

Army Holds First Place in Poll, Only 29 Points Over Notre Dame

Fighting Irish Gain After 41-0 Triumph Over Tulane—Michigan Jumps to Sixth and Arkansas Moves Into the Select Ten

The Irish of Notre Dame have closed in on Army at the head of the nation's football frolics to a point nearer than they've been all year, but not quite enough to knock the cadets off their No. 1 perch.

Balloting in the semi-final Associated Press poll of the season on the country's ranking teams, the sports writers from coast to coast boosted the Irish to within 29 points of the Black Knights of the Hudson, as a result of Notre Dame's 41-0 thumping of Tuane last Saturday while the cadets were on vacation awaiting Saturday's tussle with Navy.

Of the 124 sports writers naming their top ten teams in the poll, 66 put Army on top all alone and 12 more called it a tie between Davis, Blanchard & Co., and the Irish, with whom D. and B. and their playmates played a scoreless draw three weeks ago. A total of 32 writers named Notre Dame the No. 1 outfit, just double the number of first-place votes the Irish drew a week ago. The South Benders, on the other hand, collected 69 second-place votes to Army's 39.

Delaware Is Honored

Of the other first-place tickets, unbeaten and untied Georgia and U. C. L. A., holding third and fourth place in the rankings, were handed five each; Georgia Tech and Tennessee took 1 each, and little Delaware, unbeaten in 29 games after removing Muhlenberg from the undefeated-untied ranks last Saturday, was named on two ballots.

Based on the usual system of 10 points for a first-place vote, 9 for a second, 8 for a third and so forth, Army rolled up the grand total of 1,173 to 1,144 for Notre Dame, while Georgia piled up 902 and U. C. L. A. 838.

With the Bulldogs and the Uclans

holding their places, along with the Big-Nine champions of Illinois, in fifth place, the biggest jump of the week was turned in by the Wolverines from Michigan. Their crushing show of power in overwhelming Ohio State, 58-6, last Saturday caused the writers to boost the Wolverines from eighth to sixth place with 510 votes.

This dropped Georgia Tech to seventh, but the Rambling Wrecks have a chance to bounce a long way up the list in their collision with Georgia next Saturday. Tennessee, 7-0 winner over Kentucky, slipped one notch to eighth, with 356 points, and Louisiana State, flattening Fordham, 40-0, held ninth, with 155.

Trojans Drop to 16th

Whipped by U. C. L. A., the Trojans of Southern California fell out of the top ten and down to sixteenth. They were replaced in the select set by the Arkansas Razorbacks, who were idle last Saturday but moved from eleventh to tenth place in the standings, with 95 points.

Ranking of the top ten teams (points based on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 system of counting):

Team.	1st Place Votes.	1st Place Ties.	Pts.
1—Army	66	12	1,173
2—Notre Dame ...	32	12	1,144
3—Georgia	5	..	902
4—U. C. L. A.	5	..	838
5—Illinois .....	..	..	590
6—Michigan .....	..	..	510
7—Georgia Tech..	1	..	452
8—Tennessee	1	..	356
9—Louisiana State ..	..	..	155
10—Arkansas .....	..	..	95

The second ten: 11—North Carolina, 94; 12—Yale, 80; 13—Rice, 76; 14—Pennsylvania, 75; 15—Delaware (2), 47; 16—Southern California, 37; 17—Tie between Boston College and Oklahoma, 20 each; 19—Mississippi State, 19; 20—Texas, 18.

Others receiving one or more points: Oregon State, 10; North Carolina State, 8; Indiana, 6; Kentucky and Rutgers, 3 each; Cornell, Iowa and St. Norbert's (Wis.), 1 each.