

# Lions 11th in AP poll

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By the AP  
Ohio State perched comfortably atop the college football ratings yesterday while Oklahoma's defending national champions plummeted from second place to sixth following a 23-3 upset at the hands of Kansas.

By beating Oklahoma, the Jayhawks cracked the Top Twenty for the first time all season, rising to 17th place.

Meanwhile, Nebraska and Texas A&M, unbeaten and untied like Ohio State, moved up to second and third, respectively, followed by Michigan, Alabama, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona State, Notre Dame and Colorado.

Penn State and Southern California, two more of the weekend's upset victims, dropped to the Second Ten while San Diego State, Maryland and Pitt fell completely out of the Top Twenty.

Ohio State received 49 first-place votes and 1,138 points from a nationwide panel of 58 sports writers and broadcasters following a 40-3 triumph over Illinois.

Nebraska moved up from third to second with eight first-place ballots and 1,054 points for a 12-0 victory over Kansas State while Texas A&M climbed from fourth to third after trouncing Southern Methodist 36-3. The Aggies received the remaining first-place ballot and 875 points.

Michigan, No. 6 last week, nosed ahead of Alabama with

721 points by blanking Purdue 28-0 while 'Bama remained in fifth place with 687 points following a hard-fought 23-10 triumph over Louisiana State.

Then came Oklahoma with 621 points. Texas held onto the No. 7 spot with 605 points by trouncing Baylor 37-21. Arizona State rose from 10th to eighth by defeating Wyoming 21-20. Notre Dame went from 12th to ninth with a 24-3 decision over Georgia Tech and Colorado jumped from 14th to 10th by beating Oklahoma State 17-7.

Penn State, upset by North Carolina State 15-14, slipped

from eighth to 11th while Southern Cal suffered its second straight defeat, a 13-10 loss to Stanford, and skidded from ninth to 13th behind Arizona. The Wildcats climbed from 15th to 12th by knocking off previously unbeaten San Diego State.

Here are the Top Twenty teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, season records and total points. Points based on 20-18-16-14-12-10-9-8-7-6 etc. :

1	Ohio St. (49)	9-0-0	1,138
2	Nebraska (8)	9-0-0	1,054
3	Texas A&M (11)	8-0-0	875
4	Michigan	7-0-2	721
5	Alabama	8-1-0	687
6	Oklahoma	8-1-0	621
7	Texas	8-1-0	605
8	Arizona St.	9-0-0	393
9	Notre Dame	7-2-0	252
10	Colorado	7-2-0	231
11	Penn St.	8-2-0	211
12	Arizona	7-1-0	206
13	S. California	7-2-0	116
14	Florida	7-2-0	111
15	California	6-3-0	107
16	Miami, O.	8-1-0	88
17	Kansas	6-3-0	56
18	Missouri	6-1-0	51
19	UCLA	6-2-1	50
20	Georgia	7-2-0	47



Some of the more regular passing done in Beaver Stadium

Photo by Gerry Harshorn

# Paterno's air game Lions' lead balloon

"He can't run and he can't pass. All he can do is think and win."  
— the late Stanley Woodward on Joe Paterno

But most of all Joe Paterno can't pass. He must still have nightmares about some of his disastrous throwing days when he was quarterbacking Brown University in the late 1940's. Maybe it's nicer to say he won't pass.

Make no bones about it, what happened in Penn State's 15-14 loss to North Carolina State was just the culmination of the coming storm that's been building all season: the Lions just don't pass. Paterno has always been one for the run. He preaches the bad percentages of putting the ball in the air. Players say Paterno won't pass because John Andress is a young quarterback. Come on Joe.

You can't even consider Andress in the picture. He can't complete passes in situations like Saturday's come-from-behind, last ditch drive (that floated into the sky when Chris Bahr's field goal attempt missed) because every time he drops back to throw it's like taking his arm out of hibernation.

## Gorden Blain

Paterno calls the plays, not Andress. And for being the so-publicized "winningest" college football coach, he made some wonderful calls against the Wolfpack.

"There were a thousand places in that game where I could have done a better job of coaching in play selection," Paterno admitted after the stunning defeat. It was stunning that he could continuously run the ball up the middle. Time and time again it became a situation of first and 10, blow it again. When the bodies untangled, it was a sure bet to see second and eight or second and seven flash on the scoreboard. It looked like the old cliché, "three yards and a cloud of dust."

Many have said Penn State doesn't have to pass, they have a running game that's too good. That's not the case at all. Penn State's been winning the big and close games as they've always have: by giving the ball to the other team and allowing the Lion defense to win the game.

But don't fault the offensive players. Saturday's game marked the first time Andress was allowed to throw 20 or more times. Even then, most aeriels were a necessity.

No wonder Penn State football crowds seem to "lose it" during a game. Dope and alcohol help the Nittany Lion rooster from being lulled to sleep by Penn State's style of play.

Now it's easy to dismiss this argument by merely calling Saturday's loss an off day for the Lions. "What do you want? You can't win them all," most will answer. Losing to a caliber team like North Carolina State is nothing to be ashamed of but then again the way the Lions lost was at least forgetful if not a bit shameful.

Why forgetful? Maryland just the week before lost when they tried a third down field goal in the final minute from past 40 yards. Penn State did the same thing. Paterno ran the ball twice, both times Lion runners angling for the sidelines to stop the clock. Then he left it up to Chris Bahr's foot against a strong wind. And Penn State found out how the Terrapins fell.

Now ironic also was the trivial fact that Bahr missed four field goals. The last time he did that was against Navy last year when the Lions sunk in the mud, losing 7-6. Bahr's had his problems when it comes to hitting the big kick. At Maryland it took him three tries to boot home the winner. Sure he was trying to kick field goals from Bellefonte on Saturday, trying nothing under 46 yards, but he has made those before. But then he made those long ones in the first, second, and third quarters.

Everyone seemed to expect Penn State to be delivered in the waning minutes like they've been so many times the last few years. But North Carolina State is part of the new and tougher opponents. They are a far cry from the Temples that have crept on previous schedules.

But really why get so upset over the football team losing a game, after all Joe says, "It's just a game... We're going to have a little fun playing the game." Well, losing games like that when the bowl people have the whole Pacific Eight and Big Ten to pick from might cost some people who play other sports at Penn State luxuries they previously had.

If the people at Rec Hall are telling it like it is, no bowl game means a shortage of funds. Paterno might be sorry he didn't pass more because the bowl game might just pass him.

# Merc wants change of scenery

MIAMI (AP) — Mercury Morris, Miami's \$100,000-a-year running back, is frustrated again. He says he wants to play for some other National Football League team besides the Dolphins.

Morris is healthy this season after being hampered by injuries over the past few campaigns. He insists he isn't getting the respect his talent deserves.

"I'm being systematically eliminated from the offense," Morris said Sunday after the Dolphins whipped the New York Jets 27-7. "Every time I turn around, I'm coming out of the game."

Morris carried only four times for nine yards while his alternate, Benny Malone, rushed for 60 yards and one touchdown in 13 attempts.

"I'm thankful for the five years under Coach Don Shula. We've got a great team and we're going to the Super Bowl. But I have no choice. I don't plan to be here next year," Morris said. "I want to be traded, hopefully to a team with the second-best offensive line in football. The best one is here."

Shula replied he'd try to accommodate Morris "if that's still his feeling at the end of the season." But he added angrily: "If he says he doesn't want to be here next week, I'll try to take care of that, too."

Morris and Shula said, separately, that there was mutual respect and no malice intended. But the situation made for another delicate problem in a series of Morris-Shula disagreements dating from Super Bowl VI in 1972. Morris then publicly beelined about being benched in Miami's 24-3 loss to Dallas.

Shula, irked at any challenge to his authority, said, "I make the decisions and I don't second-guess myself on Monday."

Two weeks ago, Morris was second in the American Conference in rushing, behind Buffalo's O.J. Simpson. Despite only 42 yards on 17 carries in the last two games, he remains third in the AFC rushing race.

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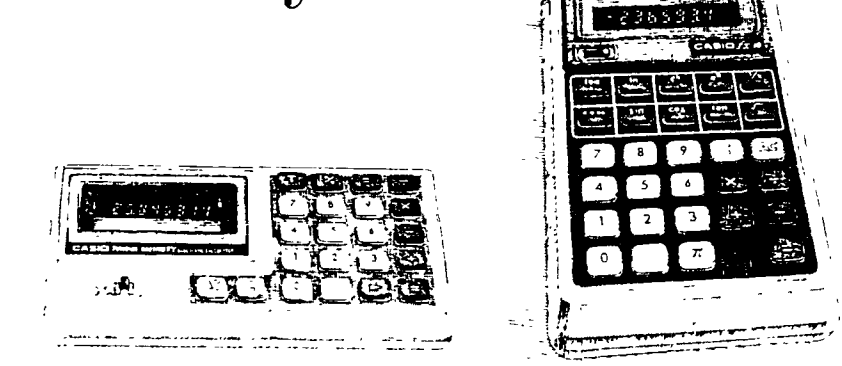
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