

The Cornhuskers finished off non-conference play by beating Division II SW Minnesota State, where Nebraska coach Tim Miles once was in charge. The first week back in Big Ten play is challenging for a team that feels like it already let a conference game get away as the Huskers play twice on the road against Maryland and Iowa. Last week: 6. Nati Harnik, Associated Press # 6. Wisconsin (10-3, 2-0) -- The Badgers went on the road to play a mid-major and got burned, losing to Western Kentucky, which has now beaten two ranked opponents this season, also beating West Virginia. The Badgers have now lost twice in the last four games and returns to Big Ten play this week by traveling to Penn State then hosting Purdue on the weekend. Last week: 5. Bac Totrong/Daily News, Associated Press # 7. Minnesota (11-2, 1-1) -- After getting blown out by Ohio State in late November, the Golden Gophers have done a solid job responding, winning five straight, including a conference game against Nebraska. Continuing that trend will be critical this week as the Gophers resume Big Ten play with a tough road trip as they head to Wisconsin before closing the week at home against Maryland. Last week: 7. Paul Battaglia, Associated Press # 8. Iowa (11-2, 0-2) -- The Hawkeyes have won five in a row heading back into Big Ten play but it's a good bet they're not exactly doing so with a lot of confidence. That's probably because they closed out non-conference play by struggling at home to get past Bryant, a team that has won just three games this season. They finished perfect outside of