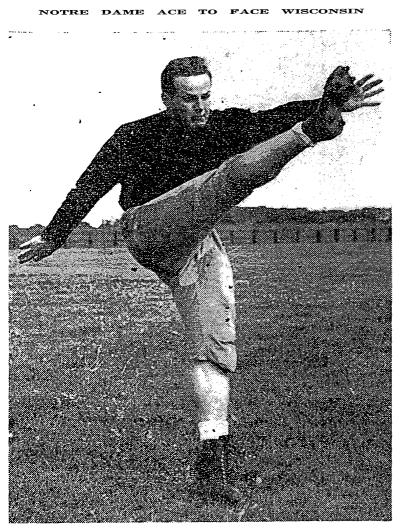
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Bob Kelly, who will be seen in Saturday's game at South Bend

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Irish Total 973 Votes From Writers-Army Is Second, Randolph Field Third

Notre Dame, garnering slightly more than half the first-place votes in The Associated Press second poll of the season, retained its rank as the No. 1 football team of the country in the opinion of 107 sports writers.

The Irish, on top in every one of the polls during the 1943 campaign, snared 59 2/3 ballots for the chief honor and gathered enough votes on the remaining tickets to compile 973 points.

Army, third a week ago, moved to second behind the South Bend outfit on the strength of its 69-to-7 conquest of Pittsburgh, while North Carolina Pre-Flight, erstwhile runner-up, held to a 13-to-13 tie by Virginia, slipped to tenth place. The cadets got 862 points in the voting.

Although the top ten showed only one newcomer, the standings underwent a wholesale shake-up with Ohio State, the only completely civilian outfit in the elite group, bounding from eighth to fourth. Randolph Field, fourth in the first compilation, grabbed third this time.

Others in the first ten are Iowa Pre-Flight, making its first appearance; Great Lakes, Pennsylvania, Georgia Tech, Navy and the Carolina Cloudbusters.

The leaders, with ten points given for each first-place vote, nine for second, etc. (first-place votes in

parentheses):

Army (11 2-3) 8857
Randolph Field (21 7-12) 681.5
Rohio State (4) 531
Lowa Pre-Fight (14) 395.
Great Lakes (1) 386
Pennsylvania (3) 328
Georgia Tech 313
Navy 326