

# NOTRE DAME LEADS IN FOOTBALL POLL

## Fighting Irish Displace the Michigan Eleven—Texas Is Third and Penn Fourth

Notre Dame, still supposedly playing "underwraps," has moved to the head of the class in the weekly Associated Press poll of football writers, supplanting still-unbeaten Michigan.

The Minnesota Gophers apparently rubbed some of the glamor off the Michigan machine before succumbing, 13—6, for the writers shunted the Wolverines into second place. A week ago they had commanded 147 of 168 first-place votes. This time they grabbed only 69, with 78 of the 195 ballots listing the Fighting Irish at the top of the heap.

Texas remained a strong contender for top honors with 25 firsts, and Pennsylvania, gaining strength on its 21-0 victory over Navy, was named No. 1 by 11 voters.

Coach Frank Leahy's Irish slipped past Iowa, 21—0, without showing too much of their attack to future rivals. With Navy scheduled to test them Saturday in Cleveland, fans may learn more about the true strength of Notre Dame.

### Coach Speaks Cautiously

Leahy cautiously commented after the Iowa game: "They improved over last week and they will continue to improve. It will take a very good team to beat them."

The point score from the most extensive weekly poll in many years showed Notre Dame at 1,734 holding a slim 45-point edge over Michigan at 1,689, with Texas a close third at 1,516.

When the Longhorns of Texas meet the Southern Methodist Mustangs, who climbed to eighth place on a 7-0 triumph over U. C. L. A. in one of Saturday's feature games, the nation will get a better line on these two Southwest Conference powers.

Pennsylvania moved from eighth to fourth on its Navy success and now runs into Princeton, its conqueror last year in one of the major upsets of the season.

### Golden Bears Topple

The big battle on the Pacific Coast, resulting in a 39-14 decision for Southern California over California, sent the victorious Trojans into fifth place only a few points behind Penn. Coach Lynn (Pappy) Waldorf's Golden Bears fell out of the first ten.

Georgia Tech, enjoying a breather with The Citadel, moved up a peg to sixth position and Penn State advanced from ninth to seventh by outlasting previously unbeaten West Virginia, 21-14.

Duke's stock soared on the Blue Devil's 13-6 conquest of Wake Forest and they came all the way from fifteenth to ninth position. Something will have to give when Duke plays Georgia Tech on Saturday.

Despite Army's upset loss to Columbia, 21—20, ending their non-losing string after thirty-two games, the cadets managed to hold tenth place in the rankings, only two points ahead of Illinois, which played an 0-0 tie with them earlier.

Illinois' loss to Purdue sent them tumbling to eleventh but oddly enough the victory didn't help Fur-

due too much nor did Minnesota's sturdy stand against Michigan give them much of a boost in the standings.

Team standings with points figured on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis (first place votes in parenthesis):

1. Notre Dame (78).....1,734
2. Michigan (69).....1,689
3. Texas (25).....1,516
4. Pennsylvania (11).....1,165
5. Southern California (6).....1,133
6. Georgia Tech (2)..... 957
7. Penn State (2)..... 632
8. Southern Methodist..... 558
9. Duke (2)..... 252
10. Army ..... 208

11, Illinois 206; 12, Virginia 193; 13, Kentucky, 79; 14, California 65; 15, Wake Forest 61; 16, Purdue 45; 17, Louisiana State 35; 18, Alabama 33; 19, U. C. L. A. 28; 20, Columbia 27.

Others receiving votes were Texas Christian 12; North Carolina 10; Nevada and Utah, each 7; Minnesota, Missouri and Kansas, each 6; Navy and Utah State, each 5; Northwestern 4; Tennessee 3; Mississippi State, Wisconsin, Yale and Franklin and Marshall, each 2; West Virginia, William and Mary, Oregon and Catawba, each 1.