

# MINNESOTA GAINS TOP RATING AGAIN

**Defeat by Notre Dame Sends  
Northwestern From First  
Place to Seventh.**

## LOUISIANA STATE SECOND

**Alabama Third and Pitt Next  
in Associated Press Poll—  
Fordham Down to Eighth.**

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Minnesota's Gophers are right back where they started—at the top of America's collegiate football heap.

Ballots in the sixth or semi-final ranking poll conducted by The Associated Press restored Minnesota to first place yesterday after the Gophers trailed Northwestern for three straight weeks.

The assist is credited to Notre Dame, which achieved what Minnesota failed to accomplish by walloping the Wildcats in the latter team's final game. Northwestern thereby dropped abruptly to seventh place despite the team's otherwise all-conquering record.

The two leading aggregations of the deep South, Louisiana State and Alabama, moved up into second and third places on a wave of voting support. They face final tests this week against Tulane and Vanderbilt, respectively, with Rose Bowl and Sugar Bowl invitations at stake.

### 30 Put Gophers at Top

Minnesota, receiving 30 of a possible 42 votes for first place, accumulated 391 points of a maximum possibility of 420. Among the experts contributing to the country-wide sampling of opinion, ten listed Louisiana State at the top. One first-place vote went to Notre Dame and one to Santa Clara, the only major college team still unbeaten and untied.

Here is the tabulation of this week's poll, based on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 system for point scoring:

Team.	Pts.	Team.	Pts.
1—Minnesota	.391	11—Duke	..... 44
2—La. State	..338	12—Duquesne	.. 31
3—Alabama	..281	13—Penn	..... 24
4—Pitts	.....275	14—Dartmouth	.. 19
5—S'ta Clara	..201	15—Marquette	.. 15
6—Wash'gton	..191	16—Yale	..... 14
7—Northw'n	..151	17—Tennessee	.. 10
8—Fordham	..129	18—T. C. U.	.... 9
9—Notre Da'e	..128	19—Tulane	.... 7
10—Nebraska	.. 50	20—Wash. State	6

### Marquette and Penn Fall

Marquette, whose winning streak was broken by Duquesne and Penn, which did not play, dropped out of the "top ten" to make room for Notre Dame and Nebraska, two of last Saturday's big winners. Fordham, tied unexpectedly by Georgia, fell to eighth place after three straight weeks at No. 3.

Since The Associated Press began its weekly rating poll in mid-October, only four teams have been in the top flight every week. They are Minnesota, Northwestern, Pittsburgh and Washington.

Louisiana State is the only team on the list to show a steady upward curve since the rankings began. The Tigers' week-by-week position: 12-8-7-7-5-2.

The seesaw contest for West Coast leadership finds Santa Clara a few points above Washington for the second time in three weeks. Texas Christian, on the basis of this week's poll, goes to the head of the Southwest Conference class but the championship has not been decided.