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Stewart was sacked three times and completed 12 of 28 passes for



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grasp of Colorado's Donnell Loomitt. Berringer passed for 142 yards

Huskers first in AP poll, second in coaches' poll

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If Nebraska was looking for respect from the writers, it got it on Sunday, when The Associated Press moved Nebraska over Penn State into the No. 1 spot.

Nebraska's 24-7 victory over then-No. 2 Colorado on Saturday moved the Cornhuskers from third to first, despite Penn State's 63-14 win over Ohio State on Saturday.

The Huskers received 33 first-place votes, while Penn State had 28 and Auburn had one.

In the USA Today/CNN coaches' poll, Nebraska remained No. 2 behind Penn State. The Nittany Lions received 32 first-place votes, while the Huskers got 30.

Nebraska edged Penn State in the bowl coalition poll by four points.

Coach Tom Osborne joked about the writers giving Nebraska the top spot.

"It confirms what I've always said ... that the sportswriters know a lot more than the coaches," Osborne said. "I don't feel any different today than I did yesterday."

But Osborne could find some importance in the No. 1 ranking.

"I guess the thing that is important is that we're in a position now that if we play well, maybe at least we have some things in our own hands," he said. "You'd like to be in a position where you can play for the whole thing in the end."

"Obviously, if Penn State takes off and becomes the people's choice and goes out to Pasadena, then we're again in a situation where you have to depend on the ballot box."

But it was only two weeks ago that both Penn State and Colorado moved ahead of Nebraska after the Huskers beat Kansas State 17-6.

Because of instances like two

Nebraska Moves Up To No. 1

The top 25 teams in the Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses.

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Rank	School	Pts.	Rec.	Rank	School	Pts.	Rec.
1	Nebraska (33)	1,520	9-0-0	1	Penn St. (32)	1,520	7-0-0
2	Penn St. (28)	1,514	7-0-0	2	Nebraska (30)	1,518	9-0-0
3	Auburn (1)	1,427	8-0-0	3	Miami (Fla.)	1,373	6-1-0
4	Florida	1,322	6-1-0	4	Alabama	1,358	8-0-0
5	Miami (Fla.)	1,267	6-1-0	5	Florida	1,313	6-1-0
6	Alabama	1,221	8-0-0	6	Florida St.	1,251	5-1-0
7	Colorado	1,214	7-1-0	7	Colorado	1,189	7-1-0
8	Florida St.	1,167	6-1-0	8	Utah	1,074	8-0-0
9	Utah	1,033	8-0-0	9	Syracuse	1,014	6-1-0
10	Syracuse	892	6-1-0	10	Virginia	896	6-1-0
11	Texas A&M	861	7-0-1	11	Colorado St.	777	7-1-0
12	Washington	806	6-2-0	12	North Carolina	751	6-2-0
13	Virginia	749	6-1-0	13	Arizona	748	6-2-0
14	Colorado St.	723	7-1-0	14	Washington St.	745	6-2-0
15	Kansas St.	600	5-2-0	15	Kansas St.	693	5-2-0
16	Washington St.	567	6-2-0	16	Virginia Tech	671	7-2-0
17	Virginia Tech	512	7-2-0	17	Oregon	520	6-3-0
18	Arizona	504	6-2-0	18	Michigan	492	5-3-0
19	North Carolina	473	6-2-0	19	Duke	388	7-1-0
20	Michigan	435	5-3-0	20	Southern Cal	374	5-2-0
21	Oregon	373	6-3-0	21	Brigham Young	208	7-2-0
22	Southern Cal	278	5-2-0	22	Mississippi St.	172	6-2-0
23	Duke	270	7-1-0	23	Illinois	166	5-3-0
24	Mississippi St.	119	6-2-0	24	Ohio State	154	6-3-0
25	Brigham Young	64	7-2-0	25	Notre Dame	147	5-3-0

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weeks ago, Osborne said he didn't put too much stock in the polls.

"These polls, in many cases, are overrated," Osborne said. "They're just general opinions. We're pleased that people have that much confidence in us and pleased that we have a little more control over our destiny."

"I've been involved in this polling business for a long time, and I think anymore the polls are shaped very strongly on the statements that are made by a limited number of people. We've benefited a little bit by that, and I'm sure Penn State has, too."

With a No. 1 rating and the Buffaloes behind Nebraska, Osborne is getting closer to another shot at his

first national championship.

But Osborne is as interested in talking about the national championship during October as he is in talking about the polls.

"The most important thing to me is that our team plays well, and I feel good about how our team plays, and that's the honest truth," Osborne said. "There are some people who want the brass ring. For heaven's sake, don't ever get the opinion that we're not doing every single thing we can do to play well, which is ultimately the bottom line."

"I will not lobby. I will not prostrate myself at the feet of the polls. All we want to do is play well, and if we deserve to be rated No. 1, then great."

Game Stats

Nebraska 24
Colorado 7

Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Nebraska	7	10	7	0
Colorado	0	0	7	0

Neb- Schlesinger 14 yd. run (Sieler kick)
Neb- Sieler 24 yd. Field Goal
Neb- Childs 2 yd. run (Sieler kick)
Neb- Alford 30 yd. pass (Sieler kick)
Colorado- Salaam 6 yd. run (Voskeritchian kick)

Rushing	Att.	Yds.
Phillips	25	86
Schlesinger	8	65
Berringer	7	19
Childs	5	14

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.
Berringer	12	17	1	142

Receiving	No.	Yds.
Alford	5	78
Gilman	4	46
Muhammad	2	14
Phillips	1	4

Breakdown	Neb.	Colorado
First Downs	20	18
Rushes-yards	53-203	37-155
Passing	142	159
Return Yards	9	7
Comp-Att-Int	12-17-1	13-30-0
Punts-avg.	6-38.3	6-38.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	6-41	4-30
Time of Possession	38:24	21:36

Rushing	Att.	Yds.
Salaam	22	134
Stewart	14	24
Troutman	1	3

Passing	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Yds.
Stewart	12	28	0	150
Detmer	1	2	0	9

Receiving	No.	Yds.
Westbrook	6	80
Carruth	2	28
Salaam	2	24
Lepsis	2	18



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