

# MINNESOTA HOLDS TOP PLACE IN POLL

**Gophers Picked by 25 of 35  
Experts in Final Associated  
Press Ranking List.**

**SECOND GAINED BY L. S. U.**

**Alabama Displaced by Pitt for  
Third—Fordham Lands in  
Fifteenth Position.**

**By The Associated Press.**

Minnesota's Gophers hold their place as America's No. 1 college football team by a decisive margin over Louisiana State, champion of the deep South, in the final national ranking poll conducted by The Associated Press for 1936.

Results compiled this week in the seventh country-wide consensus reveal Minnesota the choice among twenty-five out of thirty-five experts. Nine placed L. S. U. at the top of their lists. One first-place ballot was cast for Santa Clara, the nation's only major unbeaten and untied team.

### The Final Standings

The final rankings with points tallied on a basis of 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1:

#### FIRST TEN

|                         | Pts. |
|-------------------------|------|
| 1. Minnesota .....      | 332  |
| 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   |

#### SECOND TEN

|                            |    |
|----------------------------|----|
| 11. Duke .....             | 33 |
| 12. Yale .....             | 22 |
| 13. Dartmouth .....        | 13 |
| 14. Duquesne .....         | 12 |
| 15. Fordham .....          | 11 |
| 16. Texas Christian.....   | 10 |
| 17. Tennessee .....        | 8  |
| 18. Arkansas and Navy..... | 6  |
| 20. Marquette .....        | 4  |

The chief shake-ups this week, with the regular season closed for all but two of the "top ten," find Pittsburgh displacing Alabama in third place and Washington, the Far West's Rose Bowl choice, hurdling its Coast rival, Santa Clara, for fifth position.

It is interesting to note, in connection with pending post-season pairings, that Louisiana State is rated tougher opposition than Alabama, reported to have the "inside track" for the big-money Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day.

#### Pitt a Heavy Choice

The ranking list clearly points to the best intersectional matches, with Pittsburgh a heavy choice to play in the Sugar Bowl, at New Orleans, against the Southern team that doesn't go to Pasadena to meet Washington. Big Ten regulations prevent Minnesota from considering any post-season competition.

Fordham lost prestige at the close of the season, falling from third place to fifteenth within the past two weeks, but the East generally made a strong showing, placing seven teams among the twenty listed in the final ranking. Pennsylvania, Yale and Dartmouth represent the "Ivy League."

The Middle West, however, dominated the top ten, with four of its five entries in the first half of the list. The South gained four places, the Southwest and Far West two each.

The following chart shows the week-by-week positions, in The Associated Press national football ranking poll, of the five college teams which led the final list:

|                  | Oct. |    | Nov. |    |    |    |    |
|------------------|------|----|------|----|----|----|----|
|                  | 19   | 26 | 2    | 9  | 16 | 23 | 30 |
| Minnesota .....  | 1    | 1  | 2    | 2  | 2  | 1  | 1  |
| La. State.....   | 13   | 8  | 7    | 7  | 5  | 2  | 2  |
| Pittsburgh ..... | 9    | 2  | 5    | 5  | 4  | 4  | 3  |
| Alabama .....    | —    | —  | 14   | 4  | 8  | 3  | 4  |
| Washington ...   | 8    | 4  | 6    | 10 | 6  | 6  | 5  |

Note—Northwestern topped poll Nov. 2-16, inclusive.