

NOTRE DAME HEADS FINAL FOOTBALL POLL

*Irish Are First on 86 of 131
Associated Press Ballots*

The consensus of 131 sports writers throughout the country favors —Washington, Georgia Tech, Texas, Texas A. and M., Southwestern of Texas and Southwestern Louisiana Institute to win in the Jan. 1 bowl games, judging by their votes in the final Associated Press poll of the football season.

The voting retained Notre Dame, despite its scenario-like loss to Great Lakes Naval Training Station, in first place but with a drastic cut in the Ramblers' prestige.

While 86 experts rated the Irish as best in the country, some of the remaining 45 listed the team no better than seventh. As it was, Notre Dame garnered 1,259 points on a basis of 10 for each first-place vote, nine for second, etc.

Iowa Pre-Flight Naval School captured 12 firsts and finished a strong runner-up with 1,028 points. Notre Dame led in the poll throughout the season and three weeks ago established a record by being first on every ballot.

Notre Dame replaced Ohio State, 1942 winner of the mythical national championship, the first time the Irish finished in that position since this poll was inaugurated in 1936. Minnesota annexed titles in 1936, 1940 and 1941.

The complete vote (first places in parentheses):

FIRST TEN

Notre Dame (86) 1,259	Great Lakes (1) 642
Iowa P. F. (12) 1,028	Duke (7) 522
Michigan (1) 762	Del Monte (9) 240
Navy 717	Northwestern 233
Purdue (12) 707	March Field 212

SECOND TEN

Army, 155; Washington (1), 115; Georgia Tech, 105; Texas, 80; Tulsa, 77; Dartmouth, 71; Bainbridge (Md.), Naval, 46; Colorado College (2), 37; College of Pacific, 36; Pennsylvania, 31.

ALSO RANS

Randolph Field, 21; Southwestern Louisiana Institute, 15; Southwestern Texas, 13; North Carolina, 6; Texas A. and M., 5; Oklahoma, 4; Louisiana State, 4; Miami (Fla.), 3; Southern California, 2; Greensboro (N. C.) Teachers, 2; DePauw, 1; New Mexico, 1.