

MICHIGAN LEADER IN FOOTBALL POLL

**Notre Dame Is Next, Oklahoma
 Third on First Ballots—
 Tulane Eleven Fourth**

Michigan, Notre Dame and Oklahoma ran 1-2-3 in the season's first Associated Press poll to pick the top ten college football teams from coast to coast.

For Michigan and Notre Dame, their positions were the same they held in the final poll at the close of the 1948 season. Oklahoma finished as the No. 5 team last year.

Fourth place in the new line-up was captured by Tulane, while Minnesota landed in the No. 5 spot. Neither was in the top ten when the 1948 campaign closed.

North Carolina No. 6

North Carolina, third last year, started off as the No. 6 club this time, followed in order by Army, Southern California, Southern Methodist and California. Only Southern California in that group failed to make the grade last year.

Eighty sports writers and broadcasters participated in the first 1949 poll. Thirty-four of them placed Michigan at the top of their ballots.

On the basis of ten points for a first-place vote, nine for second, and so on, the Wolverines collected a total of 688 points out of a possible 800.

Notre Dame drew only fifteen

first-place votes, two fewer than Oklahoma, but the Irish had enough added support for second and third to give them 627 points, compared to 505 for the Sooners.

Half a dozen other teams divided the remaining fourteen first-place votes. Four of them went to Tulane, three to North Carolina, three to Duke, two to Minnesota and one each to Army and Kentucky.

All of the top ten are undefeated, having played only two or three games this season. Only eighteen other teams were mentioned in the balloting, and some of them already have been beaten.

Closest to Defeat

The experts apparently felt that Michigan's showings to date overshadowed those of the other leaders, although it has come closer to defeat than any other team in the group except Southern Methodist.

The Big Ten champions barely beat Michigan State, 7-3, in their opener before dropping Stanford, 27-7, to run their victory string to twenty-five games dating back to 1946.

Notre Dame, unbeaten in its last twenty-nine games, although tied twice, has a 49-6 conquest of Indiana and a 27-7 triumph over Washington to show for its 1949 efforts.

Oklahoma raised its winning streak to twelve games with one-sided victories over Boston College and Texas A. and M. Tulane, also picking up where it left off last year when it won nine straight, has turned back two good Southeastern Conference clubs.

The total vote with points figured on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis

(first-place votes in parentheses):

1—Michigan (34)	688
2—Notre Dame (15)	627
3—Oklahoma (17)	505
4—Tulane (4)	442
5—Minnesota (2)	353
6—North Carolina (3)	294
7—Army (1)	280
8—Southern California	210
9—Southern Methodist	194
10—California	129
11, Ohio State, 120; 12, Texas, 106;	
13, Michigan State, 86; 14, Duke (3),	
76; 15, Kentucky (1), 76; 16, Villanova,	
72; 17, Cornell, 39; 18, UCLA,	
32; 19, Pittsburgh, 28; 20, tie among	
Pennsylvania, Northwestern and Mis-	
souri, 11 each.	
Others receiving votes: Georgia, 6;	
Louisiana State, 5; Stanford, 3; Illi-	
nois, 2; Baylor, 1; Navy, 1.	