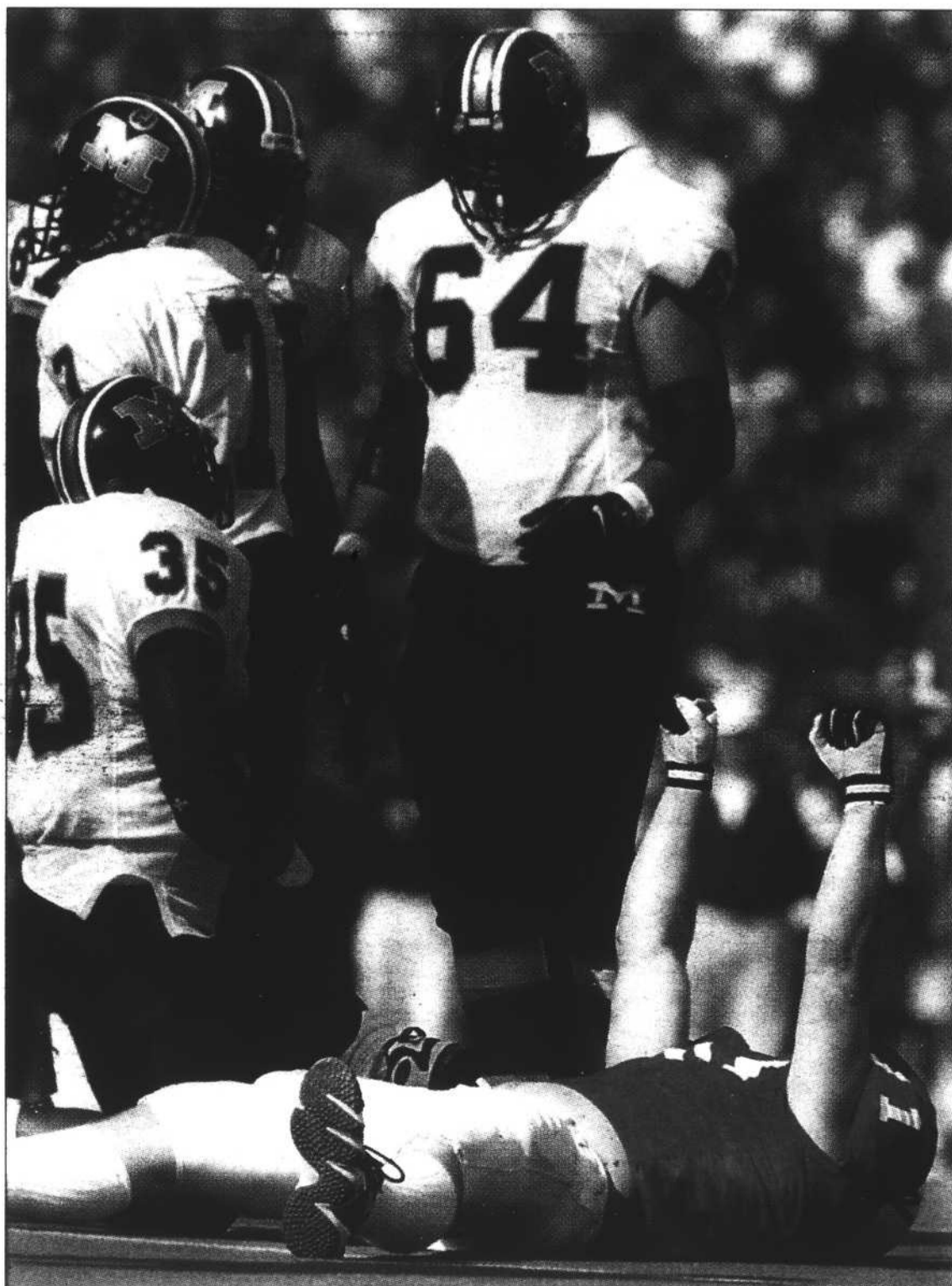


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MU offense frustrated in narrow loss to NU

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With one minute and 42 seconds remaining in the game, the scene was set for another miraculous finish — only this time it was Missouri with the ball.

Nebraska had just fumbled, giving the Tigers the ball on the NU 46-yard line with three timeouts remaining.

"We were just playing to play," MU Coach Larry Smith said. "At the very end there, I thought it would be ironic if we would have scored on that last play and took it to overtime."

It wasn't meant to be.

With four seconds remaining in regulation, MU quarterback Corby Jones was sacked by Eric Johnson. Jones was sacked to end last year's overtime game.

"I didn't have a prayer," Jones said. "The guys ran the routes they were supposed to, but there were too

many guys standing back there. I was just trying to run around and find somebody open."

The 20-13 loss didn't set well with Tiger running back Devin West.

"We're angry," said West, the nation's second leading rusher prior to his 77-yard performance against NU. "We lost. If you're a winner, you don't accept losing at all. That was a team we could have beat and probably should have beat, but offensively we lost the game."

The nation's fifth leading rushing team managed just 77 yards on the ground, 189 below its average. MU's 166 yards of total offense were 212 yards below its season average.

Furthermore, the Tigers recorded just 10 first downs — six in the first half and two in the last minute of the game — and converted three of 14 third downs.

"Give Nebraska credit, they have an excellent defense," Smith said. "But we couldn't get anything

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