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## U.S. Open begins in Flushing Meadow Lendl poised for fourth title

NEW YORK (AP) Eight would be great, but four would be even finer for Ivan Lendl at the U.S. Open. If Lendl reaches the championship match, he will tie the tournament record of eight consecutive final appearances by Bill Tilden from 1918-25. But Lendl won't be satisfied unless he wins the Grand Slam event, which begins a two-week run Monday at the National Tennis Center.

"Winning is always my goal at the Open," Lendl said. "I've been second enough times."

After losing three straight finals from 1982-84, Lendl won the tournament three years in a row. Last year, Mats Wilander beat him in the final and took over the No. 1 ranking Lendl had held for three years.

Lendl recaptured the top spot by winning his first Australian Open in January. He has won six other Grand Prix tournaments this year and compiled a 27-1 record on hardcourts, the surface used at the U.S. Open.

"I feel good going into the tournament," he said Sunday after beating Mikael Pernfors in the final of a warmup event in Jericho, N.Y. "I just hope I'm not at my peak yet."

Defending women's champion Steffi Graf plays the opening match on center court against Etsuko Inoue of Japan. The other top women, including four-time champion Martina Navratilova and six-time winner Chris Evert, are scheduled to play their first matches on Tuesday.

Evert opens against Bettina Fulco of Argentina, while Navratilova meets qualifier Ei Tida of Japan.

The Open will be the last major tournament for Evert, who is retiring at the end of the season. She has won more U.S. Open singles matches (97) than any other player.

"A couple of friends recently told me they didn't even want me to play the Open," Evert says in the current Sports Illustrated. "They wanted to remember me by that final wave on Centre Court after I lost to Steffi in the semis at Wimbledon."

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Texas A&M found itself on the outside looking in as it was not included in the Associated Press Top 25 preseason college football poll released Saturday.

But with a little luck and hard work, the Aggies could find themselves in the top 20 as early as the first or second week of the season.

A&M plays its first two games against two prominent football teams: seventh-ranked Louisiana State University at Kyle Field on Saturday, and at Washington University on Sept. 9.

Arkansas, the defending Southwest Conference champion, is ranked No. 10 and Houston, who is ineligible this season for the SWC crown or post-season play because of NCAA probation, is ranked No. 21.

The Aggies just missed being ranked, as they finished with 162 points. Ohio State nailed down the last spot with 200½ points. Georgia followed with 181, then came the Aggies. Washington was right behind A&M with 128.

Other SWC schools receiving votes were Texas with 66 points and Baylor with 32 points.

Michigan coach Bo Schembechler has won more games than any other active coach and has the fifth-highest total (224) in NCAA Division I history. However, he has never won a national championship.

Michigan received 23 first-place votes and 1,439 points to edge defending national champion Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish, who visit Ann Arbor on Sept. 16, were ranked No. 1 on 20 ballots and received 1,378 points.

Other teams receiving first-place votes were Nebraska (10), Miami (4), Southern California (1) and Florida State (2).

The AP is expanding its rankings from 20 to 25 teams this season. Sixty sports writers and sportscasters vote in the weekly poll, which awards 25 points for first place, 24 for second and so on.

Although most of Michigan's starters return from last year's 9-2-1 Rose Bowl champion team, Schem-

bechler is downplaying talk of a national title.

"I don't care about all that," Schembechler said. "We're going to try to have a year like last year. We had a lot of heartaches, but we had a lot of fun, too."

### AP Top 25 Poll

Team	Points
1. Michigan	1,439
2. Notre Dame	1,378
3. Nebraska	1,333
4. Miami, Fla.	1,322
5. USC	1,288
6. Florida State	1,202
7. LSU	1,059
8. Auburn	1,007
9. UCLA	996
10. Arkansas	884
11. Penn State	746
12. Clemson	695
13. Syracuse	644
14. Colorado	630
15. Oklahoma	620
16. Alabama	479
17. West Virginia	457
18. Arizona	319
19. BYU	306
20. Pittsburgh	282
21. Houston	281
22. Illinois	277
23. Iowa	250
24. N.C. State	238
25. Ohio State	200½

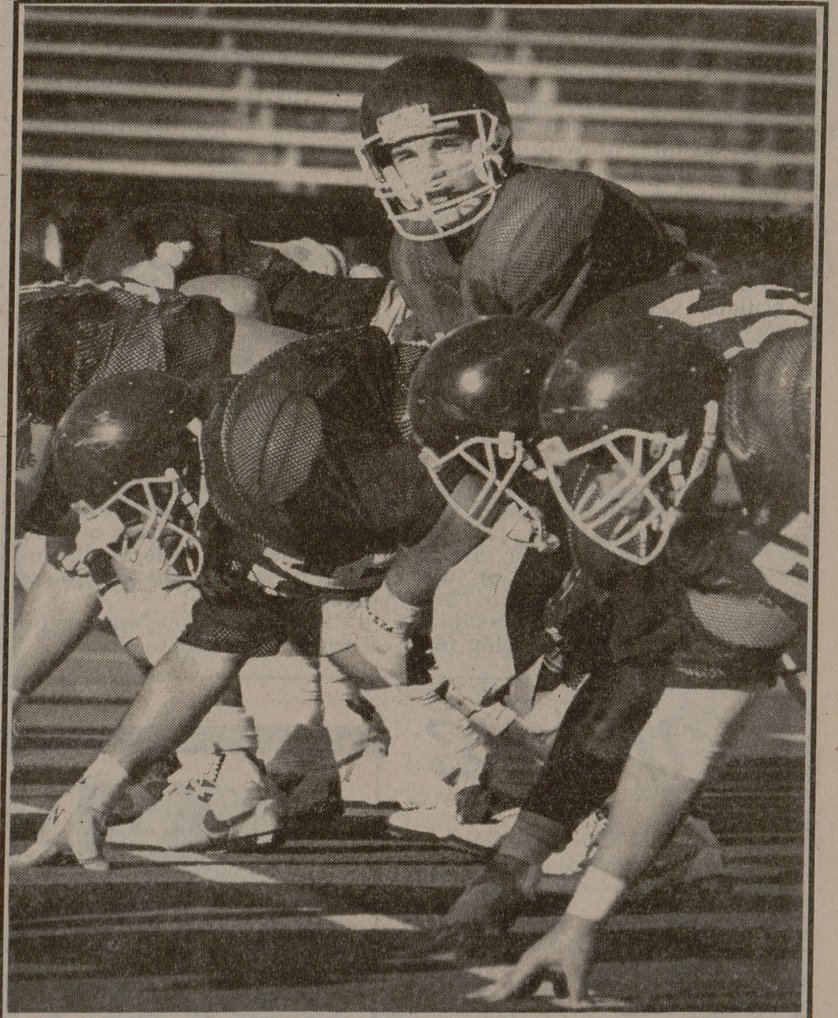
Asked if the preseason ranking puts more pressure on his team, Schembechler said "being No. 1 doesn't bother me. The writers probably like us or they wouldn't have voted that way. Of course, we may or may not be that good."

Two of Michigan's top three quarterbacks were recently declared ineligible, but the Wolverines still have senior Michael Taylor, who started the first nine games last season before breaking his collarbone.

This is the second time Michigan has been ranked No. 1 in the AP preseason poll, which started in 1950. The Wolverines also were the top pick in 1981, but they lost their opener to Wisconsin, went 9-3 and finished 12th in the final rankings.

The only time Michigan finished first in the final AP poll was 1948. Since Schembechler became coach in 1969, the Wolverines' best final ranking was No. 2 in 1985.

Notre Dame, which has won eight national championships, opens its



Starting quarterback Lance Pavlas will attempt to lead the Aggies into the Top 25. A&M opens Saturday against LSU.

season Thursday night against Virginia in the Kickoff Classic. The Fighting Irish have lost several key players because of injuries, academics and disciplinary problems, but plenty of talent returns from last year's undefeated team.

This year's preseason Top 25 includes 16 teams from last season's final Top Twenty. The newcomers are Penn State, Colorado, Arizona, Brigham Young, Pittsburgh, Illinois, Iowa, North Carolina State and Ohio State.

A total of 54 teams received votes.

### Slocum show to debut

The Texas A&M Football Show with R.C. Slocum will make its debut Monday night from Kyle Field in conjunction with A&M's All-University Night.

The show will air from 6:30-7:30 p.m. and will be carried on cable by Home Sports Entertainment in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico and Arkansas. The show will be aired in Bryan-College Station on Ch. 25.

Starting next Sunday from 9-10 p.m. a new one-hour presentation will treat A&M fans to a new dimension in football shows as they will be able to call in their questions to Slocum during the show at (800) 826-8792.

In addition, the live show will be carried in Phoenix on the Dimension Cable System, in San Antonio on Sports Cable 37 and in Wichita Falls on K35VO. The show will be delayed one hour in Lafayette, La. on KAVN, Ch. 15 and in San Angelo on KIDY, Ch. 6. The show will be delayed one-half hour here locally on KBTX, Ch. 3; in Victoria on KAVU, Ch. 25; and in Houston on KCCF, Ch. 7. Check your local listings for additional information concerning the new show.

The show's host will be Duke Frye, the new voice of the Texas Aggies.

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