

MICHIGAN REGAINS 1ST PLACE IN POLL

Notre Dame Is Rated Second, S. M. U. Third by Votes of 246 Football Writers

Coach Fritz Crisler's Michigan team was rated the nation's greatest gridiron machine yesterday in the weekly poll by The Associated Press with Notre Dame second and Southern Methodist University third. The largest number of football writers ever to take part in an Associated Press poll—246—participated.

Having soared to the top at this late stage of the game, the Wolverines appear almost certain to remain there through their regular season finale against Ohio State this week and to carry a proud record into the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

Of the bumper crop of voters, 140 chose Michigan as the country's No. 1 outfit, while eighty-seven stuck with Notre Dame as the best and nine picked Southern Methodist. Penn State (6), Southern California (3), and North Carolina (1) were the only other teams to gain a vote for first place. The first five are undefeated and untied.

Wolverines Beat Wisconsin

What obviously influenced the press box observers was Michigan's 40-6 victory over a strong Wisconsin eleven while Notre Dame was having its hands full beating an otherwise undistinguished Northwestern team by only 26-19. In the final count of points, the Wolverines regained the lead over the Fighting Irish by 2,341 to 2,261. Southern Methodist, victor over Arkansas by 14-6, polled 1,801 points.

Alabama's Crimson Tide made the greatest spurt of the week, jumping from fourteenth to eighth place on the strength of its victory over previously unbeaten and untied Georgia Tech. Though idle last week, U. S. C. moved up a notch to fourth place, and Penn State, off its impressive 20-7 victory over Navy, climbed from eighth to fifth. Penn dropped from third to sixth after tying Army 7-7. Texas, beating Texas Christian, 20-0, was voted seventh place.

By a rather remarkable happenstance, two of the first ten teams were from the Midwest, two from the Coast, two from the Southwest, two from the South and two from the East.

Few Changes Seen

Barring major upsets, the standing should not be greatly altered by games this week-end. No two of the top ten teams meet each other. Probably the week's top attraction is the coast duel between Southern California and U. C. L. A. The Trojans by winning that one, can clinch a Rose Bowl date with Michigan. Notre Dame plays Tulane, Southern Methodist meets Baylor, Alabama plays L. S. U., California plays Stanford, Georgia Tech plays Furman, and Penn State takes on Pittsburgh. Texas and Penn will be idle.

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

Team.	Pts.
1-Michigan (140)	2,341
2-Notre Dame (87).....	2,261
3-Southern Methodist (9).....	1,801
4-Southern California (3).....	1,522
5-Penn State (6)	1,371
6-Pennsylvania	1,099
7-Texas	953
8-Alabama	477
9-California	308
10-Georgia Tech	302
The second ten: 11-Army, 277; 12-Illinois, 195; 13-North Carolina (1), 109; 14-William and Mary, 99; 15-Mississippi, 84; 16-Virginia, 66; 17-Kansas, 56; 18-U. C. L. A., 39; 19-Columbia, 35; 20-Rice, 32.	

Others receiving votes were: Kentucky 19, Wisconsin 16, Utah 11, Purdue and Missouri, each 10; Duke 9, Wesleyan and Princeton, each 8; Vanderbilt, Oklahoma and L. S. U., each 7; Tennessee 5, Iowa 4, New Hampshire, Mississippi State, Texas Christian, Northwestern, Minnesota, each 3; West Virginia, Westchester (Pa.) Teachers and Idaho, each 2; Wake Forest, Rutgers, Georgia and Muhlenberg, each 1.