

Crisler Happy over Michigan No. 1 Ranking

Detroit, Jan. 6-(AP)-Coach Fritz Crisler of Michigan, informed today that the nation's sports writers had rated his Wolverines superior to Notre Dame, said: "The men who voted couldn't have made a mistake if they had picked either team."

In a post-season Associated Press poll, Michigan received 226 votes to 119 for Notre Dame with 12 writers calling the teams even.

"Of course, I feel highly honored on behalf of the team and the university and I am very much indebted to the sports editors," the Michigan coach said.

Praise For Leahy

"The men who voted couldn't have made a mistake if they had picked either team. Frank Leahy of Notre Dame is a superb coach and both teams are fine. I am very humble, and happy for my kids about it all.

"When the early polls came in I found them very interesting, but, frankly, I rather questioned their merit. I thought those who saw both teams play would have a better opinion. However, in this poll everyone was asked a simple question--to choose between the teams. That makes the result more interesting."

Sees All Winter Debate

Asked if he thought Michigan could beat Notre Dame, Crisler said: "That's an argument that will keep hot stove leagues going all winter.

LEAHY PRAISES MICHIGAN

South Bend, Ind., Jan. 6-(AP)-Coach Frank Leahy of Notre Dame praised Michigan unstintingly today in commenting on the Associated Press poll which designated the Rose bowl champion Wolverines as a 2 to 1 national choice over the also-unbeaten Irish.

"Isn't it a shame that the two teams couldn't have met--as a treat, say, for 85,000 fans in Michigan stadium who would see the football game of the century. The outcome even might prove secondary," Leahy said. "This is a good opportunity to congratulate Coach Fritz Crisler on his wonderful team and a really marvelous job from every conceivable angle," Leahy added.