

Sports

Notre Dame assumes top spot following weekend upsets

United Press International
NEW YORK — Only one week on the job as a college football

coach and already Gerry Faust of Notre Dame is running the show. Faust's team, which opened its

season with a 27-9 victory over Louisiana State last weekend, took advantage of several major upsets last Saturday to take over the No. 1 spot in the first weekly ratings of the United Press International's Board of Coaches ratings.

The Fighting Irish were ranked fourth in the pre-season ratings. They took over first place on the strength of 11 first-place votes and 567 points from the 42 coaches who comprise the ratings board.

Notre Dame, however, will have precious little time to enjoy the No. 1 spot. The Fighting Irish visit Ann Arbor Saturday to meet Michigan, which was ranked No. 1 in the pre-season ratings only to drop to No. 12 following its shocking loss to Wisconsin Saturday.

Right on the Irish's heels is Southern California, which took over the No. 2 spot after posting a 43-7 victory over Tennessee in its season opener. The Trojans received 10 first-place votes and accumulated 560 points.

Under the UPI ratings system, each team is awarded 15 points for a first-place vote, 14 for a second-place vote and down to 1 point for a 15th-place vote.

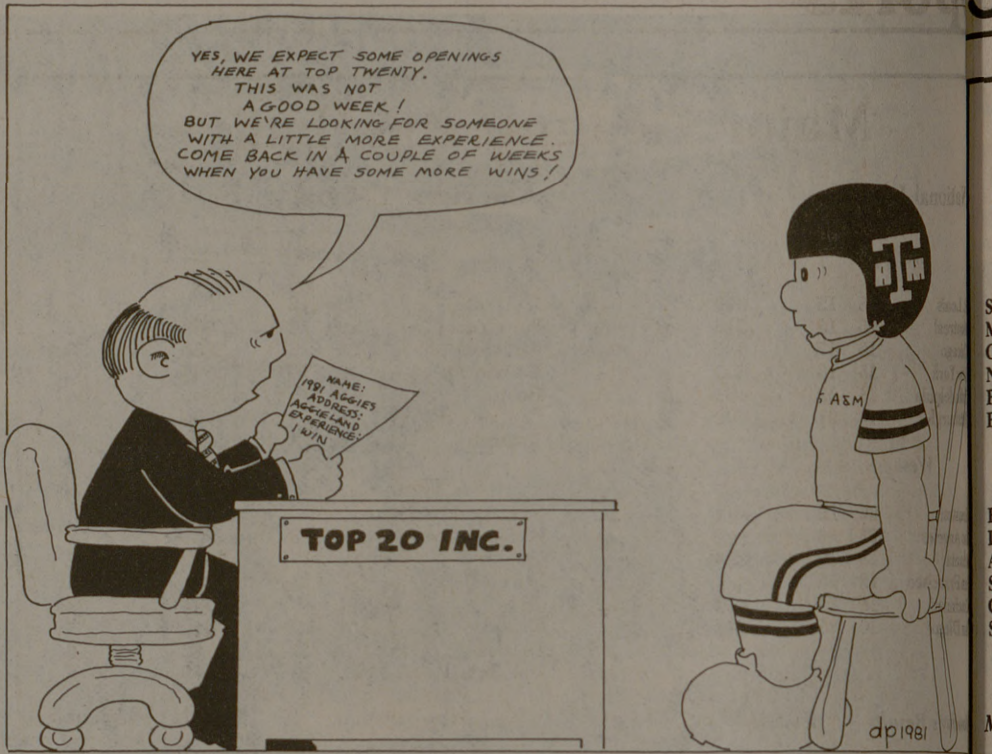
Rounding out the Top 10 are No. 6 Texas, No. 7 Pittsburgh, No. 8 Ohio State, No. 9 North

Carolina and No. 10 UCLA.

Alabama, upset by Georgia Tech last Saturday, heads the second 10 followed by No. 12 Michigan, No. 13 Brigham Young, No. 14 Mississippi State, No. 15 Miami (Fla.), No. 16 Florida State, No. 17 Washington, No. 18 Purdue, No. 19 Nebraska, an upset victim at the hands of Iowa, and No. 20 Wisconsin.

The United Press International Board of Coaches Top 20 preseason college football ratings for 1981, with first-place votes and records in parentheses.

1. Notre Dame (11)(1-0)	567
2. Southern Cal (10)(1-0)	560
3. Oklahoma (14)(1-0)	543
4. Georgia (7)(2-0)	497
5. Penn St. (1-0)	431
6. Texas (1-0)	412
7. Pittsburgh (1-0)	334
8. Ohio St. (1-0)	299
9. North Carolina (1-0)	209
10. UCLA (1-0)	192
11. Alabama (1-1)	178
12. Michigan (0-1)	165
13. Brigham Young (2-0)	104
14. Mississippi St. (1-0)	99
15. Miami (Fla.) (1-0)	81
16. Florida St. (2-0)	80
17. Washington (1-0)	73
18. Purdue (1-0)	63
19. Nebraska (0-1)	56
20. Wisconsin (1-0)	26



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Stubborn Raider defense keeps Vikings winless

United Press International
BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — The Oakland Raiders' highly rated offense took a back seat to their

defense which scored two touchdowns against the Minnesota Vikings to win their 13th straight Monday-night victory, 36-10.

Quarterback Jim Plunkett fired two touchdown passes and the defense scored two more on an interception and fumble recovery to keep the Vikings winless, marking the first time since 1967 Minnesota has started the season 0-2.

"We played the world champions and they kicked our butts," Viking Coach Bud Grant said.

Plunkett hit 11 of 24 for 109 yards, including a 21-yard scoring strike to Todd Christensen and a 12-yard TD pass to Morris Bradshaw. Reserve quarterback Marc Wilson hit Malcolm Barnwell on a 61-yard TD pass late in the fourth period.

The Raiders' defense plowed through the Vikings offensive sacking quarterback Steve Dils 10 times for 48 yards. Dils was placed in the fourth period third string quarterback for Wilson because of a sore shoulder.

The Raiders may have lost their fourth starter this season. Safety Mike Davis suffered a broken fibula in his right foot early in the game and was added to the injury list, which includes noseguard Reggie Kinlaw, linebacker Bobson and wide receiver Chandler.

Safety Burgess Owens accepted Dils at the Minnesota line and scored in the first period to give the Raiders a 10-0 lead. Bahr had booted a 21-yard goal following a fumble recovery in the first quarter.

A short punt by Vikings punter Coleman in the second period put the Raiders at midfield. Plunkett capped a five-play drive with his TD throw to Christensen. Linebacker Matt Blair blocked Bahr's point after attempt, giving the Raiders a 16-0 lead with left in the half.

Eddie Payton returned the kickoff 99 yards for the Vikings' first score, 16-7, with 1:35 left in the half. The return was the best in the club's history to date. Rentzel's 101-yard return in the third period was the longest in the league.

Rick Danmeier added a 37-yard field goal in the third period. Minnesota answered with Plunkett's 12-yard strike to Bradshaw with 8:54 left in the third period to pad the 23-10 lead.

Oakland defensive end Carl Hardman recovered Wilson's fumble for a 52-yard TD in the fourth period and 30-10 lead. He blocked Bahr's extra point attempt after Marc Wilson's touchdown pass to Barnwell to give the Raiders a club record 16th

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