

Indiana soars to top spot

Coogs move up to fourth

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NEW YORK — Nevada-Las Vegas is the only remaining major undefeated team, yet four coaches left Jerry Tarkanian's Runnin' Rebels off their ballots entirely as Indiana edged Nevada-Las Vegas for the top spot Tuesday in the Top 20 college basketball ratings by UPI's Board of Coaches.

Indiana, 19-2, picked up just three first-place votes from the 42-member Board, but the Hoosiers' total of 557 points was enough to edge Nevada-Las Vegas by five points—although the Runnin' Rebels were named No. 1 on 28 ballots. The Hoosiers zoomed from fourth to No. 1 with a pair of Big Ten victories after room at the top was created by North Carolina's loss to Villanova Sunday.

Nevada-Las Vegas, 22-0, moved up a notch to second and Tarkanian was puzzled by the lack of respect given to his team on the four critical ballots. Each member of UPI's Board of Coaches selects a Top 15 weekly in confidential voting, with a first-place ballot worth 15 points, a No. 2 vote worth 14 points down to a 15th-place vote worth one point.

"I can't even offer an opinion on why we were left off the ballot unless I know who the coaches were that did it," Tarkanian said. "I'm not necessarily surprised by not being named No. 1, but I am surprised about the way it happened."

The Tar Heels, 21-4, dropped a 56-53 decision to the Wildcats and dropped two spots to third with five first-place votes and 502 points while Houston, 20-2, posted a pair of Southwest Conference victories to move up two notches to No. 4 with four first-place ballots and 495 points.

Virginia plunged four places

to fifth with 444 points following a 64-63 loss to North Carolina and St. John's moved up a spot to No. 6 with 417 points and the remaining first-place vote. Arkansas jumped two places to seventh with 360 points and Louisville won three times to vault three notches to No. 8 with 308 points.

Villanova picked up 305 points to move from 14th to No. 9 after three victories and Missouri completed the Top 10 with 295 points.

UCLA plunged six spots to 11th following a 69-65 loss to Oregon State while Kentucky remained No. 12 with a pair of victories. Memphis State fell three spots to 13th, Georgetown fell a spot to No. 14 and Iowa rejoined the ratings at No. 15.

Tennessee is ranked 16th and Syracuse is No. 17, followed by three newcomers to the ratings. Boston College is No. 18, Tennessee-Chattanooga is 19th and Oklahoma State is rated No. 20.

Rams hire Robinson as new head coach

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LOS ANGELES — John Robinson gave up coaching football after Southern Cal's final game of 1982 to turn his life in a new direction, but after just 2½ months away from the game he says is in his blood, he's back.

Robinson, 47, became the new coach of the Los Angeles Rams Monday, resigning his senior vice presidency at USC to take over a team that finished last in the National Conference last season with a 2-7 record.

"Football is in my blood," Robinson said. "It's nice being back, it's great being able to stay in Los Angeles."

Robinson was the third most successful active coach in the NCAA when he left USC's football program last November, saying it was time "to look ahead to something else."

He succeeds Ray Malavasi, who led the Rams to the Super Bowl in 1979, then coached two straight losing seasons and was fired in January.

"I had a certain longing that began to grow in the last few months, a longing that I wanted to be back in football," Robinson said when asked why he quit as a university vice president after only a few weeks in the job.

"I was out of football much too long and I decided to come back. When I left USC (football) I made what I thought was the best decision at the time, but I missed it."

Robinson said he first talked with Rams' owner Georgia Frontiere last week. He said he "felt very comfortable about the organization

and the people in it" and decided the job she offered him was "too good to pass up."

Terms of the contract were not disclosed. Robinson turned down a reported \$2.5 million, 5-year deal to coach the New England Patriots a year ago.

Asked why the Rams job apparently had more appeal than the Patriots, he said: "I think maybe several inches of snow had something to do with it."

During seven seasons as USC's head coach, Robinson compiled a 67-14-2 record, including a 12-1 mark and a national championship in 1978 and an 11-0-1 mark in 1979.

He also won three Pacific-10 titles and coached two Heisman Trophy winners, tailbacks Charles White and Marcus Allen. Only Barry Switzer of Oklahoma and Joe Paterno of Penn State had better winning percentages among active coaches.

Robinson's selection was a surprise. It had been widely reported that Darryl Rogers of Arizona State was the leading candidate.

USC President John Zumberge said he had no advance notice of Robinson's decision to leave as the school's vice president for university relations.

"In the time he was a senior vice president, he was a great creative force," Zumberge said. "He brought a vitality and freshness of view to university relations that won't be forgotten."

"We wish him well, of course. He's made his mark on this place."

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The Aggie women's team, paced by Vanessa Marek, Becky Adair and Lela West, placed first in the competition, which featured Texas A&M and the University of Texas. The Texas A&M co-ed team, which in-

cludes Elaine Christensen, Heather Dunnam, Mark French and Paul Chan, won the tournament as well.

Christensen finished first in the overall women's competition with 1,062 points and Dunnam was third at 988. In the men's competition, the Aggie's French was second with 1,055 points and Chan wound up third with a total of 1,054.

Men's tennis team plays No. 5 Trinity today

The Texas A&M men's tennis team, 6-0 on the season and coming off a 6-3 victory over Top 20 team Southwest Louisiana this weekend, plays No. 5-ranked Trinity University today in San Antonio.

The Tigers, 2-1 this season, will open home play with today's match against the Aggies. Trinity coach Bob McKinney says the Tigers realize how tough the Aggies will be and that his players are "certainly not overconfident."

Kent said Monday that the match will be a strong test for the Aggies.

"Trinity always has a good team and this is a good opportunity for us to see how well we are playing," he said. "We have been playing well our last few matches, but I don't know if we're playing well enough to beat Trinity."

Playing in the top three singles spots for Trinity are Tomm Warneke, ranked No. 10 nationally; Charles Honey, ranked No. 24 in the nation, and

Mark Pinchoff, ranked No. 30 in the nation.

Texas A&M's top singles players are Brian Joelson, ranked No. 50 in the nation, Tom Daytona and Kimmo Alkio. The blocking doubles pair will match Tom neke-Pinchoff of Trinity with the Joelson-Judson of Texas A&M.

The Aggies' next home game will be Friday and Saturday when they'll host a four-team tournament. Included in the tournament will be LSU, North Texas State and Southwestern Texas State.

Texas A&M will play SWTSU Friday at 1:30 p.m. The Aggies will face NTSU Saturday morning at 8 and 1:30 that afternoon at 1:30.

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