

EXPERTS' POLL PUTS CALIFORNIA AT TOP

Alabama, Pitt, Minnesota and Yale Next—Nebraska Is Eighth, Fordham Ninth

1936 STANDING SHUFFLED

More Revisions of Associated Press List Due on Saturday With Close Games in View

By The Associated Press.

California's Golden Bears, unranked nationally a year ago when The Associated Press started its annual poll, stand at the head of the college football class for 1937.

The country's leading newspaper observers, casting their first ballots after three weeks of somewhat startling activity on the gridirons, gave California a surprisingly strong endorsement for the No. 1 spot, occupied by Minnesota a year ago.

Picked by 24 out of 54 experts for top ranking, California polled 432 points, against a maximum of 540. Alabama barely leads Pittsburgh, the Rose Bowl champion, for second place in the first week's consensus, with Minnesota fourth in spite of its early season setback at Nebraska's hands.

Table of Rated Teams

Here's the tabulation, scoring each team on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis and with first place votes indicated in brackets:

First Ten.	Points.
1—California (24).....	432
2—Alabama (7).....	355
3—Pittsburgh (8).....	347
4—Minnesota (5).....	291
5—Yale (6).....	256
6—Louisiana State (2).....	244
7—Northwestern	165
8—Nebraska	153
9—Fordham	103
10—Duke	94

The second ten, with points, follows: 11, Southern California, 84; 12, Ohio State, 63; 13, Texas A. and M., 51; 14, Santa Clara, 45; 15, Baylor, 41; 16, Wisconsin, 36; 17, Syracuse, 35; 18, Dartmouth, 34; 19, Cornell, 17; 20, tie among Auburn, Holy Cross and Vanderbilt, 13 each. Baylor and Auburn each received one nomination for first place.

There are some sharp contrasts as well as conflicts in this year's initial poll, but the country-wide returns give convincing proof that no section has a monopoly on top-ranking teams. Each of the so-called "big leagues" of college football is well represented, along with the "independents."

Tie Costly to Nebraska

Minnesota is rated four notches above the team that upset the Gophers, Nebraska, but this is explained by last Saturday's results. Nebraska lost prestige in a scoreless tie with Oklahoma, while Minnesota crushed Michigan. Pittsburgh, though held to its third straight scoreless deadlock by Fordham, received impressive nation-wide support.

Comparison with last October's first ranking list discloses a big shake-up among the collegiate powers. There are five hold-overs in the top ten—Pittsburgh, Minnesota, Northwestern, Yale and Duke—but such 1936 stalwarts as Army, Purdue, Notre Dame and Washington are missing from the 1937 ranking list.

The current top ten offers some shining targets for this Saturday. California's place in the sun will be challenged by Southern California, which barely missed a spot in this week's first ten. Alabama tackles George Washington, unranked but among the few remaining major teams neither tied nor beaten.

Cornell in Yale's Way

Yale's bid for Ivy league leadership in the East will be tested by Cornell, which will have a big chance to upset the Elis after taking a surprising beating from Syracuse last Saturday.

Louisiana State, Pittsburgh and Northwestern all will be up against strong opposition as they seek to prove they belong in the top flight. Their opponents, respectively, are Vanderbilt, Wisconsin and Ohio State.

Two Southwest conference powers on this week's list, Texas A. and M. and Baylor, are bracketed in another of this Saturday's "naturals."