

# NOTRE DAME RATED AT TOP BY 86 OF 99

**Irish Cement First-Place Grip  
in Associated Press Poll  
of Football Experts**

**ARMY RISES TO RUNNER-UP**

**Navy Advances to Third, Penn  
to Fourth and Purdue to  
Fifth This Week**

Notre Dame ranks as the nation's best football team following one of the greatest shows of unanimity ever expressed in The Associated Press's weekly polls to determine the ten top teams in the country.

Ninety-nine experts participated. Eighty-six marked the Irish as best. None of the remaining thirteen ranked them lower than third.

The Irish, who routed Michigan, 35 to 12, last Saturday, thus received 941 votes of a possible 990, counting each first-place ballot as 10, a second as 9 and giving them 8 points for a third-place ranking.

### Michigan Falls to Ninth

Army, which crushed Temple, grabbed second place and Navy moved to third, while Pennsylvania shot up to fourth. Each received a single first-place ballot and climbed at the expense of Michigan, erstwhile second-place eleven, which dropped to ninth. Purdue vaulted to fifth and Duke sank to sixth following its one-point setback by Navy.

With service teams eligible for the first time this year, Iowa Pre-Flight marched to seventh place and was followed by Southern California, Michigan and College of the Pacific, in that order. The last-named, coached by Amos Alonzo Stagg, is the only newcomer in the present listing. The Far Western outfit downed California, 12 to 6, and ousted idle Minnesota from the select circle.

### Service Teams Rated Highly

Two California service elevens had considerable backing in their area, with Del Monte Pre-Flight getting six votes as the best team in the country and rating as the leader of the second ten. Next came March Field, with four first-place votes.

Four of the leading teams are from the Midwest, three from the East, two from the Far West and Duke is the lone representative of the South. The Southwest, usually with at least one team among the top ten, has Southwestern and Texas A. & M. holding seventeenth

and eighteenth places, respectively.

The leading elevens (first-place votes in parentheses):

#### FIRST TEN

	Pts.		Pts.
Notre Dame (86)	941	Duke	370
Army (1)	847	Iowa Pre-Flight	325
Navy (1)	689	So. California	309
Penn (1)	408	Michigan	273
Purdue	398	Coll. of Pacific	125

SECOND TEN—Del Monte Pre-Flight (6) 124, March Field (4) 110, Minnesota 109, Great Lakes 70½, Memphis Naval Air Technicians 51, Dartmouth 45½, Southwestern 34, Texas A. & M. 13, Washington 9, Georgia 8.

ALSO RAN—Tulsa 6, Colorado College 6, Missouri 6, Texas 5, Georgia Tech. 4, Indiana 4, Texas Christian 2, Tulane 2, Ohio State 1, Randolph Field 1, North Carolina 1.