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FRANKLIN HIGH'S Jeff Waterstone has a line drive in his glove -- but tumbles to the ground and the ball pops loose. (Observer photos by Tom Donoghue)

## It's To Ohio State For Lathrup's Ruhl

By TOM DONOGHUE  
Sports Editor

Ohio State's football genius Woody Hayes must be getting indulgent in his old age. For only the second time in the last 25 years, Hayes has reached into a state he claims he doesn't even recognize for gridiron talent.

The talent Hayes of Ohio State now lay claim to was the No. 1 footballer in Oberverland last fall and a two-time All-Stater in the state Hayes does not believe really exists.

Southfield Lathrup's Bruce Ruhl will be wearing the Ohio State Buckeye colors come autumn.

The 18 year old Lathrup senior has been flooded with collegiate offers ranging from Tennessee, Notre Dame, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Georgia Tech, Michigan State, Florida and Ohio State.

"I finally narrowed my choice down to either Tennessee or Ohio State," admitted Ruhl. "They both play excellent brands of football and I saw that I could play in the defensive backfield my first year."

So why did Ruhl choose Ohio State?

"It was just a feeling that I had," said Ruhl, who is a 12 letter winner at Lathrup. "Mr. Hayes has been up here three times to talk to me and has called me at least once a week since football season."

"He even came over to my house on his 60th birthday

and my mother baked him a little cake. I am just tremendously impressed with him and his football program," added Ruhl.

The only other Michigan player to be on the Buckeye football roster in the last 25 years was offensive halfback Bob Klein from the 1960-61-62 Ohio State season.

Klein was from Athens, Mich. In four years at Southfield Lathrup, Ruhl rushed for 2,161 yards in 356 carries.

Caught 68 passes for 995 yards.



BRUCE RUHL

has every intention of giving the Buckeye baseball squad a real shot.

This year was the first in many a year that Hayes has ventured into Michigan for recruiting purposes.

"Mr. Hayes was after six players here in Michigan," said Ruhl. "But three decided to go to Minnesota, two to University of Michigan and mine is the real challenge."

Scored 41 touchdowns and 21 extra points for 267 points. And intercepted 19 passes. What does Woody Hayes have planned for the Lathrup star?

"Mr. Hayes told me that I will be in his starting defensive backfield before the season is three weeks old," said Ruhl.

Ruhl was selected the No. 1 defensive player of the '72 prep season in Oberverland. Ruhl admitted that he never gave the University of Michigan a second glance after they contacted him.

"I wanted to go to a university that has a healthy atmosphere and that is why I had it narrowed down to Tennessee or Ohio State. At one time I was seriously thinking of Michigan State University," explained Ruhl.

"Ohio State just has that homey atmosphere," added the Lathrup athlete.

Ruhl will be majoring in business at Ohio State and has made up his mind that he is not going to be a one sport athlete there.

In his freshman year at Lathrup, Ruhl lettered in football and baseball; in his sophomore season he lettered in basketball, football and baseball; in his junior year he lettered in basketball, football and baseball again;

and this, his senior year, has seen Ruhl letter in football, hockey and now in baseball and track.

Ruhl will be playing on the new Southfield Adray baseball team this summer and

With Ohio State's defensive backfield gone, Ruhl stands an excellent chance of stepping right into Hayes' '73 football prowess.

"There is no doubt in my mind that Ruhl will make the grade under Hayes and that he will be an All-American candidate his junior season," said Southfield Lathrup football coach Darrell Harper.

"Bruce's goal is to play pro football and with his desire, he should make it," added Harper, a three-time University of Michigan football letter winner in the '30s.

Ohio State's '73 football team will be making two visits to the state of Michigan.

On Oct. 13 the Buckeyes invade East Lansing to meet Michigan State and on Nov. 4, the "Scarlet and Grey" will be moving into Ann Arbor against the "Malze and Blue" of Michigan.

Lathrup's Bruce Ruhl could very well be one of the deciding elements in who holds their head high for another year, the year after and the year after and the year after.

Woody Hayes knows he has a good thing in Bruce Ruhl the next four years.

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## Down 8-0, Ru Rallies Past Belleville, 9-8

The Redford Union baseball machine is making no qualms about it, it is out to successfully defend its Suburban Eight baseball crown.

And if the Panthers' performance against Belleville is any indication, they are going to do it.

Down 8-0 going into the last of the fourth, RU scored three times in the fourth, once in the last of the fourth, and four times in the last of the seventh to send it into extra innings.

RU promptly scored in the eighth and it was a 9-8 victory for Coach Bob Atkins and Co., who now stand 5-0 overall and 2-0 in the Sub Eight.

Dave Dapsi tripled to score Damsard and Joe Stillwagon singled in Dapsi. Robin Hood doubled to make it 5-0 and Atkins had seen enough.

In came Steve Friedman from the Panther bullpen and the explosion was quieted down, for the moment.

The Tigers made it 6-0 in the second on a three-bagger by Vance and a wild pitch.

Rain held the game up in the third and when things resumed, Belleville started right in with two runs in the fourth on a walk to Dapsi and a round tripper by Stillwagon.

RU started to regain its composure [hat has made it a champion for so many years with three tallies in the last of the fourth.

Mark Yourcheck singled, Glenn Richmond was safe on an error and Lupe Bravo was hit by a pitch to load the sacks. Tom Utey walked to force in Yourcheck and with one out, Kurt Montney walked to force in Richmond. Bravo scored the third run

when Kalil grounded out.

In the last of the sixth, trailing 8-3, and with two outs, Fuks was safe on an error. Was wild pitched to second and scored on a hit by Kalil.

Trailing by four in the bottom of the seventh, RU had its work cut out.

Friedman led off with a base on balls, Yourcheck flied out but Richmond walked and Bravo connected for a three bagger to slice it to 8-6. Utey singled but Bravo held up at third and Utey moved to second on a passed ball.

Then with two outs, and two strikes on Fuks who had been bombed on the RU mound back in the first, the Panther batsman lashed a double to right center to tie it up at eight all.

It was Friedman who again got things started for RU in the last of the eighth. The Panther third baseman singled him one out and Yourcheck walked. With two outs, Bravo lined a two bag-

ger to straight away center and Friedman dashed in with the deciding run.

Tom Nippa, who had come on in the eighth for RU, got credit for the win.

At Cicotte started for Belleville and was relieved in the seventh by Tom Cole who took the defeat.

RU finished with nine runs on 10 hits and two errors and Belleville wound up with eight runs on nine hits and two errors.

Belleville didn't get a hit after the fourth inning.

Spartan Named

Michigan State junior hockey defenseman Bob Boyd of Rexdale, Ont., was named to the 1973 All-American university division east team selected by the American Hockey Coaches Association.

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