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Up For The Team.

The team needs your support tomorrow, more than ever. The squad doesn't leave until early Saturday morning.

Let the players see you up, kneeling side by side with them in the chapels. Your spirit of sacrifice and support will encourage them as no mere cheering can do.

Last Saturday your attendance at Communion, 1368, was an increase of only 329 over the preceding low Saturday. It still was lower than some previous Saturdays this year. The freshmen, however, were especially faithful. In Zahm, for example, every Catholic student attended Mass and received Communion!

But the remaining 1300 campus students were laid low by the Cotillion or indifference.

The following letters show a spirit of sacrifice and devotion to Our Lady that should shame some blase upperclassmen.

From Missouri.

In a letter requesting pamphlets and your prayers for two well-disposed non-Catholics, there was this paragraph:

"No doubt, you are not quite over Saturday's game. Neither am I! But please don't blame it on me, because I keep Mary's Day faithfully, in fact every day; but on Saturday it means rising an hour earlier than the other week days. But Notre Dame is worth all I can do for her, and worlds more! And I know that Notre Dame will be willing to help me out in this instance."

The pamphlets have been selected and sent by the Student Committee for Decent Literature. The rest of you please bear down on prayers for this reader's intention.

From Iowa.

There came this pledge of devotion to Our Lady and prayers for her sons:

"The game last Saturday is over, but not the memory which remains to rebuke me for the lack of cooperation I gave to the team. Usually I offer all the hard things of the week to help the team in the game that week-end. Well, evidently I slipped somewhere for I don't place the blame on the team. I place it on myself and those like me who usually give all they have in them to keep up the banner of Our Lady.

"Father, I wish you could tell the boys how sorry I am that we lost, but why weep over spilt milk. There is always another year of redemption. To me, the boys when they go out on the field represent the knights of old. Our boys wear the color of Our Lady, and when they go out to battle for her honor I want to see them win.

"Anyway, Father, you can tell them I'm going strong on the hard things this week, and I won't give up. either.

"May Our Lady always keep her favorites in mind, both spiritually and physically."

PRAYERS REQUESTED: (deceased) William Noonan, brother-in-law of Mr. John P. Murphy, trustee; uncle of Jerry Carroll (Alumni); father of Father Conway, C.S.C. Ill, mother of Charles Butler (Badin). Six special intentions.