



COLLEGE EDITORS & WRITERS PICK PRESEASON TOP 20

Students justify their predictions

Michigan's first game of the season could decide whether it will win the national championship this year or if Notre Dame will repeat, according to a poll of student sports editors and reporters.

Daily Athenaeum Sports Editor Mike Gonsiewski from W. Virginia U., who picked Michigan #1, predicts, "Michigan's first game of the year is Notre Dame and that will be the toughest. Michigan can beat Notre Dame and that will widen it."

Despite major differences between last year's predictions and end-of-season results, U. has contacted college sports editors and reporters familiar with major conferences and independents for their forecast of the top 20 college football teams in 1989.

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| 1. Michigan (226) | 11. Arkansas (114) |
| 2. Notre Dame (224) | 12. Colorado (92) |
| 3. Florida (209) | 13. Oklahoma (89) |
| 4. Florida State (195) | 14. Clemson (85) |
| 5. Miami (189) | 15. W. Virginia (77) |
| 6. Nebraska (182) | 16. Alabama (65) |
| 7. USC (168) | 17. Penn. State (62) |
| 8. LSU (145) | 18. Georgia (43) |
| 9. UCLA (137) | 19. Syracuse (38) |
| 10. Auburn (135) | 20. BYU (35) |

Eric Eek, *Oklahoma Daily*, U. of Oklahoma; Steve Blonder, *Michigan Daily*, U. of Michigan; David Glenn, *Daily Tar Heel*, U. of North Carolina; David Hardee, Randy Williams, *Auburn Plainsman*, Auburn U.; Paul Hammons, *Daily Texan*, U. of Texas; Mike Gonsiewski, *Daily Athenaeum*, W. Virginia U.; Jeff Apel, *Daily Nebraskan*, U. of Nebraska; Mike Dame, *Independent Florida Alligator*, U. of Florida; Dave Gibson, *Daily Bruin*, U. of California, Los Angeles; Doug Gibson, *Daily Universe*, Brigham Young U.; Mike Trilk, *Daily Iowan*, U. of Iowa; Darryn James, *Daily Trojan*, U. of Southern California.

Points were assigned based on the ratings - 20 points for #1, one point for #20 - and the ratings represent the totals. The #1 and #2 teams, Michigan and Notre Dame, were almost too close to call with 226 and 224 points

respectively.

Editor Mike Dame of the U. of Florida *Independent Florida Alligator* said, "Michigan is getting back all their defensive starters, and their defense is the toughest in the

nation. Their offense is sound. As long as they can break the jinx of the bowl game, they will be sound."

Dave Gibson picked Notre Dame for #1. The sports editor for the *UCLA Daily Bruin* thinks, "Tony Rice is the best offensive weapon in college football today. Notre Dame also has the best coach and 16 returning starters," Gibson said.

Paul Hammons, U. of Texas sports reporter, likes Gibson's choice, "Notre Dame is returning everybody. Last year they earned the #1 rating by beating good teams and a lot of them."

Notre Dame and Miami were the selections of *Daily Nebraskan* Sports Editor Jeff Apel, U. of Nebraska. "Notre Dame is a dynasty right now and will win at least the next five years easily."

Miami (189 points) was ranked fifth in the U. poll, behind the U. of Florida #3 (209) and Florida State U. #4 (195).

Thirty-nine teams were selected by the 12 student journalists including some longshots like Rutgers U. and Navy.

Women and sports careers

Male hiring networks create barrier for female coaches

By Bob Pockrass

■ Indiana Daily Student
U. of Indiana

Social factors, lack of role models, opportunities and acceptance in networks that influence hiring are among the factors that keep women from sports administrative and coaching jobs.

As a result, interest in hiring more women for sports administrative and coaching positions is feeble, and the number of women holding these positions is continually declining in Division I schools, according to the chairwoman of the NCAA Women's Athletics Committee.

"Clearly, right now with the figures that we have, the numbers have declined and appear to be continuing to decline in terms of the number of women employed in administrative positions (at Division I schools)," said Phyllis Howlett, who also serves as Big 10 assistant commissioner.

Howlett's committee is studying the problem, which she said has not been researched thoroughly. The committee offers internships and scholarships for women and encourages other conferences to do the same.

The NCAA also has established a network for women seeking athletic administrative positions. But female interest in these positions is slim, Howlett said, and although many of the reasons are not documented, she has theories of her own.

She cited easier opportunities in other areas, such as business and a lack of female role models as two examples.

"There are more opportunities for women in business positions in other areas," Howlett said.

"You don't grow up looking at women administrators and women coaches, because there are not enough of them around, and so you don't aspire to be one of those."

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Cheryl Miller, four season basketball star who graduated from U. of Southern Cal in 1986, retired from basketball. She currently works as a sportscaster for ABC.

Athletic housing sparks debate at U. of Miami

By Suzanne Trutie

■ Miami Hurricane
U. of Miami

U. of Miami faculty are advocating mainstream housing for student athletes, but the athletes appear to prefer separate apartments.

During a spring semester meeting, UM student government leaders discussed the possibility of requiring the athletes to live in residential hall facilities rather than in segregated apartments. Several UM faculty members who are in favor of mainstreaming participated in the discussion.

Faculty members also stated their opinions in a *Faculty Newsletter* article, "Athletes currently spend much of their time with students who are involved in the same sport."

"If they are also required to reside with their teammates, their isolation from other students becomes nearly complete." The article, which supported the integration of athletic housing was signed by four faculty members.

Connie Nickel, assistant events manager of the UM athletic department, said during the student government discussion she opposes the integration of student athletes.

"When a freshman comes in to UM, it's difficult. When a freshman athlete comes in, it's more difficult. They can learn from upperclassmen by living with them," she said.

It is also beneficial for student athletes to live together because of their irregular schedules, she added.

Mike Sullivan, athletic council senator and UM football player told student government leaders, "Athletes have the option to move out of athletic apartments. It's their prerogative."

The secretary of the student government senate, Max Adams, said, "Other students have the right to choose who they want to live with. If athletes want to live with other athletes, they have that right, too."

Number of pro teams, job opportunities make graduation end of sports careers

By Teresa Rodriguez

■ Independent Florida Alligator
U. of Florida

Cry not for the U.S. men's Olympic basketball team.

With a bronze medal finish at last summer's games, the players can look forward to almost-certain careers in the NBA.

Cry for the U.S. women's basketball team.

All it got was the gold.

For every little boy who plays sports, from city league to college, statistics

show that only one in about 10,000 will ever make any money as a professional.

Odds are stacked even higher against females. A woman's sports career is usually over once she earns her final varsity letter.

"Most men never get a second look from a pro team," said Kathy DeBoer, U. of Kentucky's assistant athletic director. "But at least they still have that chance."

DeBoer has been there. She now coaches the women's volleyball team at UK. A former pro leaguer, DeBoer played for the Minnesota Fillies of Major League Volleyball for two seasons.

The three-year-old league consists of

six teams, located mainly in the Northeast and California.

It is the only team sport for women at the professional level in the United States. The average attendance at each match is 1,500.

In the late 1970s, various attempts to form a women's professional basketball league died after three non-profitable years. Currently, each team in Major League Volleyball loses about \$150,000 a season.

So what can a female athlete expect to find in the working world once she has

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