

Minnesota and Texas Deadlocked For First Place in Writers' Poll

Each Is Voted 1,161 Points, With Fordham Moving Up to Third Place, Ahead of Duke, Texas Aggies, Notre Dame

Any one who wants to stir up an argument as to whether they play better football in the Big Ten or the Southwest Conference can find plenty of material for both sides in this week's rankings of the nation's leading teams by 127 experts participating in the third Associated Press poll of the season.

Only these two leagues are represented by more than one team in the first ten. And only the Southeastern Conference appears prominently in the next group of ten.

At the top of the heap, Minnesota and Texas share first place, each with 1,161 points. The Gophers, leaders from the start, polled 60 first-place votes to Texas' 53, but didn't get quite as strong support from those selectors who didn't rank them first. Michigan, beaten, 7-0, by the Gophers Saturday, slipped from third place to seventh, with 396 points, and Northwestern, which takes on Minnesota next Saturday, is ranked ninth, with 231.

Duplicate 1940 Rating

The Southwest's second representative, also undefeated, is Texas A. and M., which polled 663 points without getting a first-place vote to earn fifth place. That was the same ranking the Aggies were given at this stage of the 1940 season. Southern Methodist came in twentieth in the voting, with 16 points. Carrying the banner for

the Southeast are Vanderbilt, tenth, with 190 points; Alabama, fifteenth, and Mississippi and Mississippi State, tied for seventeenth.

Following Minnesota and Texas in the rankings come Fordham, seven firsts and 784 points; Duke 5 and 702; Texas A. and M., 663; Notre Dame, 636; Michigan, 396; Pennsylvania, one first and 315; Northwestern and Vanderbilt.

First Ten

Figures in parentheses show first-place votes. Points are tabulated on 10-9-8, etc., basis:

1—Tie, Minnesota (60) and Texas (53)	1,161
3—Fordham (7)	784
4—Duke (5)	702
5—Texas A. and M.	663
6—Notre Dame	636
7—Michigan	396
8—Penn (1)	315
9—Northwestern	231
10—Vanderbilt	190

Second Ten

11, Navy, 163; 12, Stanford, 156; 13, Temple, 107; 14, Army, 55; 15, Alabama, 42; 16, Duquesne, 24; tie for 17, Mississippi and Mississippi State, 23 each; 19, Missouri, 22; 20, Southern Methodist, 16.

Also ran—Ohio State, 15; Tulane, 10; Texas Tech and Santa Clara, 7 each; Oregon State, 3; Washington and Louisiana State, 2 each; Oregon and Oklahoma, 1 each.