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Huskers still top UPI poll

United Press International

NEW YORK — The United Press International Board of Coaches Top 20 college football ratings, with first-place votes and records in parentheses (total points based on 15 points for first place, 14 for second, etc.).

1. Nebraska (34) (2-0) 574
2. Texas (4) (1-0) 516
3. Oklahoma (1) (2-0) 393
4. Brigham Young (3-0) 378
5. Penn State (2-0) 344
6. Ohio State (2-0) 336
7. Boston College (2-0) 329
8. Washington (2-0) 327
9. Miami (Fla.) (3-1) 325
10. UCLA (2-0) 268
11. Oklahoma State (2-0) 193
12. Southern Methodist (1-0) 157
13. Florida State (2-0) 126
14. Michigan (1-1) 101
15. Iowa (1-1) 64
16. Southern Cal (1-0) 51
17. Georgia (1-0) 47
18. West Virginia (3-0) 30
19. Tennessee (2-0) 25
20. Auburn (0-2) 16

Note: By agreement with the American Football Coaches Association, teams on NCAA or conference probation are ineligible for the Top 20 and national championship consideration by the UPI Board of Coaches. The teams currently on probation are Arizona, Clemson, Illinois, and Kansas.

Hawkins goes from Os to Xs



Texas A&M junior Jimmie Hawkins evades a defender while returning a punt during the Aggies 20-17 victory over UTEP. Hawk-

ins, who played tailback last season, emerged from fall workouts as the Aggies' starting free safety.

By JEFF GRAUNKE
Sports Writer

Toward the end of last season, Texas A&M tailback Jimmie Hawkins wasn't fitting in to Jackie Sherrill's offensive scheme. Rumors surfaced that Hawkins might transfer to see more playing time.

Hawkins didn't switch schools in '84, but he did switch positions.

To add speed and experience to the secondary, Sherrill moved Hawkins (5-foot-11, 197 pounds, San Antonio) from tailback to free safety during spring training.

The results were better than expected.

In A&M's first game against UTEP, Hawkins returned two punts for a total of 29 yards and picked off one of A&M's two interceptions. In just one game, Hawkins' punt return average has increased from 8.1 yards last season to 14.5 yards a kick.

"I'm happy," Hawkins said. "I enjoy playing a lot more. I think it's pretty much the position for me. I think I've found a home there. Since I'm getting more playing time, I'm getting better at the position."

Sherrill agreed with Hawkins' assessment of the position change.

"Hawkins played well (against UTEP)," Sherrill said. "It's very rare to find a player that can adjust like that. The things he did to get ready are good."

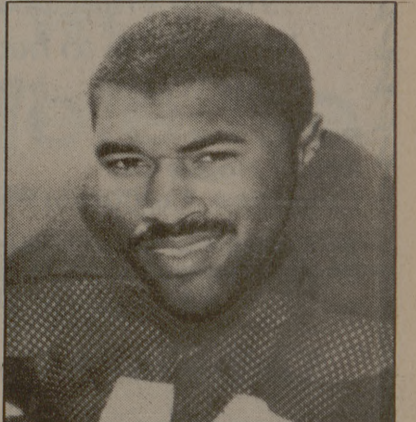
With the switch from offense to defense, there is also a reorientation of direction — defensive backs must get used to moving as much backward as they do forward.

"I worked a lot on backpedalling and changing my style from running forward and getting ready to score, to backpedalling and defending," Hawkins said.

Hawkins' interception against UTEP was one of the highlights of the game.

"We were playing a deep pass," Hawkins said. "I was deep in my half, and I guess he (UTEP quarterback Sammy Garza) didn't read me. He threw the ball deep, and I just happened to be back there to come back to the ball."

Hawkins feels that his strengths are an "overall ability to read what's



A&M's Jimmie Hawkins

happening up front and having quickness to go to the ball." He believes he needs to work on "recognizing what can happen by seeing the sets and seeing all the receivers coming into my zone."

"He's confident and intelligent," Sherrill said. "He does some good things."

When asked about the problems with the defensive pass coverage against UTEP, Hawkins explained that "people were playing deeper than they should be and not dropping deep enough."

The Iowa State Cyclones bring one of the most potent aerial attacks in the Big Eight Conference into Kyle Field on Saturday, but Hawkins said the Aggie secondary should be ready to cover the likes of All-Big Eight wide receiver Tracy Henderson.

"We're kind of building on to what we did against UTEP," Hawkins said. "It's getting a lot better. It took time. We had a lot of young people playing. They have to get more experience at their positions."

"We've been practicing on everybody going to the ball, and being where you're supposed to be."

Hawkins has nothing but positive feelings about the '84 Aggies.

"It's coming around now," he said. "It took a couple of years for everybody to get comfortable with it. From here on out I think we're always going to have a good team."

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This link to campus activities is provided for you each month in the "Off Campus Connection." This column is sponsored by the Off Campus Center in the Department of Student Affairs and Loupot's Bookstore. The "Off Campus Connection" will contain articles and tips regarding off campus living such as information on security deposits, preleasing, apartment security and roommates. This column will also provide off campus students with information concerning campus events and activities.

As you read the "Off Campus Connection" each month, we would like to encourage you to submit any questions, comments, or ideas that you may have. We invite you to bring your ideas by the Off Campus Center in Puryear Hall, directly across from the YMCA Building, or give us a call at 845-1741. Feel free to come by and visit with us Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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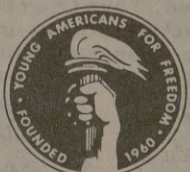
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