

**The Top 25:
How they
Fared**

The Associated Press ratings

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
Philadelphians	Miami (8-0) beat West Virginia 35-23	Washington (8-0) beat Stanford 41-7	Michigan (7-0-1) beat Purdue 24-17	Alabama (8-0) did not play	Texas A&M (8-0) beat SMU 41-7	Florida State (7-1) beat Virginia 43-3	Georgia (7-2) lost to Florida 26-7	Nebraska (8-1) beat Colorado 52-7	Colorado (8-1) beat to Nebraska 52-7	North Carolina (6-1-1) lost Navy 38-7	Boston College (7-0-1) beat Temple 43-9	Syracuse (7-1) beat Pittsburgh 41-10	Southern Cal (6-1-1) beat Arizona State 23-13	Penn State (6-2) lost to BYU 38-17	Stanford (6-3) lost to Washington 41-7	Tennessee (6-3) lost to South Carolina 24-23	Arkansas (6-2-1) beat New Mexico State 30-0	Kansas (7-1) beat Oklahoma State 26-18	Washington St (6-2) lost to Oregon 34-17	Florida (6-2) beat Georgia 30-24	NC State (6-2-1) did not play	North Carolina (7-2) beat Maryland 51-24	Virginia (6-3) lost to Florida 26-7	Miss State (6-3) lost Kentucky 31-3	Texas (6-2) beat Texas Tech 44-33

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**Sports
Opinion**

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**Walker Tries
'To Do More'**

A thousand-yard rusher? What's the big deal? Herschel Walker, the Philadelphia Eagles' celebrated free agent, did that once, in a big way. Back in 1988 with the Dallas Cowboys, he gained 1,514 yards over a 16-game season.

So you can forgive Walker for the blank, so-what look on his face when he's told that he is on a pace to finish his first season as an Eagle with 1,314 yards rushing.

"I'm doing OK," he said. "I can do better. I see things that I can get better at. I can run a little bit harder, just run the ball better. It's so funny, you made the statement, 'You can be a thousand-yard rusher.' Just being a thousand-yard rusher, I don't think that's that important. You've got to do more than that. Being a thousand-yard rusher, that's just average."

It's that calm, almost blasé determination to excel, to accept nothing less than the best of himself, that makes Walker an inspiration to his teammates on the field.

'His Eyes Widen'

"I tell you, he's awesome," tackle Ron Heller said. "There's just an air of greatness around him. He never seems to get tired. He always seems like he's chomping at the bit. He doesn't talk that much in the huddle, but when Randall (Cunningham) calls a play where the ball is going to Herschel, his eyes widen. That's what he wants to hear."

"Like I said, he doesn't say much, but when he does, it's like, 'Well, man, if this guy's got that attitude, I shouldn't be tired. I shouldn't doubt we can do it.' He'll come back after his 20th carry, after taking a shot that makes you cringe, and he'll pop up with a smirk on his face, and say, 'Let's go, fellas! Isn't this fun?'"

"He stands in the huddle by me, and he'll just look at me and say, 'Get ready, Ron, here we go!' And I know what he means. It isn't, 'The clock's ready to start, let's go.' It's 'Saddle up, this is going to be a good ride!'"

Image Changed

Walker came to the Eagles last summer with a reputation for being a self-absorbed multimillionaire exotic.

There were also a few people who thought he was washed up. The Minnesota Vikings gave up everything but their slice of the Great Lake to get him from Dallas in 1989 and then parked him in the garage like a classic automobile.

When Walker made news over the last two seasons, it was for nearly asphyxiating himself in his car or for his bizarre dietary scheme or his surprising decision to take up Olympic bobsledding. His image had gone from that of the University of Georgia and USFL super-talent to kook.

But judging by Walker's quiet, dignified, polite manner in Philadelphia, and his consistent excellence on the field, it's hard to figure how any of those ideas got started.

"I separate out the things that other people say about me from the things I say myself and the things that are true," Walker said.

"If Herschel says something, then that's something I can comment about. But the things that other people say about me, I don't have any comment about that. I don't have any control over that. That's their opinion. They are entitled to their opinion. But that doesn't make it the truth."

Complete Player

What is true is that Walker, who has 577 yards and two touchdowns through seven games, has melded into the Eagles as a complete football player.

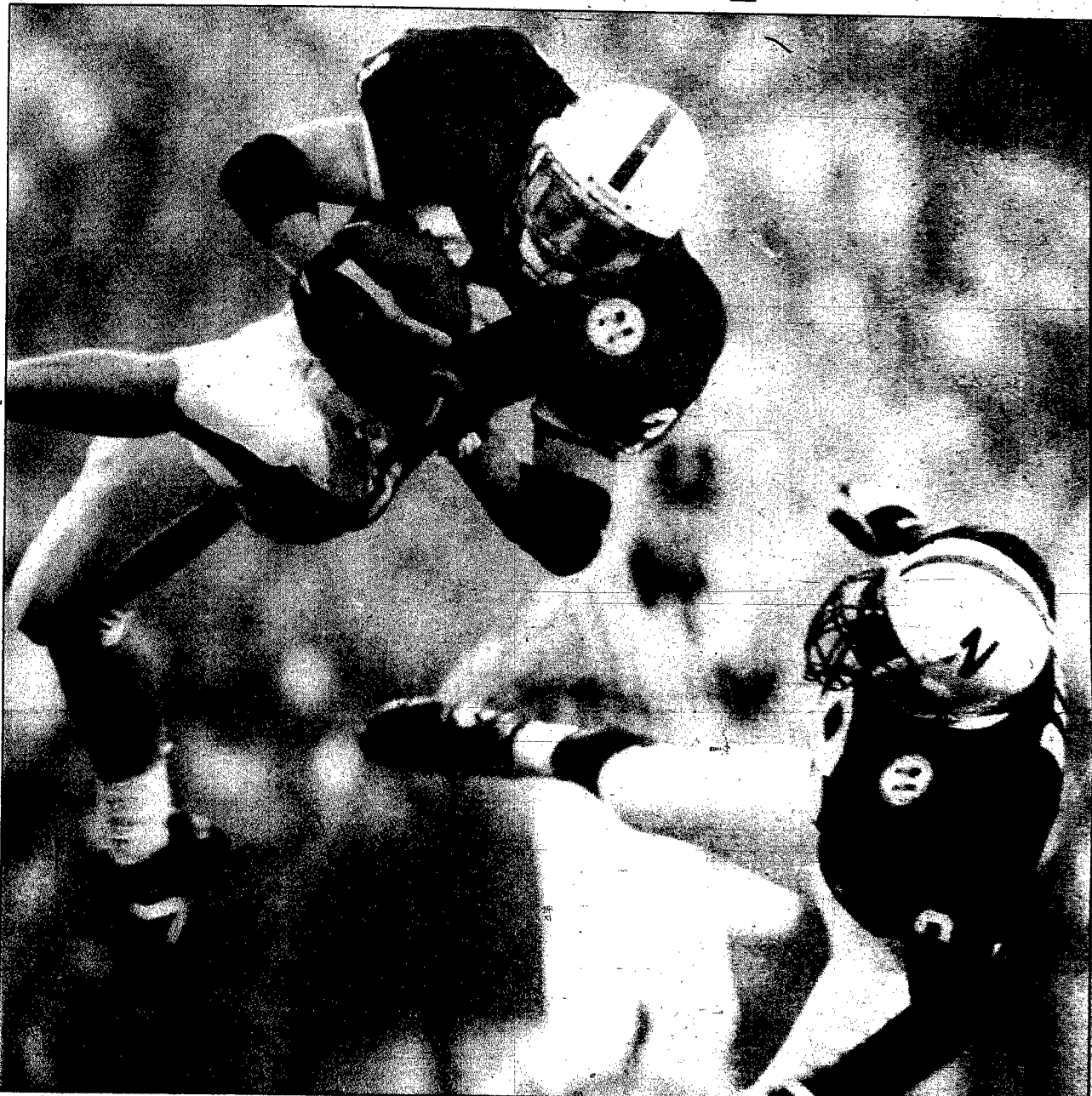
■ He was the tackler last week when Phoenix's Aeneas Williams intercepted one of Cunningham's passes.

■ It was Walker who ran for 112 yards, including two crucial gains of 26 yards and 13 yards in the closing seconds to sustain the Eagles drive that ate up the clock.

His teammates appreciate Walker's ball-carrying.

"Having him back there makes our job a lot easier," center Dave Alexander said. "Any time you're in second and six or less, it makes the offensive line's job easier."

Huskers Trample Buffaloes



INTERCEPTION: Nebraska strong safety Steve Carmer comes down with a Koy Detmer pass at the Colorado 36-yard line with 13:08 left in the first half, with free safety Tyrone Byrd nearby. The interception was one of three by the Huskers, and set up a field goal that gave NU a 17-0 lead.

BY LEE BARFKNECHT
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Lincoln — The only time Nebraska let up on Colorado Saturday was in the postgame interview room.

After blasting the Buffaloes 52-7 — snapping CU's 25-game Big Eight unbeaten streak and NU's eight-game skid against Top 10 opponents — Coach Tom Osborne could have dragged his soapbox up from the locker room.

The Huskers, tied at No. 8 in the Associated Press poll with Colorado, have been criticized for being behind the times with their option-I formation. Meanwhile, CU's one-back passing set has been touted as the offense of the '90s. But Osborne turned down the chance to gloat, even though his team outgained the Buffaloes in total yards 428-144, outrushed them 373-8 and handed them their worst loss in eight years.

"It's always a temptation when things go your way to say, 'I told you so,'" Osborne said. "But I've been at this long enough to know you better not do that because there is another day coming. And some passing team may beat the tar out of us."

"But for this climate, you've still got to be able to jam it at people some. Colorado has committed itself to the pass, and it may turn out real well. But today it didn't."

Not by a long shot on a misty, 50-degree afternoon before 76,287 fans at Memorial Stadium.

NU outside linebacker Travis Hill intercepted a pass on the game's first play. I-back Calvin Jones scored one of his three first-half touchdowns five plays later.

A Hill fumble recovery late in the second quarter on a pass rush — one of six NU takeaways — stalled Colorado's only momentum and led to another touchdown drive, kept alive by a 16-yard fumbleroosky run.

Overall, the Husker defense, ripped for 424 yards passing a week ago by Missouri, didn't allow Colorado into NU territory until the eighth series.

Offensively, Nebraska handled 92 snaps without a turnover, stretching its mistake-free string to 14 quarters.

The Huskers got TD runs of 1, 3 and 47 yards from Jones to take a 24-7 halftime lead and used second-half touchdown passes of 1 and 5 yards from freshman quarterback Tommie Frazier to pull away.

All that threw the fans into such a frenzy that they tore down the goal posts for only the sixth time in modern history. The other five were after wins over

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Jayhawks Hold Off Cowboys, Look to Showdown Against NU

BY DENNIS DODD
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Lawrence, Kan. — Kansas appeared to be looking ahead to its Big Eight Conference showdown against Nebraska when Oklahoma State rallied to give the Jayhawks a late scare Saturday.

KU defensive tackle Dana Stubblefield said that wasn't the case.

"Some guys' minds were wandering off into no-no land," he said after KU held on for a 26-18 victory. "I don't want to say we were looking ahead to Nebraska because we weren't. Once we got on top, guys were thinking, 'Let's run the clock out.'"

Oklahoma State, which rallied from a 26-3 deficit, had five reasons to believe it should have upset No. 18 Kansas — the

five turnovers that helped KU boost its record to 7-1 overall and 4-0 in the conference. OSU dropped to 4-4 and 2-2.

Turnovers led to three of Dan Eichloff's four field goals. The nine points turned out to be the difference.

The victory set up a battle for first place in the league Saturday at Nebraska, 3-0.

Kansas Coach Glen Mason said he wasn't pleased with his team's performance.

"You play the game to win," Mason said. "But I'm not happy with much else. We made every mistake in the book."

The Cowboys managed to give the Jayhawks a late Halloween scare. Kansas held on to defeat OSU at home for the first time in 24 years.

Freshman quarterback Gary Porter

threw two touchdown passes in the last 2 minutes, 46 seconds for the Cowboys.

Porter's 11-yard pass to Rafael Denson with 42 seconds left brought OSU to within 26-16. Porter threw to Shannon Culver for the two-point conversion.

Kansas clinched the victory when Chris Powell recovered Oklahoma

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Powers Pitching Offers To Wood River's Frost

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Wood River, Neb. — Lou Holtz calls from South Bend. Bill Walsh calls from Palo Alto. Tom Osborne comes to watch a 50-0 blowout.

All this attention, and more, is for Scott Frost. The Wood River quarterback, one of Nebraska's most highly sought football players ever, can have his pick of colleges.

His father, Wood River Coach Larry Frost, reads off the roll of college offers like a train conductor.

"Let's go from west to east. Definite offers from Washington, Stanford, Fresno State. USC has virtually offered but not definite. Then there are Arizona State, Brigham Young, Colorado, Colorado State, Wyoming, Nebraska, Notre Dame."

Why are college recruiters racking up the miles to see Frost? It's because he's racking up record yardage.

Thursday night, by rushing for 168 yards and passing for 215 in a 36-7 victory over previously unbeaten Hastings Adams Central, Frost be-

came only the third high school player nationally to reach 10,000 yards in total offense.

Ahead of him, and probably uncatchable, are Ken Hall of Sugar Land, Texas, the leader with 14,558 yards from 1950-53, and Ron Cuccia of Los Angeles Wilson, with 11,451 from 1975-77.

After a 9-0 regular season, Frost's total stands at 10,160 yards rushing, and passing. He could extend his high school career four more games if Wood River advances to the Class C-1 state finals.

The playoffs begin Wednesday. Wood River plays host to Hebron. Recruiters are after Frost because he can run as well as pass. And because the 6-foot-3, 200-pounder scored 29 on his ACT and has a 3.8 grade-point average.

He has had back-to-back 1,000-yard rushing seasons and was 46 yards short of that plateau as a sophomore. He has rushed for 3,875 yards.

Frost is Nebraska's all-time passer.

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Frost's Offers



■ The Division I scholarship offers Wood River quarterback Scott Frost has received:

Nebraska	Notre Dame
Stanford	Colorado
Colorado State	Wyoming
Brigham Young	Arizona State
Fresno State	Washington

MVC Is Pondering Its Basketball Image

BY STEVEN PIVOVAR
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St. Louis, Mo. — The Missouri Valley Conference possesses a rich basketball past and an uncertain future.

The league that gave college basketball Oscar Robertson, Larry Bird and Hersey Hawkins has been saddled with second-class status in recent years. The Valley's image took a major hit last year, when the league won just 36 of 95 non-conference games, a 37.8 winning percentage.

The coaches and players who gathered at the league's recent news media day promised better days are ahead for the Valley. They cite the fact that 34 of 50 starters from a year ago will be on hand when teams begin practicing today. They cite the influx of talented, young coaches in the league. They cite adopting scheduling philosophies that give their teams a chance to be competitive.

"Missouri Valley Conference basketball fans have a real treat from my perspective," said Eldon Miller, the University of Northern Iowa coach who spent 10 years in the Big Ten Conference at Ohio State before moving to the Cedar Falls, Iowa school in 1987.

MVC in '91-92

How Missouri Valley Conference teams fared against non-league competition in 1991-92 and their overall records:

	Non-Conf.	All
	W-L	W-L
Southern Illinois	7-3 22- 8	
Southwest Missouri	7-3 23- 8	
Northern Iowa	4-5 10-18	
Bradley	4-8 7-23	
Illinois State	3-6 18-11	
Tulsa	3-6 17-13	
Drake	3-6 6-21	
Craigton	2-7 9-19	
Wichita State	2-7 8-20	
Indiana State	1-8 13-15	

"I've been in a lot of basketball leagues, and this is good basketball," said Miller, beginning his 30th season as a head coach. "We have extremely talented coaches and players, who work exceptionally hard at the game of basketball. I think we have a great thing going."

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