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Huskers still outside top 25

know that" MIKE ORGAN AP poll voter

However, if a school doesn't send out information about their team, it is difficult to learn how good or how poorly they are doing. Organ said he spent 30 minutes before this week's poll looking for information on Michigan State, a team that had beaten thenseventh-ranked Vanderbilt by 30

This week the Spartans, who are leading the Big Ten Conference, broke into the poll at No. 23. It's just the third time in school history Michigan State has been ranked. The irony of the situation is that two weeks ago Michigan State wasn't ranked while Big Ten school Penn State, which was 10th in the conference, was ranked in the top

"The only thing that I can say is the poll is something that I have no control over," Michigan State Coach Karen Langeland said. "We're frustrated a lot of times about it."

Organ said the women's poll is also hindered because national wire serstandings, and scores are often unavailable if the team is not in the top 25.

Greg Johnson, who covers Coloder Daily Camera, is one voter who has been picking Nebraska this season. was in Lincoln when Nebraska lost 65-58 to Colorado, the Huskers' lone

He said more resources are making it easier to get information about "The rankings will come in time," women's teams, but by Monday after- Husker senior Tina McClain said. "We quires all voters to submit their top 25 going to have to get the recognition."

Top 25?

Despite having a better winning percentage than 19 teams ranked in The Associated Press Top 25 poll, 15-1 Nebraska still has not cracked the ratings

Team	Rec. Pts. Prev.
1. Connection (3) 2. Old Dominion (3)	18-0 1,021 1 17-1 982 2
3. Stanford (1)	20-1 948 3
4. Louisiana Tech	17-2 865 6
6. North Carolina	16-1 793 9
7. Georgia 8. Virginia	14-3 731 7
9. Tennessee 10. Texas	14-7 526 8
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14.1.SU tie. Vanderbilt	13-5 431 11
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18. Arkansas	14-4 406 13
19. Notre Dame 20. Stephen F. Austin	17-4 264 19t
21. N. Carolina St.	13-7 171 17
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24. W. Kentucky 25. Illinois	13-5 129 23
26. Nebraska	15-1 55 -

applications by Sunday night.

"A lot of people are questioning the integrity of the poll," Johnson said. "I wish it wasn't this way, but a lot of teams are receiving votes on name recognition."

Dick Rockne, an AP voter for the Seattle Times who also didn't know Nebraska had a record of 15-1, agreed with Johnson about the polls being based primarily on name recognition.

Rockne said he knows the poll isn't an exact science and that many of the ery year, but he does have a formula Nebraska to get into the polls.

"You have to beat those teams (Texas, Texas Tech and Kansas), then you'll make the poll," Rockne said. 'Until you beat one of those teams it's tough to say you belong in the top 25."

Although Nebraska's ranking in the top 25 may depend on how they fare against the poll's established teams, Beck and her players said that isn't their main focus right now.

noon -24 hours after Nebraska's vic- might talk about it every once in awhile

Kansas' start best since 1935-36

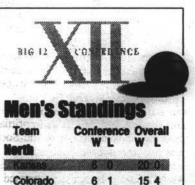
time KU was 20-0 was the 1935-36 season when country was experiencing the Great Depression. However, the Jayhawks (a unanimous No.1 in this week's Associated Press poll) won only one game after their torrid start as they finished 21-2 under Coach F.C. Allen, the man for whom Allen Fieldhouse is named. Sunday's 77-68 road victory over upstart Colorado enabled top-ranked KU to keep its stranglehold as the nation's top team. The Buffaloes erased a 12-point second-half deficit to take a 64-63 lead before a 10-0 Kansas run cemented the Jayhawks' 20th straight victory. KU forward Raef LaFrentz scored six of his 21 points during that stretch. After the game, LaFrentz drew rave reviews from CU Coach Ricardo Patton "He's a premier player," Patton said. "He's really strong and athletic. He's going to make a lot of money at this game someday."

is averaging 17.4 points and 8.8 re-

KU Coach Roy Williams said the team never wilted in the mile-high al-

"We have an experienced team," Williams said. "When somebody makes a run at us, we don't panic. It's

KU has kept its unblemished record despite the absence of 6-foot-11 center Scot Pollard (one game) and all-





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LaFrentz continues to develop into a force. The junior has twice been named Big 12 Player of the Week. He

everything point guard Jacque Vaughn (10 games).

Vaughn missed KU's first 10 games with a wrist injury and Pollard suffered a broken foot in practice Thursday. He did not play in the win at CU and will be out more than a month.

"It's more frustrating on the coaches," Williams said. "It keeps our attention because we haven't been able to put it on cruise control."

Offensively, KU leads the Big 12 in scoring offense (86.4 points per game), field-goal percentage (58.5) and rebounding margin grabbing 12 more boards than its opposition every game.

Against the Jayhawks' physical defense, opponents are converting only 38.7 percent from the field, just an eyelash above Iowa State's 38.6 percent clip.

Paul Pierce and Jerod Haase have lent LaFrentz a helping hand, both averaging double figures. Pierce is averaging 15 points per game while Haase averages 13.8.

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of Vaughn's status and continue to win. No knock on Vaughn, but LaFrentz is the key to that team."

Last Wednesday, the Jayhawks spanked the Aggies 72-46 in Lawrence. KU's next hurdle is Wednesday night at No. 22 Texas Tech before playing host to Nebraska Saturday.

"Maybe the lights will go out and they can postpone the game," Red Raider Coach James Dickey joked. Haase averages 13.8. "It's amazing," Texas A&M Coach Tony Barone said. "You lose someone they're a notch above everybody else."