

# NOTRE DAME GAINS IN POLL OF EXPERTS

## Irish Rise to Second Place as Cornell Holds Lead, With Michigan Third

### FORDHAM IS RATED WELL

### Rams Placed 11th and Are Ranked by Several as on Par With Top Teams

By The Associated Press.

Cornell's football team, still riding high as the country's No. 1 eleven in the eyes of the experts, was challenged from a new quarter yesterday in the second Associated Press ranking poll of the season.

Texas A. and M., top team a year ago and runner-up last week, gave way to Notre Dame as the Irish, off their 61-0, sixty-seven-man romp over Carnegie Tech, zoomed from sixth place into second. While Cornell again received better than half the first-place votes—83 out of 162—Elmer Layden's crew, possibly one of the finest teams Notre Dame has had, scored heavily in the lower brackets to total 1,152 points to the Big Red's winning 1,473.

If any further proof were needed that Michigan against Penn at Ann Arbor will be next Saturday's major attraction, the poll supplied it. For the nation's sports editors placed both of these all-winning teams in the first ten, keeping Michigan in third place on 18 first-place votes and 1,040 points and moving Penn up a notch to eighth with 539.

#### Reshuffling of Teams

There was no change in the make-up of the top ten, but there was considerable reshuffling. The Texas Aggies went from second to fourth, with 1,037 points; Tennessee retained fifth place, on 880; Minnesota, winner over Washington, Nebraska and Ohio State, climbed to sixth with 817; Northwestern slid from fourth to seventh, 592, and Stanford, up from tenth to ninth on 350 points, changed places with Boston College, which got 334.

Cornell should get its biggest mid-season test this week-end, when Ohio State, beaten twice but "hopped up" to get revenge for that 1939 trimming, comes to Ithaca. Notre Dame, meanwhile, will tackle Illinois; Texas A. and M. will play Baylor, which knocked Villanova out of the all-winning ranks last Saturday; Tennessee will play Florida; Minnesota faces Iowa, which upset the Gophers a year ago; Northwestern, which apparently will have to get along without Bill De Correvont, will meet Indiana, and Stanford will face a major obstacle to its Coast Conference hopes in Southern California.

#### Eagles to Play St. Anselm

Only Boston College, which ran all over Idaho its last time out, will have a comparatively easy assignment. The Eagles play little St. Anselm, which has proved tough on occasion in the past, but does not seem to have what it takes to halt Frank Leahy's team this year.

The task of trying to rank the leaders proved too much for several of the voters. Three of them lumped Fordham, placed eleventh, together with nine of the top ten (Stanford omitted) as on a par. Another ranked Cornell, Notre Dame, Michigan, Texas Aggies, Tennessee, Minnesota, Northwestern and Fordham as equals, followed by Clemson and Boston College.

#### Ranking of First Ten

The rankings (points figured on 10-9-8-7, etc., basis, first-place votes in parentheses):

	First Places.	Pts.
1—Cornell	83	1,473
2—Notre Dame	30	1,152
3—Michigan	18	1,040
4—Texas A. and M.	15	1,037
5—Tennessee	6	880
6—Minnesota	8	817
7—Northwestern	..	* 592
8—Penn	..	539
9—Stanford	..	350
10—Boston College	..	334

Second Ten—11, Fordham 304; 12, Texas 107; 13, Clemson (1) 86; 14, Mississippi (1) 80; 15, Georgetown 38; 16, Washington 28; 17, Southern California 13; 18, Nebraska 12; 19, Southern Methodist 11; 20, Columbia 8.

Also Ran—Penn State 6, Ohio State and Detroit 5 each, Baylor, Duke and Navy 4 each, California 3, Mississippi State, Georgia Tech, Texas Tech and Wake Forest 2 each, Missouri and Colorado 1 each.