

NOTRE DAME LEADS IN FOOTBALL POLL

**Irish Eleven Tops First Vote
Taken by Associated Press
—North Carolina Second**

Notre Dame, picking up where it left off at the end of the regular 1947 season, captured the No. 1 position in the first Associated Press poll to select the nation's ten top teams in the current campaign yesterday by a slim 10-point margin.

The season's inaugural poll, which drew ballots from 153 sports writers from coast to coast, was a tight two-way battle between Notre Dame and North Carolina, with Northwestern an impressive third.

North Carolina collected fifty-five first-place votes, five more than Notre Dame, and twenty-four second-place votes to twenty-three for the Irish. But the third-place votes—twenty-nine for Notre Dame and twenty-one for Carolina—put the Irish on top.

On the usual basis of 10 points for a first-place vote, 9 for second, 8 for third, and so on, Notre Dame tallied 1,200 points as a result of its narrow victory over Purdue and last week's 40-0 walloping of Pittsburgh.

Northwestern Gets 1,025

North Carolina, which crushed Texas in its opener and defeated Georgia, 21-14, last Saturday, wound up with 1,190 points. Northwestern, following up its three-touchdown victory over U. C. L. A. with a similar triumph over Purdue, collected twenty-one first-place votes and 1,025 points.

A total of forty-nine teams were mentioned in the balloting and eight of the top ten received two or more first-place votes. Notre Dame was placed at some position on every ballot except one.

Michigan, which finished second at the end of the 1947 season but swept past Notre Dame into the No. 1 spot in a special poll after the Rose Bowl game, landed in seventh place in today's poll.

S. M. U. in Fourth Place

In fourth place was Southern Methodist, with thirteen votes for first and a total of 882 points. The Mustangs finished third in 1947.

Army, which barely missed the top ten in last year's final balloting, placed fifth today with seven first-place votes and a point total of 725.

Georgia Tech, safely past two Southeastern Conference foes, collected 598 points for sixth place without a single first-place vote.

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 (50)	1,200
2—North Carolina (55)	1,190
3—Northwestern (21)	1,025
4—Southern Methodist (13)	882
5—Army (7)	725
6—Georgia Tech	598
7—Michigan (2)	542
8—Minnesota	407
9—California (3)	399
10—Penn State (2)	305
11, Ohio State, 253; 12, Pennsylvania, 237; 13 and 14 tie, Arkansas and Mississippi, 114 each; 15, Purdue, 61; 16, Texas, 39; 17, Indiana, 33; 18, Harvard, 29; 19, Nevada, 24; 20, Tennessee, 17.	

Others receiving votes were: Mississippi State, 16; Michigan State, 15; Kansas, 10; Holy Cross and Southern California, 9 each; Duke and Georgia, 8 each; Maryland and Missouri, 7 each; Villanova, 6; Wake Forest, 5; Baylor, Rice, Santa Clara, Texas Christian and Tulane, 4 each; Oregon and Yale, 3 each; Cornell, Oklahoma and Oklahoma A. and M., 2 each; Boston University, Catawba, Clemson, Davidson, Illinois, North Carolina State, South Carolina and West Virginia, 1 each.