

117 WRITERS VOTE NOTRE DAME BEST

Irish Strengthen Position as Nation's No. 1 Eleven— Michigan Is Second

Notre Dame strengthened its position as the No. 1 college football team of the country by its convincing burst of power against Army, according to most of the 169 writers participating in the weekly Associated Press poll.

Approximately 69 per cent of the voting sports writers ranked the Fighting Irish atop the field with 117 of the 169 ballots. A week ago they had drawn 106 firsts out of 186.

Supposed to be strictly a passing team with an offense leaning heavily on Johnny Lujack, Notre Dame flashed a steady ground game that turned the Army flanks time and again for long gains.

Some veteran writers who have been watching football for many seasons ranked the Notre Dame club as the best they ever saw. Many compared them with the great Irish clubs of other years.

34 Vote for Michigan

Despite the hoop-la surrounding the last meeting of the Cadets and Irish in the current series, Michigan attracted 34 first-place votes for its 35-0 romp over Indiana.

Pennsylvania nosed out Southern Methodist for third place, although both continued unbeaten and untied by respective victories over previously undefeated Virginia and the Texas Aggies.

Seven writers tabbed the Penn eleven for first place after its 19-7 conquest of Virginia, while two liked S. M. U. for the No. 1 spot off its 13-0 triumph over the Aggies.

Southern California, 14-0 victors over stubborn Stanford, clung to fifth place and drew five first place ballots, while Georgia Tech continued in sixth position despite its

close call against Navy, 16-14. Texas surged into seventh place, pushing unbeaten-untied Penn State to eighth. The Longhorns thumped Baylor, 28-7.

Badgers in First Ten

Wisconsin made the top ten for the first time this season and has a chance to graduate into the higher regions if it can upset Michigan. California regained tenth place when Virginia dropped to the second division.

On the basis of point score, Notre Dame had 1,612 to Michigan's 1,528.

The total vote, with points figured on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis (first place votes in parentheses):

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| 1. Notre Dame (117)..... | 1612 |
| 2. Michigan (34)..... | 1528 |
| 3. Pennsylvania (7)..... | 1145 |
| 4. Southern Methodist (2)... | 1137 |
| 5. Southern California (5)... | 995 |
| 6. Georgia Tech (1)..... | 826 |
| 7. Texas | 570 |
| 8. Penn State (3)..... | 539 |
| 9. Wisconsin | 122 |
| 10. California | 102 |

Illinois in 11th Place

11, Illinois, 97; 12, William and Mary, 85; 13, Army, 64; 14, Alabama, 61; 15 and 16, Virginia and Mississippi, tied, 46; 17, Missouri, 42; 18, Utah, 36; 19, North Carolina, 33; 20, Minnesota, 32.

Others receiving votes were Columbia, 25; Kentucky, 22; Kansas, 21; Mississippi State, 16; Wake Forest, 15; UCLA, 10; Maryland, 9; Villanova, 5; South Carolina, 4; Vanderbilt and Wesleyan, each 3; Boston College, Princeton, Rutgers and Purdue, each 2, Georgia, Trinity, Navy and Rice, each 1.