

Advocating Cake

Dear Tim:

As usual, I'm psyched for the upcoming Ohio State football season. Getting to see our championship team on the field once again makes the dog days of summer somehow worth it. The one thing I'm having a hard time understanding, though, is why we're playing such a soft schedule. I mean I understand the value of giving in-state schools a shot at the Buckeyes now and again, but three times in the same season? No disrespect to the fine players at Youngstown, Akron and Kent, but aren't we supposed to be getting ready for the Big Ten and the BCS? How is this cake schedule preparing our guys for Michigan on the road and a big-time bowl game?

—Skeptic on Sussex

Dear Skeptic:

I'm looking forward to the season as well, but I'm not so sure I agree with you about OSU's "cake" schedule. Sure, it may not be as tough as the years when we faced Notre Dame and Texas early on, but don't underestimate the intensity



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those MAC schools will bring to the field. It's a pride game for those players, many of whom have something to prove after being passed over for Big Ten scholarships. I still expect the Bucks to prevail, but I'm not assuming it will be as easy as you think. In any event, cake's not such a bad thing. If you don't believe me, check out our succulent selection of Der Dutchman baked goods between aisles 3 and 4. That ought to change your mind.

Dear Tim:

Now that the kids are back

in school, I've made a pledge to give them some more variety and nutrition in their lunches this year. I'm focusing on more fruit and less sugar. Any other suggestions?

—Mom on Mountview

Dear Mom:

Those are both good places to start. Fruits and vegetables are the easiest items to improve any diet, and no one suggests adding any sugar, but don't forget that they're kids. Rewarding them with a little snack now and then won't hurt, and it may even keep them motivated. Look what it's done for me.

Dear Tim:

I saw in the paper that you bought the Reserve Grand Champion Market Lamb at this year's Ohio State Fair. That was a pretty pricey little purchase. Was it worth it?

—Fairgoer on Fishingier

Dear Fairgoer:

As anyone with an exceptional meat department will tell you, you get what you pay for.

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