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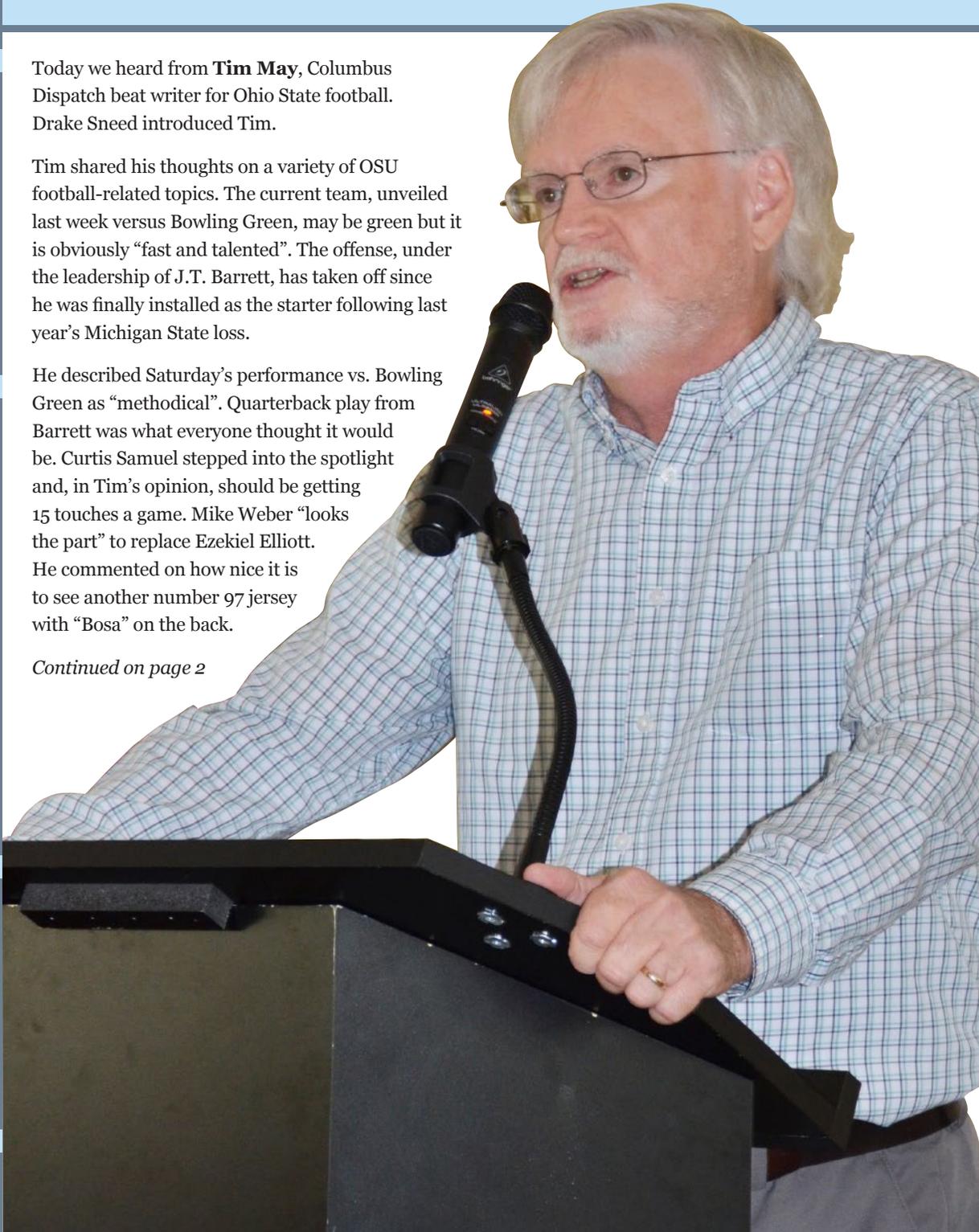
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Today we heard from **Tim May**, Columbus Dispatch beat writer for Ohio State football. Drake Sneed introduced Tim.

Tim shared his thoughts on a variety of OSU football-related topics. The current team, unveiled last week versus Bowling Green, may be green but it is obviously "fast and talented". The offense, under the leadership of J.T. Barrett, has taken off since he was finally installed as the starter following last year's Michigan State loss.

He described Saturday's performance vs. Bowling Green as "methodical". Quarterback play from Barrett was what everyone thought it would be. Curtis Samuel stepped into the spotlight and, in Tim's opinion, should be getting 15 touches a game. Mike Weber "looks the part" to replace Ezekiel Elliott. He commented on how nice it is to see another number 97 jersey with "Bosa" on the back.

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May pointed out that last year's team, heavy on returning on starters, struggled to find its legs. This year, with so few starters returning (and with a settled starter at QB), the team appears to be on steady ground from the outset.

There is a great deal of embedded depth on this year's defense.

Tim noted that in today's times. There is not as much of a chance to get to know the players personally as there was years ago. Those who cover the team must get to know the players as much as they can by simple observation rather than personal interaction. During the process of observing the team, it is impressive to see how much hard work is put in by the players throughout the year – especially during the hot summer months. This makes it all the more upsetting to see someone get hurt and out for the season in the first game.

The next game with Tulsa is a first time meeting for the two schools. Tulsa was John Cooper's first college head coaching job. They scored 45 points vs San Diego State on September 3. Defensively, Tulsa ranked 125th out of 128 FBS teams last season.

Tim doesn't think much of the preseason football polls – particularly as they relate to the elite

programs. This past weekend's results (two of the top 5 teams and three of the top ten lost their opening game) simply reinforce the fact that folks who do preseason polls don't really have a clue about what is coming.

Ohio State has a roster full of very good players who are aching to get some playing time. In today's college football world it makes sense to play as many of them as possible since, if they are indeed very good, they will leave school early for the NFL draft.

When asked which player OSU could least afford to lose to injury (outside of QB J.T. Barrett), Tim didn't name an individual. Instead, he noted that the offensive line is probably the team's thinnest area on the depth chart. A loss there would be the most difficult to deal with.

Dangerous road games for OSU this year will be at Wisconsin, Penn State and Michigan State.

Tim was asked the question "What's Harbaugh got?" He answered that he doesn't know what the matter with him is. Once he realized the question was about the talent level at Michigan he noted that it is virtually unknown at this point given their easy win over an exhausted Hawaii team last Saturday.

The Meeting

President **Chip Knoop** asked **Drake Sneed** to offer the Invocation and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Westfall announced that there were no visiting Rotarians today and he asked **Ralph Griffith** to introduce his guest, son **John**.

Chip reminded us that we will be back at Scioto Country Club next week and for the balance of September.

He offered kudos to the club members who stepped up and helped out at the UA Rotary booth during the Upper Arlington Labor Day Arts Festival.

There are still a few openings for the November 5-9 Guatemala trip.

The club's 2016-17 directory is almost ready and should be distributed within the next two weeks.

The October 27 Honda plant tour has seventeen registrants so far. The limit is 40 people. Let **Bob Edler** know if you plan to participate.

Chip noted that he intends to start three minute segments at next week's meeting. He suggested that he might do a Phil Donahue routine and head into the audience with his microphone and pick someone out for an extemporaneous three minute presentation.

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Notes and Announcements

Dave Dewey announced that committee assignments are ready. He distributed lists to committee Chairs. Dave was one of the folks who helped at the Arts Festival booth. He said it was nice to see potential second generation Rotary members stop by.

