

NOTRE DAME STARS HELP THE SALVATION ARMY.

NOTRE DAME IS VOTED BEST TEAM IN NATION

For the third time in the past four years Notre Dame has been voted the nation's No. 1 football power by sports writers and sportscasters taking part in The Associated Press poll.

In the ninth and final ballot of the 1949 season 172 of 248 experts voted for the Fighting Irish, who will be working on a thirty-seven-game undefeated string when they close against Southern Methodist on Saturday at Dallas.

Oklahoma's powerful Sooners nosed out California for second place, with Army fourth and Rice fifth. Michigan, which led the parade a year ago by a narrow margin over Notre Dame, dropped to seventh.

Figured on a point basis (10 for first-place selection, 9 for second, etc.) Notre Dame topped the contenders with 2,402, compared with 2,018 for Oklahoma, 1,900 for California, 1,838 for Army and 1,062 for Rice.

Most surprising, perhaps, was the fact that Army's impressive 38-0 rout of Navy convinced only twelve critics that the cadets were the best team. That Rice, champion of the Southwest Conference, did not receive a single first-place vote may offer additional evidence that sectional pride is having less and less influence on the poll.

Ohio State, Big Ten representative in the coming Rose Bowl game, placed sixth with 998 points; Michigan seventh, 848; Minnesota eighth, 522; Louisiana State ninth, 516, and College of Pacific tenth, 248.

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

1-Notre Dame (172)	2,402
2-Oklahoma (18)	2,018
3-California (40)	1,900
4-Army (12)	1,838
5-Rice	1,062
6-Ohio State	998
7-Michigan	848
8-Minnesota	522
9-Louisiana State	516
10-College of Pacific (4).....	248
11, Kentucky, 222; 12, Cornell, 188;	
13, Villanova, (2), 148; 14, Maryland,	
134; 15, Santa Clara, 128; 16, North	
Carolina, 106; 17, Tennessee, 82; 18,	
Princeton, 46; 19, Michigan State, 30;	
20, Missouri and Baylor, each 20.	
Others receiving votes: Virginia, 18;	
Duke, 14; Pennsylvania, 10; Stan-	
ford, 8; Wofford, Tulane, William	
and Mary and Southern Methodist,	
each 6; Texas, Texas Christian and	
North Carolina State, each 3; Dart-	
mouth, Wyoming, Southern Califor-	
nia, UCLA, Vanderbilt, each 2;	
Brown, Wake Forest and Xavier,	
each 1.	