

29 OF 33 EXPERTS VOTE FOR PANTHERS

Pitt Team Totals 327 Points, California 277, Fordham 253 and Alabama 246

MINNESOTA RATED FIFTH

Villanova, Dartmouth, L. S. U. Follow in Final Poll by Associated Press

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The University of Pittsburgh's rating as No. 1 college football team of the year fell only a trifle short of being unanimous in the final round-up of votes for The Associated Press national writers' poll.

The seventh and last weekly tabulation of nation-wide opinion disclosed Pittsburgh the undisputed top choice of twenty-nine out of thirty-three experts and that California, Fordham and Alabama, in that order, complete the "big four" of 1937.

It remains to be seen whether the poll's indicated pairings for the two major post-season engagements, California-Pittsburgh for the Rose Bowl and Fordham-Alabama for the Sugar Bowl, will be made official.

Last year, when Minnesota was rated No. 1, Pittsburgh and Washington, the third and fifth ranking teams, were paired for the Rose Bowl, while Louisiana State and Santa Clara, second and sixth, respectively, drew the Sugar Bowl bids.

Rating of Teams

Here's the final tabulation of the first ten, with points tallied on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis and figures in parentheses indicating the number of first choices.

1—Pittsburgh (29) (2 ties for 1st) .	327
2—California	277
3—Fordham (1) (2 ties for 1st) .	253
4—Alabama (1)	246
5—Minnesota	104
6—Villanova	103
7—Dartmouth	102
8—Louisiana State	97
9—Notre Dame	90
9—Santa Clara	90

The second ten, with their points:

- 11—Nebraska, 35; 12—Yale, 18;
- 13—Ohio State, 14; 14—Holy Cross and Arkansas tied, each 9; 16—Texas Christian University, 8; 17—Colorado, 7; 18—Rice 6; 19—North Carolina, 5; 20—Duke, 4.

Vanderbilt and Auburn receive 13 each, Cornell, Harvard and Washington 1 each.

Only the "big four" received the support of every expert casting a final ballot. Pittsburgh, undefeated and tied only by Fordham, topped the rankings throughout the last four weeks. California, the Western Rose Bowl choice, ran second during the stretch drive after being the nation's No. 1 team for three weeks. The slump in Golden Bear stock followed a scoreless tie with Washington.

Two With Perfect Marks

Alabama and Santa Clara compiled the only all-winning records of teams listed in the first ten.

Villanova, like Pitt and Fordham showed only one tie on its record. Dartmouth, the fourth Eastern entry in the top ten, was deadlocked twice. Minnesota was rated several notches above Notre Dame and Nebraska although defeated by both. Louisiana State's only setback came by a 7-6 score at the hands of Vanderbilt.

Notre Dame, although tied by Illinois and beaten by both Carnegie and Pittsburgh, finished strong. It won five of its last six games.

Here's how the teams were rated in the final 1936 poll: 1—Minnesota, 322 points; 2—Louisiana State, 309; 3—Pittsburgh, 227; 4—Alabama, 218; 5—Washington, 216; 6—Santa Clara, 155; 7—Northwestern, 130; 8—Notre Dame, 107; 9—Nebraska, 69; 10—Pennsylvania, 34.