

# MINNESOTA FIRST IN FOOTBALL POLL

## Gophers Are Placed at Top by 119 Writers Contributing to Associated Press Ratings

### TEXAS AND DUKE NEXT

### Fordham Selected for Fourth Spot—Northwestern and Michigan Follow

If you can take the word of 119 football experts from every section of the United States—a procedure that is not always safe—the Western Conference is the nation's leading gridiron league at present and will offer this week's No. 1 game, Northwestern vs. Michigan.

The results of the first Associated Press gridiron ranking poll of 1941 show that the same three Big Ten teams that caught the eyes of the experts at this stage of the 1940 season are in there again.

Minnesota, which started out in the seventh spot last Fall and worked its way to the top, leads the list with 66 votes for first place and a total of 1,081 points. Texas is in second place, Duke third and Fordham fourth.

Northwestern earned fifth place in the rankings with 496 points, Michigan sixth with 473 and Ohio State tenth with 203. Last October Michigan and Northwestern were rated third and fourth, respectively, behind Cornell and the Texas Aggies at the start. Each received one first-place vote this week.

That automatically gives Saturday's meeting between Michigan and Northwestern the No. 1 spot among this week's games, for none of the other "first ten" teams encounters an opponent deemed worthy of ranking. Cornell, last season's leader at this stage with 1,386 points, goes against seventh-ranked Navy with only 10 points to its credit.

The standing of the teams (first-place votes in parentheses, scoring on 10-9-8-7-6, etc., basis):

	Points.
1—Minnesota (66) .....	1,081
2—Texas (30) .....	934
3—Duke (14) .....	801.5
4—Fordham .....	508.5
5—Northwestern (1) ....	496
6—Michigan (1) .....	473
7—Navy (3) .....	446.5
8—Notre Dame .....	388.5
9—Santa Clara (1).....	240.5
10—Ohio State (1).....	203

Second Ten—11, Penn, 172.5; 12, Rice, 160; 13, Clemson (1), 108; 14, Texas A. and M., 87; 15, Nebraska, 84; 16, Oregon State, 81; 17, Tulane (1), 66; 18, Vanderbilt, 41; 19, Mississippi State, 28; 20, Columbia, 20.

Also-Ran—Southern Methodist, Dartmouth and Stanford, 18 each; Oregon, 14; Duquesne, 13; Cornell, 10; Temple, 8; North Carolina, 6; Texas Christian, 5; Georgia, 4; Texas Tech, 3; Baylor and Villanova, 2 each; Missouri, 1.