

# 'Dogs still atop rankings

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NEW YORK — While Georgia strengthened its No. 1 college football rating over second-

ranked Southern Methodist, Penn State slipped ahead of Nebraska to No. 3 today following balloting by the UPI Board

of Coaches. Sugar Bowl-bound Georgia, which along with Southern Methodist is the only unbeaten major team in the country, collected 28 first-place votes and 61 points from the 42 coaches on the Board to emerge No. 1 for the second consecutive week.

Southern Methodist, 10-0, needed a dramatic 91-yard kick-off return for a touchdown with 4 seconds left to beat Texas Tech, 34-27, Saturday. The Mustangs received nine first-place votes and 580 points.

Penn State, 9-1, after its 24-14 victory over Notre Dame, moved ahead of Nebraska with

three first-place votes and 533 points, while the fourth-ranked Cornhuskers, also 9-1, had the remaining two first-place votes and 524 points.

Washington, which handed Arizona State its first loss of the season, 17-13, advanced one position to No. 5, followed by No. 6 Pittsburgh, No. 7 Florida State, No. 8 Arkansas, No. 9 Oklahoma and No. 10 Rose Bowl-bound Michigan.

The Huskies, 9-1, can clinch their third straight Rose Bowl bid with a victory over Washington State Saturday. Nebraska meets Oklahoma, 8-2, Saturday for the Big Eight Conference title and an automatic berth in the Orange Bowl.

UCLA, 8-1-1, improved two spots to No. 11, followed by No. 12 Clemson, which fell two places although beating Maryland, 24-22, to clinch at least a tie for the Atlantic Coast Conference title. No. 13 Louisiana State, No. 14 West Virginia and No. 15 Texas.

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# End-of-strike rumors flying in NFL fiasco

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NEW YORK — Just how close are the NFL Management Council and the Players Association to an agreement?

Ed Garvey, executive director of the Players Association says: "At this point we are disappointed to tell you that we are not closer."

Paul Marth, a former pro player who is serving as intermediary between the parties, says: "I'm still optimistic."

Green Bay player representative James Lofton says: "I'm going home. The season's over." After reports circulated all day Monday of an imminent settlement, it appeared the two sides had hit another barricade in the 57-day walkout that has already wiped out eight weeks of the 16-game season.

Those reports were fueled by Marth, a general counsel for the DeBartolo Corp., which owns the San Francisco 49ers. Marth, a former NFL running back, said Monday that he considered a settlement near.

"Sometime this evening, we should have an all-inclusive agreement," Marth said.

Garvey, however, blamed the Management Council for reports of an impending agreement.

"We had a number of discussions Sunday and Monday trying to close the (money) gap with the Management Council and in fact, at one point, we thought we had reduced the gap to some extent. Tonight (Monday), Sargent Karch (management's general counsel) handed us language that took away many of the benefits the players felt they could accept from management."

Jim Miller, director of information for the Management Council, said management's last offer, issued 10 days ago, remained basically the same.

"Since (mediator Sam) Kagel recessed the meetings, we've told everybody our final proposal is on the table and we would clarify any ambiguities," Miller said. "Garvey talked to a lot of people in an effort to renew the talks but he knew all along what it would take to get us back."

"Tonight we presented them with the same 79-page document, only we cleared up con-

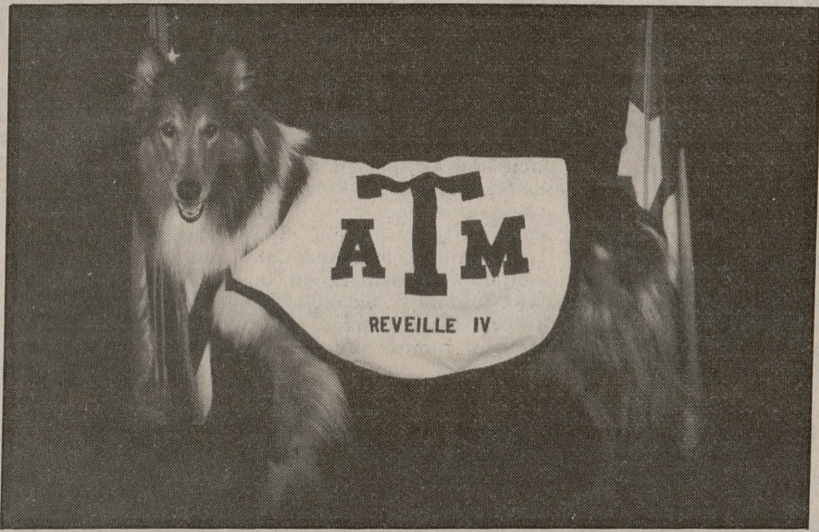
tract ambiguities that had in the last 10 days through meetings they were having. They charged we took the tentative package off the table, giving players X-amount of dollars for number of offenses, team rankings on offense and defense. We told them we would rearrange the money."

"We took the incentive and rearranged severance to include third-year players," he said. "Because the amount didn't change, we're money off the back end. I read before, severance pay for four-year players up to year players. As it reads now, three years up to 10 years took some money from the 12- and 13-year players and incentive money and gave the three-year players."

While it appears the money package now is agreed to both sides, Garvey said management had gone back on some of its earlier promises. He said the Council withdrew offer to reinstate certain players who were cut before strike was called.

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