



The Ohio State University

BATTLE READY.

With seven national titles to its name and a program that dates to 1890, Ohio State boasts a football tradition rich in inspiration. One year stands out in particular: 1942. The team was made up of underclassmen, having lost 18 lettermen to graduation and military service in World War II. Led by legendary coach Paul Brown, the scrappy sophomores and juniors knew most of the team would be heading off to war soon. With stakes so high, they went 9-1 and claimed the school's first national championship.

For the 2010 Ohio State Nike Pro Combat System of Dress, Nike designers mined this moment in time. Brown's Buckeyes were known for speed, intelligence and contact, exemplified by MVP Charles Csurik. After the championship season, Csurik served in WWII from 1943 to 1946, earning the Bronze Star for acts of heroism in the Battle of the Bulge. This year's rivalry-day uniform salutes the courageous 1942 team and prepares the modern-day Buckeyes for battle against archrival Michigan on Nov. 27.

Stylized script numbers in White on the Scarlet jersey contribute a retro look with bold contrast. In accordance with U.S. Army regulation, a replica American flag is sewn on the right shoulder with the star field facing forward. The year "1942" is inscribed inside the back yoke of the jersey. Pants and socks in Dark Steel Gray give the uniform a tough edge and correspond with the Nike Pro Combat base layer. The base layer carries an all-over camouflage print composed of buckeye leaves and football jerseys. The print is reprised on the gloves, which form a block letter "O" when the palms face outward. In tribute to Charles Csurik, a graphic incorporating a bronze star and his initials appears at the lower back of the vivid Scarlet helmet. Footwear in uniform colors completes the commanding ensemble.

The Ohio State Nike Pro Combat System of Dress honors the past but delivers state-of-the-art performance benefits. The uniforms are 37 percent lighter than current designs, relieving players of extra weight in a game that demands top speed. The four-way stretch twill fabric rapidly sheds sweat and water, ensuring that even when wet, these uniforms are lighter than their standard-issue counterparts when completely dry. Dual-density foam padding provides critical protection and greater mobility than traditional pads for unencumbered speed. The Nike Pro Combat base layer allows for specific pad placement to suit every position, providing a highly customized solution.

The game of football has evolved. Players are stronger and faster, collisions more forceful. For the Buckeyes, the Nike Pro Combat System of Dress delivers unmatched lightweight protection in a formidable head-to-toe package.