

Trojans, Texas Aggies Lead Football Poll

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New York, Nov. 28.—A wave of support as powerful as their own attack and as solid as their own defenses today sent the University of Southern California Trojans into a first-place tie with Texas A. and M. in the Associated Press football ranking poll.

The Trojans, leaders in the race for the Pacific Coast conference title

and the right to play in the Rose Bowl, looked so impressive in beating Notre-Dame last Saturday that they were boosted past Cornell and Tennessee. Thus a team that has played one tie—with Oregon in the first game of the season—was placed on even terms with one unbeaten-untied squad and ahead of two others.

All-Around Backing

In producing the first deadlock in the four years the poll has been taken, this seventh survey of the 1939 season found Cornell winning a plurality of the first-place votes. The Ithacans, who in routing Penn on Saturday finished their first all-winning campaign since 1923, were ranked first on 34 of 111 ballots.

But the Texas Aggies and the Trojans got better all-around backing for their total of 939 points each to Cornell's 909. The Aggies, who finish their schedule against Texas Thursday but already have won the Southwest Conference race, were ranked No. 1 on 27 ballots, second on 37 and third on 24. Southern California got 25 firsts, 33 seconds and 26 thirds.

With the Trojans and Cornell moving past them, Tennessee's Volunteers dropped down to fourth place, with 871 points. Fifth place, as last week, was held by undefeated, once-tied Tulane, with 670.

The biggest advance of the week was made by Duquesne. The Pittsburgh Dukes, a predominantly sophomore team that has come through eight games without defeat or tie under a new coach,

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Buff Donelli, jumped back into the first ten at sixth place and, if they can get by their final obstacle, Detroit, on Saturday, should have a top-ten berth when the final returns are in.

In addition to Texas A. & M., two other conference leaders and a runner-up made the grade. Duke's Blue Devils, one-point losers to Pitt, finished their Southern Conference schedule unbeaten and tied with Clemson for first place. Duke got seventh place and Clemson fourteenth. Missouri, the Big Six winner, placed eighth, and Iowa, nosed out by Ohio State in the Big Ten race, finished three levels above the Buckeyes in the rankings in taking ninth. Tenth place for the week went to Holy Cross, which plays its last game against Boston College Saturday.

Major Games Left

With Cornell, Duke, Missouri and Iowa already through for this year, all of the few games left for the Big Tennesseers will be major ones. Texas A. & M.-Texas and Tennessee-Kentucky will be two of Thursday's headliners, with Southern California-Washington, Tulane-Louisiana State, Duquesne-Detroit and Holy Cross-Boston College providing a major share of Saturday's fireworks.

Beyond that, Tennessee and Southern California each will have one more to play—the Vols with Auburn, a team that appears to have got going after a slow start, and Southern California with U. C. L. A., its Los Angeles neighbor and lone remaining rival for West Coast honors. Both contests are scheduled for December 9.

Standing of the teams (points figured on 10-9-8, etc., basis, first-place votes in parentheses):

Team.	Points.
1—Tie between Texas A. and M. (27) and Southern California (25)	939
3—Cornell (34)	909
4—Tennessee (18)	871
5—Tulane (4)	670
6—Duquesne	334
7—Duke (2)	331
8—Missouri	277
9—Iowa	129
1—Holy Cross	123

Second ten—11. Notre Dame, 105; 12. Ohio State, 95; 13. U. C. L. A., 75½; 14. Clemson (1), 46; 15. Michigan, 40½; 16. North Carolina, 40; 17. Georgetown, 33; 18. Nebraska, 30; 19. San Jose (Calif.) State, 29; 20. Santa Clara, 22.

Also ran—Georgia Tech, 19; Boston College and Princeton, 15 each; Fordham, 12; Oregon State, 9; Penn State, 4; Oklahoma, 2; Kentucky and Syracuse, 1 each.