

ROSE BOWL TRIVIA

In 1942, Oregon State beat Duke in the Rose Bowl 20-16 at Durham, NC. This was the only Rose Bowl not played in Pasadena.

Penn State deserves No. 1 rank



CHRIS METZ

As the Oregon Ducks get closer and closer to their Jan. 2 meeting with the Penn State Nittany Lions one intriguing sidebar hovers overhead.

Penn State has dominated the Big Ten this year. At 11-0, the Joe Paterno-coached Lions are one of only three Division IA teams that can boast a perfect record this season.

So the question is, why aren't they the No. 1 team in the nation?

At one point this season they were No. 1. But a sluggish (at least by Penn State standards) performance against Indiana allowed the surging Nebraska Cornhuskers to occupy the top spot, leaving Penn State in its dust.

That's all fine and dandy. Nebraska did deserve to be No. 1 for awhile. But a few quarterback injuries later and two less-than-stellar outings against Iowa State and Oklahoma have revealed a vulnerability on this Huskers' squad that raises valid suspicions as to whether this team from Lincoln deserves to be No. 1.

These questions apparently haven't been raised by the sports writers though as Nebraska not only remained in the No. 1 spot this past week, but, after a lazy 13-3 win over Oklahoma, they swayed even more writers to vote for them in the process.

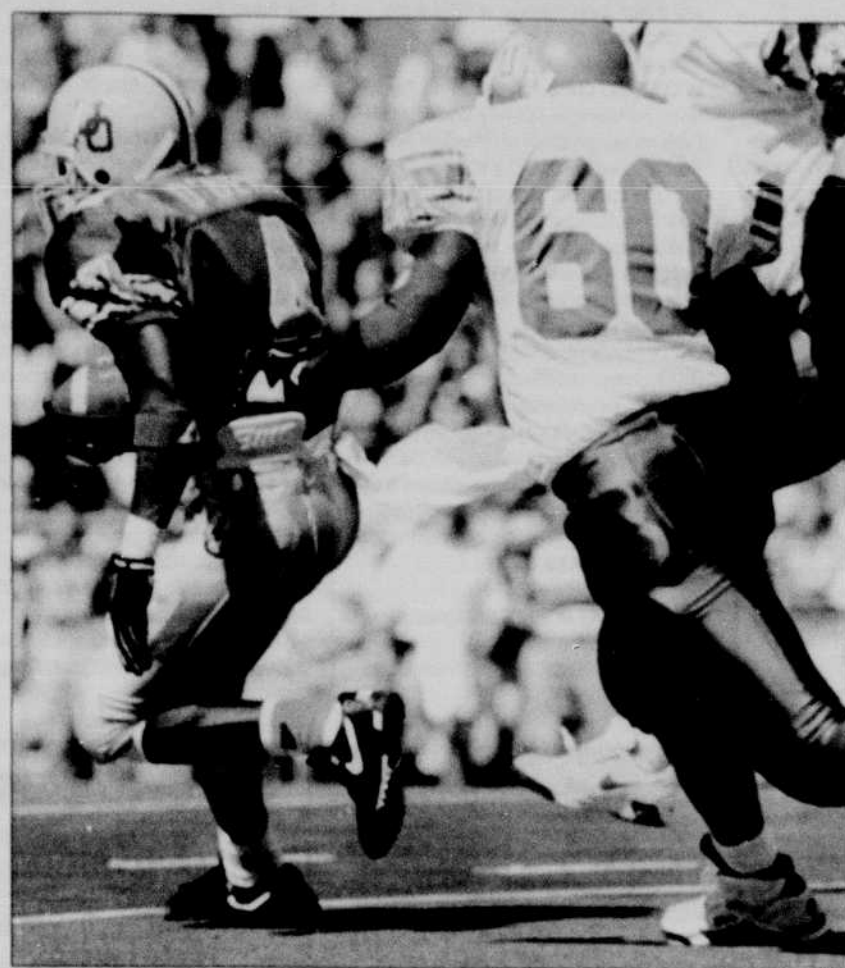
I realize that the polls are by no means an accurate way of gauging the best team in the nation. Alabama, Penn State and Nebraska all have reason to believe that they should be the No. 1 team.

The only problem being that the reason Penn State was replaced at the top (a weak effort against Indiana) did not apply to the Huskers and drop them from the top.

While admittedly Penn State has played some questionable teams — Rutgers, Temple, Northwestern, Minnesota — no matter whom they play, the results have been the same. The Nittany Lions average better than 47 total points a game. They have scored more than 50 points five times in 1994 and have yet to put up less than 30 points this season. Sure they played Temple — and beat them by four touchdowns.

Penn State has rolled to 11

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Cornerback Herman O'Berry ran away with All-American and All-Conference honors in 1995.

RUNNING FROM THE PAC

Chris Metz

Oregon Daily Emerald

Oh how fragile a football player's career can be.

Halfway through the 1994 season it looked as though Herman O'Berry's season and career had ended. As the rest of the team was celebrating a hard-fought victory over Iowa, O'Berry was left to wonder if he would ever play for the Ducks again, much less collect any post season awards after yet another knee injury.

But in less than a week, O'Berry has scooped up All-America honors from the Football Writer's Association at the defensive back position and was

named to the Pac-10 All-Conference Team for his kick returning efforts — poetic justice for the hard-luck cornerback.

"Just to get All-American was a real shock," O'Berry said. "I had the injury early on and I didn't play at full speed all year."

The senior was coming off a 1993 season that saw him go down with a season-ending injury in the first game of the season. He was also hindered by a knee injury in 1992 and has yet to complete a season without some form of injury.

In 1994 — a season that saw

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Without the guys around me, I wouldn't receive All-American and all the other accolades. It's just a team out there.

— **HERMAN O'BERRY**
senior cornerback

Coaches ready for Rose Bowl

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Joe Paterno has a modest goal for Penn State in the Rose Bowl against Oregon, and he won't be overly concerned about who finishes No. 1 in the final poll.

The coach of the unbeaten and second-ranked Nittany Lions, asked about the possibilities for the national championship, said Wednesday that he was not going to get into that kind of discussion now.

"All of us have tough games left to play," Paterno said. "I think everybody should relax and enjoy it, enjoy the drama and excitement of the games."

"In our case, we're having a lot of fun. We have a chance to do something no Penn State team has done in more than 70 years. We want to enjoy it and try to beat Oregon by one point."



BROOKS



PATERNO

press conference.

Penn State has played in the

He did say that voters for the national championship should do so without bias, considering each team on its schedule and its merits.

Paterno and his old friend Rich Brooks, coach of the No. 12 Oregon Ducks, met in entirely new surroundings Wednesday — at the Tournament of Roses House for a Rose Bowl

Rose Bowl once, a 14-3 loss to Southern California in 1923. The Nittany Lions became eligible to play in the game again when they joined the Big Ten two years ago. Pac-10 champion Oregon, meanwhile, will be making its first Rose Bowl trip in 37 years.

Paterno noted that he and Brooks have spent time together with their families in Florida and Hawaii, saying that their friendship goes beyond being fellow coaches.

"I'd be dishonest if I said I wasn't pulling for Rich," Paterno said of the Pac-10 championship race. "I saw the last part of their game against Oregon State (when the Ducks clinched the Rose Bowl berth) and I was impressed with what Rich and

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Sherman receives Pac-10 honor

Oregon safety Jeff Sherman was named to the Pac-10 Conference All-Academic Football Team for the fourth consecutive year Wednesday.

Sherman's 3.20 GPA in Management earned him the honor in his senior year as he was the only four-time selection this season.

Oregon defensive end Mark Slymen and offensive tackle David Weber received honorable mention.

1993 PACIFIC-10 ALL-ACADEMIC

OFFENSE		GPA
QB	Steve Stenstrom, Stanford	3.10
FB	Terry Barnum, USC	3.09
HB	Cam Reynolds, OSU	3.10
WR	Eric Bjornson, Washington	3.22
WR	Justin Armour, Stanford	3.34
TE	Matt Nelson, ASU	3.07
C	Jeremy Hogue, USC	3.89
OL	Tony Boselli, USC	3.02
OL	Seth Dittman, Stanford	3.26
OL	Brian Thure, California	3.04
OL	Paul Stamer, Arizona	3.11
PK	Eric Abrams, Stanford	3.26
DEFENSE		GPA
DL	Steve Hoffmann, Washington	3.21
DL	George Kase, UCLA	3.44
DL	Jason Fisk, Stanford	3.17
DL	Matt Kenney, USC	3.58
LB	Brian Haas, USC	3.37
LB	Jason Kyle, ASU	3.16
LB	Kane Rogers, OSU	3.01
DB	Jerod Cherry, California	3.09
DB	David Walker, Stanford	3.59
DB	Jeff Sherman, Oregon	3.20
DB	Charles Young, Stanford	3.48
RS	Marion Evans, Stanford	3.25

SPORTS ON CAMPUS

8:00 — KWVA 88.1 Campus Radio presents its Rose Bowl preview with host Mark Goldstein. Oregon's Cristin McLemore will be live in the studio to field questions and provide insight into the Ducks' Jan. 2 matchup with Penn State.

Former Duck Chris Miller, radio personality Jerry Allen and selected other Duck players will also be featured. In addition, Kevin Gorman, sports editor of Penn State's *Daily Collegian* will be a featured guest on the two-hour call-in show.

9:00 — Athletes in Action presents "Pasadena Bound" in the EMU's Ben Linder Room. The event features personal comments by Danny O'Neil and other Ducks concerning their dramatic season and their motivations on and off the field. The event is open to anyone.