

# NOTRE DAME FIRST IN FOOTBALL POLL

**Irish Get Total of 933 Points  
 From Writers—Michigan 2d  
 —Army Is Rated No. 5**

Notre Dame, Michigan and Texas are the big three in college football at this early stage of the 1947 campaign in the opinion of more than a hundred sports writers who voted yesterday in the first Associated Press poll of the season to select the top ten teams.

Although both Michigan and Texas sport more impressive records than Notre Dame, the experts placed Coach Frank Leahy's Fighting Irish at the top of the list on the strength of their 40-6 triumph over Pittsburgh in their only performance to date.

Notre Dame held the No. 1 position in the final poll of 1946, breaking Army's two-year grip on that distinction, and the writers demonstrated their faith in Leahy's ability to build another national champion by reserving the top spot for his South Bend club.

**Listed on 102 Ballots.**

Fifty-two of the 103 writers participating in the first of the season's weekly polls gave Notre Dame their first-place votes and twenty-four others ranked it second. The Irish were listed on every ballot except one and were no lower than sixth on any of them.

The Irish, who meet Purdue this week, compiled a total of 933 points on the basis of 10 points for a first-place vote, 9 for second, etc.

Michigan, which crushed Stanford, 49-13, after swamping Michigan State in its opener, was awarded the No. 2 spot. Texas, the No. 1 team in the first poll a year ago but fifteenth at the end of the season, landed the third position. Georgia Tech, unbeaten and unscored on in two starts, was named No. 4, just ahead of Army, which boasts a similar record, 542 points to 533.

**One First-Place Vote**

The Cadets, runners-up in the final 1946 poll, drew only one first-place vote despite the extension of its unbeaten string to thirty games, Georgia Tech, which finished in eleventh place last year, was placed first on three ballots.

The standing of the top ten teams (first-place votes in parentheses points based on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 system of counting):

Team.	Points.
1—Notre Dame (52) .....	933
2—Michigan (29) .....	857
3—Texas (15) .....	790
4—Georgia Tech (3) .....	542
5—Army (1) .....	533
6—Illinois .....	454
7—Pennsylvania .....	295
8—California (1) .....	282
9—Georgia .....	178
10—Vanderbilt .....	152
The Second Ten: 11—Columbia, 103;	

12—Penn. State (1), 102; 13—Duke, 89; 14—Yale, 86; 15—Oklahoma, 77; 16—Rice, 52; 17—Minnesota (1), 41; 18—Mississippi, 36; 19—North Carolina, 35; 20—Southern California, 26.

Others receiving one or more points: North Carolina State, 23; Northwestern, 22; Arkansas, 17; Southern Methodist, Louisiana State and Wake Forest, 14 each; Harvard, 12; U. C. L. A. and Purdue, 11 each; Alabama, 9; Indiana, 8; San Francisco, 7; Oregon and Holy Cross, 6 each; Ohio State, Washington State, Wisconsin and Virginia, 4 each; Oregon State, 3; Tulsa and Cincinnati, 2 each; Utah, 1.