

# Notre Dame Climbs Over T. C. U. To Top of Weekly Gridiron Poll

## South Bend Team Gets 60 of 92 Votes for First—Tennessee Third, Duke Fourth

### —Cornell Vaults From 20th to 8th

The mightiest Notre Dame football team since the halcyon days of the late great Knute Rockne yesterday took over the national leadership in the fifth Associated Press poll of sports writers.

The Irish, who bagged their seventh major victory Saturday, rolled up 887 points to lead Texas Christian University, the first team a week ago, by 101 points. Sixty of the ninety-two sports writers who participated in the poll named Notre Dame as their No. 1 eleven.

The rise of the Irish from second to first place was accompanied by other upheavals. Tennessee, Southeastern Conference leader, moved from fourth to third, and Duke, triumphant over Syracuse in its Northern invasion, rose from seventh to fourth. Unbeaten Oklahoma jumped from tenth to seventh and Cornell, which finally harnessed its manpower against Dartmouth, made the poll's biggest gain, a spurt from twentieth to eighth.

#### Roster of Ranking Teams

The first ten (first-place votes in brackets, points scored on 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis):

	Points
Notre Dame (60).....	887
Texas Christian (19).....	786
Tennessee (5).....	639
Duke (5).....	586
Pittsburgh (2).....	532
Carnegie Tech.....	407
Oklahoma (1).....	315
Cornell .....	194
California .....	138
Holy Cross.....	130

Second Ten—Santa Clara 79, Wisconsin 52, Southern California 40, Dartmouth 38, Villanova 26, Northwestern 23, Michigan 19, Fordham 18, Texas Tech 17, Alabama 16.

Others mentioned—Boston College 12, Georgetown 10, Minnesota 9, Iowa State and Ohio State 4 each, Georgia Tech and St. Mary's 3 each, Auburn 2, North Carolina, Vanderbilt and Clemson 1 each.

Notre Dame's exceptional showing against Minnesota apparently was all the pundits needed. The Irish had been moving swiftly, defeating in turn Kansas, Georgia Tech, Illinois, Carnegie Tech—a close one—Army and Navy.

#### Rout of Gophers Convincing

But when Minnesota, always large, courageous and well-drilled, fell, the press and the public gave heed. As the Irish move toward their last two battles, Northwestern at Evanston Saturday and Southern California at Los Angeles on Dec. 3, they carry more prestige than any Notre Dame team in the last eight years.

An outstanding victory such as Notre Dame's rout of the Gophers was necessary to take the leadership from T. C. U., which remained undefeated and untied by bombing Texas. Tennessee stayed in the thick of the fight for final honors by trimming Vanderbilt. Duke finally

got its best four backs together and ran all over Syracuse.

The biggest obstacle to Duke's greatest season now is the Pitt game on Nov. 26.

California rewon some prestige by trimming Oregon, while Holy Cross, long an Eastern power, halted Brown and climbed from eleventh to tenth.

Since Pitt's defeat by Carnegie Tech, there has been a general flattening out. T. C. U., Tennessee, Duke and Pitt all have extremely good opportunities to take the leadership.