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Huskers, Wolverines reach Top 20 peak

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NEW YORK — Nebraska rolled to victory in its opener and benefited from a loss by previously top-ranked Miami (Fla.) to become the third team in as many weeks to be voted No. 1 Monday by the United Press International Board of Coaches poll.

Nebraska crushed Wyoming 42-7 to move up from second. The Cornhuskers held the No. 1 position throughout the 1983 season before dropping to second after a loss to Miami (Fla.) in the Orange Bowl last January 1.

Defending national champion Miami (Fla.) fell 22-14 to Michigan Saturday, slipping to No. 8 in the rankings while the Wolverines vaulted to No. 2. Miami was voted No. 1 last week after knocking off pre-season No. 1 rated Auburn in the Aug. 27 College Football Kickoff Classic.

Nebraska received 32 of a possible 37 first-place votes and 549 overall points as the ratings were shuffled by upset losses by four top-ranked teams.

Michigan received four first-place votes and 452 points to move into the No. 2 spot. Texas, which takes on Auburn Saturday, held No. 3 with two first-place votes and 432 points and Clemson moved up one spot to No. 4 with 411 points after a 55-0 clubbing of Virginia.

Iowa rose nine spots to No. 5 after a 59-21 win over Iowa State and Brigham Young jumped six places up to No. 6 following a 47-13 win over Baylor. The Cougars also received a first-place vote.

Total points are based on 15 points for first place, 14 for second, etc.

No. 7 UCLA, Miami (Fla.), No. 9 Boston College and No. 10 Auburn complete the nation's top 10 teams.

Boston College improved seven places after a 38-31 upset of Alabama. UCLA slipped from No. 4 following a lackluster 18-15 win over San Diego State. Idle Auburn fell four places.

Rounding out the Top 20 are No. 11 Ohio State, No. 12 Oklahoma, No. 13 Penn State, No. 14 Oklahoma State, No. 15 Southern Methodist, No. 16 Washington, No. 17 Florida State, No. 18 Southern California, No. 19 Georgia and No. 20 Alabama.

Oklahoma State, USC and Georgia were unranked last week.

Oklahoma State burst into the ratings with a 45-3 win over previously 13th-ranked Arizona State.

USC, in the ratings for the first time in more than two years following NCAA probation last season, won its opener 42-7 against Utah State.

Georgia was a 26-19 winner in its opener against Southern Mississippi.

Notre Dame, upset 23-21 by Purdue, fell out of the rankings along with Arizona State and idle Pittsburgh.

Nebraska hopes to become the first No. 1 team to hold its ranking this season when the Cornhuskers host Minnesota Saturday.

In games matching ranked teams, No. 3 Texas hosts No. 10 Auburn, No. 2 Michigan hosts No. 16 Washington and No. 5 Iowa hosts No. 13 Penn State this week.

The Big Eight, Big Ten, Pac-10 and Southeastern Conference each have three schools in the Top 20. In Michigan and Iowa, the Big Ten has two of the five top-ranked teams in the nation.

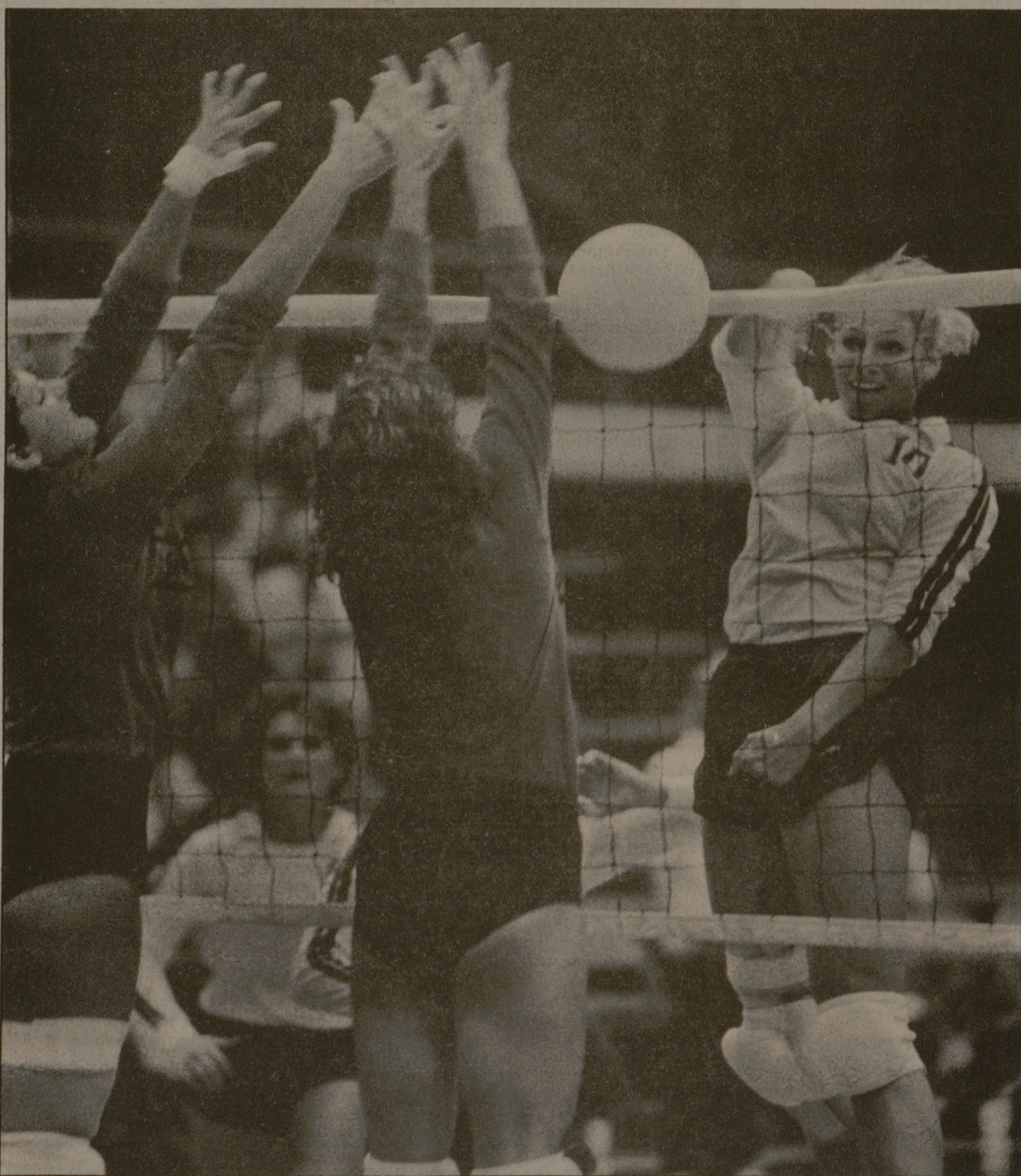


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A&M's Chemine Doty (10) spikes the ball past Georgia blockers during the Ags' win.

Ags resist scrappy Bulldogs

By TONY CORNETT
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The Texas A&M women's volleyball team made the closing game just as exciting as the opening game as they spiked their way to a 15-3, 3-15, 15-8, 16-14 win over the Georgia Bulldogs.

The Aggies came out smoking in the first game and it looked for a while like it might be a blowout. But Georgia came right back in the second to hand the Ags a dose of their own poison by the same 15-3 score. The third game was hard-fought as the Ags tried to get back on track.

The Aggies led the fourth game up until the "Lady Dogs" tied it up at 13-13. It was tied again at 14-14 but the Ags capitalized on a long Georgia serve at 15-14 and sent Sherri Brinkman to the service line on the sideout. She executed the final serve of the evening while the Aggie defense executed the game winning play.

"A&M looks awesome," said Georgia Coach Sid Feldman. "They could be in the final four if they wanted to play like that." (as they did in the first game) "They just ran after every ball that went random and that's the sign of a good team."

Aggie Head Coach Terry Condon tended to look at the second game loss rather than the first game victory.

"That did not make me happy," said Condon, "They get so far ahead that first game and it feels so easy to them that they relax too much and they kick back. They get themselves in a hole and you can't do that against a team like this."

Condon was, of course, glad to see her team beat the Bulldogs. The Aggie record moves to 4-1 while Georgia drops to 1-3.

The Ags will face Michigan State Thursday night at 7:30 in G. Rollie White.

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