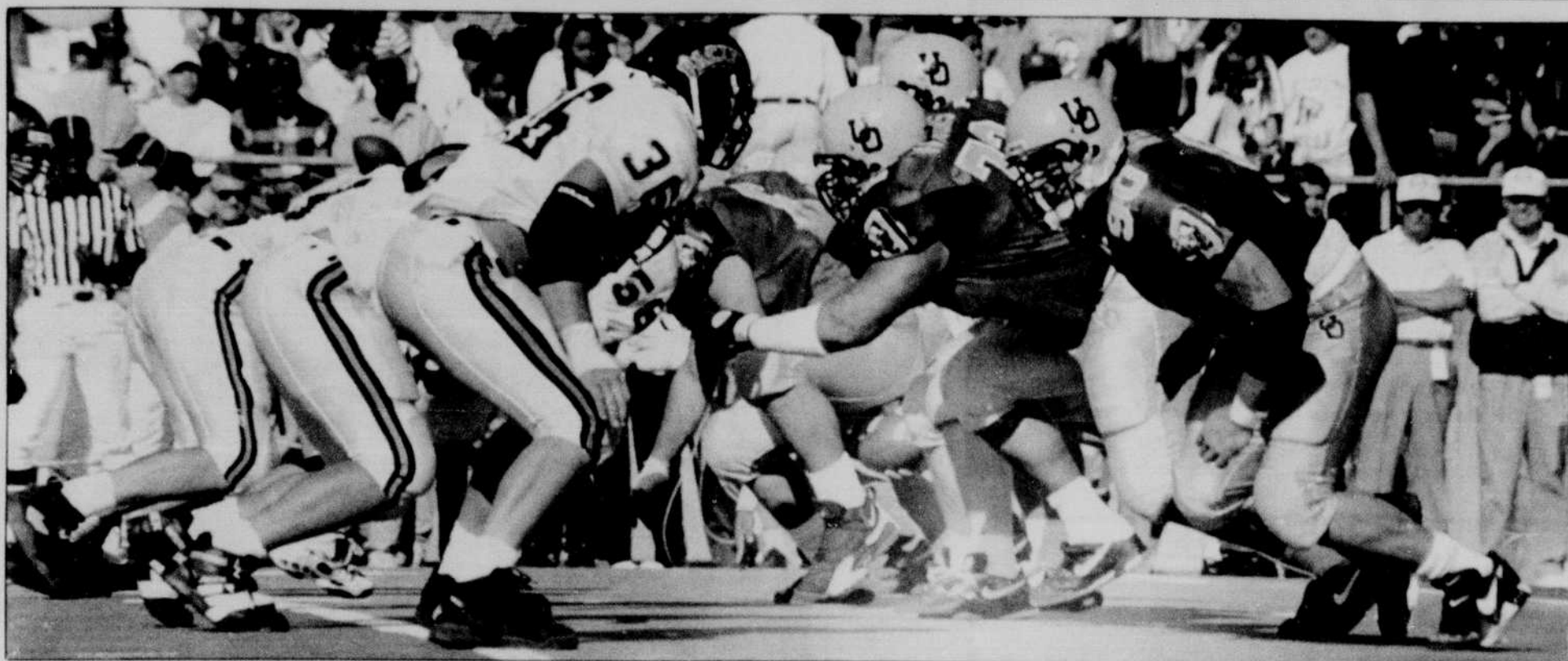


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The offensive line of the defending Pac-10 Champions has protected the players of the backfield all season, allowing them to post outstanding numbers in the first six games.

Offense: It takes patience and instinct to be on the line

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weren't for these moments in white, yellow and green, however, Whittle and anyone else who dared take a place in the backfield would be squashed.

"Our job is basically to perform our blocking duties and push the defenders back," Wiggins said. "Playing on the offensive line, you know you're not in the public's eye, but the coaching staff and our teammates know what we do."

Wiggins takes his part of the game very seriously because he knows that if he and the other linemen make a mistake it directly affects the team.

"If we aren't doing well, that means the offense isn't doing well," Wiggins said. "I believe that we're the focal point because of what our job means to the offense."

To play defense, everyone knows that you have to have a so-called "killer instinct," but what type of mentality does a member of the offensive line need to have?

"On defense, it's like you have no real assignment," Wiggins said. "But on offense you have to

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— Paul Wiggins
Offensive Tackle

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be patient — you just can't peel back your ears and go."

Although Wiggins said he has to be patient as a lineman, he added that the killer instinct is still there.

"When I push a defender back and knock a guy down, that's when I get some personal satisfaction," Wiggins said.

Wiggins is looking forward to what the Ducks' future could hold this season, but he admits that the team must take one game at a time.

"I wish I had a crystal ball so I could tell you [the outcome], Wiggins said. "But really, we just have to prepare each week and get up for it."

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