

Texas A&M Ups Hold On AP Football Poll

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Tough, win-tem-all Texas A&M not only retained, but strengthened its hold on the No. 1 ranking in The Associated Press college football poll this week—the first club other than Oklahoma to stay on top two straight weeks.

Not since Oklahoma took the top spot from their mighty Maryland in the eighth week of the 55 campaign have the Sooners been unable to bounce back after a week. They had been off of the No. 1 position only twice, stepping back for Tennessee and Michigan State last year.

But this is the first time since 1951 that Oklahoma has been held to only two touchdowns on successive Saturdays—losing the top position to Texas A&M a week ago after a 14-13 squeaker against Colorado and barely holding second this week after last Saturday's 13-0 job on Kansas State, their 46th straight victory.

Texas A&M, now 7-0 after a 7-6 scare from Arkansas, moved from a 39-point edge over the Sooners last week to a 215-point bulge this week. The 201 writers and broadcasters voting in this week's poll, the heaviest balloting of the season, apparently figured Arkansas would give the Aggies a tough time, but had expected Oklahoma to steam-roller K-State.

Auburn, jumping from fourth to third, finished just 26 points shy of Oklahoma. The Tigers, 6-0, actually got two more first-place ballots than the Sooners.

Oklahoma held second on the basis of point tabulations figured at 10 points for a first place vote, 9 for second, 8 for third, etc.

The rest of the top 10 had quite a shakeup. Michigan State, up from sixth, took fourth with Iowa fifth. The Hawkeyes, tied by Michigan, had been third.

Notre Dame, fifth a week ago, and Duke, seventh last week, tumbled to the second division.

Female Wins Grid Contest

For the second week in a row top honors in the weekly football contest went to the distaff side.

Top entry in the contest was submitted by Freda Thayer, Bly, who missed six games and was off 39 points on the tie-breakers. Second prize went to Dale J. Sams, 927 Lincoln, who missed seven games and was off 33 points on the tie-breakers. Larry Blofsky, Route 3, Klamath Falls, also missed seven games but was off 34 points to take third place honors.

Clifford Case, Klamath Agency, and Robert E. Schmoee, 4603 Douglas, earned honorable mention by missing eight games each. Case was off 15 points and Schmoee 20 on the tie-breakers.

Last week's contest was the roughest yet for Basin fans, with entries missing as high as 17 games recorded. Most of the contest games were of the "toss-up" variety, and the games that were "sure bets" turned out to be upsets.

The Sacred Heart-Jacksonville game which was not played was classed as a win for Sacred Heart as the game officially goes into the record books as a 1-0 victory for the academy.

Francis Kenyon, 730 Mitchell, still leads in the contest for the grand prize trip to the East-West game. Two tickets, plus \$50 expense money will be awarded to the contestant with the highest score during the 10 weekly contests. Kenyon's entry had only two misses on it. This week's contest page ran in Monday's Herald and News, with only two more contests to follow.

Last week's contest games and their results are as follows: Navy 20, Notre Dame 6; Syracuse 24, Pitt 21; Purdue 21, Illinois 6; Iowa 21, Michigan 21 (tie); Kansas 14, Nebraska 12; Missouri 9, Colorado 6; Alabama 14, Georgia 13; Georgia Tech 13, Duke 0; Texas A&M 7, Arkansas 6; TCU 19, Baylor 6; SMU 19, Texas 12; Oregon 27, Stanford 26; Oregon State 39, Washington State 25; USC 19, Washington 12; Minnesota 34, Indiana 0; Oklahoma 13, Kansas State 0; Bonanza 20, Talent 13; Chiloquin 39, St. Mary's 0; Madras 20, Lakeview 6; Crater 27, KUH 18; OCE 31, OTI 7; and Merrill 20, Malin 14.

NAIA Seeks Football Site

KANSAS CITY (AP)—The National Assn. of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) is looking for a new site for its championship football game Dec. 21.

The first game was played last year in Little Rock, Ark., and called the Aluminum Bowl. There were plans to hold it there again this year until the school integration crisis arose.

Conditions in Little Rock now are too unstable to schedule the game there, the NAIA Executive Committee said Monday night in a statement issued through Ed Garich, publicity director.

Odesa, Tex., and Memphis, Tenn., are among the new sites being studied, Garich said.

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with their first defeats last Saturday.

Ohio State moved from eighth to sixth, Navy, the Irish beater, leaped from 16th to seventh, Army moved from ninth to eighth, Tennessee advanced from 17th to ninth and North Carolina State stayed No. 10.

The top 10 teams (first place votes in parentheses):

1. Texas A&M (65)	1777
2. Oklahoma (48)	1562
3. Auburn (50)	1536
4. Michigan State (6)	1141
5. Iowa (12)	1110
6. Ohio State (10)	869
7. Navy	612
8. Army	424
9. Tennessee (5-1)	417
10. North Carolina State (3)	373
11. Michigan	244
12. Arkansas (1)	205
13. Oregon	166
14. Mississippi (1)	166
15. Notre Dame	101
16. Duke	73
17. Mississippi State	69
18. Georgia Tech	61
19. Missouri (1)	46
20. V.M.I.	18

Sooner Fans Demand TDs

NORMAN, Okla., (AP)—Oklahoma is riding a 46-game football winning streak, and is No. 2 in the nation, but this isn't satisfying some Sooner followers.

Fair-weather spectators are unhappy because Oklahoma isn't piling up 5 and 6 touchdown margins.

The situation was brought into focus Saturday as the Sooners, a 5-touchdown favorite, had a hard time beating weak Kansas State 13-0. A 14-13 victory over Colorado in another Big Eight Conference game didn't set well with some.

It's a perfect situation for Sooner Coach Bud Wilkinson, who has a reputation for being pessimistic about each upcoming game, to say "I told you so."

Wilkinson today just pointed out what he had said all season, that he didn't have a super team and his squad is playing at the peak of its capabilities in each game.

"I feel it's not in the cards for us to keep winning," said the graying Wilkinson, 41, in forecasting Oklahoma's string would come to an end against Missouri at Columbia Saturday.

"We'll be trying as hard as we can to win. But we have just an ordinary squad on offense."

He's happy with the Oklahoma defense, which has stopped all touchdown bids on the ground.

"I think we have improved and I'm very pleased with the way we've played. But we're going to have to move the ball more consistently and improve our kicking."

Then Wilkinson added: "Even if we lose the next three out of our four games the rest of this season, I'd say we had done real well."

Brother Team Takes Scoring Lead In NHL

MONTREAL (UP)—Those Richard brothers—Maurice and Henri—are making a strong early bid to become the first brother team to finish one-two in the National Hockey League scoring race.

Including Sunday's games, the Richards were out in front with 10 goals and nine assists each for 19 points. The 36-year-old Rocket and his 21-year-old brother have been setting a dizzy, goal-a-game pace for the first 10 games and led a four-man Montreal Canadiens flight in the scoring derby.

Tied for third place with 15 points each were Dickie Moore, the third man on the Richard line, and big Jean Beliveau, Moore has 8 goals and Beliveau five.

Andy Bathgate of New York and Gordie Howe of Detroit were tied for fifth with 12 points. Bathgate has four goals and eight assists, while Howe, the defending scoring champ, has only two goals and 10 assists.

But the biggest surprise has been the strong goaltending the Rangers have received from Lorne (Gump) Worsley and rookie Marcel Paille. Worsley, last among all goalies a year ago, has never been a major factor in the race for the Vezina trophy. But today he and Paille had a combined league-leading 2.00 goals-per-game average, including three shutouts.

New York's Lou Fontinato received only a single minor in four games last week, but it was enough to retain his "badman" role with 34 minutes. The Chicago Black Hawks, however, remained the most penalized club with 131 minutes.

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Ball Control Is The Thing Scoring, Passing Show Lag

NEW YORK (AP)—The swing toward possession football which became very noticeable in the major college game last fall has continued through the first half of the 1957 season, a check by the NCAA Service Bureau showed Tuesday.

Scoring, ground gaining and forward passing are down to the lowest figures in years while the high percentage of running plays attained last year has been maintained. More field goals than usual are being attempted and made.

The NCAA Service Bureau, concerned primarily with statistics, doesn't try to explain the figures. But most coaches point to the popularity of the split T formation and variations of the T which are better suited to running than passing.

The running game was the principal ground-gainer under the old single wing style, though a tail-back who could pass was considered very useful as a threat or when the runners couldn't move.

The NCAA records for major colleges show that the scoring average is down 32 points per game, for both teams, for the first time since 1943. During the first half of the 1957 season, major teams averaged only 31.5 points a game, as compared to a 33.3 point average during 1956.

Over a period of many years, major teams have averaged about 90 running plays for both teams in each game. Last season the average increased to 98.2 plays and that figure has been maintained so far this year.

In 1952 there was a sudden upsurge in field goals and major college teams booted 82, but the average for other seasons has been under 60 for 12 years. So far this year 32 have been made, indicating an over-average total for the season.

After the 10 leaders came North Salem, Medford, Vale and Willamina, in that order.

Balloting results, with season's record and total points in the poll (10 for first, 9 for second, etc.):

1. South Eugene (8-0)	150
2. South Salem (7-1)	116
3. Marshfield (5-1-1)	103
4. Beaverton (7-1)	100
5. Jefferson (7-0)	86
6. Springfield (6-1-1)	67
7. Grant (7-0)	62
8. Grants Pass (6-1)	43
9. McMinnville (8-0)	38
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Others: Milwaukie, 21; North Salem, 19; Medford, 6; Vale and Willamina, 1 each.

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South Eugene Retains Prep Poll Ranking

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A unanimous vote again gives South Eugene the No. 1 position in the Associated Press high school football poll. It is the third week in a row that the Axemen, unbeaten in eight games, have led the poll.

South Eugene's latest victory was a 43-12 romp over North Bend.

South Salem continued in the No. 2 position after blanking Sweet Home 65-0 for a 6-1 record for the season.

Marshfield, tied for fourth last week, advanced to third place with a 42-13 win over Roseburg. Beaverton, which rolled over Parkrose 32-6, dropped back into fourth place—from third in the previous poll.

Jefferson, tied at fourth with Marshfield last week, took over fifth place with its 7-0 record. Jefferson beat Franklin 33-7 in a Portland League game Friday night.

Springfield (6-1-1) was sixth choice and Grant of Portland (7-0) was seventh.

Grants Pass (5-1) retained the eighth position, but there were changes in the ninth and tenth spots.

McMinnville (8-0) climbed back into the favored ten as No. 9, displacing North Salem, despite North Salem's 33-6 victory over Fort Vancouver, Wash.

Milton-Freewater, undefeated in seven games, took over tenth place.

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Giants Ticket Sales Torrid

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—A torrent of ticket reservations — almost \$700,000 worth already — is swamping the San Francisco Giants' front office.

"I've heard of such things happening in Milwaukee, but this beats anything I've ever had anything to do with," exulted ticket manager Peter Hoffman, who's been with the National League organization for 25 years.

Hoffman predicts the Giants will play to 1½ million fans in their first season in San Francisco. To reach that figure, he said, an enlarged minor league stadium still seating only 23,160 would "have to run at near capacity for all our 74 home dates."

"I know it sounds crazy," he declared, "but after being on the job out here, I know we're going to do it."

The city is building a new stadium for the Giants but it won't be ready next season.

Hoffman said he and two full time assistants can't keep up with what he terms "a deluge" of ticket orders. "This far in advance of a season that won't open until April 15, of 1958, it's amazing," he said.

The ticket manager said one order Monday for a box seat reservation for the season was from Los Angeles.

"Some fans will do anything to get away from the Dodgers," he cracked.

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