Worksheet 1   Name:_____
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The following problem was taken from the AMS web site
http://www.ams.org/new-in-math/cover/voting-decision.html.

The student government of J.K. University is selecting a new mascot. The preference rankings
for the new mascot are listed below.

Number of Voters	18	12	10	9	4	2
Boilermakers	1	5	5	5	5	5
Bruins	5	1	2	4	2	4
Tigers	4	4	1	2	4	2
Wildcats	2	3	4	1	3	3
Irish	3	2	3	3	1	1

Which mascot would be chosen using:

1. the plurality method?

2. the plurality method followed by a runoff between the first- and second-place finishers?

3. the sequential runoff method?*

4. Borda's Method?

5. head-to-head comparisons? (i.e. Which mascot is the Condorcet winner?)

* *In a sequential runoff election, the candidate with a majority of first place votes is declared the winner. If no candidate has a majority of the first-place votes, then the candidate with the fewest first-place votes is eliminated and a new election is held for the remaining candidates. This process continues until some candidate has a majority of the first-place votes.*

Write a short **paragraph** describing your observations about the results of this election. What do the results seem to indicate to you about the search for an ideal voting method?