

NOTRE DAME HOLDS TOP PLACE IN POLL

Gets 97 of 103 Votes Cast by Football Experts for Pace-Setting Team

IRISH LEAD FOURTH WEEK

Army and Navy Are Next on List—Southern California Climbs to 5th Position

With men who know their football best, it is Notre Dame, 97 to 6. For the fourth straight time in The Associated Press weekly poll to determine the country's best football team, the Irish topped the table, this time by garnering 97 of the 103 first-place votes cast.

As in the last three weeks, Army and Navy come right behind, but the Notre Dame margin is almost as lopsided as the scores the Frank Leahy machine has pounded out over Georgia Tech, Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois and Pittsburgh.

Army got five first-place tickets, but trailed, 1,023 to 891, in points. The remaining ballot was earmarked for Purdue, fourth-place team for the second straight week.

Although the same ten teams remained in the select circle, there was little resemblance, after the top four, between the ranking of today and that of last week.

Southern California hopped from seventh to fifth following its 6-to-0 verdict over the College of the Pacific. The latter eleven skidded from sixth to tenth and Michigan, victor over Minnesota, shot from tenth to seventh. Duke and Iowa Pre-Flight, both idle last weekend, exchanged eighth and ninth places, Duke moving up and Pennsylvania, winner by 33 to 0 over Columbia, slumped from fifth to sixth.

The leading teams, 10 points for first-place vote, 9 for second, 8 for third, etc. (First-place votes shown in parenthesis):

FIRST TEN

Notre Dame (97).....	1,023
Army (5)	891
Navy	683
Purdue (1).....	598
Southern California	521
Pennsylvania	502
Michigan	431
Duke	229
Iowa Pre-Flight	215
College of Pacific.....	162

SECOND TEN

Washington 92, Texas 42, Tulsa 41, Southwestern Institute of Louisiana 39, Northwestern 35, Colorado College 21, Del Monte Pre-Flight 19, Great Lakes 11, Texas A. and M. 7, California 5.

ALSO RANS

Tulane 4, Dartmouth 4, Southwestern of Texas 2, Colorado 2, Louisiana State 2, Indiana 1, Randolph Field 1, Arkansas A. and M. 1.