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Arizona retains top spot in polls

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Arizona, buoyed by easy victories over two Pac-10 opponents, retained the No. 1 spot in the Associated Press and United Press International Top 20 college basketball polls. Arizona (16-1) stayed on top of the AP rankings with 45 first-place votes and 1,202 points, outdistancing No. 2 North Carolina (13-1) with 10 first-place votes and 1,147 points.

Arizona received 26 first-place votes and 564 points, 43 ahead of North Carolina in the UPI poll.

Illinois (13-3) jumped from 20th to 13th in the AP poll and is ranked 14th by UPI. Indiana (9-5), which lost twice last week, fell out of both rankings.

Rounding out AP's top 10: Temple, Kentucky, Purdue, Pittsburgh, Michigan, Nevada-Las Vegas, Duke and Iowa State.

Rounding out UPI's top 10: Kentucky, Purdue, Kentucky, Temple, Pittsburgh, Nevada-Las Vegas, Michigan and Brigham Young and Duke (tie).

Iowa (12-0) retained the top spot in the Associated Press women's poll, while Wake Forest made its first appearance ever at No. 20. Three former NBA players - Michael Brooks of Albany, Pete Myers of Rockford and Brad Wright of Wyoming - will start for the Continental Basketball Association team in the league's All-Star game Saturday.

Myers, a forward who played with the Bulls last season, is averaging 20.9 points.

Also named as starters were Ricky Wilson of Mississippi and Kelvin Upshaw of Rapid City.

Donald Whiteside, who leads Northern Illinois in assists as a reserve point guard, has been declared academically ineligible for the rest of the season, coach Jim Rosborough announced.

SKIING: Brigitte Oertli won her first World Cup race in a slalom, leading the Swiss women to their first event victory this season at Saas Fee, Switzerland.

Oertli's victory increased the Swiss domination in the World Cup, moving her into third place over all with 124 points.

BOXING: A featherweight title fight Monday night between champion Antonio Esparragoza and Valerio Nati at Hollywood, Fla., was postponed because of a dispute over the selection of officials between the World Boxing Association and the Florida State Boxing Commission.

PARALYMPICS: The fourth World Winter Games for the disabled opened at Innsbruck, Austria, with a ceremony complete with the unfurling of the Olympic flag and a speech from Austrian president Kurt Waldheim.

Organizers said 720 athletes from 22 countries will compete in skiing and sledding through Sunday.

AUTO RACING: French driver Bruno Saby won the first of 26 stages of the 56th Monte Carlo rally. Saby, driving a Lancia, finished the stage from Aubenas to Gap in southeastern France, in 2:50:16. A 10-year-old girl was killed after being hit by a car competing in the 18th stage of the Paris-Dakar Rally

in Kita, Mali, organizers said. It was the third death since the 7,979-mile rally began Jan. 1.

FOOTBALL: The Arena Football League has signed a contract with ESPN to have 15 games televised on the cable network. The 12-week season begins April 29.

HORSE RACING: Broad Brush, who retired with career earnings of more than \$2.6 million, has been named Maryland-bred Horse of the Year for the second year in a row by Maryland Horse Magazine.

TRACK: Canadian Ben Johnson, who set a world indoor best in the 50-yard dash in the Hamilton Spectator Games in Canada, has taken the men's lead in the Mobil Grand Prix standings.

COLLEGES: F.L. Ferzacca, commissioner of the Association of Mid Continent Universities, announced he will retire June 30. Sports agent Lloyd Bloom said federal prosecutors have told him he will be indicted in the next few weeks, and a published report said Bloom has been offered a deal in exchange for testimony against fellow agent Norby Walters.

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