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By the Associated Press New York

Notre Dame still is the No. 1 college football team in the nation but it looks as if the Irish are going to have to do a lot more fighting to hold on to their laurels this year.

The first Associated Press poll of the young season found Frank Leahy's lads at the top again— just where they left off last No-vember. But four crack collegi-ate aggregations—Michigan State, Southern Methodist Southern Methodist, Army and Oklahoma—are bunched right behind the Irish. The South Benders barely nosed out North Carolina, 14-7, Saturday. A total of 190 sports writers and broadcasters, representing a coast to coast namel voted Notre

and broadcasters, representing a coast to coast panel, voted Notre Dame 1,500 points and 63 first place nominations. Only eight points separated the next three elevens. Michigan State, surging to the fore on the strength of its upset 14-7 triumph over mighty Michigan, gained the No. 2 posi-tion with 1,298 points. Two points behind came the Mustangs of Southern Methodist whose passing circus accounted for a 32-27 triumph over Ohio State's Rose Bowl kings. Army's Black Knights, who struck like lightning against Colgate for a 28-0 victory, were voted fourth place with 1,290 points. Okla-homa's rebuilt Sooners gained the fifth spot.

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Top 10 (first place votes):

1. Notre Dame (63)1.500 2. Michigan State (32) 1.298
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3. Southern Methodist (2) 1 296
4. Army (29)
5. Oklahoma (17)
6. Kentucky (5)
7. Texas (2) 502
8. Stanford (3)
9. California (2) 442
10. Washington
Second 10: 11-North Carolina (1) 187:
12-Alabama (2) 177: 13-UCLA 176; 14-
Duke 175; 15-Illinois (1) 170; 16-Cornell
167; 17-Iowa (2) 136; 18-Clemson (3) 110;
19-Michigan 95: 20-Pennsylvania 67.
Also rans: Rice 61; Mississippi State
59; Oklahoma A & M 49; Ohio State 47;
Georgia 26; Maryland 25; Princton (1)
24: LSU 14. Wake Forest 11. Tennessee 9:
Wisconsin 9; Penn State 8: Yale 8: North-
western 7; Arizona (Tempe) State 6;
Texas A & M 6: Wyoming 2: North
Carolina State 1; South Carolina 1;
Drake 1: Amherst 1.
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