

# UCLA offense impressive, Osborne says

By Derek Samson  
Staff Reporter

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said the 1993 version of UCLA had some similarities to the Bruins of the past.

"They still do mostly the same things," Osborne said. "I think there is a lot of similarity to some of the past UCLA teams, but everybody changes some."

The biggest difference, according to Osborne, is the talent since the last time the two teams met. The Bruins, who had six All-Americans in 1988, beat Nebraska 41-28.

"In 1988, that was probably the best collection of talent on one team that we've maybe ever played," Osborne said. "They were very impressive with the talent they had on that team. They still have some talented players, though."

Osborne said quarterback Wayne Cook and receiver J.J. Stokes would lead the Bruins' talent pool into Saturday's game. ABC (Omaha KETV Channel 7) will cover the game regionally. Kickoff is at 2:30 p.m.

Stokes, a junior split end, caught 41 passes for 783 yards last season.

However, Cook only completed eight of 13 passes in 1992 because of an injury he suffered in the season opener.

"My impression of UCLA has been that they have a good quarterback and passing game," Osborne said. "(Cook) had a lot of injuries, but he played well against California."

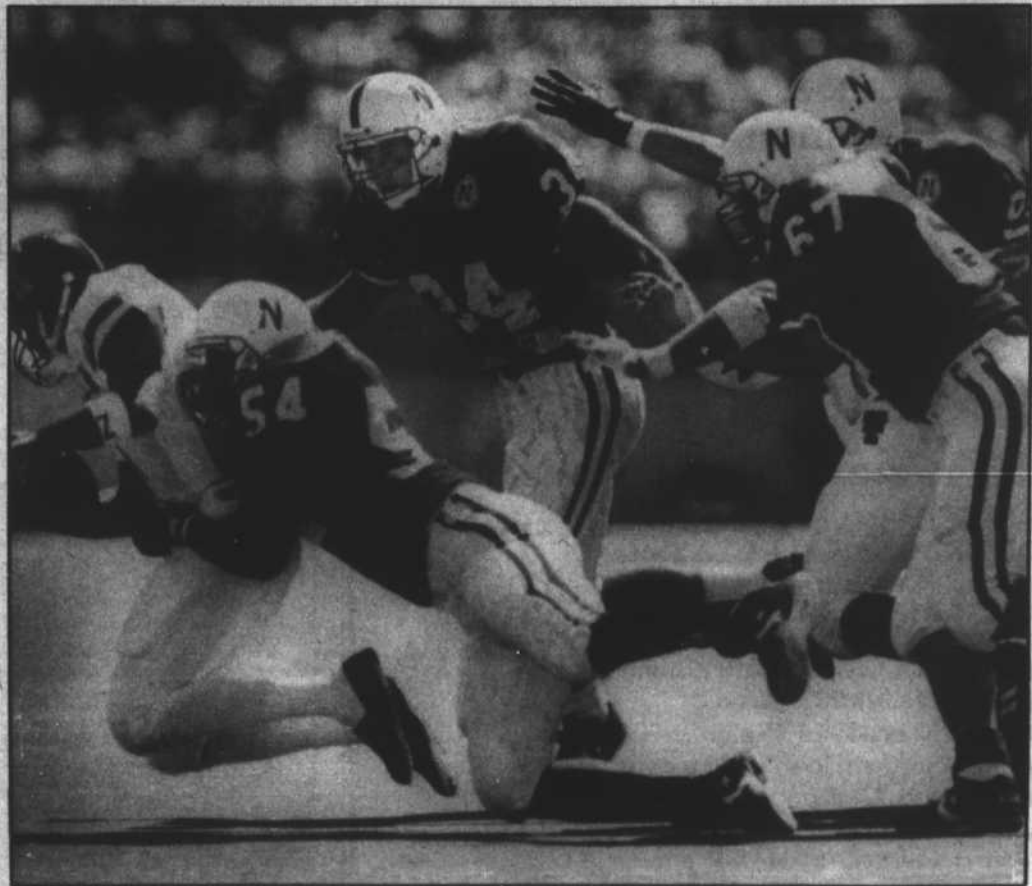
"They have a good offensive line. Offensively, the thing that catches your eye is the receivers."

The defense is led by inside linebacker Nkosi Littleton, who totaled 61 tackles in 1992.

"Defensively, their strength is supposed to be at linebacker," Osborne said. "They appear to have very good players at that position."

Osborne said he didn't expect the regional television broadcast of Saturday's game by ABC to prompt any changes in his team's play.

"Of course you want to play well anytime you are being seen by a lot of people around the country," he said. "Then again, you want to play your best anytime. I don't think it will make any difference to what we'll call or to the players."



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Middle linebacker Troy Branch leads a pack of Cornhuskers — including Trev Alberts and Kevin Ramaekers — as they swarm Texas Tech quarterback Robert Hall during Nebraska's 50-27 victory Saturday.

## Game day

Saturday, 2:30 p.m.  
TV: ABC KETV (channel 7)

Nebraska	UCLA	UCLA FOOTBALL
<b>OFFENSE</b>		
QB 15 Tommie Frazier 6-2 200	QB 15 Wayne Cook 6-3 205	
FB 40 Cory Schlesinger 6-0 220	LH 36 James Milliner 6-0 212	
IB 21 Damon Benning 5-11 210	RM 20 Skip Hicks 6-1 205	
SE 2 Corey Dizon 5-11 200	FL 4 Kevin Jordan 6-2 188	
WB 27 Abdul Muhammad 5-9 160	SE 18 J.J. Stokes 6-4 214	
RT 72 Zach Wiegert 6-5 300	RT 68 Vaughn Parker 6-3 300	
LT 77 Lance Lundberg 6-4 300	LT 79 Jonathan Ogden 6-8 315	
RG 66 Brenden Stal 6-4 300	RG 76 Derek Stevens 6-4 275	
LG 56 Rob Zatechka 6-5 300	LG 71 Craig Novitsky 6-6 280	
C 62 Ken Mehin 6-0 275	C 62 James Christensen 6-3 277	
TE 95 Gerald Armstrong 6-2 225	TE 99 Brian Richards 6-3 6-3	
PK 13 Byron Bennett 6-1 180	PK 37 Bjorn Merten 6-0 203	
<b>DEFENSE</b>		
LOLB 90 Bruce Moore 6-6 245	LT 66 Loridon Woodfin 6-2 270	
DT 67 Kevin Ramaekers 6-4 290	NG 59 George Kase 6-2 255	
NT 99 Terry Connealy 6-5 275	RT 92 Matt Wemer 6-4 265	
ROLB 34 Trev Alberts 6-4 240	OLB 40 Rod Smalley 6-3 235	
SAM 23 Ernie Beier 5-11 200	ILB 54 Nkosi Littleton 6-1 245	
MIKE 48 Mike Anderson 6-2 230	ILB 47 Carrick O'Quinn 6-3 230	
WILL 32 Ed Stewart 6-1 215	OLB 23 Donnie Edwards 6-3 220	
LCB 14 Barron Miles 5-8 160	LC 2 Teckly Lawrence 5-9 181	
RCB 6 John Reece 6-0 200	SS 22 Marvin Goodwin 6-0 193	
ROV 3 Toby Wright 6-1 200	FS 10 Travis Collier 6-1 207	
FS 4 Troy Dumas 6-3 215	RC 21 Carl Greenwood 6-0 192	
P 13 Byron Bennett 6-1 180	P 28 Darren Schager 6-0 194	

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## Bruins coach needs more time

By Jeff Griesch  
Senior Reporter

If it was up to UCLA football coach Terry Donahue, the Bruins would have another week off this Saturday before they play No. 8 Nebraska at the Rose Bowl.

The Bruins enjoyed an extra week of rest after their 27-25 loss to California on Sept. 4., but Donahue said he doesn't know if an extra week of preparation will mean a win against Nebraska.

"A three-week bye would have been better," Donahue said. "One week wasn't enough, but it certainly was better than none. It helps our football team for the season, but I'm not so sure how much the bye helps us this week."

The 18-year coach of the Bruins said that the Bruins are trying to return to the prominence they achieved in the 1980s.

With the Bruins in a developmental stage right now, Donahue said, he would rather not play the

Cornhuskers this week.

"I don't have any input into the scheduling, but I probably would not have scheduled Nebraska," Donahue said.

Donahue said that Nebraska's depth was a major concern because of the inexperience of the Bruins.

"Nebraska is a national championship contender, and we are not as talented as we once were," Donahue said.

## Player says Bruins 'pumped' for NU

By Derek Samson  
Staff Reporter

UCLA linebacker Nkosi Littleton said he wants to get the Bruins back into the national spotlight.

And, he said, he'll have no better time to do it than during Saturday's ABC regionally televised game with the Cornhuskers.

"We are really pumped," Littleton said. "We feel like this could be a good stepping stone. It could put us back on the map."

However, Littleton said, the Bruins need to worry about themselves before they worry about impressing the rest of the country.

"For us, we have to prove something to ourselves," he said. "I'm not worried about the Top 25. I'm

just focused on us playing our best."

A two-week layoff has given UCLA a chance to prepare for the Huskers, Littleton said.

"It helps us get back in shape both physically and mentally," Littleton said. "We've had time to learn from our mistakes. We've been able to focus on Nebraska alone."

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## Pettit's 500th victory may be around corner

By Tim Pearson  
Senior Reporter

Nebraska volleyball coach Terry Pettit could achieve a milestone this weekend at the FirstTier Invitational, but he's not concerned with setting records.

Instead, he and the Cornhuskers are concerned with improving their consistency.

Pettit, in his 17th season as Husker coach, is two wins shy of 500 victories at Nebraska.

But in order for Pettit to achieve that, he said his team would have to achieve consistency.

"We have a lot of battles left to fight," Pettit said. "We're just trying to get better and play better volleyball for longer periods of time."

The seventh-ranked Huskers face No. 14 and undefeated Georgia tonight at 7:30, and they play Louisiana State, which was ranked as high as No. 14 in the preseason, on Saturday night at 7:30 in the NU Coliseum.

Big Eight foe Kansas, 5-4, will

also play in the invitational, but they won't face Nebraska.

Husker setter Nikki Stricker, last week's Big Eight Player of the Week, said the Huskers needed to continue to show improvement.

"We have a ways to go," she said. "Everybody's working hard, and we can't afford to lose our focus."

"But we need more consistency." The Cornhuskers enter the weekend with a 7-0 record, the team's best start since it went 14-0 in 1989.

Nebraska is coming off three wins over Louisville, Wyoming and Washington in the Arby's Classic last weekend.

"We made some progress, but I don't know that it told us much," Pettit said. "We were a little erratic against Louisville, but we played hard last weekend."

"LSU and Georgia are much more experienced, and hopefully it will give us a clearer picture of where we stand."

However, Pettit said, it may be

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## FirstTier Invitational at the NU Coliseum

•Nebraska vs. Georgia  
Tonight 7:30

•Nebraska vs. Louisiana Stte  
Saturday 7:30 p.m.

### Probable Starters

Nebraska (7-0)		
S	Nikki Stricker	5-10 Sr.
S	Stephanie Clerc	5-6 Fr.
OH	Billie Winsett	5-11 So.
OH	Maria Hedbeck	5-10 Fr.
OH	Kelly Aspegren	5-11 Jr.
MB	Allison Weston	6-0 So.

Georgia (8-0)		
S	Jodi Kruse	5-9 Sr.
OH	Priscilla Pacheco	5-11 Jr.
OH	Nikki Nicholson	6-0 So.
OH	Ashley Cook	5-8 Sr.
MB	Hadly Anstine	6-0 So.
MB	Holly Smiekal	5-6 Fr.

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## Youth is disadvantage for Tigers, coach says

By Tony West  
Staff Reporter

The Louisiana State volleyball team isn't what it used to be.

The Tigers finished last season with a 26-9 record overall and finished second in the Southeastern Conference at 12-2.

But with eight freshmen, they're just trying to stay above water this season. Louisiana State has a 3-4 record.

"We're struggling," Tiger volleyball coach Scott Luster said. "We've been good for a long time, and this year we've really had to play some inexperienced people. We're just bad."

Nevertheless, the Tigers will be looking to eliminate some of their problems at the FirstTier Invitational this weekend at the NU Coliseum.

Louisiana State will play Kansas Friday at 5:30 p.m. and face Nebraska

Saturday evening at 7:30.

Luster said he wasn't sure about Kansas but knew all he wanted to know about Nebraska.

"I know Nebraska is stacked again," he said.

Even though the odds are stacked against them, Luster said, the Tigers will come ready to battle.

"We have to make opponents earn points against us," he said. "We have to eliminate unforced errors. We're just going to come up, try to be competitive and hope for a split."

Luster said his team was aggressive despite its youth.

"We're a pretty aggressive team, and I think we're fun to watch," Luster said. "But we need a little more firepower."

"We're kind of in a transition now. All we're trying to do is get better by the week and improve on strength."