

Notre Dame Wins Football Poll, Displacing Army in Final Week

100 Writers Place Irish First in Balloting for Associated Press—Georgia Is Third and U. C. L. A. Fourth

Turning their backs on Army for the first time in three years, sports writers across the nation yesterday picked Notre Dame as the outstanding college football team of 1946.

Army's narrow squeak against Navy last Saturday while Notre Dame was mastering Southern California contributed heavily to the final decision of 184 experts who participated in The Associated Press' last poll of the year, making the vote the heaviest in the history of the weekly balloting.

It ended the long reign of the cadets, who had finished on top in 1944 and 1945. They jumped to the head of the parade in the first poll of 1944 and remained there for two seasons.

Texas started in first place this year, but Army took over the following week and held the top spot until yesterday, with Notre Dame always a close second.

Irish Compile 1,730½ Points

The Irish, who played a scoreless tie with Army this season to put the only blot on Army's three-year record covering twenty-eight games, compiled 1,730½ points in the final ballot to Army's 1,659½ on the usual basis of 10 points for a first-place vote, 9 for second, and so on.

Exactly 100 of the writers named Notre Dame as the No. 1 team, while Army drew 48 first-place votes. Nine experts called it a tie between the two.

Georgia, which finished with a perfect record of ten triumphs, was the No. 3 team with 23 first-place votes. The University of California at Los Angeles, with a similar record, was placed at the top or two ballots and held the No. 4 position. Texas and Delaware each got one first-place vote, but neither finished in the top ten.

Illinois Is Fifth.

Georgia finished with 1,448 points and U. C. L. A. with 1,141, marking the first time in the history of the poll that as many as four teams went over the 1,000 mark. Illinois, with seven victories and two defeats, was picked as the No. 5 team, followed in order by Michigan, Tennessee, Louisiana State, North Carolina and Rice.

Seven of the top ten teams will appear in major Bowl games on New Year's Day. It will be U. C. L. A. vs. Illinois in the Rose Bowl, Georgia vs. North Carolina in the Sugar Bowl, Tennessee vs. Rice in

the Orange Bowl and Louisiana State vs. Arkansas, which finished sixteenth, in the Cotton Bowl.

Army drew 94 second-place votes to 60 for Notre Dame and 26 third-place votes to ten for the Irish.

The final standings (based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 system of scoring, with season won-lost-tied records in parentheses):

	Tie for		
	1st.	1st.	Pts.
1—Notre Dame (8-0-1) ..	100	9	1,730½
2—Army (9-0-1)	48	9	1,659½
3—Georgia (10-0-0)	23	0	1,448
4—U. C. L. A. (10-0-0) ..	2	0	1,141
5—Illinois (7-2-0)	0	0	893
6—Michigan (6-2-1)	0	0	778
7—Tennessee (9-1-0)	0	0	507
8—Louisiana St. (9-1-0) ..	0	0	402
9—No. Carolina (8-1-1) ..	0	0	394
10—Rice (8-2-0)	0	0	207
11—Georgia Tech (8-2-0) ..	0	0	120
12—Yale (7-1-1)	0	0	92
13—Pennsylvania (6-2-0) ..	0	0	84
14—Oklahoma (7-3-0)	0	0	76
15—Texas (8-2-0)	1	0	68
16—Arkansas (6-3-1)	0	0	64
17—Tulsa (9-1-0)	0	0	52
18—N. C. State (8-2-0) ...	0	0	43
19—Delaware (9-0-0)	1	0	36
20—Indiana (6-3-0)	0	0	25

Others receiving one or more points: 21—Southern California, 22 points; 22—Oregon State, 20; 23—Wake Forest, 11; 24—Tie between Duke and Navy, 9 each; 26—Hardin-Simmons, 8; 27—Mississippi State, 6; 28—Northwestern, 5; 29—St. Norbert's (Wis.), 4; 30—Tie among Kansas, William and Mary, Catawba, St. Bonaventure and Missouri Valley, 1 each.