

Wildcats Top Gophers

Northwestern Loses Ground, but Retains National Prestige

NEW YORK, Nov. 10. (AP)—By a margin almost as slender as the Minnesota victory that hoisted them to the top, Northwestern's Wildcats led the Gophers today for the second successive week in the national college football ranking poll conducted by the Associated Press.

Suffering a slight loss of prestige by their hard struggle against the much-kicked-around Wisconsin Badgers, the Wildcats polled 435 out of a possible total of 470 votes against 419 for Minnesota. Fordham tightened its grip on third place and Rose Bowl consideration, its total swelling to 318 as the result of its convincing triumph over Purdue.

MARQUETTE DROPS

Last week, the Wildcats polled 412 out of a possible 430 votes to Minnesota's 371 and Fordham's 227.

Marquette, held to a one point victory by Creighton College of Omaha Saturday, suffered the biggest loss as the ballots poured in from football writers over scattered sections of the nation, dropping from fourth place to eighth. Alabama, decisive victor over Tulane, leaped from fourteenth to fourth position. The ballots were geographically divided as follows: East, 21; Middle West, 12; South, 6; Southwest, 4; Rocky Mountain district, 1; and Far West, 3.

WILDCATS RATED HIGH

Thirty-one of the experts, however, rated Northwestern first, whereas only twelve named Minnesota at the top. Fordham was placed first by three and Alabama by one. Twenty-four put Minnesota second. Eight figured Northwestern for runner-up honors and eight thought Fordham rated second. The lowest ranking Northwestern received in the balloting was fourth. One voter picked Minnesota no better than fifth, although that was some improvement because the Gophers were left off the "first ten" altogether by one voter last week.

The rankings, with points (scored on the 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis):

FIRST TEN

- 1—Northwestern: points, 435; last week's ranking and points, 412.
- 2—Minnesota: 419; second, 371.
- 3—Fordham: 348; third, 227.
- 4—Alabama: 252; fourteenth, 16.
- 5—Pittsburgh: 203; fifth, 191.
- 6—Nebraska: 201; eighth, 165.
- 7—Louisiana State: 184; seventh, 168.
- 8—Marquette: 145; fourth, 212.
- 9—Santa Clara: 118; ninth, 145.
- 10—Washington: 117; sixth, 161.

SECOND TEN

- 11—Pennsylvania: 38.
- 12—Dartmouth: 24.
- 13—Duke: 13.
- 14—Washington State: 10.
- 15-16—Tied, Texas A. and M.-Southern California: 9.
- 17—Holy Cross: 8.
- 18—California: 5.
- 19—Texas Christian: 4.
- 20—Tied, Temple and Southern Methodist: 3.

INDIANS HONORED

Stanford and Auburn each drew two votes. The following gained one vote each: Notre Dame, Utah State, Tennessee, Yale, Navy and Army.

The biggest fall was suffered by Tulane's Green Wave. Last week, the Green Wavers rated tenth with 9½ votes. They were crushed by Alabama and didn't get a single vote this week. Southern California, given 76 votes a week ago for eleventh place, fell almost as heavily, getting but 9 today. Notre Dame also heard the fall, getting but one vote as compared with 17 a week ago.