

### Oklahoma soars, Colorado tumbles in latest AP poll

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The Sooners soared and the Panthers plunged in The Associated Press college football poll this week.

After routing Pittsburgh 52-10, Oklahoma rose three spots to No. 11 and Pitt fell 12 places to No. 25. The Panthers almost dropped out of the rankings, just edging Fresno State by one point for the final spot.

Nebraska, idle last Saturday, remained No. 8.

Colorado, a 23-22 loser to Illinois, fell from ninth to 20th, its lowest ranking since last year's preseason poll.

The Buffaloes, who had a perfect regular season in 1989, are off to a rough start this year. They tied Tennessee in their opener and needed a last-minute touchdown to beat Stanford before losing to Illinois, which jumped six spots to No. 15.

Notre Dame strengthened its hold on No. 1 with a season-opening victory over Michigan.

The Fighting Irish, who rallied to beat the Wolverines 28-24 Saturday night, received 44 first-place votes and 1,480 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters. That's seven more first-place votes and 29 points than last week.

Florida State moved past Auburn into second after routing Georgia Southern 48-6. The Seminoles got 10 first-place votes and 1,385 points, while Auburn, which beat Mississippi 24-10, received four first-place votes and 1,382 points.

Brigham Young rose one spot to No. 4 after overcoming a 22-point halftime deficit to beat Washington State 50-36. BYU was the top team on two ballots and received 1,236 total points.

Also moving up a notch were Southern Cal, to No. 5, and Tennessee, to No. 6. Southern Cal beat Penn State 19-14 and Tennessee crushed Texas-El Paso 56-0.

Michigan fell from No. 4 to No. 7 after losing to Notre Dame for the fourth straight year. Miami, which rebounded from an opening loss to BYU with a 52-24 win over California, rose one place to No. 9. Virginia

### Associated Press Top 25

1 Notre Dame	1-0-0	1
2 Florida St.	2-0-0	3
3 Auburn	2-0-0	2
4 BYU	3-0-0	5
5 Southern Cal	2-0-0	6
6 Tennessee	3-0-1	7
7 Michigan	0-1-0	4
8 Nebraska	2-0-0	8
9 Miami	1-1-0	10
10 Virginia	3-0-0	11
11 Oklahoma	2-0-0	14
12 Texas A&M	2-0-0	12
13 Arkansas	1-0-0	15
14 Houston	2-0-0	18
15 Illinois	1-1-0	21
16 Ohio St.	2-0-0	17
17 Clemson	2-1-0	16
18 Arizona	2-0-0	20
19 Florida	2-0-0	24
20 Colorado	1-1-1	9
21 Washington	2-0-0	22
22 Texas	1-0-0	23
23 Arizona St.	2-0-0	25
24 Michigan St.	0-0-1	19
25 Pittsburgh	2-1-0	13

record previous

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moved up a spot to No. 10 after routing Navy 56-14.

Oklahoma is 11th, followed by Texas A&M, Arkansas, Houston, Illinois, Ohio State, Clemson, Arizona, Florida and Colorado. Rounding out the top 25 are Washington, Texas, Arizona State, Michigan State and Pittsburgh.

Florida's 17-13 victory over Alabama pushed the Gators up five places to No. 19 and Houston's 51-35 win over Texas Tech lifted the Cougars up four spots to No. 14. Michigan State dropped from 19th to 24th after tying Syracuse 23-23.

### Deadline today

The entry deadline for the following intramural sports is today.

The men's, women's and co-rec fast-pitch softball tournament; men's and women's horse-shoes singles; and faculty/staff men's and women's racquetball singles.

Entries will be accepted in Room 55 of the Campus Recreation Center and Room 32 of the East Campus Activities Building.

### Kansas State, CU have Big Eight players of week

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - Tailback Patrick Jackson was named Big Eight Offensive Player of the Week after rushing for a career-high 156 yards and tying a Kansas State record with four touchdowns.

Jackson, a senior, averaged 7.4 yards a carry Saturday in a 52-7 victory over New Mexico State. His four touchdowns tied a mark set in 1969 by Mack Herron and tied in 1971 by Bill Butler.

"Pat really got it turned loose and made it possible for us to get a running game established," said Kansas State coach Bill Snyder. "His versatility continues to be a big bonus for our team."

Jackson won the honor in a split decision by a media panel over Missouri's Ronnell Kayhill, who rushed for 93 yards in 12 carries and scored three touchdowns in a 45-10 victory over Utah State.

Greg Biekert, a sophomore linebacker for Colorado, was named the conference's defensive player of the week for his 20 tackles in a 23-22 loss to Illinois.

Biekert registered a school-record 19 solo tackles and had the school's first safety in 12 years.

"Our defense is solid," said Colorado coach Bill McCartney. "Our kids played hard, and the defense played well enough to win. Greg's making rapid development at inside linebacker. It's exciting when you realize the kid is only a sophomore."

## Osborne: Injury situation improving

By Chris Hopfensperger  
Senior Reporter

Several Cornhusker football players, held out of Friday's scrimmage, returned to the field Monday.

To Nebraska coach Tom Osborne, that was reason for optimism.

"The guys we held out last week practiced," he said. "Some of them aren't real healthy, but at least they're out here."

Osborne said Reggie Cooper, Lance Lewis, Mike Grant, and Tyrone Byrd were all allowed to practice in preparation for Saturday's game against Minnesota.

"It was a fair practice today," he said. "The weather probably helped them a little bit."

One player who practiced, however, won't be playing against the Golden Gophers.

Nate Turner, who missed the Huskers' first two games after breaking his collarbone, will sit out again this weekend, Osborne said.

"They're saying . . . they want to hold him out another week, so that's

disappointing."

It is also disappointing for Turner who, last fall, missed three regular-season games with a pulled leg muscle

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NU football coach

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and the Fiesta Bowl with a pulled quadriceps muscle.

This year, the junior wingback broke his collarbone during the second day of fall practice while diving for a pass on the turf.

"I'm disappointed, but there's nothing I can do about it," Turner said. "They're scared. They don't want me taking that chance of breaking it again. I can't wait to play though. Practice and games are totally different."

"You work hard and then it's time for the game. I've worked so hard all this time, I'm just waiting for a game to come along that I can play in."

Turner said neither this injury nor his history of injuries are going to make him think twice.

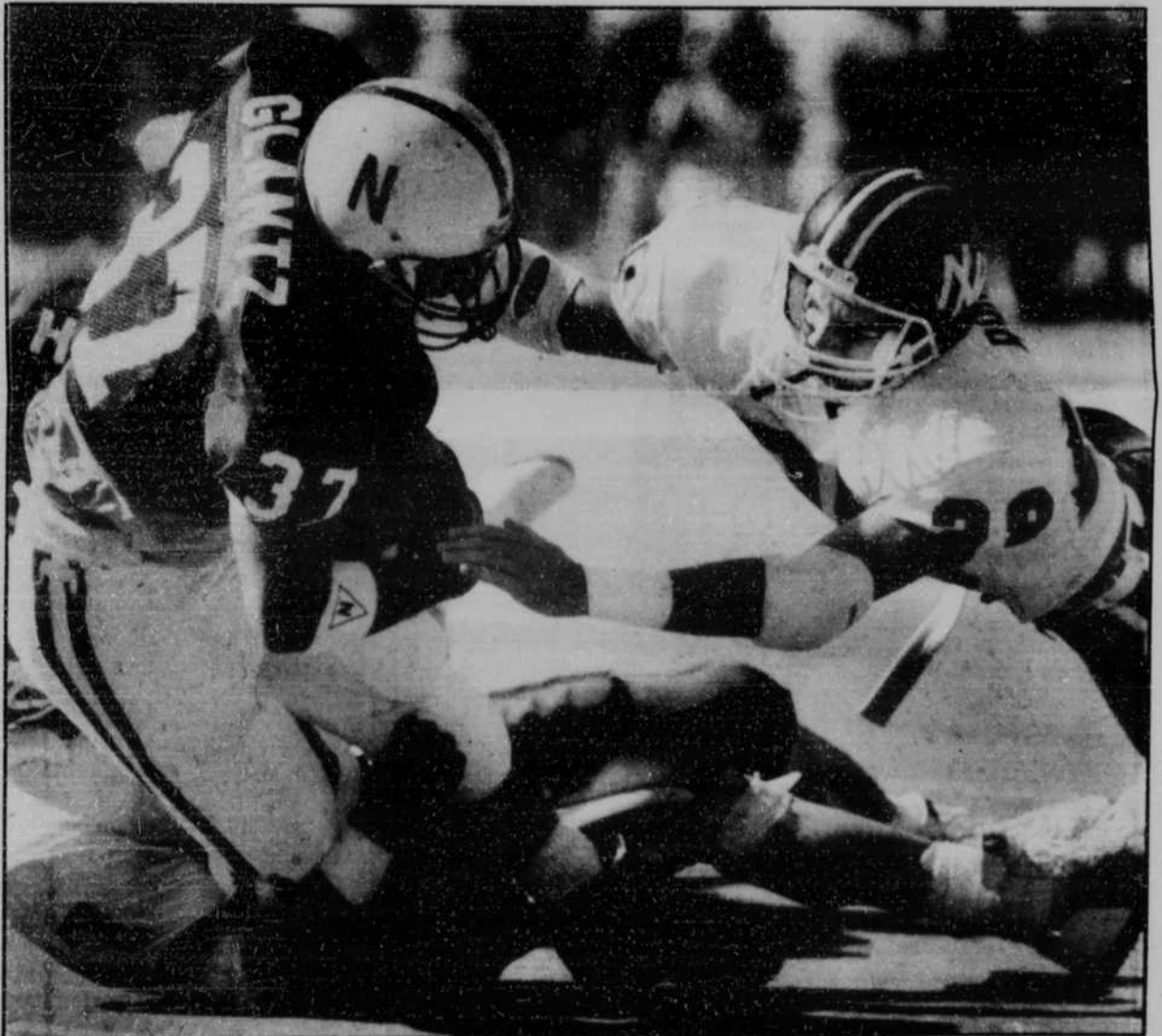
"All I can do is play as hard as I can and pray for the best," he said. "There's no need to be extra careful. I'm a football player. If something is going to happen, something is just going to happen."

"I'm going to go all out no matter what."

Turner is back on the regular workout program and practicing with the team. But earlier, he said, the team's practices were too hard to stand through because he wanted to play so badly.

However, he has been on the sidelines during the Huskers' first two games and said he will be there again this Saturday.

"During the games is fun," Turner said. "You can cheer more during games than during practice. During practice, you can just give encouragement."



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In his only carry of this season, junior fullback Robert Glantz scored his first Nebraska career touchdown on this 12-yard play against Northern Illinois. After a week off, the Cornhuskers play Minnesota Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

## Teammates, roommates both get playing time

By John Adkisson  
Staff Reporter

Nikki Stricker and Laura Luther have been getting their trials by fire.

Stricker and Luther, two freshmen on the Nebraska volleyball team, have seen playing time for the top-ranked Cornhuskers this season against top-notch competition.

Stricker, an outside hitter from Lincoln East, has played in each of Nebraska's seven matches. She has earned extensive playing time in wins over then No. 1 UCLA and No. 2 Hawaii. Stricker also served the final point of last weekend's Baden-Mizuno Invitational with an ace against Wyoming.

Nebraska assistant coach John Cook said that Stricker has showed poise in the big matches.

"For a freshman, she has done an exceptional job for us," Cook said. "She has served well and also played good defense. I'm not sure that an-

other freshman at Nebraska has ever come in and played so well so soon."

Stricker said adjusting to the speed of the college-level game has been her biggest concern.

"It's a lot faster than high school, and you have to do twice as much on the court," she said.

Stricker said her ultimate goal is to move to setter position, now occupied by senior All-American Val Novak. "I can just watch Val and see what I need to improve on," Stricker said. "I still have so much to learn."

Luther, an outside hitter from Grand Island, got her first collegiate kill Friday against Texas A&M.

"That was fun," Luther said. "I wasn't really nervous at all."

Luther said that playing in front of the large crowd at the NU Coliseum didn't faze her.

"I didn't even notice the crowd," Luther said. "You've got to block them out and focus on what you're

doing."

Although Luther has not seen as much playing time as Stricker has this season, Cook said that Luther also holds promise; especially, he said jokingly, if Nebraska strength and conditioning coach Boyd Epley strengthens her. "I think she's going to be a great player," Cook said. "If Boyd Epley does his job, she'll be an All-American."

Stricker and Luther were both All-State in high school, but both said that previous awards don't matter when playing at Nebraska.

"They don't treat you any different," Luther said. "You're just another player, and the team and the coaching staff help you any way they can."

Stricker and Luther are roommates and support each other.

"I can let her know what I'm thinking, and she can let me know the same," Luther said. "We're very supportive of one another."

## Novak is named player of the week

From Staff Reports

Nebraska senior volleyball player Val Novak was named the Big Eight Player of the Week Monday.

It is the second straight week that the 5-foot-10 setter has won the award as the league's top performer.

Novak, a first-team All-America selection last year, propelled No. 1-ranked Nebraska in its three-game sweeps of Texas A&M, Purdue and Wyoming in the Baden-Mizuno Invitational at the NU Coliseum last weekend. She also was named the most valuable player of the tournament.

Novak's numbers over the weekend include 102 set assists, seven kills, a .429 hitting percentage, nine service aces, five blocks and 16 digs.