

Have You Said Your Beads For The Team?

We want 25,000 rosaries for the team before the California Game. That means that 2500 of you say them every day for ten days. That means that you can't loaf on the job. If you haven't said them yet today, go to the chapel and do it now. You can gain a plenary indulgence by saying them before the Blessed Sacrament. Give the indulgence to the Poor Souls; this is their month.

The practice of saying the beads for the team before the California Game arose four years ago, when Notre Dame's Four Horsemen team was invited to play Stanford in the Tournament of Roses. The rose is the Blessed Virgin's flower; she chose it herself when she revealed the practice of the rosary to St. Dominic. Ten thousand rosaries were recited that year, and the Blessed Virgin was made Queen of the Tournament of Roses, when victory came to her school. (These things all have their significance.)

Who Won The Army Game?

Retrospect on the Army Game of this year has brought out some interesting points, not the least of which is the conclusion of veterans who have seen all the encounters with West Point that this year's game was by all odds the most brilliant ever engaged in between the two schools. Who won the game? The team, of course; but you fellows who are still sticking out your chests about the way you prayed for the team before and during the game will do well to read this letter from one of the hidden fans, a lady in New Jersey:

"Rev. Father: I am writing you this little note to tell you I prayed hard Saturday so your dear boys would win. I am confined to a wheel-chair, unable to walk for the past four years, and I listened attentively to the reports on the radio.

"My youngest child, a boy of fourteen years of age, is wild about football. He is in his second year at the parochial high school. He has made the senior basketball team. He was very anxious to attend the Army Game, but I couldn't afford it. They tell me my boy also plays football well.

"My reason for writing you (I hope you will not think me rude) is to tell you that I always pray for the boys when they play. Please pray for me."

From hidden fans all over the country come stories such as this. Who will deny that Notre Dame football has its strong spiritual side? And who will deny this little lady her plea for prayers?

Novena For The Team.

Don't forget that this begins tomorrow, and that it includes a Memorare daily as well as a remembrance in Holy Communion -- a remembrance which the team will be glad to share with Van Wallace.

Add Spiritual Bouquet.

To the items of the Spiritual Bouquet for Jack Gleason add the football game last Saturday, which the football players offered for the repose of his soul.

Prayers.

Thomas Runkle, a freshman, was seriously injured when he was struck by an automobile a few days ago. Edmund Hogan, of Brownson Hall, is seriously ill in the hospital; mastoiditis is feared. Harley McDevitt's grandmother died a few days ago. Three students ask prayers for deceased persons, and two for sick friends.