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NCAA Numbers

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. (AP) - Better than 40 percent of the athletes competing in NCAA championships do so in Division I.

The figures from the sports organization covering the year ending in the spring of 1993 show 9,571 athletes, both men and women, participated in Division I.

Division III had a greater number than Division II, with 7,152 to 4,796 for the higher grade. There also were 385 athletes who performed in the three sports combining men and women, fencing, rifle and skiing.

Hard To Double

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - A golfer who wins the Masters Tournament has to be euphoric for quite a while. It can be hard to focus.

In the past 30 years only two golfers have combined a victory in the Masters with a triumph in the next event on the PGA Tour.

In 1978 Gary Player doubled in the Masters and Tournament of Champions.

In 1985 Bernhard Langer scored in the MCI Heritage Classic, one week after his Masters win.

Has Durability

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) - The 1994 Masters Golf Tournament was the 40th in which Arnold Palmer played. Unhappily, he did not make the cut, which was virtually automatic in years gone by.

Palmer's 40-year string began in 1955. He won the legendary green jacket four times, being victorious in 1958, 1960, 1962 and 1964.

The NFL and Women

NEW YORK (AP) - The NFL legion of female fans continues to grow in number.

A survey taken earlier this year by ESPN-Hilton revealed that 39.4 percent of the female fans said they were more interested in the game than they had been the previous year.

Another poll, this one by the Simmons Study of Media and Markets, showed that women accounted for 41 percent of the pro football TV audience.

Good In Front

NEW YORK (AP) - "On The Bill Daly" is a time-honored phrase of horse racing. It means to be in front from start to finish.

A turn-of-the-century trainer named Bill Daly, who was known as "Father Bill Daly," used to give his jockeys instructions to go to the front at the start of a race and stay there.

The strategy sometimes worked and sometimes it didn't.

Forego's Titles

NEW YORK (AP) - Forego, who ran in the silks of the Lazy F Ranch, is the only horse ever to win "Horse of the Year" honors three consecutive times.

Forego did it in 1974, 1975 and 1976. One of his most spectacular victories came in his finale for the 1976 season.

The big stretch-runner, ridden by Bill Shoemaker, carried 137 pounds and ran down the flying pacemaker, Honest Pleasure, with a furious run through the stretch.

Cobb Was First

COOPERSTOWN, N.Y. (AP) - Ty Cobb, the "Georgia Peach," led the parade of the first five players enrolled in the Baseball Hall of Fame.

In the 1936 vote of the baseball writers, it was Cobb getting the most votes. The next four, in order, were Hans Wagner, the great Pittsburgh shortstop; Babe Ruth, a winning pitcher and home run leader; Christy Mathewson, the matchless New York Giant pitcher; and Walter Johnson, the "Big Train" of the Washington Senators.

Before those five were voted in, a Centennial Committee had installed 13 old timers.

Derby Colors

LOUISVILLE (AP) - The winner of the Kentucky Derby often has a colorful name literally.

Among the winners: Black Gold, 1924; Flying Ebony, 1925; Old Rosebud, 1914; Pink Star, 1907; Strike The Gold, 1991; Wintergreen, 1909; and a color for any season, Winning Colors, 1988, one of the three fillies to win the event.

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Auburn, Alabama on top of SEC West

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The Western Division of the Southeastern Conference will be just as competitive as the Eastern Division, with Auburn and Alabama battling for the top seat.

Auburn, the only undefeated team in Division I-A last season, still cannot win the SEC title or go to a bowl game. They beat it to beat in 1994.

Coach Terry Bowden's Tigers can appear on TV this season due to probation and will be led by junior tailback Stephen Davis, and receivers Frank Sanders and Thomas Bailey.

Auburn will have to replace four year starter quarterback Stan White and junior Patrick Nix will take that position. Nix completed 10 of 15 passes for 131 yards last season for the Tigers.

Nix will have the experienced Sanders and Bailey to throw to this year. Sanders led the team with 48 receptions for 842 yards last year. Bailey caught 27 passes for 427 yards, including four for touchdowns.

The Tigers lost only one starter on the defensive team from the 1993 campaign. Jason Miska, who led Auburn in tackles a year ago, will anchor the defense.

Although the Tigers are ineligible for post-season play, look for them to finish at the top of the Western Division.

The Crimson Tide of Alabama will be Auburn's biggest obstacle for the division title. The two teams will meet in the last regular season for both teams on Nov. 19 in Birmingham.

This game could decide who takes the division crown, however Bama will probably play in their third consecutive SEC Championship game against Florida.

Alabama will be led by senior quarterback Jay Barker this season. Barker will be without his best target, David Palmer, this year that will mean Chad Key, who was fourth on the team last

year in catches, will become an important part in the Tide's offense.

Senior Sherman Williams will anchor a deep runningback squad for Alabama. He was hampered by a shoulder injury last season, but still led the team with 738 rushing yards and nine touchdowns.

Brian Steger and Tarrant Lynch will provide depth in the backfield behind Williams. The offensive line lost four starters and replacing them will be a key to Alabama's success this season.

The biggest loss for the defense was cornerback Antonio Langham. Even with his loss, the defense is once again strong and deep. Seniors right end Elverett Brown, middle linebacker Michael Rogers and Tommy Johnson will provide leadership for the defensive squad in 1994.

Junior placekicker Michael Proctor is back in the starting role. Proctor connected on 22 of 29 field goal attempts last year.

Arkansas, Mississippi, and LSU will battle for third place in the West. All three teams are coming off mediocre seasons and each had five wins.

Arkansas enters the season looking to improve on their 5-5-1 1993 season. Head Coach Danny Ford's Razorbacks finished second in the West last year and will have to fill several holes in their line to be successful in 1994.

The offensive line lost starters Chris Oliver and Isaac Davis and they will have to be replaced if the Razorbacks want to establish the run.

Senior Bryan Cornish and sophomore Tony Swartz will be expected to step up and fill those positions. Quarterback Barry Lunney, Jr. will be at the helm again this year for Arkansas. He completed 51.5 percent of his passes for 1,241 yards, including six touchdowns.

Oscar Malone and Marius Johnson each rushed for 550 yards last year, which helped make the Razorbacks the fifth best rushing offense in the SEC. Os-

car Gray and Dexter Herbert will give the Razorbacks depth in the backfield.

Junior J.J. Meadors is back to lead the receiving corps. Meadors caught 28 catches for 429 yards in 1993. He will be helped this year by Kotto Cotton, Mike Higgins and tight end Kevin Hile in the receiving duties.

The biggest loss for the Arkansas defense this year will be Henry Ford. Ford led the SEC with 14 sacks last year. Ford also made 68 total tackles, including 23 for losses. Marcus Adair, Vernon Wade and Eddie Mosley will be the players called on to fill the void left by Ford.

Trent Knapp is the only starting linebacker returning for the Razorbacks. Along with finding replacements in the linebacking position, Arkansas will also need to find players to fill gaps left by cornerback Orlando Watters and strong safety Alfred Jackson.

If the Razorbacks can effectively replace the holes in their defense they, could be on their way to contend for division crown.

Mississippi comes into the 1994 season with most of their defense in tact. The nation's number one total defense last year has five starters returning, but the loss of Tim Bowens could weaken the line.

Senior Alundis Brice will lead the secondary for the Rebels. Brice tied Langham for the SEC lead with seven interceptions.

The offense will be guided by Josh Nelson. Last year's starter, Lawrence Adams was switched to the secondary in the spring. He threw for 1,415 yards with 13 touchdowns last season.

The Rebels will have to rely on their defense to keep them in games this season.

The Tigers of LSU finished the 1993 season, 5-6. They will be resting their hopes of improvement on the shoulders of their receiving corps.

Brett Bech, Eddie Kennison and Sheddric Wilson will be catching the

passes of junior quarterback, Jamie Howard. Coming out of the backfield for the Tigers will be junior Robert Toomer and sophomore Jermaine Sharp.

On the defensive side, the Tigers' line is deep, with senior tackle Nate Miller anchoring the unit. Mike Calais is the only returning starting linebacker for LSU. The secondary is strong, with senior Ivory Hilliard providing leadership for the unit.

LSU will continue to improve if they remain healthy and can get some production from their experienced quarterback.

Rounding out the SEC Western division is Mississippi State. The Bulldogs finished with a record of 3-6-2 in 1993. Sophomore quarterback Derrick Tate will be running the show for MSU this season.

The Bulldogs' backfield will be its strength in 1994. With seniors Michael Davis, Kevin Bouie and Fred McCrary running the ball MSU should be able to free up the receivers for Tate to pass to.

The receiving unit has seven returnees from last year's squad. Leading the way will be junior Chris Jones, who caught 24 passes in 1993 for 541 yards. Juniors Eric Moulds and Bernard Euell will also bring experience and talent to the field for the Bulldogs.

The defensive unit will be led by senior Jimmie Myles, who started all 11 games last season for Mississippi State. Sophomore Dwayne Curry and senior Mike James give experience to the linebacking position this year.

The Bulldogs defensive backs are also well experienced, with four starters back for the '94 campaign.

Mississippi State has the experience to put numbers on the board, and consistent play may get them out of the SEC basement this season.

With Auburn on probation, the SEC Western Division crown is up for grabs, but dethroning Alabama for the title may be easier said than done.

Women's basketball team reaches out to Carolina community with 'Hot Shots'

From staff reports

The USC women's basketball team has developed a kids fan club named "Hot Shots," open to all youths in first through eighth grade, starting the 1994-95 season. The Hot Shots club was developed to reach out to the youth in the area and allow them to be a part of the women's basketball team.

"Through the Hot Shots club, we are working to develop future support and enthusiasm for Lady Game-

cock basketball in the community. It is going to be a real pleasure to see a group of young people cheering us on and it will also be a good chance for our team to be positive role models to the young community," Head Coach Nancy Wilson said.

The club is designed to generate a fan club for the women's basketball team, but more importantly to provide an opportunity for young girls to be exposed to competition and positive role models.

The annual membership is \$15.00 and each member will receive a Hot Shots T-shirt, poster, media guide, certificate, a membership card that will allow them to come to the games for free, 2-for-1 season tickets for the parents, plus special planned events such as locker room parties, picture night and autograph night.

All potential members should call Assistant Sports Information Director Erika Austin at 777-5257.

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