

# Minnesota Regains First Place From Texas in Poll of Writers

## Duke Is Ranked Third, Texas A. and M. Fourth and Notre Dame Fifth—Fordham Out of First Ten as Duquesne, Alabama Rise

Fordham's defeat by Pittsburgh and the 7-7 tie to which Texas was held by Baylor had their aftereffects in the fifth of the weekly football ranking polls conducted by The Associated Press.

The Rams' first loss of the season dropped them right out of the first ten; Texas, though still undefeated, was shoved down to second place, and a full tide of favor swept the Golden Gophers of Minnesota back into the No. 1 position which was awarded them at the beginning of the campaign.

Ballots were received this week from 122 football experts all over the country, and 99 of them made Minnesota their first choice. Thus the Gophers, winners of fifteen straight games, were returned to the spot they held for the first two weeks of the season and shared with Texas two weeks ago.

### Second Triumph Looms

With improving but three-times-beaten Iowa and high scoring, but four-times-beaten Wisconsin left on the schedule, Minnesota now appears a good bet to finish its second straight season without defeat and also repeat as No. 1 team in the final national ranking.

With such a strong proportion of first-place votes, the Gophers had the most decisive margin of any poll this Fall. Getting 10 points for first place, 9 for second and so on, they drew 1,187 points, to 881 for Texas, still first pick of four experts.

Besides Minnesota, only three other major elevens are undefeated and untied, and all of them made the first ten. Duke, with eleven first-place votes and 844 points, got third place; fourth went to Texas A. and M., with six and 794, and Duquesne, which ends its season Saturday against undefeated, once-tied Mississippi State, broke into the select group for the first time at tenth place.

### Stanford Moves Up

Notre Dame, unbeaten but tied by Army; Stanford, West Coast standout which recovered handsomely from its single loss to Oregon State; Michigan, beaten only by Minnesota; Northwestern, nosed out both by the Gophers and Michigan, and Alabama, its record marred only by an early season loss to Mississippi State, won the other berths.

The Irish, impressive in handling

Navy its initial defeat, were moved up from seventh to fifth; Stanford, with two games to go for another Rose Bowl trip, from ninth to sixth; Michigan from eighth to seventh; Northwestern from tenth to eighth, and Alabama from thirteenth to ninth.

The standing of the teams (first-place votes in parentheses) follows:

### FIRST TEN

1—Minnesota . . . . .	(99)	1,187
2—Texas . . . . .	(4)	881
3—Duke . . . . .	(11)	844
4—Texas A. & M. . . . .	(6)	794
5—Notre Dame . . . . .		751
6—Stanford . . . . .	(1)	542
7—Michigan . . . . .		469
8—Northwestern . . . . .		286 2-3
9—Alabama . . . . .		237 2-3
10—Duquesne . . . . .		179

Second Ten — 11, Fordham, 137 2-3; 12, Navy, 120 2-3; 13, Mississippi State ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 111 1-6; 14, Penn., 34 2-3; 15, Mississippi ( $\frac{1}{2}$ ), 30  $\frac{1}{2}$ ; 16, Missouri, 25 2-3; 17, Harvard, 24; 18, Boston College, 15; 19, Army, 10; 20, Ohio State, 9 2-3.

Also Ran—Vanderbilt, 7; Washington, 6; Virginia, 4; Temple and Texas Tech, 3 each; Georgia and Tulane, 2 each; Oklahoma, 1 2-3.