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## Oberlin Invasion Topples State 7 to 6

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And State fell... "The bigger they come, the harder they fall" was the Oberlin war cry in the third period of Saturday's great victory, which was Ohio State's first Ohio Conference defeat in ten years and the Crimson and Gold's first conquest of State since 1909.

Coming on to the field at the beginning of the second half, Oberlin's warriors showed plenty of pep and confidence. After State had punted to Oberlin's 16 yard line, Oberlin started a march down the field, the like of which had not been seen by State fans for five years. Using plunges, sneaks, passes and end runs, the

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**FACTS ABOUT GAME**

|                             | Oberlin | State |
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| * First downs .....         | 9       | 5     |
| * Yds. per punt .....       | 40      | 34    |
| * Yds. on passes .....      | 14      | 14    |
| * Passes completed .....    | 2       | 1     |
| * Yds. on runs .....        | 136     | 76    |
| * Tl. from scrimmage .....  | 150     | 90    |
| * Av. yds. per play .....   | 2½      | 2     |
| * Yds. lost on penalties .. | 0       | 30    |

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Crimson and Gold team swept their heavy opponents ahead of them for 85 yards, never stopping until Parkhill had received Wheeler's pass over the goal line for a touchdown. The 10,000 State rooters were left dazed and silent by this unbelievable drive, which culminated in their team's defeat.

Ohio made their score in the first quarter when Huffman broke through and blocked Wood's punt and ran 20 yards for a touchdown. Pixley failed to kick the goal, giving Oberlin the edge by reason of "Bill" Parkhill's educated toe.

Too much praise cannot be given the Oberlin eleven for its gallant stand in the first half and its irresistible rush in that great third quarter. State was outclassed at every point, finding it almost im-

possible to penetrate the Oberlin line for any appreciable gain.

Urged on by "Mickey's" war whoop, "They aren't invisible," the Crimson and Gold linemen plunged through again and again, hurling back State's runners for losses. Stallings repeated his last year's performance and upset Ohio's backs on all occasions. He was in practically every play, bringing consternation to the Scarlet and Gray's desperate rooters. Bowen, Withrow, Parkhill and Mchee also repeatedly got behind the line and drove State's backfield stars for big retrogressions.

The end spilled about everything coming their way, while the rest of the team looked like all-Americans to Ohio's 185 pound forwards.

### NOTES OF THE GAME

The State crowd used the Oberlin method of clapping after every yell. The singing with band accompaniment was very good before the game.

Oberlin's warriors solved the Scarlet and Gray attack in the second quarter. State failed to make a single first down in the second and third period.

Ohio State can count herself lucky to escape with a one-point defeat. If the field had been dry the light Oberlin team would have probably scored at least another touchdown.

On the offensive, Wood McPhee and Parkhill smashed, hurdled and plowed through the Big Ten line with pleasing frequency. "Al" Wheeler's generalship, especially on that third period drive, left nothing to be desired and every-

thing to be thankful for.

Ohio State fans treated the Oberlin conquest with more than fairness. They gave the Crimson and Gold a complimentary cheer toward the close of the game, which was no easy thing to elicit.

## HILARIOUS RECEPTION GIVEN VICTORY NEWS

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Trouncing the supposedly invincible Ohio State football team certainly calls for more than a passing comment, according to a Cleveland daily which gives "all glory to the Oberlin team." And the rally and noise Saturday night showed that the Crimson and Gold backers certainly meant to add to that glory all it could.

The "big noise" started at about 6 o'clock when reports of a 6-0 score began creeping out and ended some time before morning when a pajama-clad inmate of the M.B. rushed out to make sure that the score still stood at 7-6.

The dance at the Men's gym in the evening also took on an entirely different atmosphere. The Hi-O-Hi's big elimination stunt would have made a hit if the music hadn't continually gone into that seven and six time beat. Even the "wall flowers" took on a new air and lost that "nobody-loves-me" stare. The intermissions were not the usual periods of waiting until the man with the horn got his wind again, but every rest period for the orchestra meant a pop meeting for the dancers — and non-dancers.

Earl "Newsie" and "Chick" Addams were both there and did their

stunts, while the Frosh held the floor for a few minutes with their pajama procession and an O.S. funeral.

The climax of the evening came when the girls were granted general permission to go to the rally and welcome the homecoming heroes. The dear things became so excited that many of them forgot just who their matrons really were.

Nevertheless the welcome was a hearty one and the boys should have heard it long before they reached Oberlin.

After a tramp across the wet and muddy campus there was a lull in the noise. Everyone suppressed their emotions until the damp wood finally started to blaze, only to find that the speakers had all vanished. But after few reviving yells Mr. Savage came to the rescue and told just how the game was won.

Then with a short talk by "Prexy" and a big Hi-O-Hi, the rally ended.

A snake dance was then formed and run all over town, finally ending by storming the gym for Captain Stallings and "Nellie" Metcalf.

But in the midst of this tumult and the yelling of hundreds there was only one who remembered to "thank the Lord for the number six because it was just one less than seven."



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## 1972 Crimson Athletes Disagree with Arguments Voiced at OAC Meeting

Sue Macaulay  
December 8, 1972

The Ohio Athletic Conference defined its position on women in athletics recently by defeating a proposal which would allow women to compete in the OAC by a vote of 10-2, with Oberlin and The College of Wooster casting the only dissenting votes.

The proposal, if passed, would have allowed women to participate on varsity teams in non-contact sports, such as tennis, swimming, golf, track, and cross

country. Competition would be limited to members of the same sex although the teams would be comprised of both men and women, and the efforts of both would count towards team scores. Both sexes would have equal use of coaches and facilities.

Reasons given by the schools voting against the proposal were as follows: (1) Athletic competition defeminizes women; (2) Having women competing on an equal basis and on the same team

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## 1968 American Dignity

October 22, 1968

We are dismayed by the suspensions of sprinters Tommie Smith and John Carlos from the United States Olympic team. The International Olympic Committee wrongfully pressured the U.S. Olympic Committee to punish the athletes and the U.S. Committee made a shameful mistake in complying.

Messrs. Smith and Carlos, who finished first and third, respectively, in the men's 200-meter dash, were suspended for their actions during the medal-award ceremony: rather than standing at attention and facing the American flag with their right hands over their hearts, they each wore a black glove on one hand which they raised above their heads in

a clenched fist while they bowed their heads during the playing of the U.S. national anthem.

Their participation in the ceremony was both solemn and dignified. It was less a protest than a symbolic affirmation of black power and unity.

The two men have been criticized for bringing politics into the Olympics. Surely what politics there exists has been fostered by those who attempt to portray the Games as competition among nations rather than among the most finely trained athletes of the world, and who make the Games more nationalistic by insisting on the playing of national anthems as one means of giving the credit for outstanding performances to nations rather than to the individuals who have

earned it by years of nearly unimaginable effort and dedication.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Carlos were representing what is best in America — the determination to fight injustice and inequality and the honesty to admit that they exist. And they do exist, even in the world of sports. For that reason the Olympics cannot and should not seek to avoid their recognition.

In a nationwide television interview, Tommie Smith was asked, "Are you proud to be an American?" "I am proud to be a black American," he said. "What do you think you gained by your action, Tommie?" He answered, "Black dignity."

The action of the U.S. Olympic Committee has given less dignity to being an American.