

Don't Let the Team Down Now.

In the intoxication of your joy over the Army game, you may forget that the season is not yet closed. Drake and Carnegie Tech offer little prospect of marring a championship season, with the exception of the possibility of injuries, but Southern Cal is another story. The trip there is hard; there can be only one day of practice on the way; the climate is all against our boys and all in the favor of the home team; the strain of a prolonged season tells on them to some extent; the opposing team is rated as the best on the coast in spite of its defeat by Stanford.

We had a Novena for the team at the beginning of the season, and it was not received any too enthusiastically; if the response had been more generous some of our catastrophies might have been avoided. The response before the Army game was excellent; the most interesting feature of it was the fact that while 250 students left the campus for the week-end, the number of Communion on Saturday morning was 200 more than on Friday.

We must have another Novena for the team now - and we will offer it for the Poor Souls. It should end before the team leaves for the coast, so that they leave with a light heart and a sense of your spiritual support. It's a bad time to have it, but it's the only time left, and if you believe in the team as you said you did on Monday morning, you will make the Novena whole-heartedly. It will begin next Saturday, the day after the present Novena ends, and it will conclude on the following Sunday, the day after the Carnegie Tech game.

You can't start Saturday? Why not? If you can get up at 4:30 in the rain to welcome the team on Monday morning, you can certainly get up some time Saturday morning to pray for the boys. If you can yell your lungs out for them on Friday night, you can certainly stay fasting after midnight Saturday morning for them. If you want to receive Holy Communion Saturday morning and Sunday, you can do it. It's your last chance this season, and if your cheering is anything but wind you won't pass it up.

Thirty-Six Thousand Rosaries.

Besides the Novena of Communion for the Poor Souls there ought to be two thousand men around here willing to say the great prayer of the Blessed Virgin for the Poor Souls every day from now till December 4. Before the Stanford game two years ago you were asked to say twenty thousand rosaries. There are more of you now, and we have longer advance notice of the game. Thirty-six thousand rosaries is not too much to expect. If you haven't a rosary, drop in for one. The beads at the pamphlet rack in Sorin Hall are blessed with the four indulgences -- Dominican, Crosier, Apostolic and Briggittine. Give the Poor Souls the benefit of all these indulgences and you will have their help in the game.

Gentlemen or kowdies?

The down-town aspect after the Indiana game and last Thursday afternoon was quite collegiate; last Saturday night and Monday morning it had more of the real spirit of Notre Dame. One mule in the crowd is enough. Keep this in mind over the week-end, when Notre Dame is very much on parade -- when a great many students have their parents, sisters and sweethearts here. These interested visitors hope to see Notre Dame at its best. They will if you keep your heads -- and you have shown that you can.

Prayers.

A student asks prayers for a friend who was killed recently; another recommends a cousin who has been ill for a very long time; three special intentions and a thanksgiving.