

Tar Heels still on top

United Press International
 NEW YORK — North Carolina, unaffected by last week's rash of upsets and subsequent ratings shuffle, remained one vote shy Monday of being a unanimous selection as No. 1 by the UPI Board of Coaches.

The Tar Heels, 14-0, received 40 of a possible 41 first-place votes. It was the second straight week they were one vote away from being unanimous as the top choice.

DePaul, 14-0, was second and Kentucky, 14-2, that got one first-place vote.

Georgetown, 15-2, and Maryland, 13-2, each climbed two places into the top five.

No. 6 Houston, 16-3, No. 7 Illinois, 13-2, No. 8 Texas-El Paso 16-1, No. 9 Nevada-Las Vegas, 16-1, and No. 10 Louisville, 11-4, round out the top 10.

Completing the Top 20 are No. 11 Arkansas, 15-2, No. 12 Oklahoma, 15-2, No. 13 Tulsa, 16-1, No. 14 Louisiana State,

No. 15 Memphis State, 12-3, No. 16 UCLA, 11-3, No. 17 Wake Forest, 12-3, No. 18 Georgia, 12-3, No. 19 Washington, 13-3, and No. 20 Oregon State, 9-4.

Following the lead of Louisville, which burst into the ratings with an 86-78 upset over UCLA, the bottom half of the rankings was thoroughly shuffled.

Arkansas jumped eight places after Southwest Conference victories over Texas and Texas Tech. Oklahoma moved up five spots with Big Eight wins over Colorado and Kansas State and LSU climbed four spots after routing U.S. International and holding off Southeastern Conference foe Alabama.

Memphis State, Georgia and Washington were all unranked

last week. Dropping out were Purdue, Fresno State, St. John's and Boston College — all in the bottom 10 a week ago.

UCLA tumbled five places after its loss to Louisville, Wake Forest fell four spots after losing to North Carolina State, and losses to Washington State and Washington dropped Oregon State 10 notches.

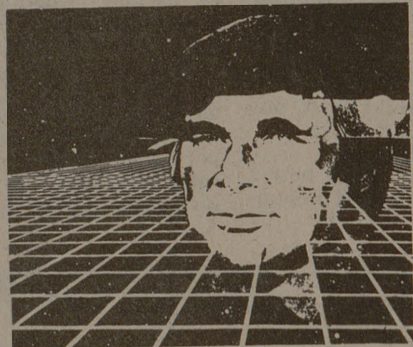
North Carolina has a busy week ahead, with home games against Wake Forest Wednesday and LSU Sunday. In other games matching ranked teams, Kentucky hosts Georgia, DePaul visits UCLA and Memphis State hosts Oklahoma Saturday.

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Hockey official threatens U.S.

United Press International
 TORONTO — Canada's chief international hockey negotiator fired the latest salvo in an escalating battle between the American and Canadian Olympic teams Sunday, saying some U.S. players may have to return their hockey gold medals won at the 1980 Olympics.

Alan Eagleson said the ever increasing possibility of a U.S. protest over the eligibility of three Canadian Olympians who may have signed NHL contracts was ludicrous, considering the American squad may have been guilty of the same practice four years ago.

"We have some information that might indicate that some U.S. players had agreed to terms and to an NHL contract before the 1980 Olympics," he said. "That is a technical violation of the same type the U.S. is saying we have violated. If they did (agree to contracts), they may have to return the gold medals."

Eagleson, who says the U.S. team's goal is to weaken Canada for their opening game of the Olympic tournament, complained the Canadian squad has come under a lot of unfair scrutiny of late.

"If the true definition of amateur were applied to the players from the other countries, you would wind up with no one being eligible," he said. "We're more pure than any team in the Olympics, other than the U.S."

Eagleson believes some recent pressure applied to the Canadian squad from the NCAA, the

governing body of U.S. college athletics, came as the of some prodding from Olympic team officials.

"We were informed by NCAA last week that they consider our team ineligible because some of our players may be able to return to a college in the United States after the Olympics," he said.

"What they're trying to do is scare some of our players like (Bruce) Driver, (Pat) Patrick and (James) Patrick and (Sherven), all of whom had college eligibility.

"This has been simmering six months now and, since two weeks before the Olympics, it comes as a thunderbolt from the sky. How can we think anything but contrived."

U.S. Olympic officials Saturday they were leaning towards a protest if the Canadian suits up goaltender Gosselin and forwards Morrison and Dan Wood.

Gosselin, property of Quebec Nordiques, has played an NHL game. Morrison played in nine with the New York Rangers last year and Wood played Central Hockey League season.

The Canadian Olympic association agreed last year to let the Canadian team to use players who have no more than two years of NHL experience. The move was also approved by the International Ice Hockey Federation.

Cold Notre Dame pops frozen Rice

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 SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Tom Sluby scored 21 points, his fourth 20-point or better performance in the last five games, to lead a cold-shooting Notre Dame team to a 50-35 victory Monday over even-colder Rice.

Tony Barnett, with 12 points, was the only player in double figures for the Owls, who broke a week-old record for the least points scored in the 16-year history of the Notre Dame Athletic and Convocation Center. Lafayette had set the record in a 65-39 defeat on Jan. 16.

Tim Kempton scored 11 points, including 5 for 5 from the free throw line for the 11-5

Irish, who won their first straight to reach their 10th win streak of the season.

After starting out slowly from the field to take a lead, the Irish hit just five of their last 16 shots in the half, escaping to the locker room leading just 23-20.

The Notre Dame show space flowed even further in opening minutes of the second half as the Irish canned just one of their first eight field attempts.

But the Owls were cooler, hitting just two of their 10 in the second half and the Irish run out to a 30-20

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