

ROCKNE'S DEATH SHOCKS NATION

Was to Have Visited La Grande This Year—Football Coaches Saddened.

The death of Knute Rockne, famous football coach of Notre Dame, came as a decided shock to La Grande people as well as to the entire nation. It is doubtful if there is another figure in the sports world today whose death would have excited so much interest and general expressions of regret.

An idol of every person interested in football throughout the country, the loss was felt keenly outside of Notre Dame circles. Mr. Rockne was to have come to Oregon this year for a football coaches school, and Coach Paul Schissler, of Oregon State college, had planned on stopping in La Grande with Mr. Rockne later this year. People throughout the city and county had been eagerly awaiting further announcements and it is believed that such a visit would have resulted in a tremendous crowd on hand to greet the visitor.

At yesterday's chamber of commerce luncheon, Charles Reynolds, former O. S. C. football player and Notre Dame coach, Mr. Rockne was to have come to Oregon this year for a football coaches school, and Coach Paul Schissler, of Oregon State college, had planned on stopping in La Grande with Mr. Rockne later this year.

Expressions were received yesterday and today from many, among which were the following carried by the Associated Press wire:

RECALLS HIS RECENT VISIT PORTLAND, Ore., April 1 (AP)—Friends of Knute Rockne, famed Notre Dame football coach, recalled Tuesday in connection with his death in a plane crash near Emporia, Kansas, that on a recent visit to Portland he said, "If anything ever happens to me, Jimmy Phelan will succeed me at Notre Dame."

Phelan, who played quarterback under Rockne and was rated by the South Bend wizard as one of his most brilliant players, is grid coach at University of Washington.

The statement was made when friends questioned Rockne about his health and future plans. He said he was in good health and had already made plans for the fall season, and then added the statement about Phelan.

MADIGAN MOURNS OAKLAND, Cal., April 1 (AP)—Ed "Bip" Madigan, St. Mary's college football coach and a player under Knute Rockne, was all broken up over the death of Rockne, the greatest leader football has ever known. His loss to the game will be irreparable. Mrs. Madigan and I were very close to Rockne. The shock of his death could not have been greater if it had been one of our family.

"MORE THAN A TEACHER" LOS ANGELES, April 1 (AP)—Tom Lieb, one of Knute Rockne's greatest gridsters, and the man who handled the Notre Dame team in 1929 when the Ramblers' mentor was disabled by illness, was completely broken up when he heard of his "greatest friend's" death.

"He was more than a teacher of football," said Tom. "He was a friend of every man at Notre Dame, and every fellow there would tell you the same thing.

"He was a genius, but more than that he was a father to all of us. His interest didn't stop when we graduated. He looked after our careers as well, and took kindly interest in our work.

"I feel most sorry for those 300 boys who answered his spring grid practice call a few days ago. They needed him most, and they will miss him most."

Lieb bawled several times for verification of the Associated Press report of Rockne's death. "I can scarcely believe it. Why, we were to have had luncheon together Wednesday.

Rockne recently worked with Lieb one afternoon as he sent his Loyola university gridsters through a spring practice session. This was on his previous trip here by airplane.

PHELAN'S COMMENT SEATTLE, April 1 (AP)—Commenting on the statement made by Knute Rockne in Portland recently that he would succeed the Notre Dame football coach, if anything ever happened to him, Jimmy Phelan, University of Washington mentor, said here that it was "no time to talk about coaching jobs."

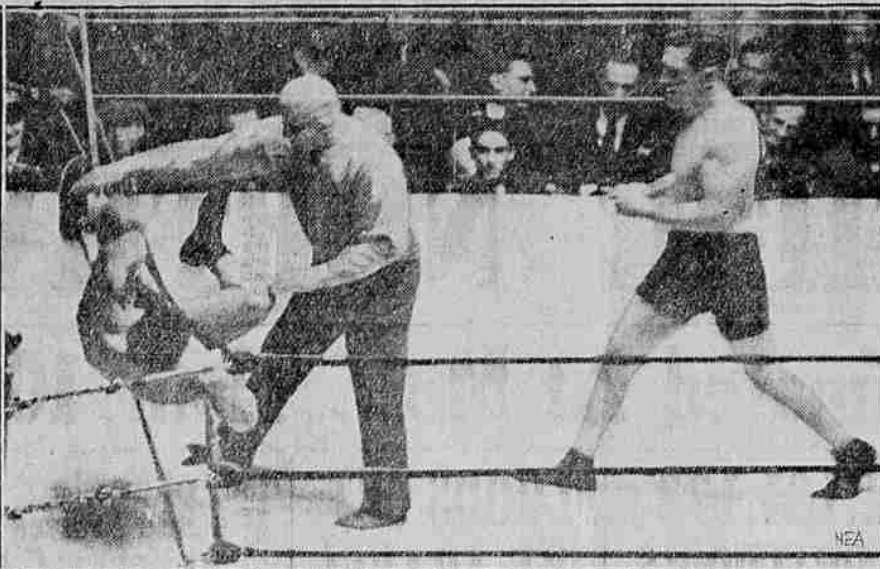
Phelan was Rockne's first captain at Notre Dame.

"Rockne's death was a terrible blow to me," said Phelan. "We were very close friends but we never discussed his job. We all thought old 'Rock' would be there for many years.

"The statement Rockne made in Portland that I would succeed him if anything ever happened to him should not be taken seriously. It was just his way of paying me a favor."

"The man who this to fill 'Rock's' shoes will have a tremendous task."

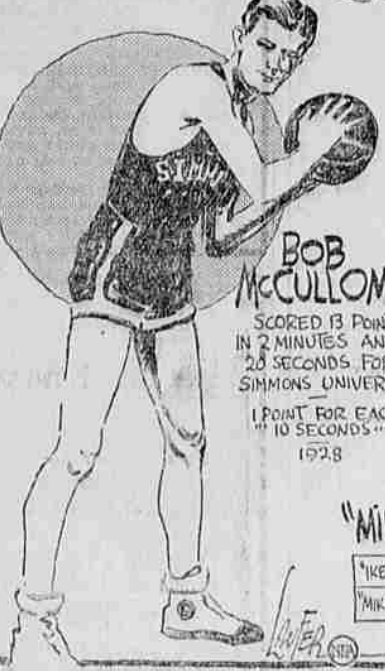
Swing High—Swing Low—Swing To and Fro



Fortunately for Jim London, he still retains some of the characteristics man is said to have kept from the monkey days, else he might have sailed out of the above ring and lost his heavyweight wrestling championship. Above is a scene in the recent London-Her Freeman title bout and shows London swinging on the ropes, where he was tossed by one of Freeman's ferocious flying tackles. London won the match after 43 minutes, of grunting, grunting and grappling.

BRUSHING UP SPORTS...

By Laufer



"BEAR DOWN" IS PAINTED IN LARGE LETTERS ON THE ROOF OF THE GYM AT UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA. IT IS IN MEMORY OF JOHN "BUFFALO" SALMON FOOTBALL STAR, WHO ON HIS DEATH-BED TOLD HIS TEAMMATES TO "BEAR DOWN" FOR HIM.



Table with 2 columns: Name and Bowling Scores. Mike Carter and Mike Dillane are listed with scores from 30 to 248.

"The greatest man who ever held the helm in football coaching work, the greatest man outside of football, and one of the greatest minds in the United States was Knute Rockne's. His loss through death is irreparable.

"There is no one who can fill Rockne's place, either in football or as a man. He was pre-eminent in his line and one of our greatest men of the day. We are all loser by his passing."

DR. SPEARS STUNNED RUCIENE, Ore., April 1 (AP)—Stunned by word of the tragic death of Knute Rockne, Notre Dame football coach, Dr. Clarence W. Spears, University of Oregon coach, said, "I have lost a very fine personal friend and football coach, one of its finest exponents."

"This news comes as a terrible shock," he said sadly. "Every coach in the country appreciates what Knute Rockne has done for football."

SCHISSLER SHOCKED CORVALLIS, Ore., April 1 (AP)—Paul J. Schissler, football coach at Oregon State college, and associated with Knute Rockne for several years in coaching a summer coaching school here, was so shocked and overcome by news of Rockne's death that he was unable Tuesday to issue an immediate statement.

WARNER, INGRAM SADDENED GLENDALE, Cal., April 1 (AP)—Two great men of football—Navy Bill Ingram, coach of California, and

Glean "Pop" Warner, veteran mentor of Stanford—stunned smiling from an air transport plane here Tuesday, they were beaming in the hopes of a reunion with the greatest of them all—Knute Rockne. Knute Rockne. They had flown down from San Francisco. Smiles froze and color left their cheeks when they were greeted with a few quiet words from an Associated Press staff man.

"Knute can't be dead! I don't believe it," cried Navy Bill. Tears welled in the drawn eyes of old "Pop" Warner.

"He was the greatest figure in football today," said Pop, as his voice trembled. "One man with no enemies. The greatest friend of all his players, and he did a lot for them but he did an awful lot more for the game."

Then, words failed the Stanford veteran.

"The best friend I ever had," said Navy Bill, who could not talk for ten minutes after his first outburst.

"He leaves a great work unfinished, for much as he has done for football, he had greater plans to bring it even to higher standards."

By O. B. Kewler One of the most interesting persons I have encountered on the present visit to California is Mrs. John Hollywood of the Potrero County club, and if you regard yourself as a sort of slayer to your golf clubs, and are totally ruined when you have to play with a borrowed set, consider Mrs. Hollywood and the 1930 women's national championship, on the north course of the Los Angeles Country club.

Mrs. Hollywood appeared at the tournament the Saturday before it started, with a luncheon which entitled her to enter, she naturally went out to play a practice round.

That evening, Mrs. A. E. D. Trabee, U. S. G. A. representative in this section, was apprised by telephone that Mrs. Hollywood was employing for her only a single implement, a Joe Novak adjustable club, one of those quaint iron-headed devices the kind of which can be set in at any angle, from a putting left to a pitching tool.

Sport Slants

By Anna J. Gould (Associated Press Sports Editor) We were talking about great hitters and how they can be outguessed at the plate, if at all.

"I'll tell you the only thing to do with a slugger like Ruth or Simmons or Hornsby," remarked Bill McKee, the soft-spoken, shrewd pilot of the Boston Braves.

"The answer is that's the one thing they don't expect," Bill explained. "They are looking for a bad ball. They are just as likely, perhaps more likely to put a bad ball out of the park than they are a good one."

"The chances are, in a pinch, they will hit a good ball straight at the pitcher or a fielder. At least I have seen it word that day and I don't know any other way to keep a really good hitter from doing his stuff, unless you walk him."

"Of course, even the best get into a slump once in a while. They're accounting for it and there may be no weakness apparent. It just happens, as in the case of Hornsby and the rest of the Cubs in that 1929 series against the A's."

"There was a reason, however, for Jim Bottomley's failure to hit last year in the series. He had finished the season with a bad hand. He could play but he could not get any snap into his swing, due to the injury."

WATCH THE CUBS SLUG Southern critics have not as yet had a chance to size up the Chicago Cubs, or compare their prospects except on paper with those of Brooklyn, St. Louis, New York and other entries in the National League pennant derby.

They feel, however, that if Manager Rogers Hornsby stages a comeback and is able to play regularly at his old keyhole post, the Cubs will be the team to watch.

RABBIT IS FRENCH We may have been kidding when we inquired as to whether Walter (Rabbit) Maravillo's ancestry had a French background but, "Say," said the rabbit, "the probable answer is 'Yes.' We're looking into that once and my dad got a book tracing the family back to the De Maravillos of France."

The fluent typewriter of Dick Cullum, columnist of the Minneapolis Journal, contributes this significant slant to the sporting times.

"The turn in sports which has had college football players going into the professional league and the wrestling trust, amateur tennis players going on to the professional circuit, professional boxing matches going into the bag and professional wrestling matches exploiting the hippodrome, is certain to bring on a reaction from the public and the press."

"It is clear that this turn from amateurism to professionalism and from the amateur to the professional is coming rapidly to a head. The whole structure is built upon a foundation that is none too strong. When the foundation begins to sag, it will collapse utterly...."

FAN'S INTEREST CLEAN The fan's interest in athletic competition is a clean and healthy interest and it will not stand condemnation without dying.

"The press is in the same position. It is willing to give the boys every chance but it will not be 'played for a sucker' any longer than it takes to complete the accumulation of evidence that is now pouring in from all sides."

"It is clear that professional sport has already passed its peak. The big splennings have been made. The public interest is turning against it."

"There is only one way to salvation among the pros and that way lies in the direction baseball has already taken by the elevation of a czar to whom it has given limitless power and in whom the public has limitless confidence. The other way is to turn against it."

POXX TALKS Jimmy Fox, the robust young first baseman of the A's, is not talkative as ball players go, but Dave Holman of the Fort Myers Press, recently discussed Jimmy down to a serious discussion of assorted topics.

He discovered, he wrote, that the likes of cigars, prefers to use an airplane to get quickly from one point to another but thinks going up in one just for the ride is taking too much of a chance, doesn't like to speak especially well and balks at addressing a mixed group of high school students.

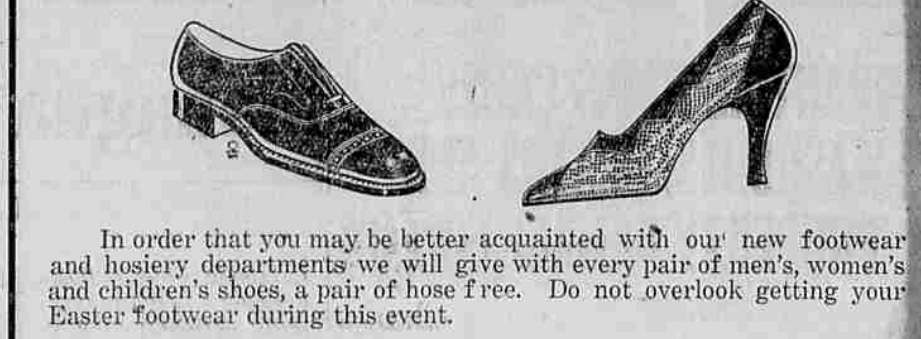
"He plays golf better than the average and possesses a terrific drive. He is 23 years old and has been in professional baseball since he was sixteen and played for ten college after his graduation from high school in 1924 but had an offer from a Class D team near his home in California, Maryland, and after playing with this nine for awhile was bought by the Philadelphia Athletics."

St. Petersburg, Fla.—Farmer Joe Cooper, Terre Haute, Ind., knocked out Young Russell, Palmetto Beach, Fla. (7).

Indianapolis—Del Fontaine, Winnetup, outpointed Charley Arthur, New York (10).

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"Spirit of Notre Dame" Crushed Today by Tragedy—Players Stunned

By Paul Mickelson (Associated Press Sports Writer) SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 1 (AP)—The "spirit of Notre Dame," a fighting spirit that never before tottered, was crushed today by tragedy.

Knute Kenneth Rockne, the man who did more in building up the far flung spirit than anyone else, was dead and the blow of his sudden, tragic loss stunned everybody.

It was as devastating as it was sudden to Notre Dame and it seemed like the rude interruption to just a wonderful dream.

University leaders, students, townspeople of South Bend and even the smallest boys on the streets were grief stricken as they realized that their "Rock" had marched on. A pall was cast across the shadows of his achievement, fangs flew sadly at his mast and everyone, who knew him personally or just by name hung their heads in sorrow.

So amazed and stricken were his friends that even today, almost 24 hours after the immortal football coach's tragic death in an airplane crash in Kansas, funeral arrangements were far from complete. All that was fairly certain was that when the remains of that restless man, whose teams made football history, are lowered in the grave that thousands will be present.

Penning word from his widow, rushing back from London, definite arrangements will be held in absence. Mrs. Rockne was expected to arrive in South Bend Thursday night.

"I want him buried from the Church of Notre Dame amid the surroundings and boys he loved so well," was all Mrs. Rockne would say.

Church law forbids requiems during holy week and a low mass instead of a solemn high requiem was celebrated in Sacred Heart church for Rockne at 6:20 a. m. today. Two thousand students and faculty attended the mass and received holy communion.

Messages From All of World Messages of condolence literally poured into the Rockne home and to the university. They came from all corners of the world and from everyone who knew and loved "Rock" as he was known intimately to thousands.

Telegraph and telephone offices worked overtime to care for the messages, which only served to accentuate the importance of his passing.

It was among the members of "Rock's" boys, the Notre Dame football players who knew and loved "Rock" that the crushed spirit was the most noticeable. All of them were as heart-broken today as they were joyous last fall when they crushed Southern California to stretch their string of unbroken victories to 19 straight.

But to a man they mourned not so much the loss of a great football coach as the loss of a man.

"This thing has stunned me," Frank Carideo, the "Little Napoleon" of Rockne's 1929 and 1930 armies, said as he cried outright.

"I was closer to Rock than most any other of the boys and perhaps I feel it more than most of them. To think that a man who taught me

Beavers of the coast league, defeated Seattle 14 to 13 despite a ninth inning rally in which the Indians scored six runs. The hit total reached 40, both teams pounding the ball freely.

Batteries were Fullerton, Posedel, Bowman and Woodall for Portland; Zahniser, Freitas, Wright, Kuna and Cox, Borraani for Seattle.

The Pittsburgh Pirates stopped the Chicago Cubs' string of five victories over them to defeat them 9 to 6 in an exhibition game at Los Angeles yesterday. The Pirates led the game by a five run rally in the eighth.

White the Seals and Trotter play in San Francisco today, the Pirates and Cubs are scheduled to go it again in Los Angeles.

Boston—Kink Levinsky, Chicago, outpointed Con O'Kelly, Ireland (10).

New York—Paul Berlenbach, New York, knocked out (Six Fingers) Eddie Clark, New York (3).

Daytona Beach, Fla.—Sammy Mandell, Rockford, Ill., outpointed John Estrada, Mexico City (10).

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