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Worst loss in Dallas history moves Cowboys to top spot

By Steve Harvey

THE COLLEGES

Struck by a sudden shortage of winless football teams, the Bottom Ten was declared a federal disaster area late Monday.

Bottom Ten

Bottom Ten selectors were considering proposals to rush in a smaller school — such as East Tennessee State (0-9-1) — to take over No. 1, or to restore the eligibility of Columbia (0-9), currently on suspension because of excessively high grade-point averages among the players (a bad example for other schools).

In the meantime, three teams — New Mexico State (1-9), Utah State

(2-8) and Kansas State (1-9) — were temporarily placed in the top spot. New Mexico State and Utah State play Saturday in what could be the Bottom Ten decider.

Otherwise — who knows? Fans may have to wait for the outcome of the game between Wyoming (2-8) and the University of Texas at El Paso (1-9) on Dec. 7. It's being played in Melbourne, Australia, which sounds like another bad Bottom Ten joke, but isn't.

THE RANKINGS

SCHOOL	LAST WEEK	NEXT LOSS
1. N. Mexico State (1-9)	25-55	Utah St.
1. Utah St. (2-8)	idle	West Texas St.
1. Kansas St. (1-9)	14-21	Iowa St.
4. Columbia (0-9)	8-21	Cornell
5. USC (4-5)	17-20	Wash.

6. San Jose St. (2-8)	idle	Nevada-LV.
7. N. Carol. St. (3-8)	19-31	Duke retired
8. Boston Col. (3-8)	21-41	Syracuse Holy Cross
9. Louisville (2-8)	idle	E. Kentucky
10. UTEP (1-9)	6-34	San Dgo. St. Wyoming
11. Wyoming (2-8)		
12. Dartmouth (2-6-1)		
13. Washington State (3-7)		
14. Cal State-Northridge		
15. Vanderbilt (3-6-1)		
16. Houston Galleria (4-6)		
17. Stanford (3-7)		
18. Pentagon (at sea)		
19. Oregon State (3-7)		
20. the Bottom Ten		

"The Bottom Ten mistakenly reported last week that Rutgers was history's first Bottom Ten team. Actually, Rutgers defeated Princeton 6-4 in the first college game 116 years ago. Since wins by Rutgers (2-7) are rare, the Bottom Ten apologizes.

THANKS FOR FINISHING YOUR SEASON EARLY: Wake Forest (4-7), North Carolina State (3-8), Temple (4-7).

ROUT OF THE WEEK: UCLA (8-1-1) over USC (4-5).

CRUMMY GAME OF THE WEEK: Utah State (2-8) at New Mexico State (1-9).

THE PROS RANKINGS

TEAM	LAST WEEK	NEXT LOSS
1. Dallas (7-4)	0-44	Chicago Philadelphia
2. Kansas City (3-8)	3-31	Indianapolis Indianapolis
3. Tampa Bay	28-62	NJ Jets Detroit
4. New Orleans (3-8)	14-38	Green Bay Minnesota
5. St. Louis (4-7)	14-24	Philadelphia NJ Giants
6. Buffalo (2-9)		
7. Atlanta (2-9)		
8. Houston (4-7)		
9. Indianapolis (3-8)		
10. San Diego (5-6)		

CRUMMY GAME OF THE WEEK: Indianapolis (3-8) at Kansas City (3-8).

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Swimmers on the road

By Patrick Wyatt
Staff Reporter

When the Nebraska men's swimming team meets the Arkansas Razorbacks this weekend, Coach Cal Bentz will be looking for something his squad hasn't done before.

Bentz said he hopes the Cornhuskers can defeat the Razorbacks in Fayetteville, Ark., for the first time.

The Arkansas meet is one of two road meets this weekend. The other is against Southwestern Missouri.

The Huskers opened their home schedule last week with a win over Wyoming.

"We were pleased with the first home meet," Bentz said. "Wyoming was a good team, but I thought they would be tougher."

Bentz said that overall times improved at the meet.

"We're looking for a tough meet at Arkansas," Bentz said. "They were a ranked team last year, and they are expected to be a ranked team this year. We can't afford to take the meet lightly."

Traveling to away swim meets is no different than traveling for any other sport, Bentz said.

"It's like any other game in a new environment," Bentz said. "There are psychological aspects involved."

Several characteristics that vary from pool to pool affect the swimmers' times, he said. Gutter systems, lights and water temperature are all factors in swim meets. Arkansas' pool is a good one, and it shouldn't affect the meet much, Bentz said.

Important meets like this one put pressure on his team, Bentz said.

"Our ultimate goal is to swim fast, and then we focus on the competitor," Bentz said. "We try to keep our focus on the race first."

The Huskers are looking for their seventh consecutive Big Eight Conference championship this year, but that's of little importance to Bentz right now.

"Right now, they are all preparatory meets," he said. "We have a lot of work to do, and the Big Eight isn't until next March."

Southwestern Missouri won't be as tough for the Huskers, Bentz said.

"There are several places where they will be very competitive," he said.

Up to this point, the team has seen a trend towards better times, Bentz said.

"We feel the meet is going to be faster," he said. "We want to continue the improvement that we have seen."

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