

# WOLVERINES SCORE WITH 1,258 POINTS

## Michigan Takes Football Poll Lead From Notre Dame by 155-Point Margin

### TEXAS TEAM RATED THIRD

## California Is Fourth as Army Drops to 7th, Its Lowest Ranking in Four Years

For the first time in more than three years, a college eleven other than Army, Notre Dame or Texas gained top rating when Michigan was voted the nation's No. 1 football team yesterday in The Associated Press weekly poll.

The mighty Wolverines, who trounced Pittsburgh, 69—0, Saturday to increase their point total for three winning games to 173, received tremendous support with ninety-three first place votes, twenty-nine seconds and a total of 1,258 points from 131 sports writers from coast to coast.

Notre Dame, which held the No. 1 position in the final poll of 1946 and was installed at the top again in this season's first poll last week just ahead of Michigan dropped into second place with 1,103 points. The Fighting Irish, despite their 22-to-7 triumph over Purdue, their second straight victory this season, received only twenty-three first place votes with fifty-five writers picking them second.

#### Power in Southwest

Texas, a power in the Southwest, was third with 996 points, on the strength of ten first place votes, thirty-five seconds and forty-eight thirds. The undefeated Longhorns, with four victories including a convincing 34-to-14 triumph over Oklahoma Saturday, were the only other team to get more than two first place votes. The remaining five first place choices were divided thusly: Wake Forest two, Georgia Tech, Illinois and Minnesota one each.

Although receiving no better than a second place vote, of which they got but four, California's Golden Bears gained enough thirds, fourths and fifths to nose out unbeaten and unscored upon Georgia Tech for fourth place, 674 points to 623.

The Bears, under Coach Lyn Waldorf, former Northwestern mentor, routed Wisconsin, 48—7, for their fourth straight victory. Georgia Tech handed Virginia Military Institute its first defeat, 20—0.

#### Illini Top Army

Although held to a scoreless draw by Army, Illinois, 1946 Big Nine champion, was installed in sixth place over the Cadets by 529 points to 476. It is the lowest rating of an Army team in four years.

Pennsylvania, with two one-sided victories to its credit this season, was named for eighth place with 395 points. Penn State, on the strength of its 75 to 0 triumph over Fordham Saturday moved into ninth position with 226, eight points ahead of Vanderbilt which rounded out the top ten.

Despite Wake Forest's two first place votes, the Deacons could place no better than fourteen. In all, thirty teams figured in the balloting.

#### Ratings of the Teams

The standings of the top ten (first-place votes in parentheses; points based on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 system):

- 1—Michigan (93).....1,258
- 2—Notre Dame (23).....1,103
- 3—Texas (10)..... 996
- 4—California ..... 674
- 5—Georgia Tech (1)..... 623
- 6—Illinois (1)..... 529
- 7—Army ..... 476
- 8—Pennsylvania ..... 395
- 9—Penn State..... 226
- 10—Vanderbilt ..... 218

The second ten: 11—Southern California, 107; 12—Yale, 104; 13—Minnesota (1), 98; 14—Wake Forest (2), 69; 15—Rice, 66; 16—Virginia, 57; 17—Duke, 42; 18—North Carolina State, 27; 19—U.C.L.A., 22; 20—Kentucky, 19.

Others receiving one or more points: Southern Methodist, 15; Georgia, 8; Oregon State, 7; Oklahoma and Louisiana State, 6 each; Alabama, William and Mary and Boston College, 4 each, and Baylor and West Virginia, 1 each.