

MINNESOTA FIRST IN FOOTBALL POLL

**Landslide Vote of Newspaper
Experts Rates Gophers as
Best Team in Country.**

DUKE IS 2D AND ARMY 3D

**Northwestern, Purdue Next in
Line—Texas A. and M.'s
Rise Wins Recognition.**

By The Associated Press

By a landslide vote, Minnesota's Gophers, who now enjoy the longest string of victories in major college football circles, were elected to hold the No. 1 spot in the consensus national ranking list compiled yesterday by The Associated Press.

All except three among thirty-five newspaper sports experts representing the key points of observation, from coast to coast, put Minnesota at the head of the class, pending further returns in a campaign that is just beginning to get warmed up. On points, the Gophers accumulated 345 out of a maximum of 350.

Duke and Army, rated second and third this week in the consensus, each received one first-place vote. The other went to Southern California, despite the Trojan tie last Saturday with Washington State.

The Leading Ten Teams

Here's the top ten, based upon country-wide opinion and with points scored on a "10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1" basis for each list submitted:

1. Minnesota 345
2. Duke 187
3. Army 178
4. Northwestern 145
5. Purdue 120
6. Southern California 114
7. Notre Dame 98
8. U. of Washington 90
9. Pittsburgh 76
10. Yale 61

The second ten, with points, follows: 11, Duquesne, 55; 12, St. Mary's, 52; 13, Louisiana State, 43; 14, Texas A. and M., 42; 15, Nebraska, 36; 16, Fordham, 34; 17, Holy Cross, 29; 18, Tulane, 27; 19, Southern Methodist, 26; 20, Marquette, 21.

Pitt Rated Over Duquesne

Last Saturday's upsets, eliminating a number of the most highly regarded teams from the ranks of

the unbeaten or untied, did not move many of the experts to discard the victims of form reversals. Thus Pitt, in the consensus, outranks the team to which it dropped a 7-0 decision, Duquesne.

Southern California ranks No. 6 despite being tied by Washington State, which finished No. 22 in the voting, with 17 points. Santa Clara was one point higher than the Cougars.

Princeton's defeat by Pennsylvania, however, dropped the Tigers almost out of sight, even though most Eastern observers expect Fritz Crisler's band to stage a comeback. The Tigers polled only 14 points, one less than this week's opponent, Navy.

Minnesota and Notre Dame, on the basis of current ratings, are playing two of the toughest schedules in the country. Two Gopher victims, Washington and Nebraska, are within the top fifteen. Two others, Purdue and Northwestern, who tackle Minnesota this week and next, are rated in the first five.

New Power in Southwest

Pittsburgh, Army, Northwestern and Southern California, all to be played by Notre Dame, enjoy top ten ratings for the time being.

This week's poll reflects the rise of Texas A. and M. as a new power in the Southwest, where Southern Methodist beat Texas Christian last season for the right to play in the Rose Bowl.

Duke, supported on most ballots as the South's standout team so far, may be challenged later by the two powerhouses of the Bayou area, Louisiana State and Tulane. The sensational comeback of Tulane under Red Dawson so far is one of the campaign's most conspicuous developments.

Although Southern California ranks two notches above Washington, in the consensus, many observers consider the Huskies favorites for the Pacific Coast Conference title.