

# Schembechler seeks record; 'Lost' Falcons top pro ranks

By Steve Harvey

## THE BOWL BUNGLERS

Quietly, without much fanfare, Michigan's Bo Schembechler is closing in on the all-time record for bowl losses by a coach. With his thrilling 7-9 beating by Auburn in the last Sugar Bowl, Schembechler lowered his post-season record to 2-9, leaving him just three setbacks short of the leader, the late Bear Bryant.

Purists point out that there are so many bowls these days that anyone can lose one. In fact, with the proliferation of post-season games, schools soon will be required to play in two or three per year. But what makes Schembechler stand out is his versatility.

This year, Bo has a chance to accomplish something no other coach ever has: Lose in his fifth different type of bowl. So far, he's fallen short in games named after flowers, fruits, white substances and scary reptiles. And now, he goes up against undefeated BYU in the game created in honor of the motel chain: The Holiday Bowl.

## THE RANKINGS (minimum two drubbings)

COACH	RECORD*	COMING BOWL LOSS
1) Schembechler (Michigan)	(2-9, 182)	Holiday
2) Claiborne (Kentky.)	(2-8, 200)	Hall of Fame
3) Akers (Texas)	(2-8, 250)	Freedom
4) Collins (SMU)	(1-2, 333)	Aloha
4) Rogers (Ariz. St.)	(1-2, 333)	Idle
4) Welsh (Virginia)	(1-2, 333)	Peach**
7) Edwards (BYU)	(3-5, 375)	Holiday
8) Dooley (Georgia)	(8-9, 400)	Florida-Citrus
9) Bellard (Miss. St.)	(2-3, 400)	Idle***
10) Donahue (UCLA)	(2-2-1, 500)	Siesta
10) Bruce (Ohio St.)	(4-4, 500)	Rose

\*Coaches may have suffered some whippings while with other schools.

\*\*The Grim Bowl Reaper, who has taken the Garden State and Pineapple bowls from us in recent years, has his eyes on the sparsely attended Peach Bowl.

\*\*\*Mississippi State opened as a 2-point favorite over Arizona State in the Idle Classic.

**RELIGIOUS WARS:** Never before have so many religious schools been selected for bowls, what with Catholic entries Notre Dame and Boston College, The Mormons' BYU, plus the Texas Christians, the Southern Methodists and, of course, the UCLA Bruins (sun worshippers).

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## THE PROS

The games went on despite the shock over Brent Musburger's announcement that, unable to reach a contract agreement with CBS, he would jump to Italy and broadcast the local team's games in Naples next year.

Meanwhile, the Lost Team of Atlanta (3-11) maintained its tentative hold on first place in the Bottom Ten with a 17-35 thumping by San Francisco. The mythical Falcons are at something of a disadvantage, since they have to play the 49ers every other week. Or does it only seem that they do?

Elsewhere, top defensive effort of the day was turned in my New Orleans (6-8) coach Bum Phillips, who held his own running back, Earl Campbell, to no yards on no carries. With help like that, the Aints fell 22-34 to the Los Angeles Lambs.

Might Buffalo (2-12) ran down Indianapolis (4-10), 21-15, before a home crowd of 20,693. The game was halted several times when the fans asked for silence from the players on the field so they could hear their own conversations in the stands.

## THE RANKINGS

TEAM	LAST LOSS	NEXT LOSS
1) Atlanta (3-11)	17-35 San Fran.	Tampa Bay
2) Indy (4-10)	15-21 Buffalo	Miami
3) Cleveland (4-10)	17-20 Cinc.	Pittsburgh
4) Bay (Tampa) (4-10)	14-27, Bay (Green)	Atlanta
5) Buffalo (2-12)	def. Indy 21-15	N. J. Jets
6) New Orleans (6-8); 7) Minnesota (3-11); 8) San Diego (-); 9) Detroit (4-9-1); 10) the Wave (broadcaster John Madden says it has added as much to the game as artificial turf has).		

**CRUMMY GAME OF THE WEEK:** Atlanta (3-11) at Bay (Tampa) (4-10).

**AINTS DIDN'T:** By losing Sunday, New Orleans assured itself of maintaining its record of never having a winning season or making the playoffs in the 18 years it has been in the NFL.

**QUOTEBOOK:** Aint' safety Russell Gary on owner John Mecom's announcement that he would sell the team: "It did affect us in the long run." (He's correct. The Aints' longest run of the game was only 24 yards.)

**NOTE TO EDITORS:** If San Diego wins Monday night, the New Jersey jets (6-8) replace the Chargers at No. 8.

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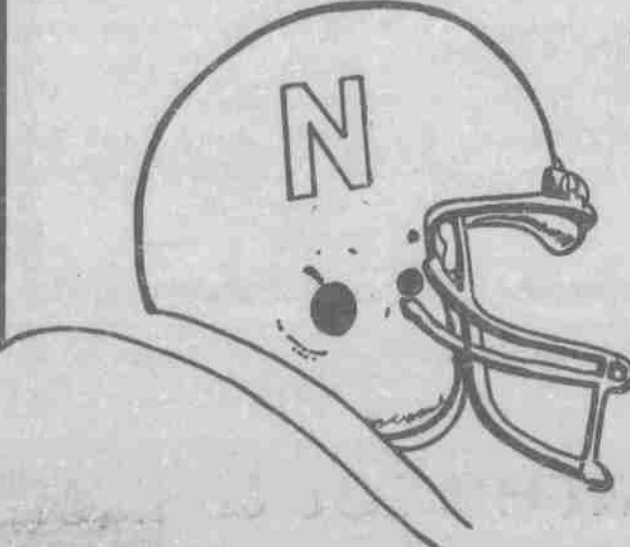
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The wrestling team, after two lopsided losses to the second-ranked Oklahoma and fourth-ranked Iowa State last week, will meet South Dakota State, Wisconsin-River Falls, Southern Illinois and Augustana in the Husker duals this weekend.

The duals will include eight teams, each of which will wrestle four duals. The competition is mainly division two, but coach Bob Fehrs said there's nothing wrong with taking on the lighter competition.

Nebraska's matches are at 6 p.m. tonight against South Dakota State, 11 a.m. Saturday against Wisconsin-River Falls, 9 p.m. Saturday against Southern Illinois, the defending division two champion and 6 p.m. against Augustana.

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