

# Sophomores vying for Blackshirt safety position

By Scott Jones  
Larry Valasek and Ted Harvey may be the downfall of football player jokes, (that is, anything in pads is dumb and irresponsible).

For example, consider Silver Creek native Valasek, a redshirt sophomore who is married and the father of two children. He is competing with Harvey to replace Jim Burrow, who was given a one-game NCAA suspension, as first team safety against Nebraska's first opponent, Louisiana State (LSU).

Defensive backs need quick minds as well as quick feet, he said.

## Pre-med major

Harvey, a Lexington sophomore majoring in pre-medicine, also discounts the idea advanced in jest that football players don't need, or have, good minds as well as strong bodies.

He has been playing cornerback and safety this fall. Although his g.p.a. is 3.8, he said learning both positions hasn't been easy.

Working at both positions may hurt his chances of starting against LSU, according to Warren Powers, defensive backfield coach.

"Valasek has the upper hand, he said. "I'm using Harvey at both safety and

cornerback because when Burrow comes back I don't want two guys at the same position who can both play.

## Three positions

"Harvey is really at a disadvantage because he's trying to learn three positions (weak and strongside cornerback). It's hard enough for a sophomore to learn one."

Powers said the eventual starter, (he won't alternate the two), will be named by Monday so he can work with the first team defense exclusively.

Valasek, a safety on the scout squad last year, said teaming with the Blackshirts for the first time isn't a difficult transition.

"It helps me more. The Blackshirts, especially Wonder (Monds) and Butter (Dave Butterfield), know what they're doing so well and they can help me out," he said.

Harvey and Valasek both said competing for the starting berth has made them work harder in practice. They also gave the same remedy to first game jitters should they start.

"I think the most important thing is to get the crowd out of your head," Harvey said.

Valasek agreed, adding that, "It won't be so bad after the first play. If I could get the first tackle of the game, that'd be great."



Larry Valasek (left) and Ted Harvey are both vying for the safety spot left open by Jim Burrow.

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ACROSS												
1	Tote-board data											
5	Catches one's breath											
10	Helper: Abbr.											
14	Crossing sound											
15	Throw back											
16	Relative of bah											
17	Politico's forte											
20	Hot — league											
21	One who watches											
22	Youngster											
23	Relaxed											
26	Milton's field											
28	Rapid —											
31	Fast plane											
32	Crewman's need											
33	Dutch cheeses											
36	Lost											
40	Ham athlete's doings											
44	Safe's partner											
45	Look blankly											
46	Three, in Venice											
47	Hirt et al.											
50	Cheerleader, at times											
52	Stadium sounds											
55	Permission											
56	Service											
57	— cone											
59	Falbo											
63	Stadium											
67	Progenitor											
68	Words after vive											
69	One with a burnoose											
70	Gaelic											
71	Used-car features											
72	Income-tax deduction											
DOWN												
1	Skinner of stage											
2	Word often heard by a child											
3	Dead as a —											
4	Habitually even											
5	Gypsy horse											
6	Roman bronze											
7	Gumshoed											
8	Lumbering hook: Var.											
9	Fails to be alert											
10	Fitting											
11	Biblical word											
12	Detection device											
13	Hot drink											
18	Discontinued											
19	Theater signs											
24	Caesar et al.											
25	— Unis											
27	Abbr. in a footnote											
28	Clothes											
29	— avis											
30	"Man of —"											
34	Doorway fixture											
35	Trap											
37	Egyptian goddess											
38	"Jane —"											
39	Biblical man											
41	— East											
42	Tripoli measure											
43	Of a torso part											
48	Reach the pier											
49	Ought to											
51	Deadly											
52	Charlotte —											
53	Up and about											
54	Gets wind of											
55	Memorize											
58	German count											
60	Prefix for dynamics											
61	Meadows											
62	Globes											
64	Formerly named											
65	"— a chance!"											
66	Underworld god											

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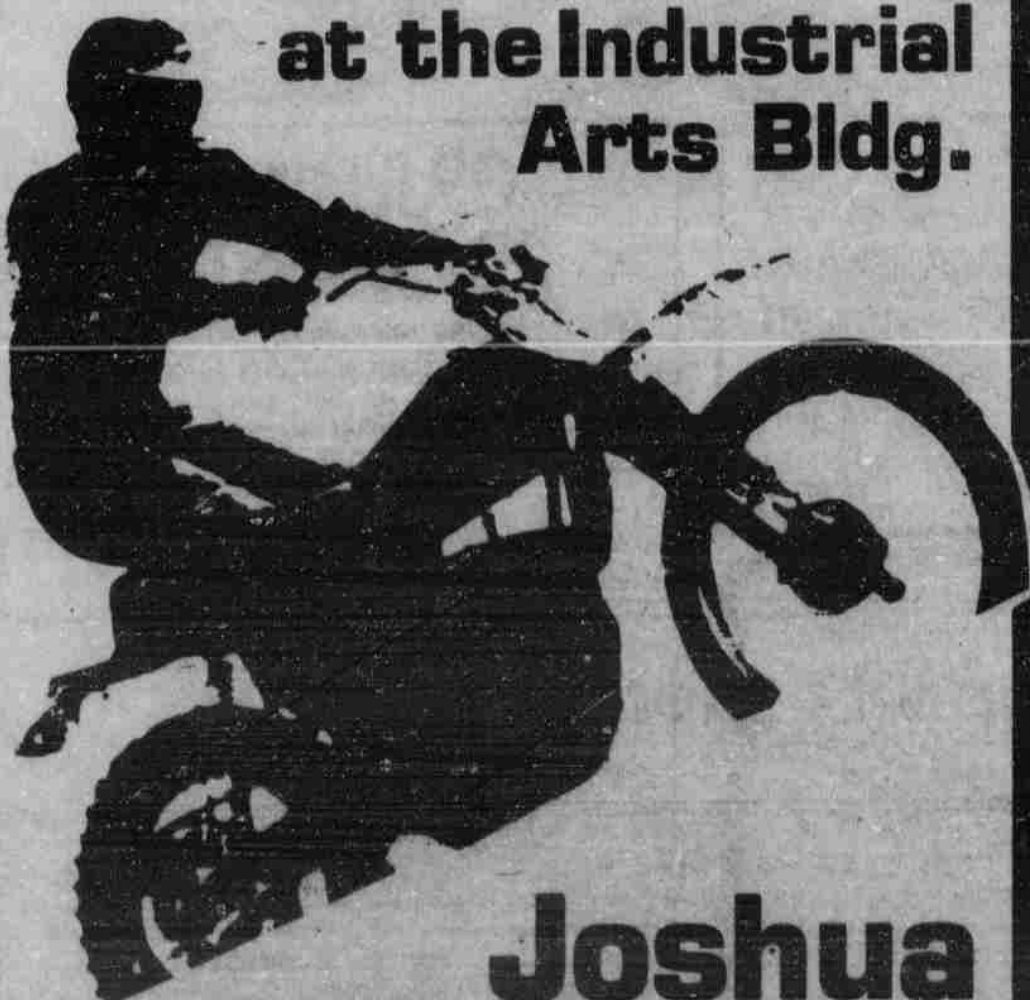
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