

No. 1 in Doubt as Irish, Miami Win

Hurricanes Stick Alabama

New Orleans (AP) — Miami, the team of the 1990s, took a first step Monday night toward becoming the team of the 1990s.

The second-ranked Hurricanes, taking advantage of a loss by top-rated

No. 1. That's us," Miami quarterback Craig Erickson said after throwing three touchdown passes.

Coach Dennis Erickson, in his first year at Miami, agrees.

The pollsters will cast their votes in the final rankings this afternoon and No. 4 Notre Dame, which defeated Colorado 21-6 in the Orange Bowl, is sure to get a lot of support.

The poll will be released at 11 a.m.

"I think we are the best, but the

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Bowl Results

Hall of Fame Bowl	Auburn 31	Ohio State 14
Citrus Bowl	Illinois 31	Virginia 21
Cotton Bowl	Tennessee 31	Arkansas 27
Fiesta Bowl	Florida State 41	Nebraska 17
Rose Bowl	Southern Cal 17	Michigan 10
Sugar Bowl	Miami 33	Alabama 25
Orange Bowl	Notre Dame 21	Colorado 6

Notre Dame Rolls; Buffs Spin Wheels

Miami (AP) — Lou Holtz was right, even if his timing was wrong. Frustration set in on top-ranked Colorado, though earlier than Holtz foresaw, and Notre Dame followed the fleet feet of Raghbi Ismail to a 21-6 victory over top-ranked Colorado in Monday night's Orange Bowl.

Thus, the fourth-ranked Fighting Irish staked their claim to a second consecutive national championship — something that hasn't happened since Alabama accomplished the feat in 1978-79.

Despite Notre Dame's victory and

Orange Bowl

21-1 record against the toughest schedule in the country, second-ranked Miami appeared to have the edge in the race for No. 1 by beating Alabama 33-25 in the Sugar Bowl. The Hurricanes handed the Irish their only loss, 27-10, in a game played on the Orange Bowl field Nov. 25.

Holtz, who predicted in a pep talk last week that Colorado would be rattled by the third quarter, left no doubt about

which team he feels should win the national championship when the final poll is released today.

"I've got to vote for us," he said. "We're No. 1. All year long, we played with pressure. I don't know what more you can do than to beat the No. 1 team by 15 points."

Ismail, a speedy sophomore known as "The Rocket," rushed for a career-high 108 yards and one touchdown and Anthony Johnson added two short scoring runs as Notre Dame ended a decade

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Sugar Bowl

Colorado won the Sugar Bowl and possibly the national championship, too, by defeating Alabama 33-25.

"I might be a bit prejudiced, but

there's not a doubt in my mind who's

Willis Passes for Record 422 Yards, 5 Touchdowns

Seminoles' Quarterback Has a Fiesta Against NU



Nebraska's Tyrone Hughes returns a kickoff 62 yards in the second quarter to set up a 39-yard field goal by Chris Dremann... Florida State's John Davis chases Hughes, who was tackled by kicker Bill Mason at the Seminoles' 29-yard line. A personal foul penalty advanced the ball to the FSU 15.

By Lee Barfknecht
World-Herald Staff Writer

Tempe, Ariz. — The Big Red football team left Sun Devil Stadium Monday with a big red face.

"I'm a little embarrassed," Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said after watching No. 5 Florida State score 34 straight points in the middle two quarters to scorch the No. 6 Huskers 41-17 in the Fiesta Bowl.

"I thought we'd play better. I thought our attitude was good and our practices were good. We thought we were capable of winning the game. But we really got pretty close to blown out."

The biggest blast came from Florida State quarterback Peter Tom Willis.

The senior from Morris, Ala., earned offensive player of the game honors by completing 25 of 40 passes for 422 yards and five touchdowns of 5, 8, 10, 14 and 24 yards.

The yardage and touchdown totals broke Fiesta Bowl records set by FSU quarterback Danny McManus against Nebraska in the Seminoles' 31-28 victory two years ago. McManus threw for 375 yards and three touchdowns.

Willis' numbers also were highs against Osborne in his 17 years as head coach.

In the wake of Willis' explosion, Nebraska — which once led 7-0 and 10-7 — needed Mike Croel's block of a Florida State punt and backup quarterback Mickey Joseph's ensuing 2-yard

touchdown run with 1:15 to play to avoid two embarrassing footnotes.

That touchdown kept the Huskers from absorbing their worst bowl loss in history. The biggest margin of defeat in 27 previous appearances is 27 points twice — 34-7 to Duke in the 1955 Orange Bowl and 34-7 to Alabama in the 1967 Sugar Bowl.

The late TD also stopped FSU from matching Oklahoma as the team that has pinned Osborne with his worst defeat. The Sooners thumped NU by 31 points, 38-7, in 1977.

Still, the 24-point thumping before the second-largest Fiesta Bowl crowd ever — 73,953 — hurt.

"We got beat. Beat up. Beat up bad," outside linebacker Jeff Mills said. "And I don't know why it happened."

"I would hate to think we weren't ready to play. But it leaves something to the imagination when you get beat that bad. I don't ever remember getting beat that bad at Nebraska."

The Huskers, 10-2, must wait for today's Associated Press and United Press International voting to see if they keep their Top 10 string alive. They have finished in at least one wire service Top 10 the past 19 years.

If Nebraska slips out of the Top 10, blame turnovers.

The Huskers, who turned the ball over only five times in their final six regular-season games, let it get away

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NU Defensive Backs Say Breakdowns Help FSU

By Doug Thomas
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Tempe, Ariz. — Breakdowns in Nebraska's pass coverage made Florida State's job easier Monday, members of the Husker secondary said.

"I wish everybody would have played better mentally," free safety Tyrone Byrd said after the Seminoles' 41-17 win in the Fiesta Bowl. "That hurt us a lot. We made a lot of mistakes."

Strong safety Marvin Sanders agreed.

"Florida State is a great team," he said. "They deserved to win."

"But we made a lot of mental mistakes on defense. I mean, I wouldn't say a lot. But enough. And if you make a mental mistake, a team like Florida State will hurt you."

NU secondary coach George Darlington said the Seminoles compare favorably with any team he's seen in 17 years as a Husker assistant.

"I felt they had a better pass offense than Miami did going into our game," he said. "They just had excellent wide receivers and an excellent quarter-

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Badgers Hire Irish Assistant For Football Job

Madison, Wis. (AP) — Barry Alvarez, assistant head coach at Notre Dame, has accepted an offer to become football coach at the University of Wisconsin.

Pat Richter, Wisconsin's new athletic director, was en route to Miami Monday where he expected to meet with the 42-year-old Alvarez before the Fighting Irish met No. 1 Colorado in the Orange Bowl.

"I hope to bring him back tomorrow," Richter said Monday after meeting with the UW Athletic Board to get approval to hire Alvarez. "Barry Alvarez was the No. 1 candidate in my mind."

Alvarez, who spent three years at Notre Dame, replaces Don Morton, fired last month after compiling a 6-27 record over three years.

"I feel like Wisconsin... is a sleeping giant," Alvarez said before the Orange Bowl. "I think they've got everything it takes to be a winner."

Alvarez played football at Nebraska in the late 1960s and was an assistant coach at Iowa for eight years before moving to Notre Dame. He has been a major factor in helping Coach Lou Holtz build the Fighting Irish into a national power.

As the defensive coordinator for the 1988 national champions, Alvarez coached a unit that ranked third in the nation in points allowed (12.4 a game). This season, the Irish ranked 14th in total defense (285.8 yards) and 12th in points allowed (15.3).

Alvarez was to meet today with Wisconsin Chancellor Donna Shalala, who was instrumental in hiring Richter as athletic director last month.

Terms of Alvarez's contract were

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How Rated Teams Fared

AP/UPI	AP/UPI	Bowl
1/ 1 Colorado (11-1-0) lost to Notre Dame 21-6	1/ 1 Colorado (11-1-0) lost to Notre Dame 21-6	Orange Bowl
2/ 2 Miami, Fla. (11-1-0) defeated Alabama 33-25	2/ 2 Miami, Fla. (11-1-0) defeated Alabama 33-25	Sugar Bowl
3/ 3 Michigan (10-2-0) lost to Southern Cal 17-10	3/ 3 Michigan (10-2-0) lost to Southern Cal 17-10	Rose Bowl
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7/ 7 Nebraska (11-1-0) defeated Arkansas 31-27	7/ 7 Nebraska (11-1-0) defeated Arkansas 31-27	Sugar Bowl
8/ 8 Auburn (10-2-0) lost to Tennessee 31-27	8/ 8 Auburn (10-2-0) lost to Tennessee 31-27	Cotton Bowl
9/ 9 Arkansas (10-2-0) lost to Tennessee 31-27	9/ 9 Arkansas (10-2-0) lost to Tennessee 31-27	Hall of Fame Bowl
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12/ 12 Southern Cal (9-2-1) defeated Michigan 17-10	12/ 12 Southern Cal (9-2-1) defeated Michigan 17-10	Rose Bowl
13/ Houston (9-2-0) did not play	13/ Houston (9-2-0) did not play	
14/ 14 Clemson (10-2-0) defeated West Virginia 27-7	14/ 14 Clemson (10-2-0) defeated West Virginia 27-7	Gator Bowl
15/ 15 Virginia (10-3-0) lost to Illinois 31-21	15/ 15 Virginia (10-3-0) lost to Illinois 31-21	Citrus Bowl
16/ 16 Texas A&M (8-4-0) lost to Pittsburgh 31-28	16/ 16 Texas A&M (8-4-0) lost to Pittsburgh 31-28	John Hancock Bowl
17/ 17 West Virginia (8-3-1) lost to Clemson 27-7	17/ 17 West Virginia (8-3-1) lost to Clemson 27-7	Gator Bowl
18/ 18 Penn State (8-3-1) defeated Brigham Young 50-39	18/ 18 Penn State (8-3-1) defeated Brigham Young 50-39	Holiday Bowl
19/ 19 Brigham Young (10-3-0) lost to Penn State 50-39	19/ 19 Brigham Young (10-3-0) lost to Penn State 50-39	Holiday Bowl
20/ Duke (8-4-0) lost to Texas Tech 49-21	20/ Duke (8-4-0) lost to Texas Tech 49-21	All American Bowl
21/ Ohio State (8-4-0) lost to Auburn 31-14	21/ Ohio State (8-4-0) lost to Auburn 31-14	Hall of Fame Bowl
22/ Michigan State (8-4-0) defeated Hawaii 33-13	22/ Michigan State (8-4-0) defeated Hawaii 33-13	All American Bowl
23/ Pittsburgh (8-3-1) defeated Texas A&M 31-28	23/ Pittsburgh (8-3-1) defeated Texas A&M 31-28	Aloha Bowl
24/ 24 Texas Tech (9-3-0) defeated Duke 49-21	24/ 24 Texas Tech (9-3-0) defeated Duke 49-21	John Hancock Bowl
25/ 25 Hawaii (9-3-1) lost to Michigan State 33-13	25/ 25 Hawaii (9-3-1) lost to Michigan State 33-13	All American Bowl

Vols, Webb Spin Cotton Victory

The Dallas Morning News

Dallas — Arkansas and Tennessee, whose seasons, strengths, weaknesses and history have mirrored each other, found a line of distinction Monday in the 34th Cotton Bowl: Tennessee has a knack for winning bowl games; Arkansas doesn't.

Arkansas uncharacteristically cost itself a chance for a commanding lead with two turnovers inside Tennessee's 10-yard line, and the Vols characteristically took charge on big plays — setting school bowl records with an 84-yard scoring pass and a 78-yard touchdown run by Chuck Webb.

And a fourth-quarter rally that came up short left the Razorbacks with their fourth consecutive bowl loss and second consecutive Cotton Bowl defeat, a 31-27 setback before a sellout crowd of 74,358 on New Year's Day.

"It's frustrating," Arkansas Coach

Cotton Bowl

Ken Hatfield said. "Especially when we hadn't given up big plays or turned the ball over all year."

Tennessee, 11-1, which went into the game ranked eighth, won its fourth consecutive bowl game. Arkansas, 10-1 and ranked 10th, had repeated as Southwest Conference champion with a goal of redeeming itself after a dismal, 17-3 loss to UCLA a year ago.

The Razorbacks' offense, which had four first downs against UCLA, succeeded with a Cotton Bowl-record 31 first downs against the Vols and by outgaining Tennessee, 568 yards to 470. But three lost fumbles and an interception — all in Tennessee territory — marred Arkansas' effort.

"That really broke our backs," Ar-

kansas senior running back James Rouse said. "It was hard for us to get over that."

The two run-oriented teams combined to set a game record for total offense of 1,039 yards.

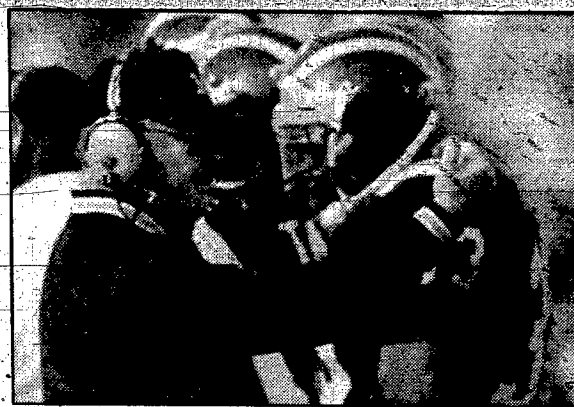
Arkansas became the first SWC Cotton Bowl representative to have two 100-yard rushers in Rouse (134 yards) and Barry Foster (103), but the day belonged to Tennessee's Webb, who had the No. 2 rushing day in Cotton Bowl history with 250 yards on 28 carries. Rice's Dickie Maegle set the record with 265 yards against Alabama in 1954.

"He's just a great running back," Arkansas linebacker Mick Thomas said. "He is quick, he has power and he can get to the inside. We just couldn't stop him."

Tennessee Coach Johnny Majors,

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Bo Bows Out With Tantrum, Another Rose Bowl Loss



Michigan tailback Leroy Hoard gets instructions from Coach Bo Schembechler... "We're losing a legend," said USC Coach Larry Smith after denying Schembechler a final victory.

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Pasadena, Calif. — Bo Schembechler said goodbye to college football Monday after 21 years as Michigan's irascible coach, and he didn't do it by blowing kisses and being sentimental.

No, the 60-year-old Schembechler never departed from form. He flew into a temper tantrum along the sideline, slamming his clipboard to the turf so hard he almost fell on his face.

He spiced his final postgame words to reporters by ripping into a line judge who made a critical call against his Wolverines.

And, oh yes, Schembechler and Michigan lost another Rose Bowl, 17-10 to Southern Cal before 103,450 spectators who attended his farewell party in the 76th bowl game they call the granddaddy of them all.

Thus, Schembechler ended his otherwise magnificent coaching career with a 2-3 Rose Bowl record, but also as the fifth winningest coach of all time with a 224-84-8 record.

He also ended his career with the

Rose Bowl

kind of loss that tested his twice surgically repaired heart.

The score was tied 10-10, with 5:24 remaining, when Schembechler tried a trick play that worked — until a flag dropped, signaling a penalty.

On fourth and two from the Michigan 46-yard line, Wolverines punter Chris Stapleton ran 24 yards for an apparent first down. But line judge Charles Zubin of the Pac-10 flagged Michigan linebacker Bobby Abrams for holding.

Afterward, a jocular Schembechler said he didn't see the replay, but he still had his opinion about the call and the official who made it.

"One thing I won't miss about this game is the incompetent officiating," Schembechler said, with no bitterness. "That's the most unbelievable call I ever saw and it happens in my last game. He came over to me and said it was blocking below the waist. Then he

goes over and tells the referee it was holding."

Vern Sorgen, the Pac-10's supervisor of officials, defended Zubin.

"The line judge called holding on No. 24 (Abrams). He said he had his hands on the player," Sorgen said. "It was a proper call."

That opinion didn't surprise Schembechler.

"Never in the history of football has an official made a mistake in the eyes of a supervisor of officials," he said.

"It was absolutely ridiculous. You couldn't go out and find another official who would make that call. You know, the game has passed by these officials. It's gotten too fast and too complicated for them."

Asked which official made the call, Schembechler laughed and said, "The most incompetent one."

In expressing his outrage at the time, Schembechler compounded Michigan's problem with his final temper tantrum. He was assessed a 15-yard unsports-

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