

HOPES ARE BRIGHT FOR NEW RECORD IN 500-MILE RACE

Thousands Gather to Honor Knute Rockne

BY JOE WILLIAMS

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SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 3.—This little city by the St. Joseph river, which so often has been the rendezvous for highpitched football glories, today felt the grip of a tragic realization tighten up on it. South Bend's noises were muffled by the shroud of death. The sycamore-fringed campus of old Notre Dame, almost deserted because of the Easter vacation, brooded under the pall of a mournful silence broken only spasmodically by the dirge that pealed from the bells of the Church of the Sacred Heart.

For today Notre Dame and South Bend were stunned with the approach of the hour that would see the mortal remains of Knute K. Rockne pass from their view forever, and become interred in the soft loam of the Indian prairie.

The funeral services for Rockne, who was killed in an airplane crash in Kansas on Tuesday, have been set for 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Thousands already are gathering here from all parts of the country to pay their last respects to the greatest of all football coaches, and a prince among sportsmen. But the Church of the Sacred Heart, close by the field on which Rockne developed his super teams, will accommodate less than 1,000 persons.

No requiem mass will be said for Rockne. Because of holy week, that will be impossible. The services will be simple, thoroughly impressive, from the very altar at which Rockne was received into the Catholic church in 1926.

It had been planned to hold the funeral over until Monday, and solemnize it with a dignified pomp in Notre Dame's new stadium, which soon is to be rededicated as a memorial to Rockne.

But Mrs. Bonnie Rockne, widow

of the coach, who returned here from Florida Thursday, begged for quiet and that utter simplicity which Rockne himself would have preferred. As a result, the services will be held in an old world atmosphere, in a setting reminiscent of a church in Spain or Italy.

Stadium to Be Rededicated

With soft light streaming through varicolored windows, and soft tones for a nobleman's te deum, Rockne will pass from among us in a peace that will be in striking contrast to the rush and the turmoil and the strain that had been his share in life.

Today, the Rockne cottage on East Wayne street became the center of interest of this entire city.

To this none too pretentious abode of brick and stucco the bronze casket bearing the remains of Rockne were removed.

For more than twenty-four hours after the return of the body from the tragic field in Kansas, the casket had rested in an old-fashioned edifice on East Michigan street.

Future Looks Bright

But today Knute K. Rockne lies among his own, covered with a soft blanket of Easter lilies. His widow sits there, close to a breakdown. His three sons and a daughter, his aged mother and four sisters face the horror of today and the ordeal of the morrow almost with disbelief that all this can be true.

Only three days ago, Mrs. Rockne and her children were at Coral Gables, Fla., while the father of the family was hastening toward California to consummate motion picture contracts, which would have meant a small fortune to him. He just had signed for twenty-six weeks of radio work, for a total of \$30,000.

He had been appointed promotion manager of the Studebaker Automobile Company. He had undertaken other enterprises which guaranteed him more money than he had made in five or six previous years. He had achieved the peak of his power and influence.

Rockne had been told by his doctors that he was in better physical condition than he had enjoyed in four or five years. He had left for Kansas City light of heart, jubilant over the splendid run in his affairs. He had everything to live for—and only 42, despite his appearance of greater age. But today the widow cries in the house on East Wayne.

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Purdue Nine Prepares for Opening Tilt

By Times Special

LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 2.—Purdue's spring sports schedule will get underway here Monday afternoon when the Boilmakers baseball nine opens its season against Wabash in the first of four non-conference engagements that will prepare the Old Gold and Black for the Big Ten season. Although handicapped by inclement weather, the Boilmaker coaches, with a fair nucleus of veterans, are hopeful of putting a well balanced nine in the field.

Palo and Schupp, both lettermen, along with Hoeppenardene, Hartmann and De Shinsky, are expected to bear the burden of the pitching duties, while Duff and Witkowsky are the standouts among the catching prospects.

Four veterans are available for field duty, including Fleming, Field, Shodgraff and Weaver, while Everroad, Huskamp and Hoffman, new men, are fighting for assignments. The garden duties are expected to be distributed among Manwaring, Mills, Hessinger, Hoiland and St. Clair.

Records Topple in National A. A. U. Swimming Carnival

By United Press

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MIMIC TILTS CARDED

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LAFAYETTE, Ind., April 3.—Mimic intercollegiate football games, inaugurated at Purdue university last year during practice, will begin here Monday, Coach Noble Kizer announced today.

The entire Boilmaker team has been divided into four groups, representing the teams of Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois and Carnegie Tech.

RAIN HAMPERS I. U.

By Times Special

OXFORD, O., April 3.—Indiana university's baseball team was scheduled to open its 1931 schedule here today with the Miami university nine, but rain threatened to postpone the Hoosiers' opening for the second time.

Seventeen men were in the squad which Coach Everett Dean brought here.

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Two other brothers, representing west coast clubs, finished first and second in a major event, Mickey Kiley of the University of Southern California, winning low board diving honors from his older brother, John, of the Los Angeles A. C. Walter Colbath, former intercollegiate champion, placed third.

Two champions who won honors on the opening night of the races are expected to meet tonight in the 220-yard free style event. Al Schwartz, Illinois A. C., who took the 100-yard title on Wednesday in slow time, is expected to encounter stiff opposition from Buster Crabbe, U. S. C. star, the present champion. Crabbe set a new mark Wednesday in the 300-yard medley swim.

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Rule Changes Bolster Speedsters' Forecasts

Average Between 101 and 105 Miles an Hour Predicted With New Order Allowing One Carburetor for Every Two Cylinders.

BY NORMAN ISAACS

Just two months away—after the baseballers have settled down to the season's grind and the thrill of the Kentucky Derby has passed away for one more year—Indianapolis and America will turn its eyes to the annual renewal of the 500-mile American Grand Prix at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Once more on May 30 a tremendous throng will gather at the giant speed grounds to watch the demons of the "roaring way" make their newest assault on existing speed records.

And for once the racing drivers' hopes of establishing a new 500-mile record appear to be well-founded. Changes in the 1931 rules—notably that of allowing one carburetor for every two cylinders—indicate that the five century dash this year will be completed at an average speed somewhere between 101 and 105 miles an hour and possibly higher.

Back in 1925, Peter De Paolo, the gallant Italian-American star, set the record at Indianapolis at a speed of 101.13 miles an hour. Every year since that time futile efforts have been made to exceed that mark.

But Pete's mark—set in a Duesenberg—has baffled the pilots each year. In 1929 predictions soared high. Leon Duray set two new records. One for a single lap at 125 miles an hour and another for the four-lap qualification trial.

Duray was forced out of the race early and the pace slowed down. In 1930 with the return of the two-man car, Bill Arnall came closest to the elusive five-century record.

For the first time since 1925, the race was finished at a gait over 100 miles an hour. And at that Bill didn't exceed the mark by much. His exact speed was 100.448 miles an hour.

This time with one year of experience in the two-man car under their belts, the younger pilots are due to show some speed.

Some drivers have said flatly that the cars this year will be ten miles an hour faster than those of 1930. Undoubtedly that is "pushing the point just a little."

There no doubt, however, but that the cars are faster, and with conditions just right a new record will be set.

Two games will be played in Chicago, tonight and Sunday, and the next three, if needed, will be played at the home of the defending champs, Montreal.

Babe Ruth Says:

By Times Special

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., April 2.—I said in one of my earlier articles that I would rather wait awhile before expressing an opinion as to whether the new ball is any deader than the one we used last year. I wanted to take a few swings myself, and I wanted to get the ideas of players with other clubs.

Well, I have had my swings. And I have talked with many players of our own and other clubs. We played a series of eight games with the Boston Braves and we also played against the St. Louis Cardinals, the Cincinnati Reds and the Phillips. The National League ball is supposed to be deader than the one that we have been using, so I was anxious to find out about it. The new ball in our league was catched only in the stitching which is heavier.

These series gave the other players and myself a chance to hit against the National League ball in six or seven games. We took turns with the Braves in being the "home club" and on days when they were the "home team," we used the National League ball. We saw both styles of the 1931 baseball, and if it is any less lively than the 1930 brand I couldn't notice it. Several other players told me the same thing. When hit right, it seemed to get plenty of distance.

Lou Gehrig hit a few that went as fast and as far as a ball would go last year. Tony Lazzeri and Ben Chapman of our club and Wally Berger of the Braves all hit the ball out of the park when we were using the American League ball, and I got a Homer against a National League ball, and also hit it for one of the longest drives I have made all spring in a game with the Braves.

Down in Bradenton, when we played the Cardinals on a park which has no fence around it I saw three of the hardest hits of the year. Orsatti of the Cardinals hit one for a easy, and two of our pitchers made tremendous drives. Both Henry Johnson and Charley Ruffing hit far over Orsatti's head in left and each got a three bagger without any great exertion.

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Front Row (left to right), Glynn Rivers, Gene Smith, Chuck Iceman; Bob Whitney, team manager; Robert Schuck and Jack Mann. Back Row—Dick Arnett, pilot; Coach Pete Jolly; Needham, "father of the Bearcats"; Clem Cook, Mickey Davison, Dick Traster, Lauren Lowery and Gene Curtiss, and Vern Boxell and Dick Miller of The Times staff.

There are banquets, and then there are airplane rides. And if you ask the Muncie Bearcats, rulers of the Indiana high school basketball dynasty, which they prefer, they'll tell you plane rides.

For two weeks the Magic City cagers have been banqueting twice daily, all because they didn't go up in the air during the tour of the Indianapolis Times and Dick Arnett.

Five times Arnett took off from the Municipal airport, circling high over the city with three passengers in a new cabin plane.

After the air tour the Bearcats were guests of The Times and Lyric at a theater party.

And the treat was on The Times, whose basketball columnist, Vern Boxell, picked the Muncie shippers to win the state crown a month before the actual playing of the tourney.

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