

ARMY STAYS AT TOP IN FOOTBALL POLL

Tightens Hold on First, Drops Notre Dame to 11th Place— Randolph Field Second

By The Associated Press.

Army, by drubbing Notre Dame Saturday, not only tightened its grasp on first place in yesterday's Associated Press poll to determine the country's top-ranking football team, but also knocked the Irish out of the elite ranking for the first time since Oct. 12, 1942.

The South Bend Ramblers skidded all the way to eleventh, in the estimation of 106 of the country's sports writers, following their defeats by Navy and Army on consecutive Saturdays.

The cadets grabbed seventy-seven of the first-place nominations, gathered in twenty-five selections for second place, and were third on two and fourth on the remaining pair. On a basis of ten points for each first place vote, nine for second, etc., they totaled 935 points.

Navy Retains Third

Randolph Field climbed to second place with 770 points, exchanging places with Ohio State's civilians, who are in fourth place with 741. Navy, third a week ago, retained that rating with 759 points. The Buckeye drop followed a 54-to-19 conquest of Pittsburgh. The Texas fliers conquered Maxwell Field, 25 to 0, in their most recent outing.

Georgia Tech and Duke, two Southern powers, moved into the top ten, displacing Illinois and the Irish. Tech snared ninth place, while Duke, which spilled previously unbeaten Wake Forest, was awarded tenth.

Michigan, Bainbridge (Md.) Navy, Iowa Pre-Flight and the Fourth Air Force eleven at March Field filled the remaining positions.

Notre Dame Low in 1942

Notre Dame was a lowly twenty-second in the poll of Oct. 12, 1942, but shot to eighth place the next week with a surprise 28-to-0 verdict over Col. Bernie Bierman's Iowa Seahawks.

The Irish were not dislodged from the top group with the remainder of that season and were in first place during all the 1943 polls. For the first three weeks of the present campaign they again held that position, but were pushed off the throne by Army two weeks ago.

Last week, after their 32-to-13 setback by Navy, they slumped to sixth place.

Illinois, tenth last week, dropped to twenty-fourth this time, while Georgia Tech climbed from thirteenth place and Duke moved up from twentieth.

The leading teams, determined on a basis of ten points for each first-place vote, nine for second, etc. (first-place votes in parenthesis):

FIRST TEN

Army (77)	935
Randolph Field (15)	770
Navy (5)	759
Ohio State (3)	741
Michigan	458
Bainbridge, Md., Navy (4)	454
Iowa Pre-Flight	344
Fourth Air Force (2)	195
Georgia Tech	165
Duke	108

SECOND TEN

11, Notre Dame 92; 12, Southern California 87; 13, Great Lakes 84; 14, Purdue 71; 15, El Toro, Calif., Marines 48; 16, Mississippi State 45; 17, Tennessee 34; tie for 18, North Carolina Pre-Flight and Norman, Okla., Navy 33; 20, Yale 23.

OTHER POINT WINNERS

Oklahoma A. & M. 17; Virginia 16; Second Air Force 14; Illinois 11; Maxwell Field 11; Pennsylvania 9; Wake Forest 8; Fort Pierce 8; Melville, R. I., PT School 6; Georgia 6; Tulsa 5; Texas Christian 5; Alabama 3; Oklahoma 3; Third Air Force 2; West Virginia 1; Michigan State 1; North Carolina State 1; Camp Peary, Va., Marines 1; UCLA 1; Indiana 1.