

# NOTRE DAME HOLDS TOP PLACE IN POLL

## Nation's Sports Writers Cast 48 No. 1 Votes for Layden's All-Conquering Squad

### TEXAS CHRISTIAN SECOND

### Horned Frogs Get 28 Ballots —Duke Third, While Pitt Ties Tennessee for Fourth

Numbering ranking teams from the East, Middle West and South among its eight victims, Notre Dame's all-conquering football team retains its top ranking among the leading gridiron powers in the latest Associated Press poll of the country's sports writers.

The fact that Georgia Tech from the South; Army, Navy and Carnegie Tech from the East, and Minnesota and Northwestern, two front-rank Big Ten teams, bowed before the might of the Irish probably was the deciding factor that kept Elmer Layden's crew, with 48 first-place ballots and 807 points, ahead of Texas Christian, with 28 and 746. The Horned Frogs have scored 234 points in nine games to Notre Dame's 149 in eight, but the Southwest Conference leaders have played a less representative schedule.

Of the 84 ballots, the other first-place nominations were split among the next three teams. Duke, only unbeaten-untied-unscored on major eleven in the country, drew three No. 1 votes and 553 points, to place third. Tennessee, also given three votes as top team, and once-beaten Pittsburgh, given two, tied for fourth with 523 points.

#### Oklahoma High on List

Behind them came Oklahoma, all-winning Big Six Conference champion; Carnegie Tech, downed only by Notre Dame; Minnesota, repeating Big Ten titleholder; California, sure of at least a tie for Pacific Coast Conference honors, and Cornell, the Eastern Ivy League's dominant power.

The final relative standing of Duke and Pittsburgh should be settled Saturday before a Durham, N. C., crowd that promises to set a record for Dixie football. Davey O'Brien, on the same afternoon, will lead his high-g geared T. C. U. machine against Southern Methodist in the deciding game of the Southwest Conference race; Tennessee will stack its perfect slate against Kentucky, last but one of the Volunteers' rivals, on Thursday, when Carnegie Tech meets North Carolina State and Cornell battles Pennsylvania in their annual Turkey Day scrap.

#### Notre Dame Gets Rest

Only Minnesota and California of the first ten can stand on their present records when the final returns are in, while of the others only Notre Dame, which winds up its campaign Dec. 3 against Southern California, gets a chance to rest this week.

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

	Points
Notre Dame (48).....	807
Texas Christian (28).....	746
Duke (3) .....	553
Tennessee (3) .....	523
Pittsburgh (2) .....	523
Oklahoma .....	351
Carnegie Tech .....	336
Minnesota .....	152
California .....	151
Cornell .....	147

Second ten—Holy Cross 79, Michigan 52, Dartmouth 38, Southern California 36, Northwestern 35, Villanova 33, Texas Tech 25, Fordham 21, Santa Clara 13, Georgetown 11.

Others mentioned—Boston College 2, Iowa State, Alabama and Harvard 1 each.