

# Michigan State Tops National Grid Poll

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS  
History repeated itself today. The nation's sports writers and broadcasters again placed Michigan State ahead of Oklahoma as the No. 1 college football team poll.

It was almost exactly a year ago — Oct. 23, 1956 — that the experts voted Michigan State to first place ahead of the all-winning Sooners. Today, they did it again, giving Michigan State 1,797 points and Oklahoma 1,704.

Michigan State, second last week, mauled Michigan Saturday 35-6 margin while Oklahoma, hard pressed by Texas, won its 43rd consecutive game 21-7.

A year ago Michigan State had won impressively from Notre Dame to go ahead. The next week Oklahoma turned its ferocity on the Irish, regained first place and didn't lose it until today. The Sooners were the preseason choice this year and had been first in each of three previous weekly ballots.

This time 92 of 196 voters put State's Spartans on top and 67 rated them second. In the point scoring on the usual basis of 10 for each first place vote, 9 for second, etc., Texas A&M came in a poor third with 1,215 points. Fourth-place Minnesota got 1,184 points.

The bulk of the Oklahoma support came on 64 first-place votes and the same number for second.

Michigan, sixth a week ago, mustered a bare 30 points and squeezed into 18th place by a one-point margin over Washington State, Rice and Army.

Duke, victorious over Rice by just one point, retained fifth place. Iowa moved up from eighth to sixth while Oregon State remained in seventh.

Notre Dame, on the strength of its 23-21 victory over Army, jumped from the second 10 up to eighth, followed by Auburn. The Arkansas Razorbacks, who upset Baylor, replaced Army in 10th place.

The top 10, with first-place votes in parentheses:

1. Michigan State (92)	1797
2. Oklahoma (64)	1704
3. Texas A&M (5)	1215
4. Minnesota (6)	1184
5. Duke (5)	893
6. Iowa (10)	887
7. Oregon State (1)	691
8. Notre Dame (3)	585
9. Auburn (6)	548
10. Arkansas (5)	373

The second 10:

11. Mississippi (1)	225
12. North Carolina State	148
13. Wisconsin	124
14. North Carolina	100
15. Navy	53
16. Pittsburgh	39
17. Louisiana State	36
18. Michigan	30
19-20. Washington State	29
Rice and Army (tie)	29

# Herald and News Sports

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## To Go Or Not To Go; Fans Said Yes, Kuharich Said No

WASHINGTON (UP) — You're the head coach of the Washington Redskins . . . you're trailing the New York Giants 7-0 early in the first period, and you have fourth and one on the Giants' 11.

What do you do? Go for the first down or send in your field goal kicker for an almost certain three points?

Redskins Coach Joe Kuharich had that "to go or not to go" problem last Sunday. He sent in Sam (the poor man's Groza) Baker, who booted the three-pointer — with some 30,000 fans objecting loudly.

"When a coach takes advice from the grandstand, he might as well quit coaching," Kuharich commented today with characteristic bluntness. "I've seen too many games lost in just such a situation, when a coach listened to the crowd gambled on fourth down and came away with nothing."

Kuharich, whose Redskins lost a 24-20 thriller Sunday, was under a mild banter from some fans who preferred to gamble for seven instead of settling for an almost certain three.

"There are times when you have to gamble depending on how much time is left and how far behind you are," Joe explained. "But generally speaking, anytime you can get inside the other guy's 40, you shouldn't leave without at least three points and you take those three points whenever you can get them."

"Most fans don't realize that the last yard on fourth down inside the opponent's 20 is the longest yard in football. They're massed waiting for you, and their defensive assignment is simple — just pile 'em up. On the other hand, the offensive team can make 11 mistakes on one running play and has yard than the defense has in preventing the gain."

"In other words," Kuharich continued, "you must play the percentages and usually, the percentage is with the field goal and against the first down. I don't want to name names, but I can cite you at least two instances this season alone when hometown fans influenced coaches to gamble and both games were lost."

## Pirates Still Lead Prep Poll

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Unbeaten Marshfield did not have to play a game last week to keep its position atop the Associated Press Oregon high school football poll.

Despite its fifth straight win, 28-0 over Albany, South Eugene had to be content with second place again.

Marshfield's awesome power attracted first-place votes from 12 of the 16 sportswriters and sportscasters participating in the poll.

Marshfield, unbeaten in 39 games, last week was scheduled to play eighth place Grants Pass.

But the game was cancelled when a flu outbreak struck the Grants Pass team. Grants Pass fell to 11th place in this week's poll.

Once-beaten Beaverton, meanwhile, moved from sixth to third place in the poll, displacing Milwaukie, the team it last week trimmed 20-7. Milwaukie dropped to eighth.

Portland's Jefferson remained in fourth place. South Salem, which defeated Albany 20-7, kept fifth place, only a point behind Jefferson.

Another big gain was registered by undefeated Grant of Portland, which rose from No. 9 to No. 6 spot with a 26-6 triumph over Franklin.

Again in seventh place this week is McMinnville, a 34-7 victor over Oswego.

A 19-0 victory over Corvallis enabled North Salem to rise one notch to ninth place. Tenth went to Medford, which turned in a crushing 40-14 victory over Central Point.

The poll, with won-lost records:

Team	Points
1. Marshfield (4-0)	156
2. South Eugene (5-0)	142
3. Beaverton (4-1)	105
4. Jefferson (4-0)	97
5. South Salem (4-1)	96
6. Grants (4-0)	57
7. McMinnville (5-0)	50
8. Milwaukie (4-1)	38
9. North Salem (4-1)	31
10. Medford (2-2)	28

Others: Grants Pass 22, Springfield 16, La Grande 10, Baker 9, Benson 6, Vale 4, Serra (Salem) and Gresham 1.

## Stengel Tabs Some Rookies For Old Yanks

NEW YORK (UP) — Casey Stengel, just about ready to call it a season, prepared to head back home to California today after assuring one and all the Yankees will be better than ever next year because of a promising group of farm hands.

Stengel named 10 newcomers whom he felt could help him regain the world championship at his final press conference of the campaign Monday.



CASEY STENDEL

He mentioned catcher John Blanchard, pitchers Mark Freeman and Ryne Duren, first baseman Marv Throneberry, outfielder Norm Siebern and infielder Fritz Brickell from Denver in the American Assn.; pitcher Jim Coates, infielder Dick Sanders and first baseman John Jacuk of Richmond in the International League; and outfielder Deron Johnson of Birmingham in the Eastern League.

"This club hasn't gone to the woods," Stengel insisted. "Don't let anyone try to tell you that this ship has sunk."

The two players regarded to have the best chance of making the Yankees next year are Siebern, who was with the club during part of the 1956 season, and Duren, who had a 13-2 record with 116 strikeouts at Denver.

## Spartans Top Choice On United Press Poll

NEW YORK (UP) — Michigan State, rolling up better than 500 yards a game, grabbed the number one spot today in the weekly college football ratings of the United Press Board of Coaches.

Notre Dame and Arkansas, two unbeaten who turned in last-quarter upsets over sectional powerhouses last week, crashed the top 10 in the ratings by 35 leading coaches.

Michigan State displaced Oklahoma as the national leader for only the second time in two years. The Spartans, who won the 1952 national championship, rolled to a 35-6 win over a Michigan team good enough to rate No. 5 last week. Meanwhile, Oklahoma won its 43rd straight game with a 21-7 triumph over Texas but had its hands full.

The coaches gave Michigan State 321 of a possible 350 points, based on 10 points for a first-place ballot, nine for second place, etc. Oklahoma dropped to 308 points and second place.

Eighteen coaches rated Michigan State No. 1 while Oklahoma received only 12 votes for the top rating. Minnesota drew two first-place ballots and Iowa, Duke and Navy, 8 each; 19 (tie), UCLA and Texas Christian, 4 each.

Others — Michigan, North Carolina and Florida, 3 each; Oregon, Penn State, Georgia Tech, Washington State and Texas, 2 each; Dartmouth, Arizona (Tempe) St., and Louisiana St., 1 each.

leaped from ninth to fifth. Duke was sixth and Oregon State seventh, switching their positions of last week. Auburn again was ranked 10th.

After the top 10 came Mississippi in 11th place, Wisconsin 12th and Pittsburgh 13th. Rice and North Carolina State were tied for 14th, followed by Army in 16th, Ohio State and Navy for 17th and UCLA and Texas Christian tied for 19th.

NEW YORK (UP) — The United Press college football ratings (with first-place votes and won-lost records in parentheses):

Team	Points
1. Michigan State (18) (3-0)	321
2. Oklahoma (12) (3-0)	308
4. Minnesota (2) (3-0)	251
5. Texas A&M (4-0)	221
5. Iowa (1) (3-0)	156
6. Duke (1) (4-0)	138
7. Oregon State (4-0)	135
8. Notre Dame (3-0)	99
9. Arkansas (1) (4-0)	77
10. Auburn (3-0)	74

Second 10 teams — 11, Mississippi, 24; 12, Wisconsin, 21; 13, Pittsburgh, 17; 14 (tie), Rice and North Carolina State, 13 each; 16, Army, 11; 17 (tie), Ohio State and Navy, 8 each; 19 (tie), UCLA and Texas Christian, 4 each.

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Ray Robinson had a reach advantage of 5 1/2 inches for his bout with Carmen Basilio. Basilio won a split decision and relieved Ray of the middleweight title.

## Georgia Tech Falls Short Of Preseason Grid Ratings

ATLANTA (UP) — What's happened to Georgia Tech's football team? Nothing, says Coach Bobby Dodd, whose Engineers were upset 20-13 Saturday night by Louisiana State.

"I've got exactly the kind of team I thought I'd have this season," he said. "A team which can look like a fine football team one day and like a bunch of sophomores, which they are, another day."

Tech has won one, lost one and tied one — a slow start for a team which was rated, over Dodd's protest, as one of the nation's powers.

"The Tech team is not as poor as it looked Saturday night losing to LSU," Dodd said, "and it is not as good as most preseason ratings had it listed."

Sixteen of Tech's top 22 players on last year's great team are gone.

Against LSU, Dodd used 30 players. Fifteen were sophomores. More important, 8 of the 10 backs, were soph. Senior halfback Stan Flowers is the only non-soph in Tech's starting backfield. The only other non-soph back who played against LSU was senior Bobby Dover, used as a spot punter.

Two players who would be playing regularly for Tech are sidelined with injuries. Junior Tackle Don Denning smashed an elbow in a private plane crash in the summer and isn't counted on at all this season. Junior halfback Doe DeLany broke his collarbone against Kentucky. He will be dressed for the Auburn game Saturday and may be used to punt some.

But the injuries to DeLany and Denning did not reduce Tech's efficiency drastically. Dodd says he simply is having to play too many sophos too much of the time.

## Bob Shantz, John Podres Top Earned Run Averages

NEW YORK (UP) — Southpaw Bobby Shantz capped a successful pitching comeback in 1957 by winning the American League earned run title.

In becoming the eighth Yankee player to head the ERA listings, Shantz posted a 2.45 average.

Figures compiled by The Associated Press also revealed Tuesday that the Brooklyn Dodger lefthander Johnny Podres captured earned run laurels in the National League. Podres, who became the second Dodger hurler to win the crown, had a 2.66 mark.

Shantz, having been plagued with arm miseries, was traded by Kansas City to the Yankees last February in a multi-player deal. With the A's in 1956, the 32-year-old Shantz had a 2-7 record and a 4.37 ERA.

The change of uniforms did wonders for the diminutive lefty. He won 11 games and lost five with New York while allowing 47 earned runs in 173 innings.



BOBBY SHANTZ



JOHNNY PODRES

Whitey Ford of the Yankees topped the American League in 1956 with 2.58, but was ineligible this season because he pitched only 129 innings. To be eligible a pitcher had to work at least 154 innings. Milwaukee's Lew Burdette, the National League leader a year ago with 2.71, compiled a 3.71 ERA in 1957 and finished out of the running.

## Bob Shantz, John Podres Top Earned Run Averages

Podres, who had a 12-9 won-lost record, also topped the majors in shutouts with six.

The Yankees' Tom Sturdivant was runner-up to Shantz with 2.53, followed by Detroit's Jim Bunning with 2.70 and New York's Bob Turley with 2.71. Warren Spahn of Milwaukee and Don Drysdale of Brooklyn trailed Podres with 2.69 each and the Braves' Bob Buhl ranked fourth with 2.74.

## Rookie Sweeney, Jim Moore Lead Hockey Scoring

NEW YORK (UP) — Bill Sweeney, a rookie center with the Providence Reds, shared the American Hockey League scoring lead with Jimmy Moore of the season.

Each had three goals and four assists for seven points in games played through last Sunday.

Kenny Wharram of the Buffalo Bisons was third with six points, based on three goals and three assists. Rookies Bruce Carmichael and Eddie Shack of Providence, Dick Gamble of Buffalo, Johnny McLellan of Cleveland and Willie Marshall of the Hershey Bears had five points each.

## Right Combination Behind Wisconsin's Victory Streak

MADISON, Wis. (UP) — Football Coach Milt Bruhn of the University of Wisconsin said today, "It may be true that I have all my eggs in one basket, but I also have the right combination."

"In 1956 we just couldn't seem to find the right man to do the signal calling," he said. "But it's different now. Instead of playing five or six boys I'm sticking with one."

Quarterback Sid Williams is the one. He is unusually alert to seize the advantage in situations where another might back down, Bruhn feels.

"The boy's mind works like a computer," Bruhn said, "and he can deliver."

Bruhn said he believes the team passed its first major test by beating Purdue 23-14 Saturday in its

Big Ten opener. The Badgers visit defending champion Iowa this weekend.

"I admit we lack experience, but that will come along," Bruhn said. "This may sound corny, yet we're going to play one game at a time and whatever we do or don't do will be remembered."

As a nucleus for his sophomore-loaded team, Bruhn has tackle Danny Lanphear, fullback Jon Hobbs, halfback Danny Lewis, end Earl Hill and Williams.

Bruhn thinks his line speed poses a particularly dangerous threat because of scoring potential from any spot on the field.

The Badgers throttled Marquette University 60-6 and West Virginia 45-13 before the Purdue victory.

## DeMarco-Akins Bout Is Not Title Fight, Says Jackson

RACINE, Wis. (UP) — Gilbert Jackson, newly-elected president of the National Boxing Assn., has asked the Massachusetts Boxing Commission to call off the scheduled fight between Tony DeMarco and Virgil Akins that's being billed as a championship bout.

"It's out of order," fired Jackson in a blistering letter to Harry Lamar Monday that labeled as "ridiculous" Lamar's contention that the Oct. 29 fight will be for the vacated welterweight title.

"This is an utter, absolute violation of NBA rules," said Jackson, "and it appears to me to be strictly a local promotion to show

in DeMarco as champion." The fight is scheduled for Boston, DeMarco's home town.

Jackson said the NBA Executive Committee agreed in September to "sponsor" an elimination tournament among the four top contenders in the welterweight division if champion Carmen Basilio defeated Ray Robinson to become the middleweight titleholder.

"Massachusetts was represented at that meeting," Jackson said. "Since that time, I personally wired each of the four top contenders to learn if he would take part in such a tournament."

"I got yes answers from all but DeMarco, who didn't even reply," said Jackson. The other contenders are Isaac Logart, Vince Martinez and Gil Turner. Akins was fifth in the latest NBA ratings.

"How in heaven's name can they pick a fifth-rater and call it a title fight," said Jackson.

## Pelican-Tornado Ducats On Sale

Reserved seat tickets for the KUHS Pelican-Medford football game to be held at Modoc Field Friday night are now on sale at the chamber of commerce office.

KUHS Athletic Director Jim Johnson said there are plenty of good seats available for the game. All tickets are for the Klamath-Medford game only and all seats are reserved.

## Pel Boosters Set Meeting

The Pelican Boosters Club will hold its weekly meeting Wednesday morning at 6:30 at the Willard Hotel. KUHS football coach Andy Knudsen will discuss last Friday's 40-7 drubbing by Vancouver and this Friday's game with Medford. All members and interested persons are invited to attend.

## Man O'War Enshrined

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. (UP) — Man O'War, regarded by most experts as the greatest thoroughbred who ever lived, today was enshrined in the National Museum of Racing along with nine other champions of the 1910-1930 era.

Winner of 20 of his 21 races, "Big Red" was the unanimous choice of a national committee of sportswriters for racing's shrine along with Equipoise and Exterminator, two of the greatest weight carriers of all time.

Others selected were Gallant Fox, Twenty Grand, Blue Larkspur, Regret, Grey Lag, Sarazen and Sir Barton. Gallant Fox was the 1930 Triple Crown champion while Regret gained fame as the only filly to win the Kentucky Derby.

## Armstrong Fells Eddie Thompson

NEW YORK (UP) — Middleweight Gene (Ace) Armstrong, a stacker in a gin distillery at Elizabeth, N.J., was in excellent spirits today because his 12th straight professional victory had assured a future fight with ex-contender Randy Sandty.

Unbeaten Gene scored a technical knockout over Eddie (Machine Gun) Thompson of New York in their TV fight at St. Nicholas Arena Monday night. Referee Pete Scanzo stopped it at the end of the seventh round because Thompson was bleeding badly from his left brow and his nose.

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