Preseason – Oct. 14, 1996

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. University of Vermont
- 3. Boston University
- 4. Michigan State University
- 5. University of Minnesota
- 6. Colorado College
- 7. University of Denver
- 8. Bowling Green State University
- 9. Clarkson University
- 10. University of New Hampshire

Week 2 - Oct. 21, 1996

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. University of Vermont
- 3. Boston University
- 4. University of Minnesota
- 5. Bowling Green State University
- 6. Michigan State University
- 7. Colorado College
- 8. Clarkson University
- 9. University of North Dakota
- 10. University of Maine

Week 3 – Oct. 28, 1996

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. University of Vermont
- 3. Bowling Green State University
- 4. Boston University
- 5. University of North Dakota
- 6. Clarkson University
- 7. University of Minnesota
- 8. Colorado College
- 9. Michigan State University
- 10. Providence College

Week 4 - Nov. 4, 1996

- 1. University of Vermont
- 2. University of Michigan
- 3. Boston University
- 4. University of North Dakota
- 5. Michigan State University
- 6. University of Minnesota
- 7. Bowling Green State University
- 8. Colorado College
- 9. Miami University
- 10. University of Maine

Week 5 - Nov. 11, 1996

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. University of Vermont
- 3. Boston University
- 4. University of Minnesota
- 5. Colorado College
- 6. Michigan State University
- 7. University of North Dakota
- 8. Colgate University
- 9. University of New Hampshire
- 10. Miami University

Week 6 – Nov. 18, 1996

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. Boston University
- 3. University of Minnesota
- 4. Colorado College
- 5. University of Vermont
- 6. University of New Hampshire
- 7. Cornell University
- 8. Michigan State University
- 9. Miami University
- 10. University of North Dakota

Week 7 - Nov. 25, 1996

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. Boston University
- 3. Colorado College
- 4. University of New Hampshire
- 5. University of Minnesota
- 6. Michigan State University
- 7. University of Vermont
- 8. Miami University
- 9. Cornell University
- 10. University of North Dakota

Week 8 – Dec. 2, 1996

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. University of New Hampshire
- 3. Boston University
- 4. University of Minnesota
- 5. Miami University
- 6. Michigan State University
- 7. University of North Dakota
- 8. Colorado College
- 9. Lake Superior State University
- 10. University of Vermont

Week 10 – Dec. 16, 1996

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. University of New Hampshire
- 3. Boston University
- 4. Miami University
- 5. University of North Dakota
- 6. Michigan State University
- 7. University of Minnesota
- 8. Colorado College
- 9. University of Vermont
- 10. Princeton University

Week 11 – Dec. 23, 1996

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. University of New Hampshire
- 3. Boston University
- 4. Miami University
- 5. University of North Dakota
- 6. Michigan State University
- 7. Colorado College
- 8. University of Minnesota
- 9. University of Vermont
- 10. St. Cloud State University

Week 12 - Dec. 30, 1996

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. University of New Hampshire
- 3. University of North Dakota
- 4. University of Minnesota
- 5. Boston University
- 6. Miami University
- 7. Colorado College
- 8. Michigan State University
- 9. University of Vermont
- 10. St. Cloud State University

Week 13 – Jan. 6, 1997

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. University of North Dakota
- 3. Boston University
- 4. University of Minnesota
- 5. University of New Hampshire
- 6. Miami University
- 7. Michigan State University
- 8. University of Vermont
- 9. Lake Superior State University
- 10. Colorado College

Week 14 - Jan. 13, 1997

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. University of North Dakota
- 3. Boston University
- 4. Miami University
- 5. University of Minnesota
- 6. University of New Hampshire
- 7. Michigan State University
- 8. University of Vermont
- 9. Lake Superior State University
- 10. Colorado College

Week 15 – Jan. 20, 1997

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. University of North Dakota
- 3. Boston University
- 4. Michigan State University
- 5. University of Minnesota
- 6. Lake Superior State University
- 7. University of New Hampshire
- 8. Clarkson University
- 9. St. Cloud State University
- 10. Miami University

Week 16 – Jan. 27, 1997

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. University of North Dakota
- 3. University of Minnesota
- 4. University of New Hampshire
- 5. Boston University
- 6. Michigan State University
- 7. Clarkson University
- 8. Lake Superior State University
- 9. University of Vermont
- 10. Miami University

Week 17 – Feb. 3, 1997

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. University of North Dakota
- 3. University of New Hampshire
- 4. Boston University
- 5. University of Vermont
- 6. University of Minnesota
- 7. Lake Superior State University
- 8. Michigan State University
- 9. Clarkson University
- 10. Miami University

Week 18 - Feb. 10, 1997

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. University of North Dakota
- 3. University of New Hampshire
- 4. Boston University
- 5. University of Vermont
- 6. University of Minnesota
- 7. Clarkson University
- 8. Michigan State University
- 9. Miami University
- 10. Lake Superior State University

Week 19 – Feb. 17, 1997

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. University of North Dakota
- 3. University of New Hampshire
- 4. Boston University
- 5. Clarkson University
- 6. University of Minnesota
- 7. Miami University
- 8. University of Vermont
- 9. Michigan State University
- 10. Cornell University

Week 20 - Feb. 24, 1997

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. University of North Dakota
- 3. Clarkson University
- 4. University of New Hampshire
- 5. University of Minnesota
- 6. Boston University
- 7. Miami University
- 8. Michigan State University
- 9. University of Vermont
- 10. Cornell University

Week 21 - March 3, 1997

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. Clarkson University
- 3. University of Minnesota
- 4. University of North Dakota
- 5. Boston University
- 6. University of New Hampshire
- 7. Miami University
- 8. University of Vermont
- 9. Cornell University
- 10. Michigan State University

Week 22 – March 10, 1997

- 1. University of Michigan
- 2. Clarkson University
- 3. University of Minnesota
- 4. Boston University
- 5. University of North Dakota
- 6. University of New Hampshire
- 7. Miami University
- 8. Michigan State University
- 9. Cornell University
- 10. University of Denver

Week 24 – March 31, 1997

- 1. University of North Dakota
- 2. Boston University
- 3. University of Michigan
- 4. University of Minnesota
- 5. Colorado College
- 6. Clarkson University
- 7. University of Denver
- 8. University of New Hampshire
- 9. Cornell University
- 10. Michigan State University