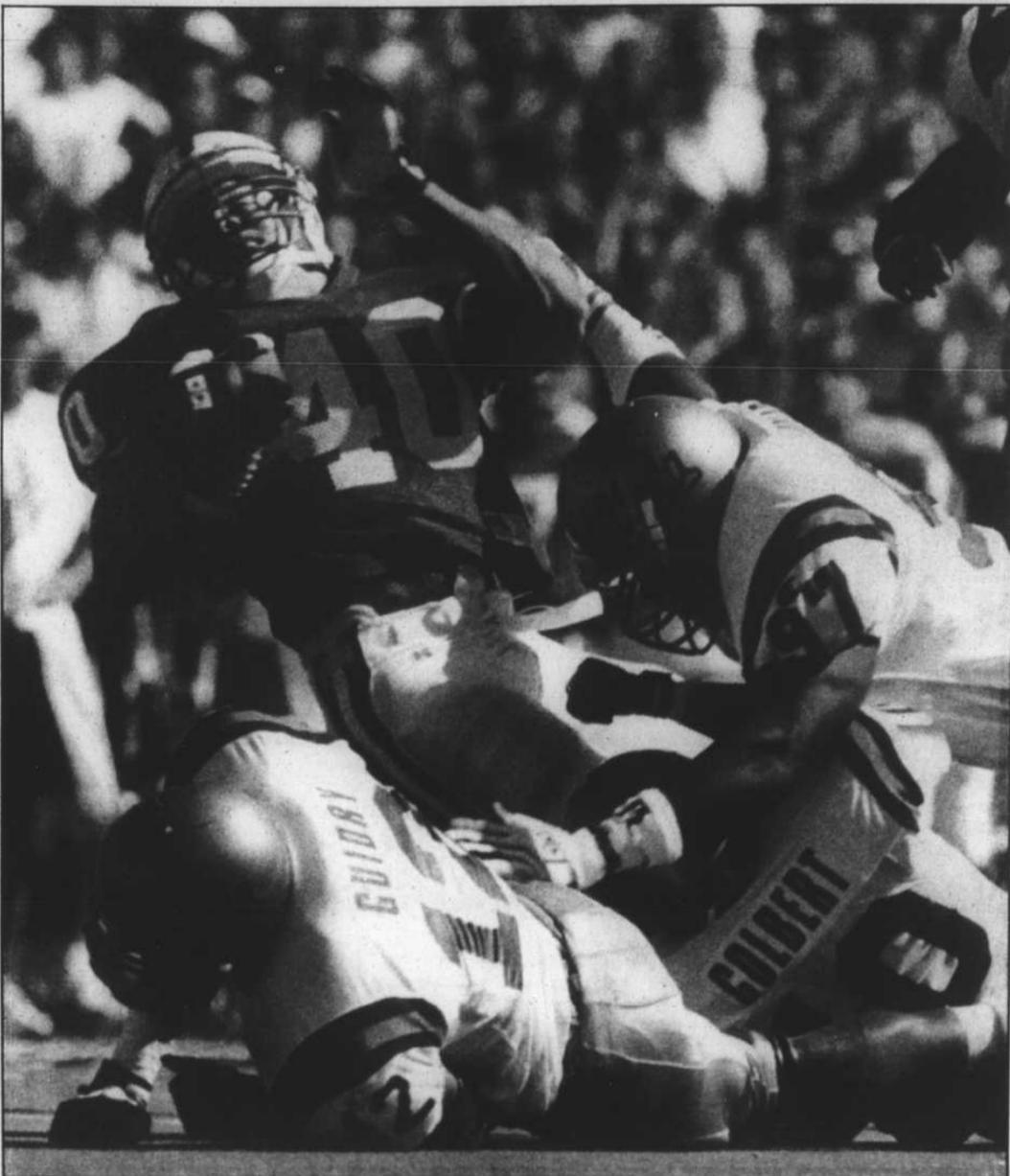




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UCLA coach says NU offense 'completely dominated' Saturday

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UCLA senior quarterback Wayne Cook sat in the corner of a room adjacent to the Bruins locker room after Nebraska's 49-21 drubbing of his team on Saturday afternoon.

A black right eye was beginning to show, and a cut above his nose was a symbol of the punishment Cook and his teammates had just endured.

"We got our butts kicked," Cook said with a dejected look on his face. "I don't know what you can get out of this game."

Cook did his share of damage to the Cornhusker defense, completing 15 of 28 passes for 217 yards and two touchdowns. But the 6-foot-4, 215-pound signal-caller couldn't match the firepower of the Nebraska offense.

The Huskers rolled up 555 yards of total offense, 484 coming on the ground.

"I'll tell you what," Cook said. "When we are over there on the sidelines and I am watching their offense, their offense is awesome. They don't seem to have a weak point."

Bruin coach Terry Donahue, now 1-5 against Nebraska, said the Nebraska offense completely dominated UCLA.

"Their offense was just overwhelming," Donahue said. "They are a real strong team, and certainly were way out of our league today."

The key to the Husker scoring attack, Donahue said, is Nebraska quarterback Tommie Frazier, who threw

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"I think he is a very, very special, very different player. I think he's phenomenal. That kind of guy makes such an impact that you can't understand unless you've coached or played against him."

At one point, Donahue said, he thought the Bruins had a chance to get back into the game. With just less than four minutes remaining in the third quarter, UCLA, down 28-14, drove to the Nebraska 25-yard line. On a fourth-and-eight play, place-kicker Bjorn Merten missed a 42-yard field goal.

"When we missed the short field

goal," Donahue said, "it was a big miss. That would have taken it to 11 points, and we would have scored 10 straight points. We really have an expectation of making that kick, but we didn't get it, and it hurt us a lot."

After Merten's miss, Nebraska drove 75 yards in four plays, highlighted by a career-high 60-yard run by Lawrence Phillips.

"They are the most difficult offense we face by far and away," Donahue said. "There's no offense that we see that is anywhere near as difficult to defend when they have good players."

Cook said that if Nebraska was going to lose this season, it would not be because of their offense.

"If this team is going to get hurt, it's going to be from their defense. A team is going to have to come in and outscore them, because they are going to score points. But their defense has some weaknesses."