

# CORNELL LEADER IN WRITERS' POLL

## Big Red Placed at Top by 90 of 156 Voters on Initial Associated Press List

By The Associated Press.

Cornell's veteran football team, which has started its 1940 campaign even more impressively than it finished its all-winning 1939 season, won some "paper profits" yesterday when the nation's sports editors voted the Big Red the No. 1 team in the country.

In the first of the year's Associated Press ranking polls, 90 of 156 voters placed Cornell at the top. Thus the Ithacans, unscored on in two major games in which they piled up 79 points, took the lead over Texas A. and M., the team voted best last year.

Cornell polled 1,396 points and of the sixty-six first-place votes they missed, twenty-five went to Texas A. and M., with 1,015 points, and twenty-six to Michigan, with 1,004.

The East and Midwest dominate the first ten. Besides Cornell, Boston College in eighth place and Pennsylvania in ninth represent the Atlantic seaboard. Back of Michigan for the Midwest come Northwestern, 898 points for fourth; Notre Dame, 753 for sixth, and Minnesota, 630 for seventh.

### Stanford Tops Far West

The South, with Tennessee's 772 points for fifth place, and the Pacific Coast, with Stanford's 267 for tenth, round out the leading ten. Stanford, operating under Clark Shaughnessy for the first time, is the Far West's only all-winning eleven.

The top ten, except Boston College, which is matched with Idaho, will have to go all-out Saturday to defend its ranking.

Cornell tackles Syracuse, last team to whip the Big Red, in 1938; the Texas Aggies face Texas Christian; Michigan sends its Tommy Harmon against Illinois, which shackled the All-American a year ago, and Northwestern and Bill De Correvont play Wisconsin.

The headline battle in the Southeast Conference and possibly in the nation will be that between Tennessee and Alabama. Notre Dame always gets more than a workout from Carnegie Tech; Minnesota, with an extra week's rest, may need it to get by Ohio State; Penn tackles Princeton and Stanford hooks up with Washington State.

### Standing of First Ten

The rankings (points figured on 10-9-8-7-6, etc., basis:

	First Places.	Points.
1—Cornell .....	90	1,396
2—Texas A. and M..	25	1,015
3—Michigan .....	26	1,004
4—Northwestern .....	1	898
5—Tennessee .....	7	772
6—Notre Dame .....	5	753
7—Minnesota .....	2	630
8—Boston College ...	.	449
9—Pennsylvania .....	.	354
10—Stanford .....	.	267

Second Ten—11—Fordham, 195; 12—Clemson, 160; 13—Mississippi, 134; 14—Texas, 99; 15—Ohio State, 92; 16—Washington, 72; 17—Southern California, 34; 18—Oregon State, 32; 19—Washington State, 23; 20—Iowa, 22.

Also Ran—Alabama 17, Nebraska 16, Georgetown and Southern Methodist 16 each, Rice and North Carolina 12 each, Duquesne 8, Holy Cross and Navy 6 each, Virginia and Michigan State 2 each, Villanova 1.