

Ohio State Buckeyes Top UP Poll Ratings

NEW YORK (UP)—Ohio State, which lost its season opener and then swept to the Big Ten championship and a berth in the Rose Bowl, took over the No. 1 spot in the United Press college football ratings today by a narrow margin over Michigan State and Auburn.

Only 18 points separated the top three teams, making this season's race for the national championship the closest in many years. The title will be determined next week in the final 1957 ballot of the United Press board of coaches.

Michigan State, in first place last week, attracted the highest number of first-place votes this week from the 35 leading coaches who make up the United Press rating board. The Spartans were the No. 1 choice of 13 coaches, compared to 11 votes for Ohio State and 10 for Auburn.

However, Ohio State received much greater support for succeeding places. No coach picked the Buckeyes lower than fifth place this week. Michigan State had one vote each for sixth and eighth place, while Auburn received one each for sixth through ninth places.

In points, Ohio State thus had 304, compared to 297 for Michigan

State and 286 for Auburn. Points are awarded on the basis of 19 for a first place vote, nine for a second and so on down to one point for a 10th place vote.

Iowa moved up four notches to the No. 4 rating, placing three Big Ten powers in the first four places. Iowa was followed in order by Texas A&M, Oklahoma, Navy, Mississippi, Army and Rice.

Rice was the week's newcomer among the top 10 teams, replacing Notre Dame which dropped from ninth to 11th place after its defeat by Iowa.

Seven of this week's top 10 teams have games remaining on their schedule, only the three Big Ten schools having completed their regular season. Ohio State meets Oregon (ranked 17th) in the Rose Bowl, Texas A&M is a likely Cotton or Sugar Bowl participant; Oklahoma is in the Orange Bowl against Duke (ranked 15th); Navy will receive a Cotton Bowl bid if it beats Army Saturday; Mississippi is a Sugar Bowl prospect, and Rice can win the host role in the Cotton Bowl by beating Baylor.

Auburn, with a spotless 9-0 record and one game left against weak Alabama, is ineligible for a bowl bid this year.

Here is how the points were divided after the first three teams: Iowa 203, Texas A&M 191, Oklahoma 171, Navy 122, Mississippi 118, Army 73 and Rice 69.

Arizona (Tempe) State, which like Auburn is undefeated and untied, received one first place vote and ranked 13th behind Notre Dame and Wisconsin. North Carolina State was 14th with Duke and Texas tied for 15th place, and Oregon and UCLA tied for 17th. There was a five-team tie for the No. 19 rating among Clemson, Princeton, Illinois, North Carolina and Mississippi State.

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

Team	Pts.
1. Ohio State (11) (8-1)	304
2. Michigan State (13) (8-1)	297
3. Auburn (10) (9-0)	286
4. Iowa (7-1-1)	203
5. Texas A. and M. (8-1)	191
6. Oklahoma (8-1)	171
7. Navy (7-1-1)	122
8. Mississippi (8-1)	118
9. Army (7-1)	73
10. Rice (6-3)	69

Second 10 group — 11. Notre Dame, 30; 12. Wisconsin, 17; 13. Arizona, (Tempe) State (1) 14; 14. North Carolina State, 7; 15. (tie), Duke and Texas, 6 each; 17. (tie), Oregon and U.C.L.A., 3 each; 19. (tie), Clemson, Princeton, Illinois, North Carolina and Mississippi State, 1 each.

Cougar Cage Mentor Friel To Quit Post

PULLMAN, Wash. (UP)—A 30-63-4 career as Washington State College head basketball coach will end at the close of this season for Jack Friel who announced today he intends to retire from active coaching.

Friel, 59, began as head coach of the Cougars in 1928 and has been recognized as one of the nation's finest teachers of the game. His teams have won 490 games in the 29-year span, a record unmatched by any other Pacific Coast Conference coach.

In his retirement announcement, Friel said he thought 30 years' coaching was enough and that it was about time for a younger man to take over.

Friel said he would remain at WSC as a teacher in the physical education department in which he holds an assistant professorship.

TICKET BLANKS SOON

DURHAM, N.C. (UP)—Duke University alumni and season ticket holders will receive special blanks "as soon as possible" for ordering Orange Bowl tickets, it was announced Tuesday by university officials.

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JIM CROW, Sports Editor

Owls Snare OCC Rushing; Everson Individual Honors

PORTLAND (Special)—Oregon College of Education topped three individual and two team performance departments during the 1957 Oregon Collegiate conference football season, final compilation of OCC statistics revealed.

Coach Bill McArthur's OCE Wolves, runners-up for the conference crown, was total offense leader with an average of 334.6 yards per game and topped the passing department with an aerial game that gained an average of 148.8 yards over the team's eight game schedule.

Oregon Technical Institute garnered the team rushing title with an average of 229.9 yards per game over a 10 game schedule. Tech was second in total offense with a game average of 280.7 yards.

The only individual title OCE couldn't claim was that of rushing. Alfonso (Tiger) Everson ran for 123 yards against Centralia Junior College to overtake the field and finish the season with 665 yards, an average of 6.9 per carry. Dick Quinn of Eastern Oregon College was second with 585 yards and Chuck Withers of Portland State finished third with a total of 556.

Ron Maurer, rushing leader throughout the season until the final week, was fourth with 539 yards. His 7.1 yard average per carry, however, was highest among the regular hall carriers.

Oregon College also claimed the passing, scoring and punting titles. Freshman Jim Bowen held better than a two-to-one advantage over his nearest rival in the passing department. He hit 50.9 per cent of his passes for 1,160 yards. He connected with 56 of 110 attempts. Second was Lance Locke of Southern Oregon who completed 37 of 97 tosses for 394 yards and a percentage of 381.

Wyman Gernhart scored 13 touchdowns and a pair of PATs to outdistance his nearest rival, Alfonso Everson, for the point title. Gernhart tallied 80 points and Everson 54.

Gernhart's teammate, Barry Adams, won the other individual crown for OCE. He was the top punter in the OCC with an average of 37 yards per kick. He punted 30 times. His nearest competitor was John Willmarth of EOC who averaged 34.8 yards on 26 kicks.

Unbeaten Auburn Rides Atop AP Poll

By HUGH FULLERTON Jr.
The Associated Press

Auburn, unbeaten and untied Southeastern Conference leader, advanced to the top of the national football rankings today in the season's semi-final Associated Press poll as Michigan State fumbled away its hold on first place.

The defensively stubborn Plainsmen from Alabama, a close second a week ago, polled 1,850 points on the ballots of 227 sports writers and broadcasters. Michigan State, leader by only nine points a week ago, dropped to third after a fumbling performance against Kansas State last Saturday while Ohio State's Rose Bowl-bound Big Ten champions moved into second.

The national college football championship will be decided next week in the final Associated Press Poll. Since the Rev. Hugh O'Donnell Trophy was retired by Oklahoma last year, The Associated Press will present a new championship trophy, to be held by the team designated as champion in the final poll.

Only one of the three top contenders for the championship is scheduled to play this week.

Auburn, an easy 29-7 winner over Florida State Saturday, takes on its old rival Alabama, in the season-ending game. All three ranking teams from the Big Ten—Ohio State, Michigan State and Iowa—completed their regular seasons last week.

Auburn has won nine straight games and allowed its opponents only four touchdowns—no more than one in any game.

In this week's balloting, Auburn drew 83 of the 227 first-place votes and 1,850 points on the basis of 10 for each first place vote, 9 for second, etc., down to 1 for tenth.

Ohio State, loser to Texas Christian in its opening game but undefeated in Big Ten competition, finished with a rousing 31-14 victory over Michigan. This performance siphoned away some of the support that formerly had gone to Michigan State. The Spartans lost five fumbles and had to stage State 27-9 in their last game.

Ohio State drew 65 first-place votes and 1,769 points to 41 and 1,713 for Michigan State.

Completing the first 10 were Texas A&M, Oklahoma, Iowa, Mississippi, Navy, Rice and Army. Oklahoma and Iowa moved up from sixth and eighth rankings after last Saturday's victories. Mississippi and Navy, both idle, dropped back a notch or two.

Rice, tying Texas A&M for the Southwest Conference lead, replaced Notre Dame, loser to Iowa, in the top 10 rankings.

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The top 10 with first-place votes in parentheses:

1. Auburn (83) 1,850
2. Ohio State (65) 1,769
3. Michigan State (41) 1,713
4. Texas A&M 1,370
5. Oklahoma (8) 1,212
6. Iowa (7) 1,130
7. Mississippi (6) 967
8. Navy 709
9. Rice 384
10. Army 349

The second 10:

11. Arizona State (11) 193
12. Notre Dame 141
13. Mississippi State 136

14. Wisconsin 94
15. N. C. State 85
16. Duke 60
17. VMI 45
18. Tennessee 38
19. Oregon State 37
20. Florida 27

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