

# MINNESOTA KEEPS TOP PLACE IN POLL

**Gophers Rated Leading Eleven  
in Country by 112 of 129  
Experts in Weekly Vote**

## TEXAS AGGIES ARE NEXT

**Duke Third by Close Margin  
Over Notre Dame—Michigan  
Fifth, Duquesne Sixth**

Gaining its strongest support of the season after its best offensive showing in recent weeks, Minnesota retained the top spot in The Associated Press football ranking poll yesterday by a vote of landslide proportions.

A total of 129 ballots from sports editors all over the country was received in the sixth of the weekly "elections," and 112 had the Western Conference leaders placed at the head of the list. Thus Bernie Bierman's powerful team, with only Wisconsin to beat on Saturday, stands an excellent chance of retaining the mythical national championship it won in the 1940 poll.

The Gophers rolled up 1,279 points on a basis of 10 for each first-place vote, nine for second, etc. Of the seventeen experts who did not rate them tops, fourteen gave them second place, two rated them third and one ballot listed them in fourth position.

### Close Race for Second

The real race was for the runner-up spot, a result of Texas Christian's 14-7 upset of Texas. Winner in a three-team contest for second was Texas A. and M., with five votes for first and 993 points.

The Aggies had a margin of only 52 points over Duke which, despite twelve first-place votes, barely beat Notre Dame for third. The totals were 941 for the Southern Conference pacesetters to 938 for the Irish.

Of the six other teams in the first ten, only one is undefeated—Duquesne, which finished its regular season with a smashing victory over Mississippi State. Duquesne, which crashed the select list for the first time last week in tenth place, moved up to sixth, a notch behind Michigan.

Then came Alabama, Southeast Conference powerhouse; Missouri, Texas, rated good for ninth place in spite of its deflation, and Northwestern, beaten three times but apparently voted "in" because of the narrow margins by which it lost to Michigan, Minnesota and Notre Dame.

### Listing of Leaders

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

1—Minnesota (112) . . . . .	1,279
2—Texas A. and M. (5) . . . . .	993
3—Duke (12) . . . . .	941
4—Notre Dame . . . . .	938
5—Michigan . . . . .	682
6—Duquesne . . . . .	580
7—Alabama . . . . .	415
8—Missouri . . . . .	238
9—Texas . . . . .	228
10—Northwestern . . . . .	204

Eleven, Fordham (196); 12, Navy (117); 13, Pennsylvania (83); 14, Ohio State (48); 15, Mississippi (46); 16, Oregon State (31); 17, Stanford (28); 18, Clemson (18); 19, Texas Christian (16); 20, Georgia and Washington tied, 13 each.

Also ran—Harvard (11); Mississippi State and Tulane (6 each); Washington State (5); Santa Clara (4); Oregon, Pitt, Texas Tech and South Carolina (3 each); Virginia (2); Tennessee (1).