

Ags move up one spot to No. 21 Wolverines drops to No. 5 after close loss to Irish

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Fresh off of a 44-7 victory over Texas Christian this weekend, R.C. Slocum's Texas Aggies rose one place in the Associated Press' college football poll.

A&M (2-1) faces Southern Mississippi on Sept. 30 at Kyle Field. After an opening upset of Louisiana State, the Aggies jumped into the Top 25 at the No. 15 position. But a loss the next week to unranked Washington dropped them down to No. 22.

Notre Dame's victory over Michigan convinced almost everyone that the Fighting Irish are the best team in the country.

Lou Holtz's team received 57 of 60 first-place votes Monday in The Associated Press' college football poll.

The other three votes went to second-ranked Miami, which plays Notre Dame on Nov. 25 in the regular-season finale for both teams.

Notre Dame extended its winning streak to 14 games Saturday with a 24-19 win over Michigan, which was ranked No. 2 at the time. The season-opening loss dropped the Wol-

Team	Last Week	Team	Last Week
1. Notre Dame	1	13. Pittsburgh	14
2. Miami	3	14. Tennessee	17
3. Nebraska	4	15. Alabama	16
4. Auburn	5	16. Oklahoma	6
5. Michigan	2	17. Houston	18
6. Colorado	8	18. North Carolina St.	19
7. Clemson	7	19. Washington State	23
8. Arkansas	9	20. Illinois	10
9. West Virginia	12	21. Texas A&M	22
10. Syracuse	11	22. Oregon	NR
11. Washington	15	23. Arizona	NR
12. USC	13	24. UCLA	20
		25. Ohio St.	NR

verines to No. 5 in voting by a nationwide panel of sports writers and sportscasters.

Michigan was No. 1 in the preseason poll, but Notre Dame took over the top spot after beating Virginia 36-13 in the Kickoff Classic and has widened its lead each week since.

Last week, the Fighting Irish received 37 first-place votes and 1,463 points. This week, they received 20 more first-place votes and 34 more points.

Nebraska, which improved to 2-0 after beating Utah 42-30, is ranked

third. Next are Auburn, Michigan, Colorado, Clemson, Arkansas, West Virginia and Syracuse.

The No. 6 ranking is Colorado's best since reaching No. 3 in October 1977. The Buffaloes (3-0) moved up two places following an impressive 38-7 win over Illinois.

Oklahoma (2-1) and Illinois (1-1) dropped out of the Top 10. The Sooners plummeted from No. 6 to No. 16 after losing 6-3 to Arizona and Illinois fell from No. 10 to No. 20.

It is the first time in five years that

Oklahoma hasn't been ranked in the Top 10 during the regular season.

Auburn (2-0) defeated Southern Mississippi 24-3; Clemson (3-0) downed Virginia Tech 27-7; Arkansas (1-0) beat Tulsa 26-7; West Virginia (3-0) topped South Carolina 45-21; and Syracuse (2-0) edged Army 10-7.

Leading off the Second Ten is Washington, which beat Purdue 38-8 for its second victory of the season. Southern California is ranked 11th, followed by Pittsburgh, Tennessee, Alabama, Oklahoma, Houston, North Carolina State, Washington State and Illinois.

A&M, Oregon, Arizona, UCLA and Ohio State complete the Top 25. Oregon, Arizona and Ohio State were unranked last week.

Dropping out the rankings were Louisiana State, Iowa and Mississippi State.

LSU fell to 0-2 after losing to Florida State 31-21, Iowa was pounded in its opener by Oregon 44-6 and Mississippi State (2-0) did not play. LSU was 21st last week, Iowa 24th and Mississippi St. 25th.

Arkansas concentrates on fine points as they prepare for Ole Miss

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (AP) — The eighth-ranked Arkansas Razorbacks began on Monday their preparations for meeting the undefeated Ole Miss Rebels on Saturday at Jackson, Miss.

In shorts and shoulder pads, the Razorbacks spent time correcting some mistakes made in last Saturday's 26-7 victory over Tulsa, as well as emphasizing the good points of that game, according to Arkansas defensive coordinator Bob Trott.

Trott spoke to the media after practice because Arkansas Coach Ken Hatfield left practice early to get to Little Rock, where he was to speak at the Billy Graham Crusade in War Memorial Stadium.

"We just spent time working on mistakes we made Saturday," Trott said. "Ole Miss is a very explosive football team on offense, so we can't give them anything. We also emphasized the good points of Saturday's game."

Trott said Hatfield emphasized the importance of the kicking game in a meeting with the team and said the Razorbacks must tighten up on kicking coverage.

The Razorbacks went through a light one-hour workout after conducting team meetings and watching film of Ole Miss. The Rebels defeated Arkansas State 34-31 on Saturday.

"Offensively," Trott said, "Ole Miss is a very good football team. And they're on a roll. They've been executing real well and they've thrown well on their deep passes against ASU. They ran the ball real good in their last game too. I believe Ole Miss has more speed than Tulsa had."

Trott said the Arkansas coaches are really impressed with Rebel quarterback John Darnell. "Darnell has really improved," said Trott. "He has improved his decision-making and his passing looks sharper."

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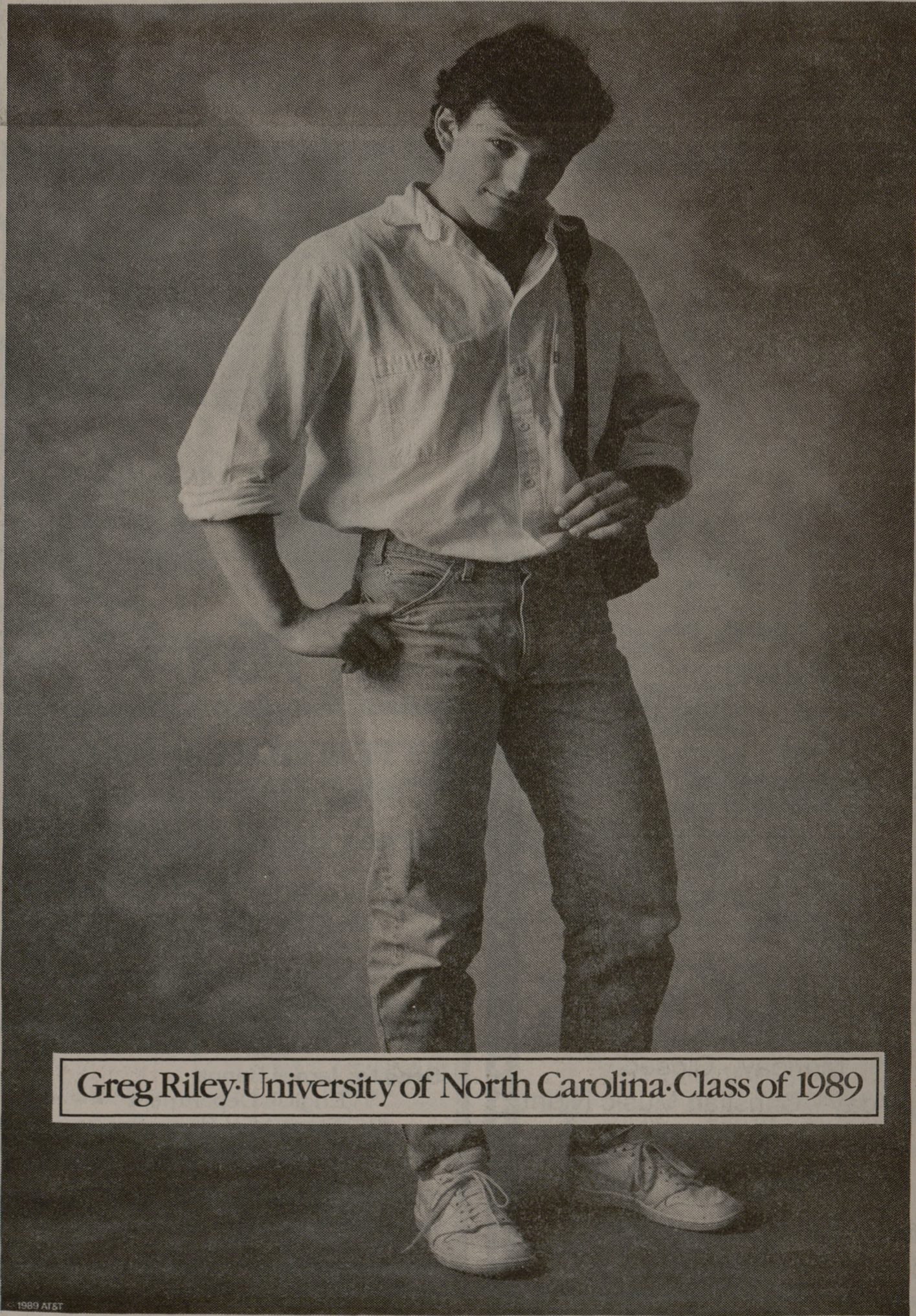
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