

# NOTRE DAME STILL TOPS U. S. ELEVENS

## Leads Army by Eight Points in Heading AP Poll for 13th Straight Time

For the thirteenth consecutive time over a two-year period the Notre Dame football team rates as the country's No. 1 eleven in The Associated Press poll, but this time the Irish margin is a mere eight points.

Loss of a single first-place vote and its 10 points would have dropped Notre Dame into second place behind Army in one of the tightest ballot battles the nine-year-old poll ever has produced.

Notre Dame, unbeaten this season, garnered 40 first-place tickets and 917 points. Army, likewise, unscathed, was tops on 30 votes and finished with 909 points to be followed by Randolph Field, first on 23 and Ohio State's Civilians with 14. The flyers collected 853 points to 790 for the Buckeyes. The foursome had identical positions last week.

### Bainbridge Moving Ahead

Only Bainbridge Naval Station was able to crash the Big Four's grasp on the first-place listings, getting two of the 109 cast but winding up in thirteenth place.

Not since Ohio State finished on top in the final voting of 1942 has the Notre Dame domination of the country's football forces been challenged to such an extent.

The South Bend Ramblers were first a week ago with 60 designations as the country's best, compared to 22 for Randolph Field, 12 for Army and 4 for Ohio State.

Since then, however, Notre Dame spent a torrid afternoon defeating Wisconsin, 28 to 13, while Randolph Field crushed Camp Polk, 67 to 0; Army handled the Coast Guard Academy with greater ease, 76 to 0, and Ohio State knocked off the mature Great Lakes outfit, 26 to 6.

### Tulsa Bowl-Minded Again

Georgia Tech, which squeezed by Navy, 17 to 15; Iowa Pre-Flight, Tulsa, Pennsylvania, North Carolina Pre-Flight and Purdue complete the first ten. Tulsa, bowl-minded for the fourth straight year, and Penn tied for seventh place with 269 points.

The Oklahomans and Purdue are making their bows among the elite, taking places held down last week by Navy and Great Lakes. The loss to Georgia Tech tumbled the Middies to twelfth place, while the Chicago sailors skidded all the way to sixteenth.

The leading teams on a point basis, with each first-place vote 10 points, second, 9; third, 8, etc. (first-place votes in parentheses):

#### FIRST TEN

Notre Dame (40).....	917
Army (30) .....	909
Randolph Field (23).....	853
Ohio State (14).....	790
Georgia Tech .....	589
Iowa Pre-Flight .....	347
Tulsa .....	269
Pennsylvania .....	269
North Carolina Pre-Flight.....	166
Purdue .....	153

#### SECOND TEN

Fourth Air Force, 109; Navy, 101; Bainbridge Naval (2), 93; Illinois, 55; Second Air Force, 52; Great Lakes, 46; Indiana, 44; Wake Forest, 38; Mississippi State, 23; Tennessee, 23; Third Air Force, 23.

#### OTHER POINT WINNERS

Michigan, 20; Washington, 18; Duke, 15; Texas, 13; Yale, 7; California, 7; Virginia, 6; Southern California, 5; Norman (Okla.) Navy, 4; Camp Peary, 4; Texas Christian, 3; Fulane, 3; North Carolina, 1; Fleet City Bluejackets, 1.