

Nebraska tight end Matt Shaw blocks during practice Tuesday at Memorial Stadium. Shaw and the Huskers will play UCLA Saturday.

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## Stokes listed as doubtful because of bruised thigh

LOS ANGELES (AP) — UCLA All-American wide receiver J.J. Stokes was listed as a doubtful performer Thursday for the 13th-ranked Bruins' game against No. 2 Nebraska on Saturday.

Stokes suffered a bruised left thigh in UCLA's season-opening 25-23 victory over No. 15 Tennessee on Sept. 3. Stokes caught 82 passes for 1,181 yards and 17 touchdowns last season. He didn't play in the Bruins' 17-10 win over Southern Methodist last Saturday.

"The swelling in his leg has gone down, but he still does not have full range of motion," UCLA Sports Information Director Marc Dellins said Thursday.

The Bruins leave Friday for Lincoln. As of Thursday afternoon, Dellins said, the final travel squad had not been determined.

Stokes, a 6-foot-5 1/2, 223-pound senior, caught six passes for 84 yards against Tennessee before coming out of the game for good late in the third quarter.

## ESPN personality calls NU 'dominating'

ESPN's Fowler says UCLA Bruins could test Cornhuskers

By Tim Pearson

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Nebraska may need UCLA to do it a favor Saturday, Chris Fowler said.

Fowler, the host of ESPN's "College Football GameDay," said the Cornhuskers needed a test, and UCLA may be the team to give them the challenge they need.

"I think we'll find out how good they are when they're challenged," he said. "They looked so dominating in their first two games."

Fowler, along with Lee Corso and Craig James, will be in Lincoln Friday and Saturday. "College Football GameDay" will be broadcast live from outside Memorial Stadium Saturday morning.

During the Huskers' 31-0 rout of West Virginia in the Kickoff Classic, Fowler was on the sidelines. And he was impressed by the Nebraska team he saw.

"It could have been much worse than 31-0," he said. "I felt they got a little bored in that game. It looks so easy for them."

"I've said all along that they have the best chance to go undefeated into the New Year's Day bowl games."

UCLA shouldn't pose much of a problem for the Huskers, Fowler said, even though the Bruins are ranked No. 12 and No. 13 in the country.

"A challenge will bring out the best in (Nebraska)," he said. "I think UCLA will have a very difficult time with the atmosphere there."

"Nebraska's not going to be thinking about the injured UCLA team; they're going to remember the team they beat by a point last year."

With UCLA wide receiver and Heisman candidate J.J. Stokes hampered by injuries, Fowler said the Bruins might not be able to give the Huskers the test they need.

### Chris Fowler Says

Chris Fowler, host of ESPN's "College GameDay" predicts:

Nebraska	38
UCLA	20

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"After seeing Stokes limping out of practice (Tuesday), I don't think they can stay with Nebraska."

Especially if Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier and his offensive line are clicking, he said.

"I love what they do," Fowler said. "When they get a team on the ropes, they start running their plays more rapidly."

"And how can you not like Tommie Frazier? On basic plays he's beating defenses with his athletic ability. It's a testament to how good he is."

But Fowler said Frazier needed to stay healthy for the Huskers to make a run at the national championship.

"He's one of the leading Heisman candidates right now," he said. "But you hold your breath every time he hits the carpet."

The ESPN crew will arrive in Lincoln early Friday to set up its live hook-up from the stadium. Parts of Friday's pep rally and HuskerVision Kickoff Celebration will be broadcast by ESPN.

Fowler said ESPN was trying to give its viewers a realistic glance at college football.

"We tried this last year, and it was a big success," he said. "They wanted to do it quite often this year."

"With all the stuff going on in Lincoln, with the pep rally and the new video screen, that's really the way we like to do it. We want to capture the atmosphere and show people what it's like to be in Lincoln on game day."

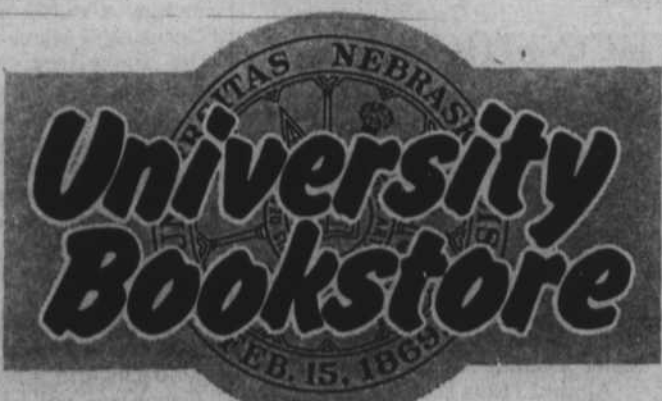
## PICKS HICKS

Daily Nebraskan staffers (9-1 last week, 9-1 season) pick the winners of the ten major college football games this weekend, with winners in bold:

W. Michigan	at Iowa State
Texas Tech	at Oklahoma
Missouri	at Houston
Kansas	at Texas Christian
Rice	at Kansas State
Oklahoma State	at Baylor
Wisconsin	at Colorado
Florida	at Tennessee
Notre Dame	at Michigan State
Pick the score-	UCLA 17 at Nebraska 35

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