

MINNESOTA RATED NATION'S TOP TEAM

Gophers Displace Cornell in Associated Press Poll of Football Writers

TEXAS A. AND M. IS THIRD

Stanford Fourth, With Once Beaten Michigan Sixth Behind Tennessee

By The Associated Press.

The annual battle for the honor of being named No. 1 team of the year in The Associated Press football ranking poll apparently has settled down to four teams, with Minnesota's Golden Gophers finally wresting first place away from Cornell.

The Gophers, after closing in on the front-running Ithacans for four weeks, have displaced them in the season's fifth poll, getting 55 first-place votes to Cornell's 45, while one other ballot divides the top spot among these two and third-place Texas A. and M.

The Aggies, named first by 31 of the 148 voting experts, and Stanford, placed on the top by 12, are the only other teams left in the race as it now shapes up. Minnesota, which has won its four biggest games by a total margin of only 14 points, is in front in the poll with 1,314, followed by Cornell's 1,260, the Aggies' 1,202 and Stanford's 1,066.

Tennessee Next in Line

From these four all-conquering outfits, each well on the way to victory in its sectional race, there is a considerable drop to what, off the point standing, could be called the "second division."

Heading this four-team group is Tennessee, the South's only unbeaten-untied survivor, with 698.5 points, followed by Michigan, beaten one point by Minnesota last Saturday, 585; Notre Dame, with 581, still somewhat of a question mark and likely to remain so until it meets Northwestern Nov. 23, and Boston College, 548.5.

Completing the first ten are Georgetown, which meets Boston College this week-end in what shapes up as the most bruising game of the day, 352.5, and Northwestern, 276. The Wildcats, like Michigan, have only a one-point loss to Minnesota to mar their record and will play the Wolverines next in what looks like a battle for the Western Conference consolation prize.

Easy Games Forecast

Minnesota, meeting four-times-beaten Purdue, and Cornell, up against sub-par Dartmouth, should be able to get by with considerably less difficulty than Texas A. and M. is likely to meet in its game with Rice and Stanford in its clash with Oregon State, for each of these teams has been beaten only once.

Tennessee against Virginia and Notre Dame against Iowa are the other assignments for this week's first ten.

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

	First place votes.	Points.
1—Minnesota	55 1-3	1,314
2—Cornell	45 1-3	1,260
3—Texas A. and M.	31 1-3	1,202
4—Stanford	12	1,066
5—Tennessee	2	698.5
6—Michigan	..	585
7—Notre Dame	..	581
8—Boston College	..	548.5
9—Georgetown	..	352.5
10—Northwestern	..	276

Second Ten—11, Nebraska, 139.5; 12, Duke (2), 59; 13, Fordham, 36; 14, Alabama, 26; 15, Mississippi State, 24; 16, Santa Clara, 19; tie for 17, Mississippi and Washington, 15 each; 19, Oregon State, 11; tie for 20, Penn, Penn State and Southern Methodist, 4 each.

Also ran—Lafayette, 3; Oklahoma, 2; Rice, Utah and Hardin-Simmons, 1 each.