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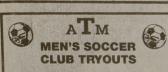
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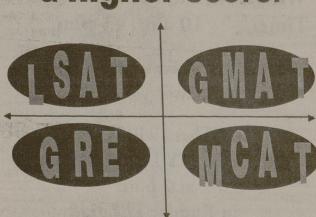
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SPORTS

mained 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) U.S. Open. I don't know what I am doing

here. Sometimes I ask myself why I am coming

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

Loecke

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enough save his life.

man" skills were not

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

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

accidental shooting.

here because ... I don't know.

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 Semi noles, who open this weekend The Gators, who open Saturday against New Mexico State, first-place votes and 1,352 against Virginia, received eight

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

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 firstplace votes, while Michigan, Miami and Alabama each got one.

Ohio State remained No. 20

Zoecke has little chance of winning the

"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

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 Eriksson 6-3, 6-2, 6-0, as did Wayne Ferreira in a 7-5, 6-

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

Open, but he was grateful for the gift Ivanisevic

sets to love he was a little disappointed."

No. 6 Michael Chang, a serious threat to

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 2, 6-2 victory over Wade McGuire.

or every weekend, without whelming fatigue.

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-

I can see him driving, slowly nodding off. The hum of the engine seduces him into a zone, a groggy state of consciousness. Seconds, maybe minutes later, Jerode Banks is A basketball career that

could have been is over. More importantly a human life that could have been is over too. They don't have Silver Taps at Baylor University but rest assured the death of Jerode Banks will be mourned by his classmates, his teammates, his coaches, and everyone that knew him.

It is a sad fact that Banks died so young. Over time it will happen again and again and again. It is a fact of life. It is not something that we can avoid. We do not live in a perfect world. There are no "super-humans." Appreciate the player in the person, respect the person in the player.

10 Monday in the Pigskin Cla sic. The Pigskin and Kicke Classics were the only game played during the opening

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West Virginia, No. 24 in the preseason, dropped out of the Jordan to play Top 25 after getting shut out is season. the first time since 1986.

Stanford, which open against Northwestern on Sept 10, moved into the rankings No. 25. The Cardinal went 41 last season, but has 19 starten back, including record-setting quarterback Steve Stenstrom.

### Wente

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same as me, and I'm not about

anyone else." Wente says she feels a litt pressure to step up her gar with the departure of the for starters. However, she lieves the talented freshm class can compensate for t

"It's always going to a pressure," she said. freshmen are really good, pe ple got stronger this summ and everyone's going to a tribute a lot of different thir than what our seniors had."

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

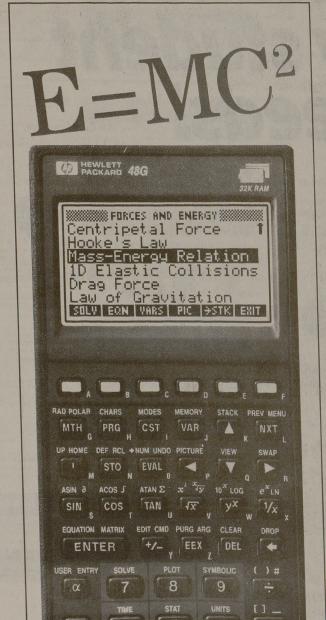
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ball," Corbelli said. "W scheduling six or seven of the ten teams coming in. For t games, we need a great b here screaming and yellin show our group there's al people behind them."

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

"We have a lot of work an long way to go with such a you team," Bronner said. "I exp good things out of all of us. ready to take it up a level."

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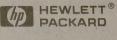


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