

PEP RALLY TONIGHT AFTER THE
MISSION: 7:45.....

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WIN, LOSE, OR DRAW

Saturday is an Ember Day.
Visitors eating anywhere
on the campus are dispensed
from Fast & Abstinence.

You perhaps never heard of Izzy Weinstein. Some of you have heard of Jimmy Jemall. Jimmy is the Inquiring Photographer for the NEW YORK NEWS. Izzy drives a taxicab in downtown New York.

A few years ago on a Friday night before the ND-Army game, Jemall, loaded with camera and questions, approached Izzy.

"WHAT COLLEGE TEAM WILL WIN ALL ITS GAMES THIS YEAR?" asked the newsman, and the cabbie replied: "Notre Dame, because all of us Jewish boys who belong to the subway alumni will offer prayers tonight in our synagogues for the Irish."

It is a fact here at Notre Dame too that, WIN, LOSE or DRAW, the students do offer prayers for the team each Saturday. It is a fact that the squad dedicates each game to Notre Dame (Our Lady). It is a fact that the team attends Mass in a body on the day of the game whether it be at home or away.

There are those who might say it is silly to pray for victory in an athletic contest. We don't think so, any more than we think that it is ridiculous to pray for success in an intellectual contest---an examination, for instance.

But we pray for other things each Saturday morning of the football season too. We ask God to protect the boys on the field from serious injury--whether the boys wear the ND, the Indiana, the Southern Methodist or any other monogram. We pray that the spirit of clean sportsmanship and fortitude and gentlemanliness--all by-products of the Notre Dame Spirit---be maintained on and off the field.

There are thousands of Izzy Weinstains the nation over who have learned to respect Notre Dame men because of this unique spiritual angle which has created in the past and will continue to create subway alumni. We appreciate these friends of Notre Dame who with us realize that prayer never did injure a cause---the Irish or otherwise.

There is the story of the Notre Dame player in the locker room a number of years ago just before the kickoff of a crucial game. The odds were against the Irish and they were plagued with injuries. The coach was worried about what might happen to his boys physically. A member of the squad suggested that they say an extra prayer before going out on the field. The player was the famous George Gipp, a Methodist. The prayer was offered by Chet Wynne who was a Baptist; and the coach who joined in the prayer with the team was Knute Rockne, at that time a Lutheran.

IT IS CUSTOMARY FOR EACH CATHOLIC STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME TO GET UP ON SATURDAY MORNING AND OFFER HIS OWN MASS AND COMMUNION FOR THE TEAM. That's YOUR WAY of showing your loyalty to the squad that goes out tomorrow to prove its loyalty to you.

And just for the record.....statistics in our office show an extraordinary parallel between the loyalty or apathy of the student body at the Tail and the good or poor seasons of the Irish on or off the Road!

PLEASE USE SAT. NIGHT CONFESSION FACILITIES TO RELIEVE SUNDAY PRESSURE. Confessions from 7:30 on, in Cavanaugh and Dillon Chapels.

Prayers: Deceased: Fr. of Ed Hozian, How.; Father of Gene Gorski, B.P.; Father of John ('32) & Delancy ('37) Davis.