NOTRE DAME RATED NATION'S TOP TEAM

Replaces Michigan in Weekly Associated Press Poll by Margin of 3 Points

Notre Dame was elected No. 1 football team in the nation yesterday in the weekly Associated Press poll of sports writers, barely nosing out Michigan by a margin of 3 points.

the Irish drew only Although fifty-six of the 208 first-place ballots to sixty-eight for Michigan, they moved into first place with the help of second and third place votes.

The points, figured on the basis of 10 for first, 9 for second and so on down to 1 for tenth, gave Notre Dame 1,762 to 1,759 for Michigan. Last week the Wolver-ines were first by a comfortable 275-point margin.

North Carolina Holds Third

North Carolina's powerful Tarheels, who were first on thirty-six ballots, polled 1,458 points easily to retain third place. Army, rapidly gaining support, advanced a peg to fourth place, displacing Cali-

fornia which finished fifth. Georgia Tech and Pennsylvania to last week a positively, but seventh, respectively, but clung to last week's positions, sixth and seventh, respectively, but Southern Methodist moved from eleventh to eighth in the outstanding gain of the week. The Mustangs were followed by Missouri and Northwestern in that order with Nevada, last week's tenthplace team, sliding to eleventh position. and position.

There were few changes in the top twenty. Baylor, unbeaten but once tied, dropped out and Wake Forest moved in.

Notre Dame's smashing 41-7 romp over Navy appeared to impress the writers much more than Michigan's 28-20 close call with Illinois. North Carolina lost only a little of its first place strength on its 14-7 edge over Tennessee and Army drew new backers by rolling over Virginia Tech, 49—7.

Clemson Ranked No. 12

Nevada and Clemson were the only two members of the nine-team unbeaten, untied contingent that were not ranked in the top ten. Clemson, first on six ballots, was twelfth.

Saturday's schedule does not pair any of the first ten clubs but it includes an important clash of seventh-place Penn and fourteenth-place Penn State at Philadelphia. This may well be the game of the day.

Notre Dame meets Indiana while Michigan gets a chance to see what it can do against Navy, North Carolina faces William and Mary, which recently was upset by St. Bonaventure, and Army makes its only Yankee Stadium appearance of the year against Stanford.

Team standings with points

Team standings with points figured on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1-

basis (first place votes in parentheses): 1-Notre Dame (56)

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2-Michigan (68)1,759
3-North Carolina (36)
4—Army (5)
5—California (16)
6—Georgia Tech (7)
7—Pennsylvania 575
8-Southern Methodist (1) 432
9-Missouri (4) 382
10-Northwestern 371
11, Nevada (5), 300: 12, Clemson
(6), 189; 13, Georgia, 153; 14, Penn
State (1), 136; 15, Oklahoma (2), 81;
16, Oregon, 59: 17, Michigan State,
53; 18. Wake Forest, 47; 19, Minne-
sota, 46; 20, Tulane, 34.
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sota, 46; 20, Tulane, 34.
Others receiving votes were Baylor,
24; Mississippi, 16: Vanderbilt (1),
12: Cornell, 9; Dartmouth, 8: Duke
and Kansas, each 7: Appalachian
State, 6; Illinois and Tennessee, each
5: Iowa, 4; Princeton, 3; Maryland
and William and Mary, each 2; and
North Carolina State, 1.