

PITT RATED FIRST IN NATIONAL POLL

Associated Press List Shows 83 of 94 Sports Writers Voting for Panthers

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Mighty Pittsburgh, unbeaten since mid-season in 1936 and perennial Paladin of the East in intersectional warfare, is the nation's first football team.

Eighty-three of the ninety-four writers voting in The Associated Press gridiron poll chose Pittsburgh as the country's best eleven. The Panthers got 926 points on the final check-up of the first nationwide ballot of the season.

The emphatic thumping administered to Wisconsin by Pitt and Minnesota's narrow margin of victory over Michigan combined to give the Panthers a margin of 235 points over their closest rivals, the Golden Gophers, who tallied 691 points. Six writers chose Minnesota as the top team, three picked Texas Christian, while Dartmouth and California each had a single vote for first place.

The Leading Elevens

The first ten (first place votes bracketed, points scored 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1):

	Points.
Pittsburgh (83).....	926
Minnesota (6).....	691
California (1).....	517
Dartmouth (1).....	515
Notre Dame.....	500
Santa Clara.....	496
Texas Christian (3).....	453
Tennessee	419
Duke	128
Syracuse	82

Second ten: Fordham 77, Michigan 48, Carnegie Tech 45, Oklahoma 40, Alabama 34, Vanderbilt 32, Baylor 31, Northwestern 23, North Carolina 18, Villanova 9.

Others mentioned: Arkansas 7, Oregon 6; Auburn 5, Iowa State and Boston College 3; Ohio State, Southern California, Louisiana State and Stanford 8, Tulane, Cornell, Columbia, Purdue, Idaho and Holy Cross 1 each.

Of the first ten only Pittsburgh (third), Minnesota (fourth), California (first) and Duke (tenth) were in the select circle a year ago when the first poll of the season was made, an indication of the rise and fall of football power in a year's time.

Two Out of Contention

Saturday's rash of upsets is reflected in the rankings. Cornell, supposedly Dartmouth's chief threat in the Ivy League, and Columbia, a dark horse which had gained plenty of fame by beating Yale and Army, are out of contention after rude smackings by Syracuse and Colgate.

Alabama ran into an improving Tennessee team and as a result is out of it in the South for the present. Northwestern and Michigan, ranking threats in the Big Ten, were stalled by Minnesota and Ohio State, after building up impressive early season records.

Of the unbeaten first ten only Minnesota, Tennessee and Duke appear to be safe this week. The Gophers don't play, while the Vols meet The Citadel and Duke toys with Wake Forest.

Pittsburgh must trim Southern Methodist. Dartmouth faces dangerous Harvard. Notre Dame plays unbeaten Carnegie Tech. California meets a Washington team surely due for victory. Santa Clara engages air-minded Arkansas. Texas Christian plays Marquette. Syracuse journeys to East Lansing for Michigan State.