Memphis State not best but No. 1

Analysis by Pat Clark

20. Boston College - The Fighting Cream Pies don't have any players you've ever heard of, or a widely-quoted coaching genius, or a big home arena full of screaming fans to get the attention of the Top 20 voters. They'll probably win 22-25 games though, and would probably be rated higher if they got a little more ink.

19. Tulsa - You can already see the headlines in the Tulsa newspapers; the Hurricanes will win the conference, surprise everyone by winning a couple of games in the NCAA Tournament and almost get to the Final Four, and a banner headline across the top of the sports pages in Tulsa will scream; "Spring football practice only two weeks away."

18. Tennessee-Chattanooga — People who draw up Top 20 lists almost always slip in one o'scure school, just so everybody will think they really know their basketball. Well, I don't know if the Choo-Choos are any better than Southwest Louisiana, or Virginia Commonwealth or Lamar University, to drop a few other relatively unknown names, but they'll win their conference and scare the bejeezus

out of somebody like North Carolina before losing in the NCAA Tournament.

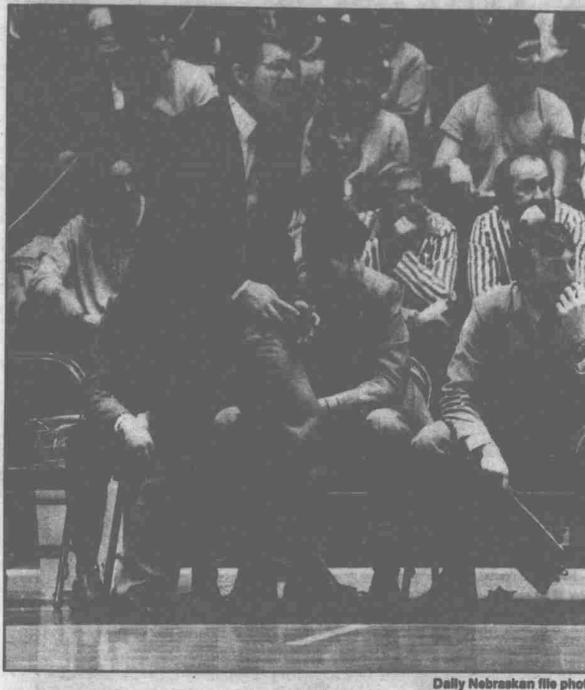
17. Indiana - There's no particular reason why this team should be in the Top 20, except that Bobby Knight is their coach. May have the makings of one of the great "What-were-your-parents-thinking-of-when-they-named-you-that?" teams of the year, with a guard named Stew, forwards named Winston and Courtney and a center named Uwe. Then again, the only name that matters in Indiana is Bobby Knight, anyway ...

16. Kansas - After a triumphant world tour and several successful videos on MTV, this largely unimpressive album-oriented rock band makes a surprisingly successful debut in the ranks of college basket-

15. UCLA - With the graduations of Darren Daye, Rod Foster and Michael Holton, the Bruins may be able to get by this season with only one basketball on the court at a time. UCLA will lose about eight games this year, and everybody will talk about how John Wooden wouldn't have lost eight games with this

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Nebraska Coach Moe Iba talks delicately with officials during a game last season. Iba led the team to a 22-10 record and an NIT post season bid.



