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**Tim May** visited with us today to share his thoughts about Ohio State's football team and the upcoming season.

But he digressed...

Tim's new gig allows him to cover college football games that do not involve Ohio State for a change. He'll be travelling to places like Notre Dame and Texas A&M. He'll be reporting and commenting via a podcast about Ohio State and college football in general. Tim will also be part of the 97.1 FM pregame programming.

He noted that it's an exciting time for college football – including up in Michigan where U of M is, according to some pundits, the favorite to win the Big Ten championship. Tim noted that if they played Ohio State early in the season they might have a chance. At the end of the season, however, OSU's stellar recruiting will come into play as the team will have grown and improved throughout the season.

But he digressed...

The "transfer protocol" that is now so prevalent in college football has yielded a head spinning array of quarterback moves. Justin Fields is one example – having arrived at Ohio State from Georgia where he did not win the starting QB job. He cited the days a few decades ago when a great player could be counted on to play at the same school for three years. Joe Namath and Rex Kern were two examples.

Now, however, "things are crazy". Tim cited a dizzying array of QB transfers between and among programs such as Texas Tech, Texas A&M, Oklahoma, Missouri and Alabama in addition to Ohio State, LSU, Georgia and Florida State.

This scenario places more and more emphasis on having quality depth at the QB position. In addition to the movement of players from school to school Tim pointed out that he couldn't remember a season when the number two QB at Ohio State wasn't called on to make an important contribution at a key time in the season.



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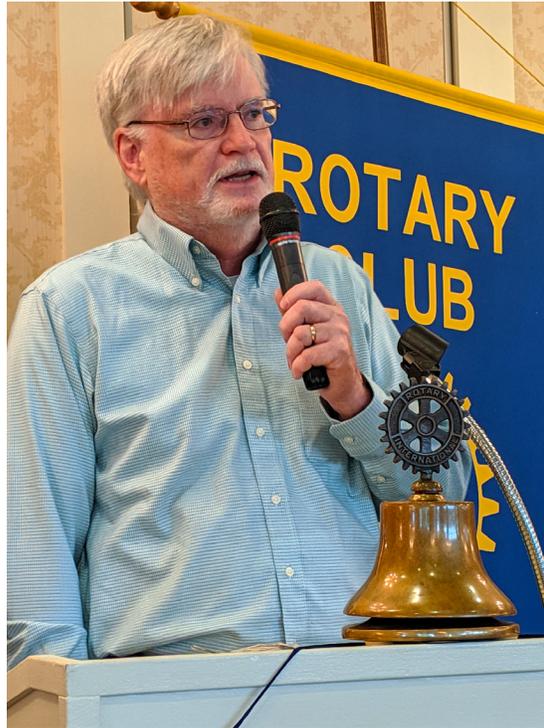
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Tim thinks Ohio State will have an interesting season because there is a new full time head coach in Ryan Day. He pointed out that people keep referring to Day as “young”. He’s 40 years old – and Lincoln Riley at Oklahoma was 32 when he took over that program and has done extremely well. Coach Day has inherited a stable full of talent. He and his staff will need to put it all together, of course.

A key item to be addressed by the new staff is improvement on the defensive side of the ball. 2018 was not a good year for Ohio State’s defense. Maryland scored 51 points on OSU’s defense last year and Michigan put up 39 points (of course OSU had 62 points of their own in that game).

Then he digressed...

...pointing out that he loved to look out on the golf course here at Scioto and that John Cooper had claimed to shoot a 73 here. He did not know what he might have shot on the back nine.

With respect to Urban Meyer’s departure Tim believes that it was brought on by about 70% medical concerns, 20% Michael Drake and 10% the realization that a rebuild of the coaching staff was in order – especially on the defensive side of the ball. Tim made note of the various coaching changes and new faces now on staff.

OSU’s first opponent this year is Florida Atlantic from Conference USA. Lane Kiffin is the coach. They have some talented players including trans-

fers from Oklahoma (QB) and Alabama (Running Back). They have taken full advantage of the transfer portal.

Tim agrees with one thing Jim Harbaugh has said recently. He believes that every player should have the right to one no-questions-asked transfer. Everyone should be able to correct what turns out to be a bad decision or to address a situation like a coaching change at their first choice program.

In today’s environment with so much player and coaching movement it is hard to get a fix on what your team will be like until the season begins. Tim believes that Ohio State’s defense will have matured through its experience last season. With a new coaching staff comes a new attitude and a new mindset. He expects last year’s three linebackers to be the starters in 2019 and he believes the defense will make huge steps forward this year.

A great deal will depend on Justin Fields and how well he adapts to the starter’s role. He has a limited number of starts in his career. He must stay healthy and also bloom as a big time QB. Tim thinks Fields is a mix of Braxton Miller’s speed and elusiveness and Dwayne Haskins’ strong throwing ability.

But he digressed to some additional comments about QB transfers...

Back on track, Tim discussed the importance of managing Justin Fields’ running plays in order to keep him healthy. OSU does, of course, want to make plays but not at the expense of injury to Fields. JK Dobbins is in the backfield as the primary running back who can take the pressure off Fields.

In closing, Tim said he thinks this would be a great Ohio State team again. “I really say that truthfully because I just see all the talent on hand including quarterback position...” A lot of things have to go right for them and he has to stay healthy. A lot of guys on defense have to stay healthy. And they do have to make that jump back into what they call the silver bullet style defense this year to make things happen.



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# The Meeting



President **Herb Gillen** opened the meeting promptly at 12:00 Noon in order to accommodate our adjusted speaker schedule today.

**Bill Greenlee** offered the invocation and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Milt Lustnauer** asked the following Rotarians to introduce their guests: **Celia Crossley** (husband **Jim**), **Mike Brady** (**Mike Seimer**), **Don Leach** (**Jack and Sandra Cotter**), **Doug Goddard** (**Michael Turnbull**), **Herb Gillen** (**Alan Thompson**), **Dan Ralley** (**Brent Lewis**), **Brad DeHays** (**Rusty Orben**), **Linda Cummins** (**Bob Cummins**), **Milt Lustnauer** (**Tom Thon**).

We were reminded that next Tuesday, September 3, we will meet at Schmidt's Reception House at Raymond Memorial. Our speaker will be **Jeremy Scally**, UAHS's new head football coach.

**Brad DeHays** conducted harassment. His imaginary new marketing firm had developed new taglines for a number of Rotarian-owned businesses. Incorrect answers to his fill-in-the blank tagline quiz required a dollar from everyone in the room. The companies involved were those connected to Rotarians **Brian Hall**, **Bill Hosket**, **Brett Harper** and **Angela Lanctot**. We failed mightily and four incorrect answers yielded a nice haul.

**Herb** had a stray umbrella that someone left behind a couple of weeks ago. The owner was encouraged to claim it after paying a one dollar storage fee.



# Notes and Announcements



**Jim Nicklaus** announced a September 10 Roundtable featuring **Dick Hager** who will discuss his extensive involvement in NASA's Apollo space program.

**Ted Foster** announced that the West Broad Elementary program will ramp up in October and he thanked those who have volunteered so far. He also noted that the Second and Seven program kickoff at West Broad will take place at 1:00 PM on September 25.

We need five more people for the shed assembly project for the Homeless Families Foundation. We're doing the job the week of September 9. The five additional workers are needed on September 11.

Sunday, September 1 is the UA Education Foundation's Golden Bear Bash at Tremont Shopping Center. New members in the past year are encouraged to attend (no charge). We'd also like a good representation from other Rotarians for this annual event. Contact **Matt Penrod** or **Norm Essey** if you'd like to participate.

The club's September social event on Friday September 6 will be a behind-the-scenes tour of Upper Arlington High School's renovated Marv Moorhead Stadium. Following the tour we'll head to Yabo's Tacos for a tailgate. The football game will follow. **Matt Penrod** is coordinating.

Today (8/27) was the last day for the Giant Eagle store card program which the club has discontinued.

Today was also the deadline for club directory updates.

