

Armistice Day
7:10 Dillon Mass
for deceased N.D.--

University of Notre Dame
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and defense
preparations.

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The Spirit of Notre Dame

Last Monday the Bulletin said: "Some sport writers wonder whether we have just an ordinary team. A more important, more fundamental question is: 'Have we just an ordinary student body? Has it the real spirit of Notre Dame?' If it has, then bring on the odds. In student and player, the spirit of Notre Dame blazes highest when the going is toughest."

The sport writers have their answer now.

But the Bulletin editor, the Bearskin of N.D. religion, is still asking the more fundamental question, for the real spirit of Notre Dame is deeper than rallies and shouting, though they have their place. Too many, he thinks, are discouraged by set-backs or disappointments, too many are taking things too easy in preparation for life's battle to win Heaven, too often shying away from any effort or sacrifice; and won't they, he asks, in later life like the chocolate soldier melt "when the heat is on?"

The boys on the team practice hard, mighty hard. They know the necessity of working hard and long. They refuse to let a set-back discourage them. They aid each other, block for each other, know the necessity of helping each other for the good of the whole.

You would be no ordinary student body, you would have the real spirit of Notre Dame, if you would work harder at honoring God. If you'd only practice harder now for later, and a tougher life, sacrificing, getting up after an upset undiscouraged but wiser, helping each other, you'd know even now the sweet taste of victory for Our Lady against odds - victory for yourself and for the family of Mary, the Mystical Body of Christ, of which she is the Mother, of which all Christians are members.

The Poor Souls lying in purging fire are members of that Mystical Body. Do a little suffering, a little blocking. Block low for them - on your knees at Mass.

Notre Dame To Old St. Mary's.

The game Saturday was dedicated to Our Lady, Queen of Priests in honor of the Sulpician Fathers who are celebrating throughout the world the tercentenary of their founding (1641) and in America the sesquicentennial of their arrival and establishment in Baltimore (1791) of the first Seminary in this country.

Despite great hardship and discouraging conditions, the Seminary continued for which Notre Dame thanks God. That first Seminary in Baltimore taught Father Badin, the first priest ordained in the United States. In his early missionary years, he bought a plot of land here, gave it to Bishop Haillandiere specifying it be used for a Catholic college, your present Notre Dame.

Refusing ecclesiastical honors, fame and wealth, the Sulpician Fathers have continued faithful to their founder's object - training priests. And to old St. Mary's Seminary, in Baltimore this week will return hundreds of devoted clerical alumni, among them innumerable Archbishops and Bishops. Notre Dame prays for the Sulpician Fathers many more glorious and fruitful years training laborers for God's vineyard.

No Mystery Man

Some juniors and freshmen objected to last Monday's Bulletin. You know who Bearskin of the Bulletin is. Come on in, with or without guns. He's seen last week's figures for Poor Souls Novena and First Friday. If they don't indicate sophomoritis on the part of many juniors (not all, of course) and floundering on the part of many freshmen (again not all, of course) then he'd like to know your explanation. Come on in.

PRAYERS: (deceased) Donald Stewart; Sisters M. Loyola O.P. and M. Jeanette O.P.; J.J. Orlet, friend of Al Sommer (Cav). Ill, father of Tim King '40; 4 special intentions.