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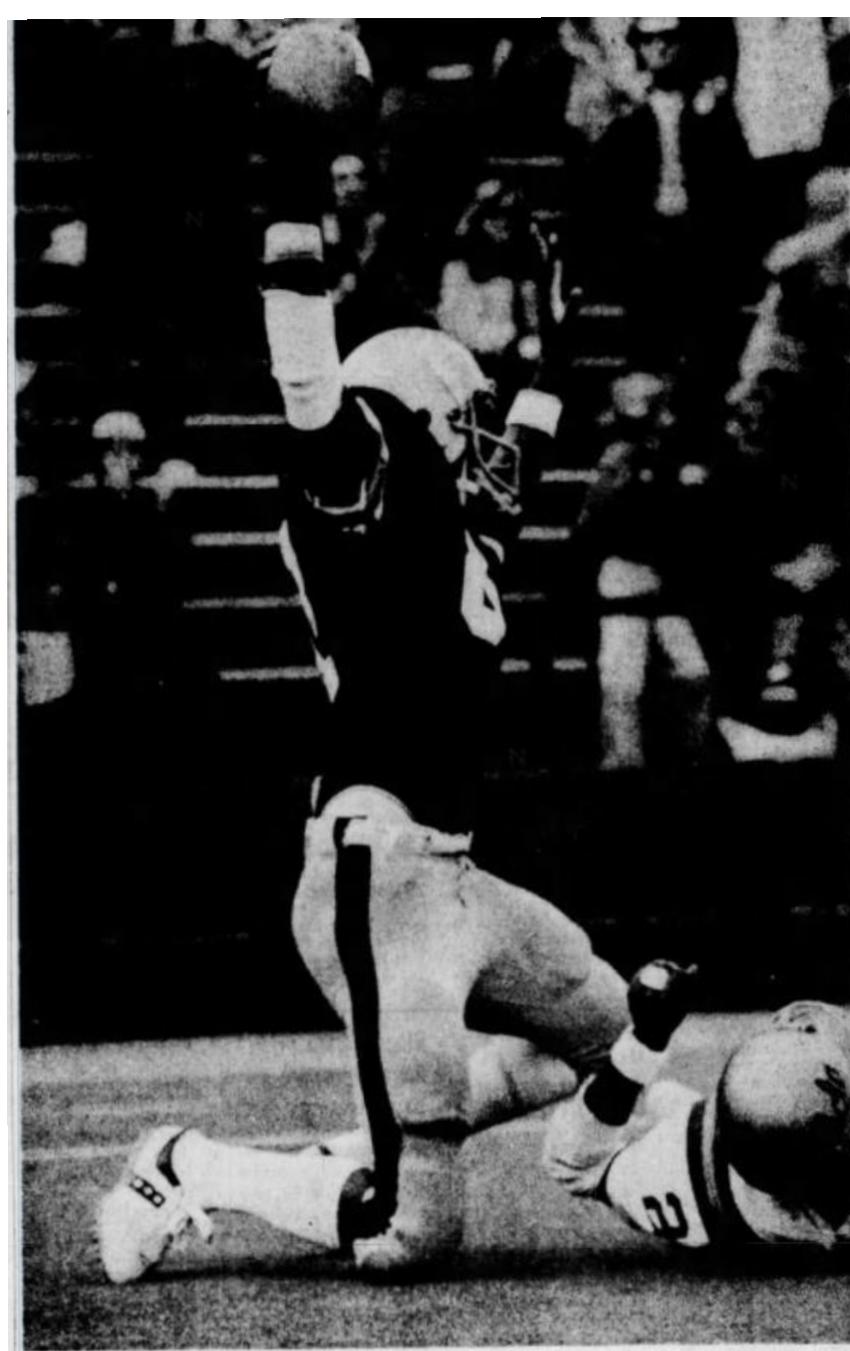
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FICK PASSES, DEFENSE RUIN NO. 12 TEAM

Fumbles slow Bruins' Sciarra

Statistics		
	UCLA	Iowa
First downs	14	20
Rushes-yards	44-194	36-271
Passing yards	82	119
Return yards	0	1
Passes	7-14-0	5-16-0
Punts	5-37	7-31
Fumbles-lost	4-3	3-1
Penalties-yards	0-0	7-45

SCORING		
	I	I
UCLA	3	0
Iowa	0	7-18
UCLA — FG White 21	6-14	0-7-21
Iowa — Jackson 30 pass from Fick (Quartaro kick)		
Iowa — Fetter 25 pass from Fick (Quartaro kick)		
UCLA — Sciarra 1 run (White kick)		
Iowa — Fetter 4 run (Quartaro kick)		
A — 47,500		

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IOWA CITY, IA. — Corny as it may sound, in this enlightened day when all college students are sophisticated enough to invariably use the right fork, Iowa's football Hawkeyes are thriving on old-fashioned rah-rah.

"You are unique," new Coach Bob Commings, in the high school ranks a year ago, has been telling the troops who went 0-11 a year ago. "In addition to being ridiculed for last season, you have the nation's toughest schedule.

... The finish

Coach Bob Commings celebrates Iowa's first victory in 13 games by hugging Assistant Larry Coyer, Hawkeyes' defensive coordinator.

'Chosen Children'

"Now you have a chance to show people all over America what desire and determination can prove. It may be that you are the chosen children."

Well, shortly after the Hawkeyes had upset twelfth-ranked UCLA, 21-10, on a beautiful, sunny day in Kinnick Stadium before a throng of 47,500, that's just the way it seemed as a 12-game losing streak, longest in school history was snapped.

Rob Fick, the quarterback from Oelwein who had been run off by the previous regime two years ago and figured his career was dead, became one of the liveliest corpses since Lazarus in the first half.

Scoring Passes

Iowa's wing-T snapped to attention in the second quarter, following a superb quarter of play by the defense. In rapid order, Fick threw a 30-yard scoring pass to Dave Jackson and a 25-yard scoring screen pass to Mark Fetter.

A fumble, forced by another of many magnificent defensive plays by end Lynn Heil and recovered by linebacker Andre Jackson, set up the second score and virtually no one remembered how to act with a 14-3 lead.

Commings remembered. After all, he'd been used to winning at powerful Massillon, Ohio, High School. At half-time, in addition to the customary Xs and Os on the blackboard, he again spoke of "chosen children."

The start . . .

Elated Dave Jackson celebrates in end zone after catching pass for Iowa's first touchdown.

'Don't Blow It'

"The halftime score will be on every scoreboard in America. Don't blow it," he warned. The troops listened carefully. You must never underestimate how much the troops are listening to this balding spell-binder.

UCLA, whose quarterback, John Sciarra, went into the game as national total offense leader, was plagued all day with fumbles, losing three of six. One of these, recovered by Shanty Burks on the five, stalled a touchdown.

Sciarra punched over from the one on the opening play of the fourth quarter and it was almost unbelievable that

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Big Ten Standings

	Conference			All Games		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Ohio State	1	0	0	2	0	0
Michigan	1	0	0	2	0	0
Wisconsin	1	0	0	2	0	0
Michigan State	1	0	0	2	0	0
Illinois	1	0	0	2	0	0
Iowa	0	1	0	1	1	0
Minnesota	0	1	0	1	1	0
Purdue	0	1	0	0	1	1
Northwestern	0	1	0	0	2	0
Indiana	0	1	0	0	2	0

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a team that had scored 55 vs. the Hawkeyes a year ago was just getting its first touchdown.

No Ho-Hums

It was now 14-9 and it is to be expected, in view of Iowa's recent record, that there were many ho-hums and here we go again. None, not a single one, can be credited to a Hawkeye.

Jim Jensen, a big back from Davenport who rammed 78 yards in 18 carries (six

Season Records

IOWA			
7 Michigan	24	Illinois	H
21 UCLA	10	Purdue	A
Penn State	H	Wisconsin	H
Southern Cal	A	Ohio State	H
Northwestern	H	Michigan St.	A
Minnesota	A		
UCLA			
17 Tennessee	17	California	A
10 Iowa	21	Washington	A
Michigan st.	H	Oregon	H
Utah	A	Oregon State	A
Stanford	H	Southern Cal	H
Washington St.	H		

fewer than Fetter in 14) was jarred loose from the football and Fulton Kuykendall recovered on the UCLA 43.

It was Iowa's first lost fumble of the season.

It was one that could have caused sudden loss of morale.

It was one that didn't, but instead brought renewed buckling of helmets.

91-Yard Drive

The Hawkeyes got the ball back, with goal not even approached, and wound up one of the sweetest victories in recent years by marching 91 yards to send Fetter over from the four with 1½ minutes to go.

Fetter, a 202-pounder from Chelsea who soared into brand new plateaus of second-effort running, crunched into a defender on about the two, spun off and went sailing to make it, 21-10.

Nick Quartaro quickly added the point and bedlam is a very good word to use in describing what was going on in the stands. Folks were practically in tears because they hadn't brought more toilet paper to throw.

But who expected it!

'Believers' Now

"We did," says co-captain Earl Douthitt. "We made believers of a lot of people today, but we've believed all along. Now we're going to take all this momentum into the Penn State game."

Douthitt fumbled the opening kickoff on the goal, only got it out to the four and a short punt into the wind by Joe Heppner (later to be ejected for sideline punching of a foe) set up Brent White's 21-yard field goal.

That was one of Douthitt's few mistakes, for he hit soundly as Commings went to a "Bubble 50" defense without a middle guard a good share of the time to get Jackson, Dennis Armington and Dan LaFleur in simultaneously.

Defense No Surprise

"No, hell, Iowa didn't surprise us with the defense," said UCLA Coach Dick Vermiel. "They did move the ball better than we expected — and were real good at recovering fumbles."

"Fumbles always kill you." They seldom help.

Once the game was over — and would you believe ecstatic fans were sticking up index fingers and shouting "We're No. 1!" — the artificial turf shuddered under the impact of hundreds of new bodies racing around.

It took almost 15 minutes for the north goal posts to come down. They're metal, you know.

'Big Step'

"We're a long way from being out of the woods yet, but we made a pretty big step today," Commings was soon saying in the locker room. "I think it's nice that the fans tore down the goal post."

Everybody, except the crew that has to get it back into shape for Monday's JV game against Drake, was glad. And I wouldn't bet against the crew thinking it was all worth while

"Manager," snapped Commings, holding up a football. "Take this and, whatever you do, watch it closely."

Commings Gets Ball

The team had given the ball to the coach and, as they happily showered and dressed, were giving Commings and the new staff the kind of credit to almost turn a fellow's head.

"There were 22 heroes out there today," said Fick, neatly sidestepping a hint that he had won a few laurels. "And the biggest hero of all was on the sidelines: Bob Commings."

Fick explained that the first touchdown pass was supposed to be a curl pattern. It was closed, he had decided to run, saw Jackson had Barney Person whipped in the end zone and made a dandy throw to a good catcher.

Breaks Tackle

"The second touchdown was a little screen pass and Fetter did a great job of running with the ball," pointed out Fick. Mark certainly did, breaking at least one tackle before finding a wall of blockers.

It was a hairy game, with a fist or two flying in the late stages, once in front of the visiting bench and once in front of the Hawkeye bench, when Heppner got tossed for belting a foe.

"When kids get hit out of bounds, tempers fly. It's nothing intentional," said Vermeil. "Just part of football. Our loss? It wasn't one thing or one guy. We were just a total flop."

Line Goes to Work

Commings also agreed it hadn't been one thing or one guy but a huge team effort. Field position, or lack of same, hurt the Hawks in the first quarter and then a remarkably efficient offensive line went to work.

This may have been the biggest surprise of all but Brandt Yocom, Rod Walters, Joe Devlin, Ed Myers, Dan McCarney, Jock Michelosen, Bill Schultz and others dominated a huge UCLA line for three quarters.

They opened huge holes. Often.

Individual Statistics

RUSHING					
UCLA	No.	Yds.	Iowa	No.	Yds.
Sciarras	14	31	Fetter	14	84
Charles	13	69	Jensen	18	78
Zaby	11	70	Fick	9	44
Ferrell	4	12	Wellington	14	33
Tyler	2	7	Lonovan	1	2
Schuhmann	2	5			

PASSING					
UCLA	Att.	Com.	Int.	Yds.	
Sciarras	14	7	0	82	
IOWA	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.	
Fick	10	5	0	110	

RECEIVING					
UCLA	No.	Yds.	Iowa	No.	Yds.
Lonovan	3	40	Jackson	2	56
Andersen	2	29	Fetter	2	39
Nenry	1	8	Yocom	1	15
Charles	1	5			

'Realize Potential'

"No individual. All team," insisted McCarney. "We finally realized our potential. It was beautiful play calling and I think we stuck to our blocks better.

"Chosen Children! That's a beautiful saying."

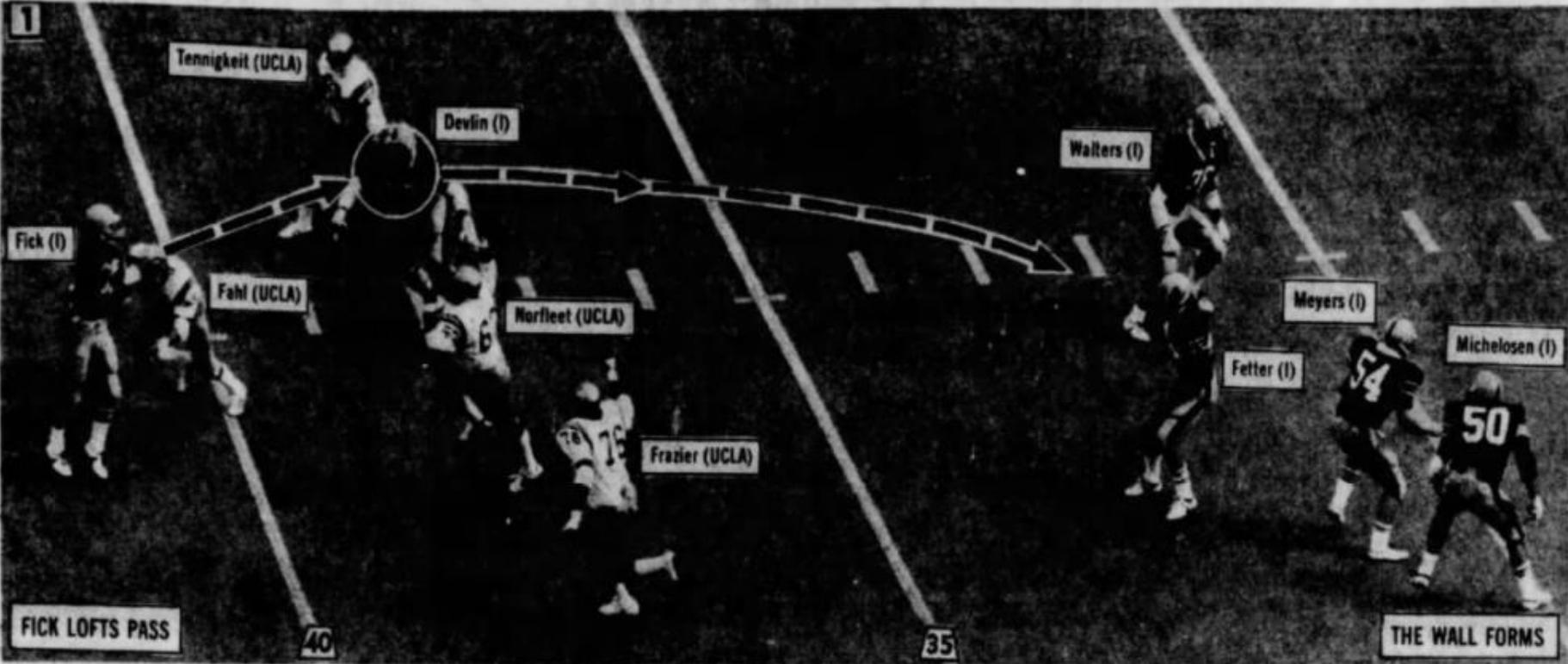
Michelosen, a senior, has been a center until recently. Then the coach said he was needed at offensive tackle. There was a crash course in new techniques. Jock is doing very well at the new position.

"It's better than the bench," he said, then broke into a wide grin. "We just got the confidence, that's all. It's been a long season so far and even last year."

If that last sentence sounds slightly Casey Stengelish, Jock was entitled. Who has to make perfect sense while sharing a victory celebration so long awaited?

The next one won't be 12 games away, if the children keep perspiring and Commings keeps inspiring.

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. . . . Then uses several good blocks to run through trouble for 25-yard score that gives Hawkeyes 14-3 lead

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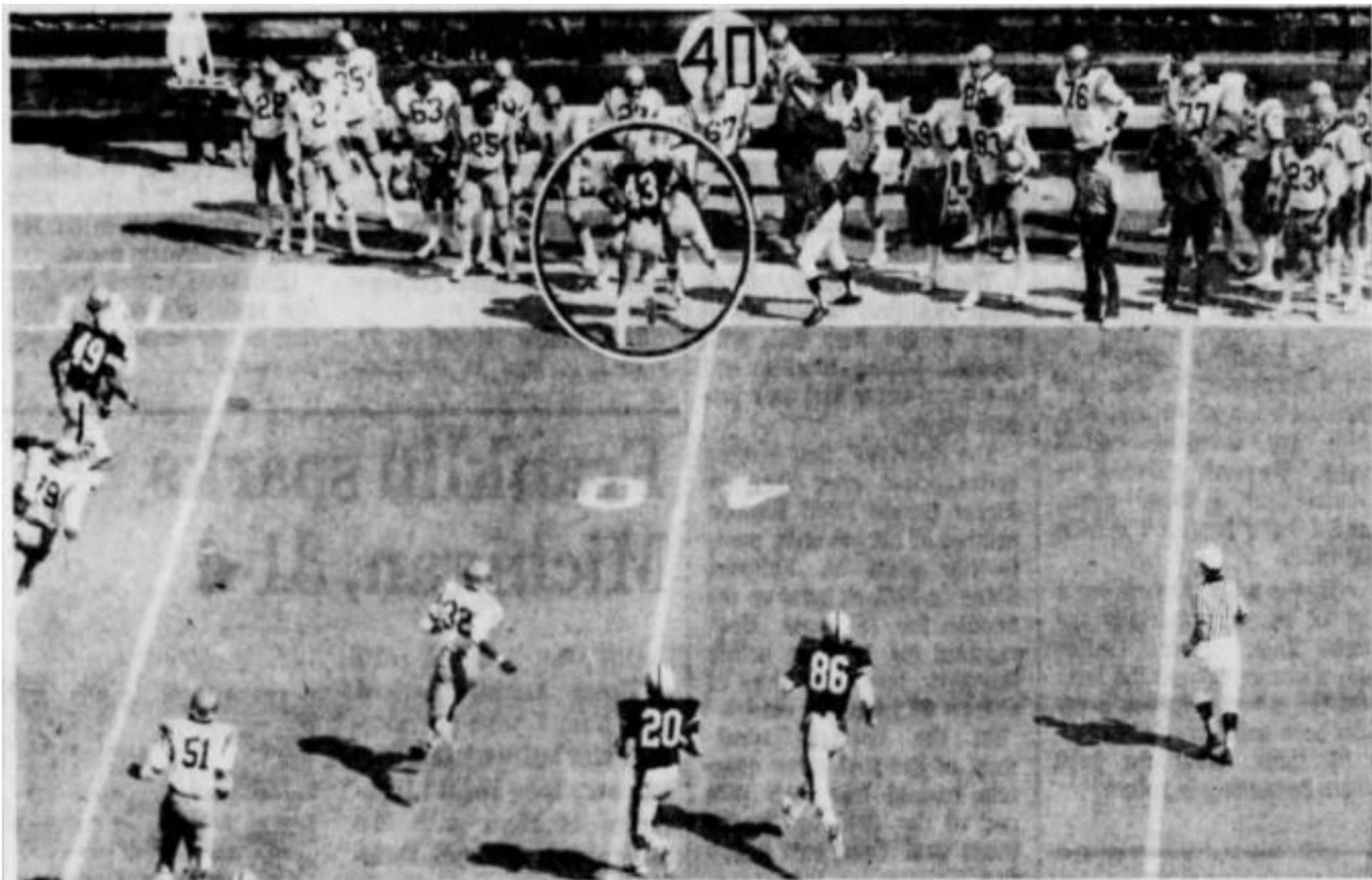


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Fans carry cornerback Earl Douthitt off field after game



Iowa rips UCLA, then fans demolish goal posts



Earl Douthitt pushes UCLA quarterback John Sciarra out of bounds . . .



... then both benches empty onto UCLA side of the field.