

# Buffaloes still first in AP poll

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Colorado, which completed its regular season two weeks ago, remained No. 1 for the third straight week in The Associated Press college football poll. The Buffaloes (10-1-1) received 42 first-place votes and 1,476 points from a nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters.

Georgia Tech stayed second after beating Georgia 40-23, but closed the gap on Colorado. The Yellow Jackets (10-0-1), the only major team without a loss, got 16 first-place votes and 1,397 points. They trailed Colorado by 130 points last week; now they are only 79 points behind.

The Texas Longhorns leaped from fifth to third, improving their chances of winning their first national title since 1969.

Texas, which beat Texas A&M 28-27 Saturday, jumped over Miami and Brigham Young in the final regular-season poll. Miami edged San Diego State 30-28, while BYU was demolished by Hawaii 59-28.

The Hurricanes (9-2) fell from third to fourth, the second straight week they've dropped a notch in the poll following a victory. BYU (10-2) plunged from fourth to 13th.

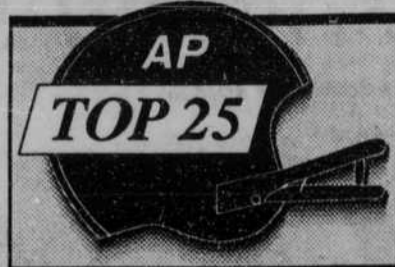
Texas (10-1) got the other two first-place votes and 1,338 points, 35 more than Miami. Notre Dame (9-2), which was idle, moved from seventh to fifth with 1,252 points.

Rounding out the Top 10 are Florida State (9-2), Penn State (9-2), Washington (9-2), Houston (10-1) and Tennessee (8-2-2). Nebraska is 19th.

Because of the bowl matchups, only the Orange, Cotton and Citrus have a realistic chance to produce the national champion. Colorado plays Notre Dame in the Orange, Texas meets Miami in the Cotton and Georgia Tech faces Nebraska in the Citrus.

**The possibilities:**  
If Colorado wins, the Buffaloes should win the national title. If Notre Dame wins and Georgia Tech loses, it would probably be a close battle for No. 1 between the Irish and the Texas-Miami winner.

If Colorado loses and Georgia Tech wins, the Yellow Jackets would stake their claim to the national championship. But the Texas-Miami winner would also get strong consideration. Blockbuster Bowl opponents Flor-



For the week ending Dec. 1, 1990

| School/Record                 | Points |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| 1. Colorado 10-1-1 (1)        | 1,476  |
| 2. Georgia Tech 10-0-1 (2)    | 1,397  |
| 3. Texas 10-1-0 (5)           | 1,338  |
| 4. Miami Fla. 9-2-0 (3)       | 1,303  |
| 5. Notre Dame 9-2-0 (7)       | 1,252  |
| 6. Florida St. 9-2-0 (8)      | 1,196  |
| 7. Penn St. 9-2-0 (10)        | 1,125  |
| 8. Washington 9-2-0 (9)       | 1,117  |
| 9. Houston 10-1-0 (11)        | 945    |
| 10. Tennessee 8-2-2 (12)      | 944    |
| 11. Florida 9-2-0 (6)         | 905    |
| 12. Michigan 8-3-0 (13)       | 833    |
| 13. Brigham Young 10-2-0 (4)  | 786    |
| 14. Clemson 9-2-0 (14)        | 737    |
| 15. Mississippi 9-2-0 (15)    | 535    |
| 16. Illinois 8-3-0 (16)       | 500    |
| 17. Iowa 8-3-0 (18)           | 461    |
| 18. Louisville 9-1-1 (17)     | 450    |
| 19. Nebraska 9-2-0 (19)       | 406    |
| 20. Oklahoma 8-3-0 (22)       | 360    |
| 21. Southern Cal. 8-3-1 (21)  | 352    |
| 22. Michigan St. 7-3-1 (23)   | 260    |
| 23. Southern Miss. 8-3-0 (24) | 226    |
| 24. Ohio St. 7-3-1 (25)       | 197    |
| 25. Alabama 7-4-0 (-)         | 115    |

(-) = last week's ranking

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ida State and Penn State are playing as well as anyone in the country. But the winner of that game appears to be locked out of the title picture because the winners of the Orange and Cotton seem certain to be ranked higher.

Florida State moved up two spots to sixth after beating Florida 45-30, while Penn State rose three places to seventh and Washington went from ninth to eighth.

Florida, which can't play in a bowl because of NCAA probation, dropped five places to 11th.

Alabama moved back into the Top 25 after beating Auburn 16-7. Alabama has won seven of eight since dropping its first three games.

Auburn, 20th last week, dropped out of the rankings.

# Tampa Bay coach fired despite break in losses

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) - Ray Perkins was fired Monday as coach of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, a day after the team ended a six-game losing streak with a victory over Atlanta.

Bucs owner Hugh Culverhouse, who only recently said he intended to keep Perkins, named assistant head coach Richard Williamson as interim coach. During the Bucs' losing streak, Culverhouse had come under criticism from fans and the media for not firing Perkins.

The move comes with the Buccaneers a loss shy of their eighth consecutive losing season. Sunday's 23-17 win over the Falcons improved their record to 5-8.

Culverhouse had predicted before the season that the team would win at least 11 games. During the losing streak he gave Perkins a vote of confidence, saying he wouldn't allow the coach to quit even if the Bucs didn't win another game.

But fans called for Perkins' firing and organized a boycott of the first quarter of Sunday's game.

Perkins' record in just less than four seasons with the Bucs was 19-41. None of his teams won more than five games.

Including four years with the New York Giants, he has a career NFL record of 42-75.

# New York Knicks fire Coach Jackson

NEW YORK (AP) - The struggling New York Knicks fired Coach Stu Jackson on Monday and replaced him with former Phoenix and Dallas coach John MacLeod.

The Knicks finished third in the Atlantic Division last season with a 45-37 record and upset the Boston Celtics in the first round of the playoffs before being eliminated by the Chicago Bulls. But they were off to a slow start this year with a 7-8 record, including five losses in their last six games.

MacLeod, 53, ranks fifth among active NBA coaches with 675 victories. Terms of his contract were not disclosed.

MacLeod has coached 17 seasons in the NBA, 14 with Phoenix and three with Dallas. His teams won 50 or more games five times and went to the conference finals four times.

Jackson was in his second season as the Knicks' coach. He replaced Rick Pitino, who left to take the job at Kentucky.

# Bolli

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Before her junior season, Bolli had thoughts of leaving but nixed the idea. "Getting a scholarship was a big reason," she said. "Plus, I felt that if I transferred or went to basketball I'd be starting all over again. I felt that I'd made a lot of progress here and I don't like giving up on something until I conquer it."

"I'm glad I stuck it out. I still miss basketball but I've grown to love volleyball."

And volleyball fans at the NU Coliseum seem to extend the same gratitude. She is one of the most popular players on the team because of the

jump serve. It is not unusual for the crowd to roar when she enters a match in anticipation of an ace.

"I try not to pay attention to what's going on off the court during the match," Bolli said, "but after the game the attention makes me proud and happy. It's nice to look back and know I'm appreciated."

But, little do fans know that Bolli brings more than her jump serve into a match, but also leadership and enthusiasm.

"There are two ways to lead: By action and by voice. I try to do both," she said.

Being one of three seniors, she sees providing leadership as part of her job.

"Linda (Barsness), Val (Novak) and I all have different roles so the

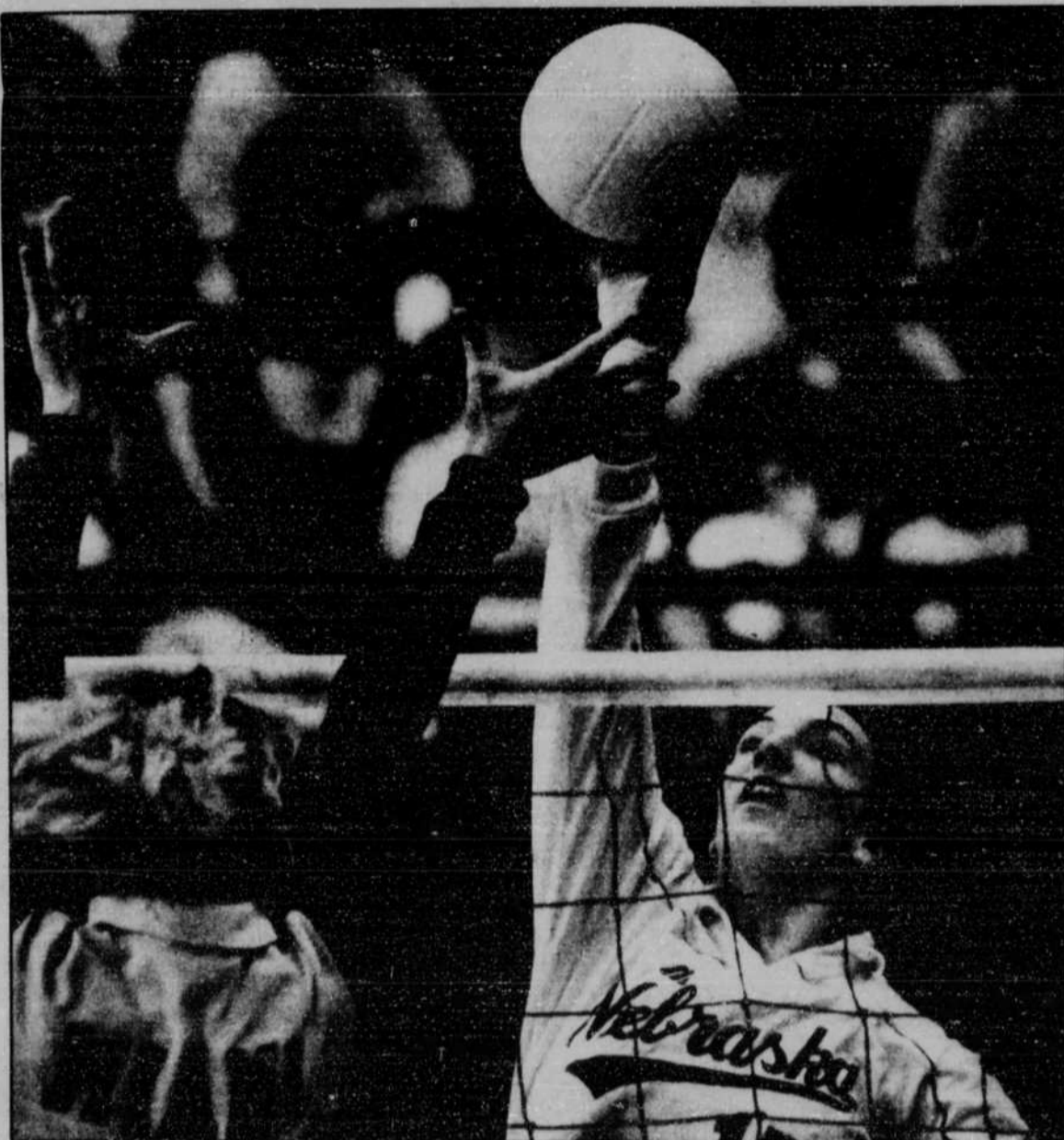
leadership is spread out," Bolli said. "When it comes to crunch time, the players don't look to just one player as in the past. I think it's made us more of a team."

Pettit said the Bolli's enthusiastic quality is a talent in itself.

"It's important to have people with enthusiasm and talent," he said. "She's also a very intelligent person who sees when things need to be done and gets them done."

And, those things can be done by anyone who has the desire, according to Bolli.

"I think I've shown that you don't have to be a high school All-American to come in and make a difference at a program like this," Bolli said. "Through hard work and perseverance, you can make a contribution."



All-American Janet Kruse gets set to tip the ball over the defense during Friday's NCAA first-round match.

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# Kruse

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ball in a long time. Against lesser teams you get behind and say 'We'll beat them in the long run anyway,' Kruse said. "You shouldn't have that attitude, but it's hard not to."

"It's easy to get pumped up because there aren't any lesser teams now."

For someone who is known for sending the ball to the floor with an accompanying "kill by Janet KROOOOOOOOSE," one aspect of her game often goes unnoticed — setting.

Kruse's position on the right side gives her setting responsibilities "in emergency situations," she said.

"I enjoy setting a lot," Kruse said, "but I take a lot of ribbing

about it."

Kruse said her big hands have earned her the nickname "Eclipse" when she is setting the ball.

Kruse's consistency does not end at the net.

After two years of school as a biology major, Kruse is batting a thousand on the report card. Her 4.0 grade point average earned her a spot on last year's Lee Jeans Academic Honor Roll.

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