

NOTRE DAME TOPS POLL IN FOOTBALL

No. Carolina Pre-Flight Rated
Second and Army Next
by Nation's Experts

The Midwest dominates the first Associated Press football poll of the 1944 campaign—just as that sector grabbed the honors in each of the previous eight seasons the nation's sports writers picked the leaders.

The selections, announced yesterday, find Notre Dame's 1943 national champions pacing the pack. The Irish, one-sided winners over Pitt and Tulane, piled up an even 800 points, including 34 first-place ballots from the 93 writers.

Ohio State, easy victor over Missouri and Iowa, and 1942 national king, wound up in eighth place in the nation-wide picture—but as the No. 1 team in the civilian list. All the other squads in the top ten are service teams, or are bolstered by service material.

North Carolina Pre - Flight, which beat Navy and Duke on successive Saturdays, finished second to the Irish with 608 points, and 24 first-place nominations, while Army's powerhouse, although put at the peak by only three writers, took third place with 575.

Randolph Field of Texas received 22 first-place votes but was ranked in fourth place. Great Lakes, Navy, Purdue, Ohio State, Pennsylvania and Georgia Tech completed the first ten teams.

Iowa Pre-Flight and Michigan, which ranked No. 2 and No. 3, respectively, in the final 1943 poll, topped the second ten teams, a bracket that included Tulsa, Illinois, Tennessee, the Second Air Force Superbombers, Wake Forest, Bainbridge Naval, Indiana and Wisconsin.

A total of 39 teams received votes. Ten points were awarded for first place, nine for second, eight for third, etc.

The leading teams and their points (first-place votes in parenthesis):

FIRST TEN

	Pts.
Notre Dame (34)	800
North Carolina Pre-Flight (24)	608
Army (3)	575
Randolph Field (22)	510
Great Lakes (3)	450
Navy	369
Purdue (2)	346
Ohio State (2)	296
Pennsylvania	275
Georgia Tech	194

SECOND TEN

11. Iowa Pre-Flight (1), 152; 12. Michigan, 53; 13. Tulsa, 52; 14. Illinois, 35; 15. Tennessee (1), 34; 16. Second Air Force, 34; 17. Wake Forest, 31; 18. Bainbridge Naval, 26; 19. Indiana, 24; 20. Wisconsin, 24.

OTHER POINT WINNERS

March Field (1), 20; California, 20; Southern California, 19; Washington, 13; Iowa State, 12; Texas, 12; Duke, 13; San Diego Naval, 9; Georgia, 6; Georgia Pre-Flight, 6; Third Air Force, 6; Rice, 6; Yale, 4; Mississippi, 4; Missouri, 2; Alabama, 2; Auburn, 1; North Carolina, 1; Southern Methodist, 1.