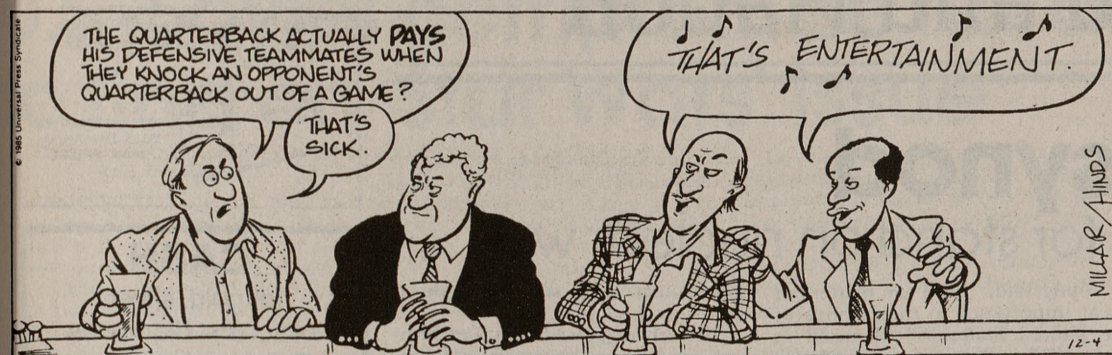


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# No. 2 Miami looking for 2nd national title

Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Miami was accorded respect that Coach Jimmy Johnson felt was long overdue Tuesday when the Hurricanes vaulted to No. 2 in The Associated Press poll and within striking distance of their second national football championship in three years.

A critic of balloting in recent weeks because of his team's slow rise despite victories on the road over Oklahoma, Florida State and Maryland, Johnson was ecstatic that the Hurricanes climbed from fourth in the next-to-last regular season poll.

Miami has won 10 games in a row since losing its season opener to Florida and is traveling a path that is strikingly similar to the road it took to the national championship under Howard Schnellenberger two years ago.

Schnellenberger's 1983 team also lost its opener to Florida, but rattled off 11 straight victories — including a triumph over Nebraska in the Orange Bowl — to claim the crown. The 1985 Hurricanes are headed for the Sugar Bowl and a showdown with Southeastern Conference champion Tennessee.

"This team has made a lot of progress and has made steady improvement throughout the season," said Johnson, who replaced Schnellenberger two months before the start of the 1984 campaign. "We're happy to have a high ranking. I think we're deserving of this ranking ... or higher."

No. 1 Penn State, which completed an 11-0 regular season a week earlier and will meet fourth-ranked Oklahoma in the Orange Bowl, re-

**AP Top 20 Football Poll**

The Top 20 teams in the Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and season record:

1. Penn State (47) — 11-0-0
2. Miami (Fla.) (3) — 10-1-0
3. Iowa (3) — 10-1-0
4. Oklahoma (5) — 9-1-0
5. Michigan (1) — 9-1-1
6. Florida — 9-1-1
7. Nebraska — 9-2-0
8. Tennessee — 8-1-2
9. Brigham Young — 10-2-0
10. Air Force — 11-1-0
11. Texas A&M — 9-2-0
12. LSU — 8-1-1
13. Arkansas — 9-2-0
14. UCLA — 8-2-1
15. Alabama — 8-2-1
16. Auburn — 8-3-0
17. Ohio State — 8-3-0
18. Florida State — 8-3-0
19. Oklahoma State — 8-3-0
20. Bowling Green — 11-0-0

ceived 47 of 59 first-place votes and 1,164 of a possible 1,180 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and sportscasters.

Miami received three first-place votes and 1,063 points to move past Iowa and Oklahoma, which had held down the No. 2 and No. 3 spots a week ago. Rose Bowl-bound Iowa collected three first-place ballots and 1,050 points, while Oklahoma dropped from third to fourth with five first-place votes and 1,048 points.

The other first-place ballot went

to Michigan, 9-1-1, which remained in fifth place with 935 points.

The Hurricanes closed the regular season with a 58-7 mauling of Notre Dame last Saturday. In the aftermath, Johnson pushed aside suggestions that he tried to run up the score to impress pollsters, saying: "I couldn't ask our second-and-third-stringers to not do their best."

Smith attributes the Hurricanes' success to total team dedication and the development of quarterback Vinny Testaverde, who replaced Bernie Kosar when Kosar gave up his final two years of college eligibility for the National Football League.

Smith said he wasn't surprised the Hurricanes advanced two spots although neither Iowa or Oklahoma lost last weekend. "We feel like we were deserving to be ahead of both of them. This makes it right."

Florida, 9-1-1 but barred from bowls because of NCAA probation, held onto sixth place with 903 points, followed by Nebraska, 9-2, which climbed from eighth to seventh with 779 points.

Tennessee, which won the SEC title and a Sugar Bowl berth opposite Miami with a 30-0 shutout of Vanderbilt, jumped from 10th to eighth. Brigham Young, 10-2, and Air Force, 11-1, round out the Top Ten.

The second ten consists of Texas A&M, LSU, Arkansas, UCLA, Alabama, Auburn, Ohio State, Florida State, Oklahoma State and unbeaten Bowling Green, which cracked the Top Twenty for the first time in 12 years.

The Mid-American champions last appeared in the rankings in September 1973 when the Falcons were tied for 20th for one week.

# N. Carolina tops cage poll

Michigan uses big upset to stay on 'Heels' of No. 1

Associated Press

The first tipoff that Michigan might be moving up in The Associated Press college basketball poll came in the Tip-Off Classic, when the Wolverines knocked off second-ranked Georgia Tech.

On Tuesday, a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters made it official, giving Michigan 12 first-place votes and 1,165 points — not enough to seriously threaten North Carolina's hold on first place — but enough to move the 4-0 Wolverines up from third to second.

In fact, the Stumbling Wrecks from Georgia Tech, who sat atop the preseason poll and slipped to second a week ago, are fifth this week following Saturday's nationally televised 49-44 loss to Michigan in Springfield, Mass., that put their record at 2-1.

North Carolina, 5-0 and the winner of the Great Alaska Shootout last weekend, received 45 of a possible 63 first-place votes and 1,239 points. Duke also rode a tournament triumph northward in the rankings, receiving four first-place votes and

1,112 points to jump from sixth to third.

The Blue Devils won the inaugural Big Apple National Invitation Tournament last weekend in New York, defeating then-fifth-ranked Kansas 92-86 for the title. And on Monday night, Duke, playing its second game in less than 24 hours and third in four days, routed East Carolina 98-66 to run its record to 6-0.

Syracuse, 3-0, remained fourth in the poll with 1,054 points, followed by Georgia Tech with 910. Georgetown, unbeaten in its first two games, received one first-place vote and 908 points for sixth, up two spots from a week ago. Kansas, 3-1, fell to seventh with 830 points.

Oklahoma, 5-0, made a big jump from 12th to eighth place with 753 points. Kentucky and Notre Dame each moved up one notch — Kentucky, 3-0, to ninth with 693 points and Notre Dame, 2-0, to 10th with 636 points and the remaining first-place vote.

This week's Second Ten starts with Louisiana State, 5-0, with 585 points, followed by Illinois, Memphis State, Nevada-Las Vegas, St. John's, Louisville, Alabama-Birmingham, Iowa and, in a tie for 19th, Auburn and Indiana. Louisville remained in the Top Twenty — albeit down from ninth to 16th — despite losing to Kansas and St. John's in the Big Apple NIT.

**AP Top 20 Basketball Poll**

The Top 20 teams in the Associated Press college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and season record:

1. North Carolina (45) — 5-0
2. Michigan (12) — 4-0
3. Duke (4) — 6-0
4. Syracuse — 3-0
5. Georgia Tech — 2-1
6. Georgetown (1) — 2-0
7. Kansas — 3-1
8. Oklahoma — 5-0
9. Kentucky — 3-0
10. Notre Dame (1) — 2-1
11. LSU — 5-0
12. Illinois — 2-1
13. Memphis State — 2-0
14. UNLV — 4-1
15. St. John's — 3-1
16. Louisville — 2-2
17. Ala.-Birmingham — 2-1
18. Iowa — 4-0
19. (tie) Indiana — 2-0
20. Auburn — 1-1

ing two key baskets in the final 1:52 of the game and Lewis Lloyd added 25 points to lead the Rockets to a comeback 118-112 National Basketball Association victory over Phoenix Tuesday night.

The Suns failed to score in the final 3:03 of the game as the Rockets hit 11 unanswered points to stretch their unbeaten home record to 11 straight games.

The Suns, losing their 10th straight on the road, beat the Rockets 126-110 Saturday in Phoenix behind the 39 points by Larry Nance, who finished Tuesday night with 35 points.

Nance had 30 points going into the fourth quarter but he was scoreless until he hit five straight points for a 112-109 Suns lead with 3:03 to play.

The Suns didn't score again as the Rockets battled back again for a 113-112 lead with 1:52 to go on a layup by Olajuwon.

Ralph Sampson hit 21 points for the Rockets. Walter Davis hit 17 more for the Suns.

After struggling to a 65-60 half-time lead, Houston could do no better than a deadlocked 92-92 score going into the fourth quarter.

It took 12 third quarter points by Sampson to keep pace with the Suns.

The Rockets never led in the game until 50 seconds remained in the first half when Olajuwon rebounded, passed out to Lloyd for a relay to John Lucas for a layup and a 61-60 lead.

Houston expanded the lead to 65-60 at the half on baskets by Rodney McCray and Lucas.

The Suns scored the game's first seven points and took a 32-23 lead at the end of the first quarter.

# Rockets come back to edge Suns, 118-112

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Houston's Akeem Olajuwon scored 18 points, includ-



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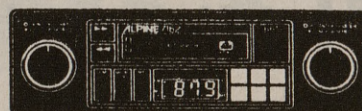
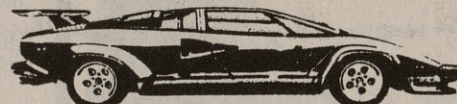
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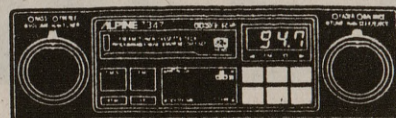
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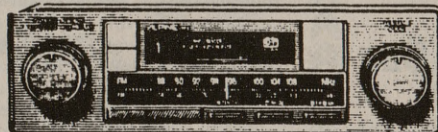
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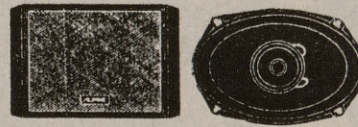
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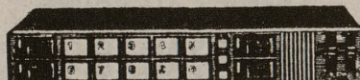
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