

4 TOP TEAMS HOLD POSITIONS IN POLL

Notre Dame, Army, Oklahoma, California Continue to Set Pace for Elevens

Notre Dame so completely dominates the top ten college football ratings that even losing to the Irish moves a club up the ladder.

Michigan State, a shadowy tenth last week, hopped to eighth in the sixth weekly Associated Press poll, in which 163 sports writers and sportscasters participated.

There were no shake-ups in the ratings, with Notre Dame still way out front on 137 of the 163 first-place votes. That amounts to roughly 84 per cent of the ballots, about the same as it has been running for weeks. The Irish took over the lead from Michigan on the second week and opened up a wide gap in the third week.

Back of Notre Dame, it's Army, Oklahoma, California and Michigan in that order, just the same as last week. Cornell moved up a step to sixth and Rice advanced from eighth to seventh.

Minnesota and Virginia are the only newcomers, displacing beaten Baylor, which lost its first game to Texas, 20-0, and Southern Methodist, held to a surprising 27-27 tie by the Texas Aggies.

The Minnesota Gophers' 55-7 romp over supposedly strong Iowa gave them a big lift and Virginia's convincing 26-14 decision over Penn lifted the unbeaten Cavaliers into the top ten.

Oklahoma to Play Missouri

Notre Dame apparently lost little prestige in yielding three touchdowns to Michigan State, two in the final minutes. Instead, the voters figured the Spartans tougher than expected because they held the Irish to a 34-21 victory.

The battle of West Point, in which Army ruined Fordham's perfect record, 35-0, in a savage roughhouse, drew thirteen first-place votes for the cadets.

Nine experts tabbed Oklahoma as the No. 1 team, but Oklahoma wound up third despite a 39-0 rout of Kansas State. The Sooners face their big test Saturday in strong Missouri.

Once again California held fourth place with three first after drubbing Washington State, 33-14. The Bears play Oregon Saturday.

On a point score basis, figuring 10 for first, 9 for second and so on, Notre Dame has 1,378, Army 1,144, Oklahoma 1,108 and California 943.

It's a big drop to Michigan with 605 points. The Wolverines subdued Purdue, 20-12, to move a step closer to the Big Ten title. Indiana is next on the schedule.

500 Points for Cornell

Cornell, a 33-7 winner over Syracuse in a blinding snowstorm, drew one first-place ballot and an even 500 points. The Big Red faces the first of two big hurdles barring the way to a repeat Ivy League title when it meets Dartmouth at Hanover, N. H., Saturday in one of the better games of the day.

Rice, 14-0 conqueror of Arkansas, is right behind Cornell with 467 points. Rice meets Texas A. and M. next.

Notre Dame makes its first New York appearance since 1946 Saturday when it plays North Carolina at the Yankee Stadium. Army, the No. 2 team, travels to Philadelphia to tackle Penn, beaten by Pitt and Virginia in the last two weeks.

Michigan State will be at Oregon State, Minnesota at Pittsburgh and Virginia has an off day.

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

1-Notre Dame (137).....	1,378
2-Army (13)	1,144
3-Oklahoma (9)	1,108
4-California (3)	943
5-Michigan	605
6-Cornell (1)	500
7-Rice	467
8-Michigan State	225
9-Minnesota	200
10-Virginia	199
11, Ohio State, 188; 12, Southern Methodist, 97; 13, Texas, 90; 14, Kentucky, 79; 15, Boston University, 66; 16, Louisiana State, 44; 17, Stanford, 39; 18, Wake Forest, 33; 19, College of Pacific, 30; 20, Santa Clara, 28.	

Others receiving votes included: Maryland, 25; Wyoming, 20; Dartmouth, 18; North Carolina, 16; Baylor, 12; Illinois, 8; Duke, 7; Villanova and Wisconsin, each 6.