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Hoyas remain No. 1 by passing first test

United Press International

NEW YORK — Georgetown, speeding along in a style befitting an NCAA champion, retained its No. 1 college basketball ranking Tuesday with 35 first place votes from UPI's Board of Coaches.

The Hoyas prepped for their first major opponent with four tune-up victories against non-division teams and then blasted Nevada-Las Vegas 82-46 last Saturday in Georgetown's first serious test of the season. The loss dropped UNLV out of the top 20.

Georgetown collected 564 points to keep ahead of No. 2 DePaul, also 5-0. The Blue Demons, without Ray Meyer at the coaching helm for the first time in 43 years, received 528 points from the Board. Meyer's son, Joey, is directing DePaul's fortunes this season and his efforts were rewarded with two first place votes.

Duke and St. John's swapped places in the ratings. The Blue Devils (5-0) vaulted to No. 3 on 432 points after beating Virginia in their Atlantic Coast Conference opener. The Redmen (4-0), having a tough time with Fordham before routing Rutgers, slipped to fourth place with 392 points.

Nine of the top 10 teams in the UPI ratings remain unbeaten after the third week of balloting. Memphis State won its fourth in a row with a victory over UCLA and jumped a notch to fifth place. Sixth place Illinois pumped up its record to 9-1 after winning the Illini Classic; Southern Methodist, with the only other first place vote, holds the No. 7 slot; North Carolina State is rated No. 8 after three easy victories, Washington holds the No. 9 position following a double overtime win against Texas Tech, and Syracuse was No. 10 with victories in its Carrier Classic.

Virginia Tech soared eight places to No. 11 as it led the second 10. North Carolina and Oklahoma tied for 12th place, Georgia Tech was rated No. 14, followed by Kansas,

Top 20

- NEW YORK — The United Press International Board of Coaches Top 20 college basketball ratings. First-place votes and records through games of Dec. 9 in parentheses. (Total points based on 15 points for first place, 14 for second, etc.):
1. Georgetown (35) (5-0) 564
 2. DePaul (2) (5-0) 528
 3. Duke (5-0) 432
 4. St. John's (4-0) 392
 5. Memphis State (4-0) 384
 6. Illinois (9-1) 373
 7. SMU (1) (4-0) 335
 8. N. Carolina St. (5-0) 238
 9. Washington (4-0) 210
 10. Syracuse (4-0) 121
 11. Virginia Tech (4-0) 117
 12. (tie) N. Carolina (4-0) 101
 13. (tie) Oklahoma (4-2) 101
 14. Georgia Tech (3-0) 86
 15. Kansas (5-1) 75
 16. Indiana (2-2) 67
 17. Louisville (3-1) 57
 18. UA-Birmingham (5-1) 55
 19. LSU (4-1) 30
 20. (tie) Louisiana Tech (5-0) 28
 20. (tie) Arkansas (3-1) 28

Indiana, Louisville, Alabama-Birmingham and Louisiana State. Arkansas and Louisiana Tech, joining the elite, were voted into a tie for 20th place. Louisville took the biggest plunge, dropping 10 spots to its No. 17 ranking.

Georgetown coach John Thompson refused to predict the possibility of winning back-to-back NCAA titles.

"I'm not going to let myself get caught up in winning the national championship in December," Thompson said. "You don't win the national championship in December."

Santa brings Ags early gifts

By CHAREAN WILLIAMS
Assistant Sports Editor

'Twas the night before finals and all through G. Rollie, not a creature was playing not even our collie.

All the sports games were over, though we wished some redone. For Aggie fans, the wins had been the most fun.

The athletes were resting, dreaming of the season that was, the plays and the highlights were remembered because.

One play stands out above all the rest, and proves once and for all that

Aggies are best.

Scott Polk lumbering for 76 yards, after Domingo's block of t.u.'s Jeff Ward.

That assured us of a win over 'ol t.u., and sent us away not feeling so blue.

Oh, but other great plays come to mind just as fast, remember how Murray wound up in a cast?

How about Texas' Predmore serving an ace? To help the Horns win the volleyball race.

Home the spikers were sent by

the NCAA, who said the Ags weren't invited to play.

So the season's highlight became San Diego State, a Top 20 upset made the year just great.

Ag golfer Coghlan won the Cameron Cup, and led his team to fifth place in the Commissioner's Cup.

At the Cowgirl, Ag golfer Gonzalez captured fifth place, and in cross country, Barrios won the A&M race.

In tennis, Gensler and Akagi were awesome in doubles, and opponents of Connell and

Hill knew they were in trouble.

In the pool, the Ags seemed to have fins, as Nash's folks recorded some impressive wins.

It was a year of disappointment and of despair, yet, the hope and faith were always there.

To: All the Texas A&M athletes and coaches.

Thanks for the early Christmas gifts you provided to all Aggie fans with your outstanding play during the 1984 season. Merry Christmas and best of luck always!

NFL's Phoenix Eagles?

United Press International

PHILADELPHIA — The Philadelphia Eagles confirmed Tuesday they are considering a move of their NFL franchise to Phoenix, an action that team owner Leonard Tose had said would be made "over my dead body."

Ed Wisneski, the Eagles' director of communications, issued a brief statement saying: "Leonard Tose is considering a move to Phoenix but nothing has been signed and no final decision has been made."

At a news conference, Mayor Wilson Goode said a group of city business people is prepared to match any offer Tose received for the Eagles to assure that the team stays in Philadelphia.

Neither Tose nor team vice president Susan Fletcher, Tose's daughter, could be reached for comment.

The Arizona Republic reported Tuesday the Eagles would move to Phoenix in a matter of days following their final 1984 game Sunday against Atlanta. The story said the Arizona Board of Regents tentatively has approved use of Arizona State's Sun Devil Stadium as an in-

terim home for the Eagles pending construction of a domed stadium.

Tose and Fletcher were in Phoenix last month discussing a sale of a minority share of the team to James Monahan, an Edmonton, Alberta, real estate developer who has business holdings in the Arizona city. Fletcher confirmed the meeting but said the share was "significantly less than 40 percent." The Republic reported the share to be 25 percent.

When asked about reports that Monahan would move the club to Phoenix, Tose, 69, steadfastly denied that any transfer would take place.

"The Eagles aren't going anywhere," Tose said on Nov. 7. "In the first place, I'm not going to sell the club. In the second place, even if I ever did, the only way they'd get them out of Philadelphia is over my dead body."

However, it is believed that Tose wants to sell some share of the club to relieve a debt reported to be \$40 million. He is believed to be paying more than \$6 million in annual interest alone on a \$30 million loan

with California's Crocker National Bank.

In addition, Tose's player payroll is in excess of \$10 million. The Eagles' attendance has declined sharply in recent years, from nearly 700,000 in the club's Super Bowl season of 1980 to 445,000 last year and 459,000 this year.

The Republic said financial arrangements for the franchise shift are being made through a local bank. It also said lawyers have been alerted to prepare for legal battles with the city of Philadelphia and the United States Football League.

The Eagles have a lease with the city to use Veterans Stadium through 1991. If they move to Phoenix, they will be in direct competition for the use of Sun Devil Stadium with the Arizona Wranglers when the USFL moves to a fall schedule in 1986.

Officials of Arizona State and its Board of Regents have refused to confirm or deny that the regents had approved interim use of Sun Devil Stadium.

Kings send Knight to S.A. Spurs

United Press International

SAN ANTONIO — The San Antonio Spurs Tuesday traded center Sam McNamara to Kansas City in a straight exchange for guard-forward Billy Knight, Spurs officials announced.

The trade came hours before the two teams were scheduled to meet in Kansas City Tuesday night.

Knight, 6-foot-6, is an eight-year veteran of the NBA and averaged 4.8 points in 16 games for Kansas City this season.

McNamara, 6-11, is in his second year and scored an average of 2.8 points in 12 games this fall for the Spurs.

Witt said Knight probably would see more action as a forward than as a guard for the Spurs.

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