It's Game Week in Columbus, and while the expectations for the Ohio State football team have occasionally been higher than they are this year, never has the end of the off-season been a more welcome sight. Later this week I'll be back with a preview of the OSU-Akron game, and before you know it, it'll be Thanksgiving and the Buckeyes will be putting it to the Wolverines all over again. So let's hurry.

We've spent considerable time and thousands of words in this column during the spring and summer talking about who will play where for the 2011 Buckeyes... on offense and on defense ... plus a look at how the new-look Big Ten shapes up. In other words...serving up plenty of opportunities to be proven wrong by events as the season unfolds. It's a given that during the course of the season there will be surprises...unforeseen events and developments, injuries...disappointments...upsets...

If you'll forgive a brief foray into Rumsfeldese , those things are the "unknown unknowns".....the things we don't even know that we don't know. It's next to impossible though, to write a column about them. As with any sports season about to begin, a number of key questions present themselves as the "known unknowns". That is to say, the things we *know* that we don't know. And the upcoming Ohio State football season appears to have a bunch of them.

Here are a few of the "known unknowns" about the 2011 OSU season that I've been kicking around...:

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