

Have You Sold Out the Team?

The thin trail of communicants Saturday and Sunday morning gave evidence of a huge lack of interest in the remaining games of the season. You were asked to start a Novena Saturday morning that would end next Sunday, the day before the team leaves for Los Angeles. Either you take the rest of the season for granted or else you have lost interest in the team; and unless you reform speedily, the final game of the season is likely to make your wagging jaws drop.

Don't Send the Bulletins to the Papers.

Saturday's New World, of Chicago, reprinted last Monday's religious Bulletin, discussing Who Won the Game. That should not have been. There are lots of secrets in the Bulletin, and if you let them out other people will know as much as you do, and there won't be so much difference between you and the rest of the world. For several years the Bulletin was not mimeographed; carbon copies were used in order to restrict its circulation to the campus. Perhaps we will have to go back to that system.

The effect of prayer on football was the matter discussed last Monday. That came well after a fervent burst of prayer and a striking victory. Suppose we lose to Southern Cal; we don't tell everyone who read that Bulletin that you laid down on the job when you were asked to pray for a successful close for the season; we can't broadcast the fact that you were so interested in watching the antics of the gin babies Friday and Saturday night that you forgot to fast for Sunday morning.

Use discretion. Every family is entitled to a few skeletons. It is the Bulletin's business to rattle the skeleton, but let's keep it a family affair.

Jubilee and Poor Souls.

Not fifty students made the full Novena for the Poor Souls that closed Friday noon. Holy Communions during the nine days averaged about 1150 a day, but Monday dropped a bit; attendance at Benediction was good at times, but not fifty students went through the full nine days without a miss. All in all, while there was undoubtedly a great relief for the Poor Souls, there was anything but the prayer of perseverance that builds buildings, and it looks as though Notre Dame would have to wait some time for Engineering, Commerce and Recreation to come into their own.

At least be good's parts enough to finish out the month for the Poor Souls, whether we get anything out of it or not. You were asked to make another Novena (private) for the Poor Souls for the benefit of the football team; you have also been reminded time and again to offer the Jubilee for them before the season closes. You need at least five days for gaining these indulgences, though the five days need not be consecutive. You have to offer a special confession and Holy Communion for the intention, and to visit the church four times a day for five days. Unlock the gate of Purgatory during the remaining eight days of this month.

That Rosary for the Team.

Although no check was asked on the number of students offering the beads for the team before the U.S.C. game, you were asked for two thousand a day, and from the way the beads have not been disappearing from the rack we may conclude that we are short the proper number. Make up for lost time. Each man was asked to say the beads 18 times before the game; you have thirteen days (including today and the day of the game) in which to get in the 18 rosaries. Don't let the players do all the praying as well as the playing.