

TEXAS PUT AHEAD OF GOPHER TEAM

Breaks Tie With Minnesota for Top Ranking in Football Poll of 121 Observers

FORDHAM REMAINS THIRD

Duke and Texas Aggies Follow —Navy Jumps Five Places From 11th as Penn Slips

The University of Texas football team, which got into nigh gear for the opening game of its season and hasn't been throttled since, yesterday rolled into first place alone in The Associated Press football ranking poll.

The awesome scoring machine which Coach Dana Bible has perfected in the fifth year of his five-year plan ran a close second to Minnesota the first two weeks of the poll. A week ago the Longhorns moved up on even terms with the Gophers. In the fourth weekly ranking they went out front by 37 points (one point less, by coincidence, than their average score for six games).

Of the 121 football experts throughout the country who took part in the voting, seventy-three made the Texans first choice and one split his ballot between Texas and Minnesota. The Longhorns were ranked first or second on 110 ballots, and accumulated 1,148 points to 1,111 for the Gophers, points being awarded on the basis of 10 for a first-place vote, 9 for second, 8 for third and so on down.

230 Points in Six Games

Texas hit probably its peak of the year against Southern Methodist last Saturday, when Bible's boys won, 34—0. That gave them a total of 230 points for six games. They have allowed only 27 points while beating Colorado, Louisiana State, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Rice and S. M. U.

Minnesota, rated No. 1 team nationally a year ago, slipped from the top after scoring what was perhaps the Gophers' most notable victory, an 8-7 conquest of Northwestern, achieved in spite of the loss early in the game of Captain Bruce Smith and injuries to other key men.

The next three places in the week's tabulation went to hold-overs from a week ago—Fordham, third with 852 points and six first-place votes; Duke, fourth with 740 and seven, and Texas A. and M, fifth with 585.

Penn and Vanderbilt Fall

Beyond these there was considerable shuffling. Dropped out of the first ten and almost out of sight because of their first losses were Penn and Vanderbilt. Navy moved up from eleventh place to sixth on its well-won victory over Penn. Notre Dame slipped a notch to seventh.

Michigan moved down from seventh to eighth and Northwestern from ninth to tenth, while Stanford, apparently back on the Rose Bowl track, climbed into the select group in ninth position.

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

1. Texas (73½).....1,148
2. Minnesota (34½).....1,111
3. Fordham (6).....852
4. Duke (7).....740
5. Texas A. and M.....585
6. Navy.....500½
7. Notre Dame.....378½
8. Michigan.....368½
9. Stanford.....353¾
10. Northwestern.....196¾
11. Army, 158½; 12. Duquesne, 89; 13. Alabama, 70½; 14. Tulane, 53; 15. Mississippi State, 24; 16. Mississippi, 22; 17. Missouri, 18¾; 18. Syracuse, 11; 19. Penn, 4¾; 20. Ohio State, 3¾. Oklahoma scored 3 points, Vanderbilt and California 1 each.