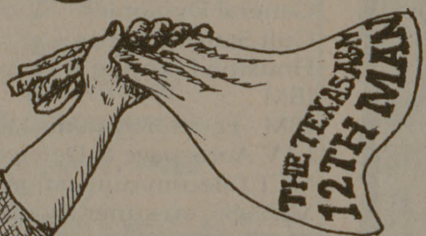


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Michigan continues assault on AP Top 20

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The Michigan Wolverines continue to claw their way toward the top of The Associated Press college football poll. Only Iowa and Oklahoma remain in their way.

When the season began, Michigan wasn't even ranked. Two polls into the season, the Wolverines still were out of range of the Top Twenty. Then they broke into the rankings at No. 19. Then they rose to 12th. Then to seventh.

And now they're third with seven first-place votes and 1,037 points. Victories over Notre Dame (20-12), South Carolina (34-3), Maryland (20-0) and Wisconsin (33-6) will do that. Next up: Michigan State.

Iowa, despite having to scramble in the last minute to beat Michigan State 35-31 last Saturday, remained atop the poll, a berth it achieved last week for the first time in 24 years. The Hawkeyes received 34 of 59 first-place votes and 1,137 points.

Oklahoma, receiving 14 first-place votes and 1,106 points from the nationwide panel of sports writers and broadcasters, stayed in second place for the fifth week running after blowing out Kansas State 41-6.

No teams dropped out of the Top Twenty and, obviously, none joined the elite crowd. But Southern Methodist, which had fluctuated between third and sixth in the first five weeks of the poll, was beaten 28-6 by unranked Arizona and fell to 16th this week.

Idle Florida State was fourth again with three first-place votes and 993 points, while Oklahoma State moved one rung up the ladder to fifth with the other first-place vote and 896 points.

Arkansas, a 41-0 winner over Texas Christian, jumped four spots to sixth with 806 points, and Florida, which beat Louisiana State 20-0, likewise moved up four places to seventh. Penn State, although idle, moved from ninth to eighth, with Nebraska, 13th a week ago, ninth this time and idle Alabama, 12th last week, competing the Top Ten.

In the Second Ten: Brigham Young, Auburn, Air Force, Tennessee, Ohio State, SMU, Texas, Georgia, Baylor and LSU. A week ago it was Florida, Alabama, Nebraska, Auburn, BYU, Tennessee, Air Force, Georgia, Baylor and Texas.

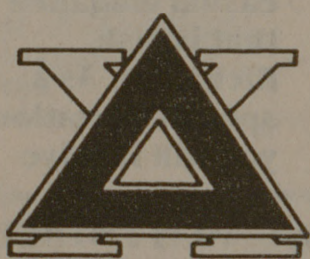


AP Top 20 Poll

The Top Twenty teams in the Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses and season record:

1. Iowa (34) — 4-0-0
2. Oklahoma (14) — 2-0-0
3. Michigan (7) — 4-0-0
4. Florida State (3) — 4-0-0
5. Oklahoma State (1) — 4-0-0
6. Arkansas — 4-0-0
7. Florida — 3-0-1
8. Penn State — 4-0-0
9. Nebraska — 3-1-0
10. Alabama — 4-0-0
11. BYU — 4-1-0
12. Auburn — 3-1-0
13. Air Force — 5-0-0
14. Tennessee — 2-0-1
15. Ohio State — 3-1-0
16. SMU — 2-1-0
17. Texas — 3-0-0
18. Georgia — 3-1-0
19. Baylor — 4-1-0
20. LSU — 2-1-0

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