

# LEAD IN POLL HELD BY NORTHWESTERN

**Wildcats Again Placed First  
Among Nation's Elevens—  
Minnesota Second.**

## FORDHAM GAINS - FAVOR

**Gets Four Ballots for Top  
Position and Remains 3d—  
Washington Advances.**

By The Associated Press.

Clinging tenaciously to its slender margin with the same bulldog spirit that carried it to triumph in the Big Ten and an all-winning season thus far, Northwestern led Minnesota yesterday in The Associated Press college football ranking poll.

The balloting marked Northwestern's third straight week on top. For the second straight week the Wildcats led the Gophers by a scant six points, with a total of 337 out of a maximum of 370. Minnesota accumulated 331 points.

Seventeen of the thirty-seven experts contributing to this week's nation-wide sampling of the expert pulse kept Northwestern at the peak. Twelve named Minnesota as the country's best team.

### Four Vote for Rams

Four placed Fordham, currently the outstanding Eastern choice for the Rose Bowl, in the No. 1 position despite the fact the Rams did not even play last Saturday. The University of Washington, moving up to sixth from tenth in the national poll, and Louisiana State, No. 5 on the list, split the other first-place ballots.

Here's the outcome of this week's poll with points scored on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis:

### FIRST TEN

	Points
1. Northwestern .....	337
2. Minnesota .....	331
3. Fordham .....	257
4. Pittsburgh .....	240
5. Louisiana State .....	166
6. U. of Washington.....	165
7. Marquette .....	154
8. Alabama .....	150
9. Santa Clara .....	143
10. Pennsylvania .....	25

### SECOND TEN

11. Notre Dame .....	19
12. Dartmouth .....	10
13. Nebraska .....	9
14. Texas A. & M. ....	8
15. Washington State .....	7
16. Duke .....	6
17. Holy Cross .....	5
18. Ohio State .....	4
19. Tennessee .....	3
20. Temple and Duquesne.....	2

Relatively little change occurred in the top flight this week. The chief casualty was Nebraska, which dropped from sixth place to thirteenth as a result of being soundly beaten by Pittsburgh. Pennsylvania, moving up a notch, made the first ten for the first time this season. The Quakers unquestionably have been overlooked by some observers as a consequence of their early season loss to Yale.

The spectacular victory of the Elis over Princeton was not sufficient to rally any support for the Blue, which squeezed into last place on only one of the lists received in this week's balloting.

### Alabama Drops to Eighth

Pittsburgh, Louisiana State and Marquette, as a consequence of noteworthy triumphs, each advanced in the top ten. Alabama fell off four notches, from fourth to eighth.

Notre Dame climbed back into the picture, serving notice of its threat to knock Northwestern off the peak this Saturday in the week's headline game at South Bend. The Irish have had a roller-coaster ride in the rankings thus far. Experts consider they have more than an outside chance to upset Northwestern, especially if their passing attack is functioning.