

Religious Bulletin

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A Doyle Wouldn't Miss The Point.

At the close of the football season last year, a non-Catholic sports writer of fame, Lawrence Perry, in his syndicated football comment, suggested rather delicately that there is something very precious behind Notre Dame football. Charles J. Doyle, in the Pittsburgh Sun-Tele, says the same thing very prettily in the following lines:

The Irish.

Green was their raiment in Nature's glare,  
Light were their hearts from a spiritual Fare;  
Sweetened, the breeze, by October's sun--  
Pleased, if you will, at the wholesome fun.

Clean was the speech of the Emerald hosts;  
Brilliant their play -- yet devoid of boasts;  
Fierce in their tackles, but never small --  
"Win like a sportsman -- or not at all."

Happy their visit, and small the pain --  
So long, Rockme -- but come again.

And You Wouldn't Expect a Costin To Miss It.

Jim Costin, in The Pittsburgh Catholic, speaks more openly to his Catholic readers, even though he soft-pedals a bit to mollify the sports-phobes:

The Notre Dame football team has paid its annual visit to our city, and has again left in its wake the most pleasant memories with all, friend or foe. While we wouldn't go so far as to say that these annual visits of the Notre Dame team accomplish "great good" for the Church in this section, it is nevertheless a fact that the sight of the Notre Dame squads arriving in town, going at once to Mass and receiving Holy Communion, and their exemplary behavior both on and off the football field does the community no harm. The Notre Dame players' gentlemanly traits and well-behaved manner would probably be overlooked if they didn't possess such superlative skill on the field, yet the fact that these young Catholic men annually win the respect and esteem of thousand upon thousand of non-Catholics scattered from one coast to another, certainly is doing the cause of religion no harm.

Tom Conley Wants A Mass Tomorrow.

Captain Tom Conley is playing in the home town tomorrow, and he is most desirous of giving that blue-law stronghold the best possible exhibition of what honest recreation means when it is dedicated to the glory of God and the honor of His Blessed Mother. For that reason he wants a Mass in the church tomorrow morning, and he asks your prayers for the same intention. The Mass will begin at 6:25. The Blue Circle can help, if it will, in rolling you out of bed in time for Mass.

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PRAYERS: Tomorrow is the third anniversary of the death of Frank Gallagher, whose beautiful death has been an inspiration to many Notre Dame men. Paul Kinsella has had to leave school on account of eye trouble. Alfred Straub, brother of a student, is undergoing an operation. H. A. Buscher is ill with rheumatism. Vince Whalen asks prayers for his sister-in-law who is quite ill; her husband, Jim, is an alumnus. Geo. and Frank Lonnartz asks prayers for their father who is ill. Two deceased persons, three who are ill, and nine special intentions are recommended.