

## Sports

# Husker practice 'more intense' for UCLA game

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Nebraska football practices have been more intense this week as the Cornhuskers prepare to face UCLA, seniors Neil Harris and Craig Sundberg said.

"I think the intensity has picked up some," said Harris, now in his second year as a starting cornerback. "We know we'll have to play our best because we're playing one of the best this week."

Sundberg, who will start his third game at quarterback, said the Husker offense can't turn the ball over and be successful against UCLA. Nebraska lost four fumbles in Saturday's 38-7 win against Minnesota.

"Everybody realizes we need to play better," Sundberg said. "As long as we keep turning the ball over, we're just going to be stopping ourselves. If we play well, we can move the ball against anybody."

Harris said UCLA hasn't played up to its potential in close wins over San Diego State and Long Beach State. The Bruins may have been looking ahead to Nebraska, he said.

"I think they've been shooting for us," he said. "I was a little surprised at their first two games because of the athletes they've got."

Harris said he thinks defense will be the key to beating the Bruins.

"It doesn't matter what our offense does," he said. "As long as we play sound defense, we'll be right there when it counts."

UCLA's offense runs the ball more this year, and Harris said he expects the Bruins to test Nebraska early on the ground. But he said the Bruins can also pass, and will have to if Nebraska stops the rushing game. Harris said he's

optimistic the defense can get the job done.

"Hopefully, there won't be any problems," he said. "We just have to go after people and keep our intensity up."

Nebraska has given up only 397 yards in the first two games and ranks third nationally in total defense.

The Husker offense, meanwhile, has rolled up 1,127 yards but has blown several scoring opportunities with fumbles.

Sundberg said fatigue has been a factor in causing the turnovers.

"When you get tired, you can have mental lapses," he said. "It's easy to forget what you're trying

to do."

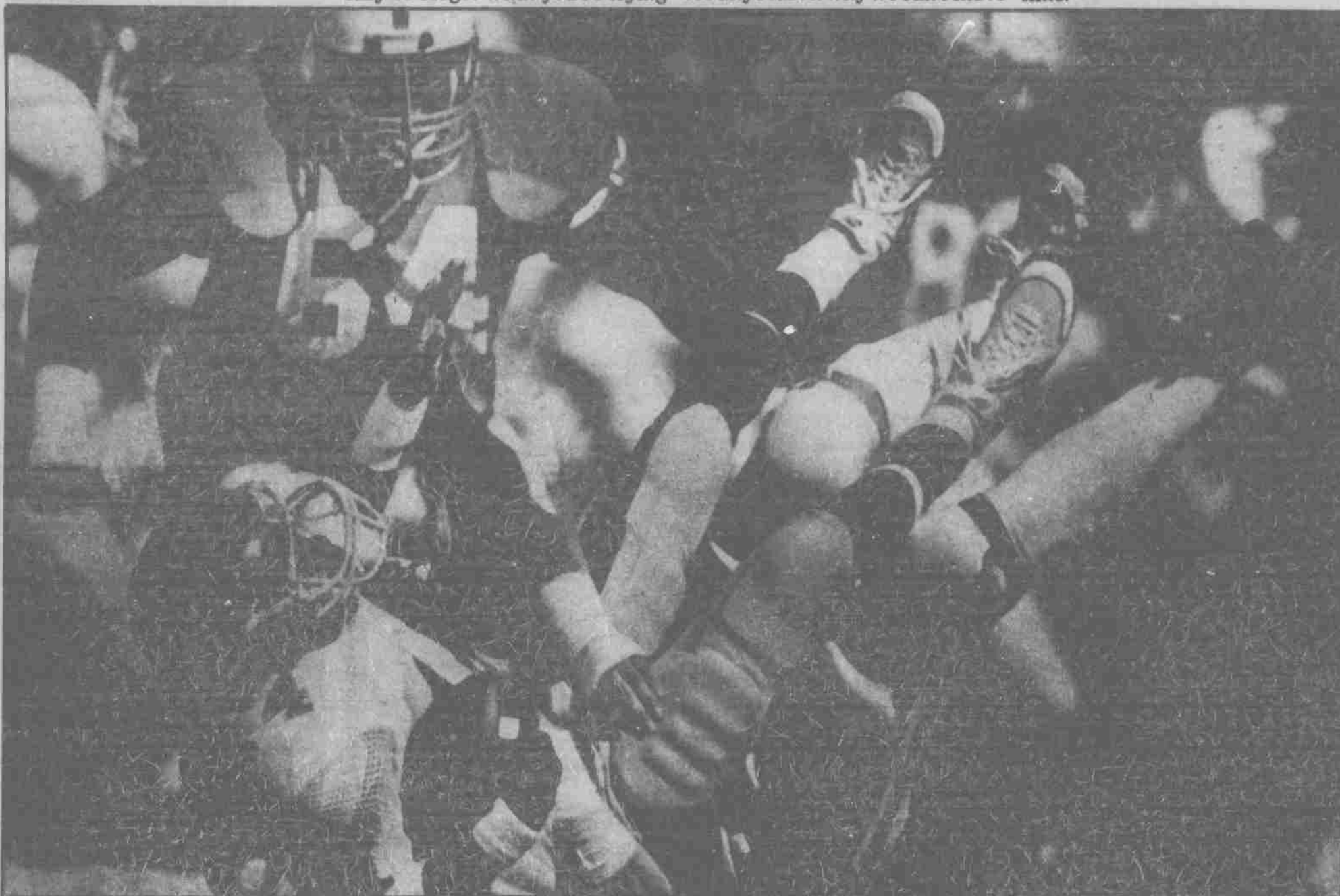
Nebraska's game plan against UCLA is similar to the plans for Minnesota and Wyoming games, Sundberg said.

"We may have to throw the ball a little more, but if we're playing well and concentrating, I don't see any reason why we can't move

the ball on the ground just as well."

Sundberg said he hasn't felt any added pressure as he prepares to start his first "big" game.

"I don't feel any differently than I did last week at this time," he said. "But there might be a little more tenseness just before game time."



An unidentified Nebraska defender slams Minnesota quarterback Rickey Foggie to the ground in Nebraska's 38-7 win against the Gophers. Lawrence Pete (64) moves in to make sure.

Joel Sartore/Daily Nebraskan

## Alabama, Auburn shares lead in Bottom Ten

By Steve Harvey  
THE COLLEGES

Auburn and Alabama, lurching off to 0-2 starts together for the first time in recorded history, assumed co-leadership of the Bottom Ten. And things can only get worse for the two lowly A-Teams since their murderous schedules call for them to play Southern Mississippi and Southwestern Louisiana respectively, this week.



### Bottom 10

Meanwhile, Florida (1-1-1) advanced to No. 3, mainly on the strength of the 109 charges of misconduct leveled against the school by the NCAA, climaxing an Abscam-type operation.

Florida aides allegedly accepted invitations to spy on several schools that were actually impersonating football teams, including Tulane. Aerial surveillance photos taken by Florida's team satellite were also reportedly seized.

#### THE RANKINGS

SCHOOL	LAST LOSS	NEXT LOSS
1) (tie) Alabama 0-2	6-16, Georgia Tech	SW Louisiana
Auburn (0-2)	27-35, Texas	Southern Miss.
3) Florida (1-1-1)*	0-109, NCAA	in court
4) Utah St. (0-2)	18-62, TCU	idle
5) Pitt (0-2)	10-42, Oklahoma	Temple
6) Oregon St. (0-2)	8-27, Arizona	Wyoming
7) North-Western (0-3)	12-13, Syracuse	Indiana
8) Missouri (0-2)	34-35, Wisconsin	Mississippi St.
9) San Jose St. (1-2)	0-48, Arizona St.	Stanford
10) UCLA (2-00 def. Long Beach 23-17 (!)	Nebraska	

11) Hawaii (0-2); 12) Rice (0-1); 13) Maryland (0-2); 14) Tulane (0-2); 15) University of Texas at El Intercepted paso (1-2); 16) Indiana (0-2); 17) Arizona State (1-1); 18) Baylor (0-1); 19) Notre Dame (1-1); 20) USC (1-0).

\*Florida also defeated Tulane, 63-21, last week. Florida appeared to have scouted Tulane very, very thoroughly.

ROUT OF THE WEEK: Nebraska (2-0) over UCLA (2-0).

CRUMMY GAME OF THE WEEK: Northwestern (0-2) vs. Indiana (0-2).

JOKE OF THE WEEK: An Oregon State aide accused Ohio State of spying on the meager Beavers before their recent game. Why? To learn how to fumble, throw interceptions and miss tackles?

KUDOS: Arizona Coach Larry Smith on the Bottom Ten: "They guy who writes that ought to be taken out and shot."

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## Women's tennis team faces dual competition in match

Nebraska's women's tennis team will try to make the most of a first impression this weekend when Iowa State and Kansas State meet the Huskers in dual competition at the East Campus tennis courts.

The matches will be Nebraska's first competition this fall. Last year, while the Huskers were aiming for their highest finish in the conference ever, the sophomore-dominated squad beat Kansas State 9-0 and dropped Iowa State 8-1.

"I think all three of our teams are stronger, but we have goals of defeating them in a similar matter this year," said Kathy Hawkins, the team's coach.

No. 1 singles player Jamie Pisarcik was ranked No. 27 in the country last season while Liz Mooney was

ranked No. 48. That success has helped the entire team's attitude at practice, Hawkins said.

"I think this (the rating) was exciting for them, even the players not ranked. It showed them what they were able to obtain if they work," Hawkins said.

Hawkins said competition has been high enough that no positions were set in stone before last night's final set of challenge matches. Hawkins has all seven of last year's lettermen back, and one addition in freshman Beverly Roberts.

"I've been pleased with everyone's attitude," Hawkins said. "They've all been working very hard. We have more competition within this team than ever before."

Hawkins said Iowa State and Kansas State both had young teams last season, and both

showed improvement toward the end of the year.

"I saw some development in

those teams," she said. "If we aren't ready, they might win one from us."

## Added mile has Huskers running

A change of distance meant a change of heart for the Nebraska men's cross-country squad.

The Huskers weren't planning to attend Saturday's Kansas Invitational at the Rim Rock Farm course in Lawrence, Kan., after meet officials set the course at five miles. That distance is more than a mile shorter than the 10,000 meters usually run.

But Kansas officials lengthened the course to 10,000 meters on Monday, and the Huskers are set to compete Saturday against several Big Eight teams, including KU and Kansas State.

"It wouldn't have done us much good to run five miles," Nebraska coach Jay Dirksen said. "So I was prepared to have our men take the week off and train harder for the Illinois meet. But we're happy to be going to Kansas and compete at the distance we'll be running all season."

Nebraska will have an indication of how it compares with Kansas State, which is one of the Big Eight's top teams.

"After we compete against them, we'll have a better idea of how we'll do in the Big Eight," Dirksen said.

Nebraska's women will run a 5,000-meter course at the Kansas meet. The Huskers will be at full strength with the return of Jill Noel and Mary Amen. Amen missed last Saturday's Husker Invitational, in which Nebraska placed second, with a knee strain and Noel was attending the funeral of a family member.

"We can't afford to be missing anybody because of our lack of depth," Dirksen said.

Kansas State is expected to be favored in the women's competition.