

A&M ranked No. 15 in Associated Press poll

UNDATED (AP) - Florida remained No. 1 in The Associated Press college football poll on Tuesday, while Nebraska jumped to No. 2 after routing West Virginia in the Kickoff Classic.

The Cornhuskers, fourth in the preseason poll, climbed two spots after beating the Mountaineers 31-0 Sunday in the opening game of the season. Nebraska got the most first-place votes (23), but trailed Florida by seven points overall.

The Gators, who open Saturday against New Mexico State,

received 14 first-place votes and 1,456 points from a nationwide media panel. Nebraska had 1,449 points.

Notre Dame, which trailed Florida by only two points in the preseason poll, fell one spot to No. 3. The Fighting Irish, who play Northwestern on Saturday, got 12 first-place votes and 1,417 points.

Florida State, the defending national champion, dropped from No. 3 to No. 4. The Seminoles, who open this weekend against Virginia, received eight first-place votes and 1,352

points.

The rest of the Top 10 stayed the same. Michigan is No. 5, followed by Miami, Arizona, Colorado, Penn State and Wisconsin.

Rounding out the Top 25 are Alabama, Auburn, Tennessee, UCLA, Texas A&M, Oklahoma, Southern Cal, North Carolina, Texas, Ohio State, Virginia Tech, Illinois, Washington, Clemson and Stanford.

Arizona received two first-place votes, while Michigan, Miami and Alabama each got one. Ohio State remained No. 20

after defeating Fresno State 34-10 Monday in the Pigskin Classic. The Pigskin and Kickoff Classics were the only games played during the opening week.

West Virginia, No. 24 in the preseason, dropped out of the Top 25 after getting shut out for the first time since 1986.

Stanford, which opened against Northwestern on Sept. 10, moved into the rankings at No. 25. The Cardinal went 4-1 last season, but has 19 starters back, including record-setting quarterback Steve Stenstrom.

Zoecke

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the) U.S. Open. I don't know what I am doing here. Sometimes I ask myself why I am coming here because ... I don't know."

No one can figure out why he plays so badly at the Open. He lost in the second round here last year and in 1989, in the third round in 1990 and 1992, and got as far as the fourth round only in 1991. He plays well on grass and on clay, and his game seems perfectly suited for the Open's hard courts. Yet, he hates this surface and seems unable to master it.

Ivanisevic's loss created even more uncer-

tainty in the men's draw. No. 1 Pete Sampras is questionable to repeat as champion after being sidelined more than a month with tendinitis in his ankle.

Zoecke has little chance of winning the Open, but he was grateful for the gift Ivanisevic gave him.

"He gave me a lot of points," Zoecke said. "He hits a winner or he misses the ball. I mean, that is his game sometimes. I thought after two sets to love he was a little disappointed."

No. 6 Michael Chang, a serious threat to win it, started off with an impressive 6-4, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Andrei Cherkasov. Unseeded Andre Agassi also looked sharp in beating Robert Eriksen 6-3, 6-2, 6-0, as did Wayne Ferreira in a 7-5, 6-2, 6-2 victory over Wade McGuire.

Diener

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man" skills were not enough save his life.

We've seen such tragedy before. In the 1990's, football stars Jerome Brown and Jeff Alm died in car accidents. We've seen the murder of Michael Jordan's father, James Jordan, on a South Carolina freeway. Prior to the 1993-94 NBA season, we saw one of the league's brightest young stars, Drazen Petrovic, die in a car wreck overseas. Earlier this summer, Dallas Carter's Calvin Goldsmith, one of the state's top football prospects, was the victim of an accidental shooting.

Too often, we take for granted that the Goldsmiths, the Browns, and the Banks will be on the field or on the court scoring touchdowns and dunking basketballs every day

or every weekend, without fail.

A couple of summers ago, the California Angels, on their way to play the New York Yankees, dodged a bullet when their bus ran off the road. Fortunately, there were no deaths but the accident did send a message that athletes don't have any more guardian angels watching over them than we do.

Banks' death really hit me hard although I did not know him. The news of the accident made me think.

He was a person just like me, just like a lot of us. For a minute, forget about his extraordinary talents on the basketball court. The man was a college student.

He was tired, driving on the highway late at night. I've done that a hundred times since I've been in college. I've never really thought to stop and take a break despite over-

Wente

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same as me, and I'm not about anyone else."

Wente says she feels a little pressure to step up her game with the departure of the top starters. However, she believes the talented freshman class can compensate for the loss.

"It's always going to be a pressure," she said. "Our freshmen are really good, people got stronger this summer and everyone's going to contribute a lot of different things than what our seniors had."

Corbelli stressed the overall importance of Wente's presence on the court. "She's got a great rapport with everybody on the court," he said. "She's got everything for us right now and without her, we would be half the team we are."

Lady Ags

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ball," Corbelli said. "We scheduling six or seven of the ten teams coming in. For the games, we need a great ball here screaming and yelling show our group there's a lot of people behind them."

Bronner, a senior, is looking to rise up to the challenge that awaits the team.

"We have a lot of work and long way to go with such a young team," Bronner said. "I expect good things out of all of us. I'm ready to take it up a level."

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