

48 WRITERS PLACE NOTRE DAME AT TOP

Irish Remain Choice as Best Eleven of Nation in Final Associated Press Poll

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Horned Frogs Finish Ahead of Duke—Tennessee Fourth and Oklahoma Fifth

By The Associated Press.

Notre Dame didn't play Saturday, but for the third straight week Elmer Layden's greatest eleven tops The Associated Press football poll. Of the ninety writers participating in the final selection, forty-eight chose Notre Dame as the nation's best team and the men from South Bend rolled up a total of 823 points.

This was enough to beat out Texas Christian and Duke, two elevens that performed admirably in Saturday's battles. The Horned Frogs, who downed Southern Methodist in their final and won the Southwest Conference title, wound up second, with twenty-three first-place votes and 782 points. Duke ended its unbeaten, untied and unscored upon season by downing Pitt by a touchdown, the most signal victory of a not-too-strenuous schedule. The Blue Devils had fifteen first-place votes and 733 points.

Pitt Eleven Drops

The remainder of the first ten held fairly true to form. Tennessee held fourth place, Oklahoma rose from sixth to fifth and Carnegie stepped from seventh to sixth this week. Pitt fell to seventh from fifth position and Southern California and Holy Cross entered the first ten on significant wallopings of U. C. L. A. and Boston College. Minnesota dropped from eighth to tenth.

The first ten (first-place votes in parentheses; points scored on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis):

	Points.
Notre Dame (48).....	823
Texas Christian (23).....	782
Duke (15)	733
Tennessee (4)	607
Oklahoma	363
Carnegie Tech	345
Pittsburgh	251
Southern California	194
Holy Cross	189
Minnesota	177

Second ten: Cornell 52, California 51, Fordham 41, Texas Tech 39, Villanova 38, Michigan 37, Alabama 23, Tulane 17, Northwestern 15, Dartmouth 14.

Others mentioned: Nebraska and Mississippi 6, Vanderbilt 5, North Carolina, Georgetown, Clemson and Army 3, Stanford and Purdue 2, Iowa State and Southern Methodist 1.

One Game to Play

Notre Dame has only one game—against Southern California in Los Angeles Saturday—left on a schedule that has been uniformly tough. The Irish have been in the first ten in each of the year's seven polls, placing fifth, seventh, fourth and second before gaining first place and holding it for three straight weeks.

The list, which shows a swing away from Eastern supremacy as registered in last year's final poll, also reflects the changeable character of modern football. Only Notre Dame, tied for ninth; Pitt, the leader, and Minnesota, fifth, were in the first group a year ago.

California, second; Fordham, third, and Dartmouth, seventh, all made notable nose-dives, the latter's biggest fall coming when it was beaten by Stanford, a late season bloom, on the Coast, Saturday.