talent, the Silver Bucks have gasped after Jake's streaking runs or effortless pass receptions.

An undercover spy was sent

on a clandestine mission this fall to the OSU campus in an attempt to discover a remedy to this talented athlete. Jake's room was bugged, however in retrieving the tapes, it was clear that they had been tampered with.....including a missing section of some 18 minutes.

Here are some of the quotes; "Yeah, I don't practice at all for that game, those guys are old and slow...no way for them to touch me." .....

"Tradition, I don't know about that, I just show up and spank whoever lines up on the other side."....."Mo, naw, he don't have the time to show up across the PA line and play, he's too busy at his attorney's office anyway, got to find a way to get some out of the system."

Time will only tell if this locker room material will serve the Silver Bucks well....is there any water in the well for these once spry and charged warriors???

**The Lewis Family Update**

**[Sung to the tune of the Beverly Hillbillies:]**

Now listen to a story 'bout a clan named Lewis  
From south of Mason-Dixon yep, here is the newest:

Daddy Long Legs goes to work in DC every day  
At 72 still saving for that big retirement pay

Ruth Ann plays some bingo, gets some mighty big payouts  
An excuse, more or less, to take the Caddy out.

- Cadillac, that is! DeVille. Landau roof!

Ma and Pa done cancel on Oglebay, yessiree  
Was that one or two times? Or maybe now it's three.

But Ma does go to W-V-AY, that is to Charles Town  
Leaning on those slot machines she throws them quarters  
down!

- Coins, that is! Slot machines at the race track!

The Yoders down in Charlotte, now they're always on the go  
Daddy Paul turned forty and Suz did up some show!

Paul did some huntin', even shot a buck this year  
Fam'ly finding any reason not to eat that deer!

Suzu's cut her hours back at Wachovia the Bank  
Driving those two kids around sure empties out her tank!

Paul works for Ariba, they're in Californ-aye-ay.  
He's either workin' from his home, or takes the airways.

Allison's a gymnast, she's now in the first grade  
For Halloween she chose to be a woodland fairy maid.

**The Silver  
Buck offense  
changing for-  
mation to  
confuse the  
Young Buck  
blitzers.**



PJ is now five, he's at Charlotte Country Day  
Favorite of his teachers, he's Batman all the way.

Holy Batman, that is! Not Robin!

By now you're probably wonderin' what trouble I've been in  
Hangin' out in C'ville, home of Uni-vee-Vir-gin.

Doin' lots of closings with the interest rates real low  
Opening a fifth office will keep me on the go.

Gotten into diving, it's a new passion for me.  
I'll be in the Bahamas when y'all are eatin' turkey!

For thanksgiving that is! And steak for Uncle Don!

And now for dear cuzins, who're wondering, they're askin' -  
Not married yet, but in the Bahamas some man will be a-baskin'!

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**Attention Ladies ...**

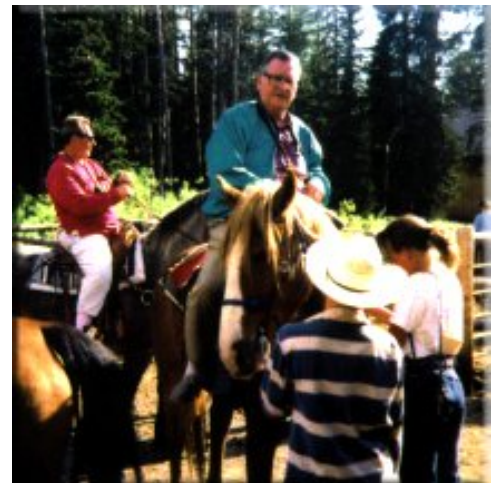
...who feel no inclination or obligation to encourage or support their honeys and sweeties during the football game and who have a love of classic literature. Volunteers are needed to help me tweak a Jane Austen card game I invented. No knowledge of Ms. Austen's books is required; however participants must know how to read (aloud!) and how to count in increments of 10. Any willing assistance would be welcomed and appreciated.



Your Humble Servant,  
**Barb Nicolls**

**2004 Westward Ho to the  
Tetons by Big Don Nicolls**

Wagon master Don has arranged to be in the Grand Teton National Park at Signal Mountain Lodge - to arrive July 8, 2004 and depart July 19, 2004. If interested, call the Wagon master at (724) 652-4960.



**Big Don Nicolls will once again lead a wagon train out to Grand Teton National Park in 2004.**



Grandma with her new oven bought by her children

Thursday – November 29, 1917 – 11:30 A.M.

Thanksgiving Day! And I guess I haven't a "grump" on. I feel that I have a good many things to be thankful for. I'll give a list of a few of them. To begin with:

- I'm thankful that I'm here on earth.
- I'm thankful that I have a good home.
- I'm thankful that I have a good mother and father.
- I'm thankful that I have such a dear little brother to scrap with.
- I'm thankful for my good health.
- I'm thankful that I'm not poor.
- I'm thankful that I live in Poland.
- I'm thankful for the good times I have. And –
- I'm thankful it wasn't Tues. night that Mother put her foot down!
- And as one of the primary kids said last Sunday, I'm thankful that I have buttons on my coat to keep me warm.

O, I have billions of things to be thankful for when I come to think of it. The trouble is we never stop to think of our blessings. I guess I'm pretty well supplied with them alright.

An excerpt from Ethel (McCoy) Nicolls' Diary when she was 15 years old.

### Thanksgiving Memories from the Grandchildren of Carl & Ethel Nicolls

The Hide and Go seek games in the backyard, Football Football on TV, The Boys in the back bedroom, Calls to Otis on the phone, Food - more food and then desert, a houseful of relatives. **Bob Nicolls**

I know I always looked forward with great excitement and anticipation for the arrival of Martha and Judy. I just LOVED my Chicago cousins! **Beth Nicolls**

Thanksgiving - food and desserts piled high on the buffet, we children delegated to the back room, sitting at a card table - I can't remember who else was sitting there (Bill? Pattye? Kathy?), but all three of us were quizzing Beth - "What's a cow say?" "What's a doggie say?" "What's a goat say?" etc. etc. As I recall, Beth's score on this "quiz" was 100%! **Carol Kauffman**

The card tables in the living room where all the kids sat, the pies lined up on the buffet, and mashed potatoes. I also remember watching the "Sound of Music" in the back room which always seemed to be on TV on Thanksgiving. But from my perspective of living in the house now, I

can't figure out how all of us fit in! **Gayle Ridge**

Grandma greeting us at the door and giving Beboo and me a hug and a kiss no matter how late we came at night traveling from Chicago.

Waking Thanksgiving morning to the smell of coffee and cooked eggs. Grandma cooked eggs for Dad and he put catsup on them!... something he didn't do at home. Mom said we didn't need eggs because that would make too much work for Grandma. :)

Opening the door to the attic and creeping up the steps with Judy, Beth and Patty to look through Grandma's trunk of dress up clothes. Brrrrr...it was cold trying on the gowns, shoes, and shawls before coming down in our new, beautiful outfits.

Adults playing cards...500, of course!

Hank taking me for a ride in his small, low to the ground car which had a foot print for a gas pedal. Wow! It was so cool and so was Hank! :)

Walking briskly with a bunch of cousins in the dark to

Whitaker's store just to look around.

Cramming in the backroom with all – and I mean all – the cousins to watch TV and laughing and laughing and laughing.

The clinging sound of the glass candy dishes from different parts of the house. They were not quiet dishes, especially when trying to sneak candy between meals. No wonder why my kids were always sneaking candy at my parents' house.

The memories of Grandma's house bring to mind so many good times and so many warm feelings. I feel so fortunate to have been a part of such a great family and to have had Grandma for my grandma. **Marty Bundy**

I just remember all of the different pies on the sideboard in the dining room and how everyone would pile into the den to watch football after we ate. **Cheri Lewis**

[I remember] mostly just kids in the back TV room talking and being just regular kid goofy. **Bruce Nicolls**



The grown up table



How did we all fit?



The kids tables