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## Huskers Begin Spring Football

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) \_ Nebraska opened spring practice Saturday with a goal to improve its defense after a disappointing third-place finish in the Big Ten Legends Division.

Defensive coordinator John Papuchis says the Cornhuskers went into their first year in the Big Ten with personnel better equipped to go against the spread offenses of the Big 12. He says Big Ten offenses were more physical.

Nebraska slipped to 37th in total defense and 42nd in scoring defense, and five opponents generated 415 or more yards of offense.

The Huskers will be looking for replacements for three stars entering April's NFL Draft \_ linebacker Lavonte David, cornerback Alfonzo Dennard and defensive lineman Jared Crick.

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