



Knute Rockne (right) with his 1930 Notre Dame football captain, Tom Conley.

## Masses Pay Rockne Honor 18 Years After His Death

Wreath Placed on Notre Dame Grave; Killed in Air Crash, Mar. 31, 1931

SOUTH BEND, Mar. 31 (UPI)—The valiant immigrant who elevated Notre Dame to national football power was not forgotten today, the 18th anniversary of his death in a flaming airplane crash in Kansas.

Knute Rockne, born in Norway, was honored in uncounted Catholic masses for the repose of his soul.

The masses were donated by friends who remained anonymous and by the aging priests who taught the youth 30 years ago and who later cheered the football teams he produced and took from coast to coast to display the grid skills of the "fighting Irish," and Poles, and Swedes and Germans.

### Annual Mass

Herb Jones, who during his student days was Rockne's part-time secretary, remembered his former mentor, and his death.

"Thursday is the 18th anniversary of Rockne's death, isn't it?" he was asked.

"That's right, yes," he replied. His tone said he had known it all the time.

"We held our annual alumni mass and communion breakfast for him Sunday," he went on. "Alumni groups did that all over the country. We've done it every year since his death, either on the Sunday before or the Sunday after the anniversary."

"Rock was a great man. He'll never be forgotten at Notre Dame. There's no question about that."

There was no outward commemoration on the campus today. Sunday's ceremonies in tribute to the great coach furnished that.

### Buried Together

"Students now don't remember Rockne," Jones said. "But there'll be lots of masses said for him today. By friends and by the old priests who remember him."

"After the breakfast Sunday we all went to the cemetery and

### Win 135 of 141

NEW YORK—The New York Celtics, famous pro basketball team, during the 1923-24 season, played 141 games and won 135 of them.

Today's Sport Parade—

## Putting Back, Snead Sure He'll Win Masters

By OSCAR FRALEY  
United Press Sports Writer

NEW YORK, Mar. 31—Without the slightest quaver in his soprano "Slammin' Sammy" Snead disclosed today that he had conquered his putting "yips" and was a sitting squirrel cinch to win the coveted Masters golf tournament.

Considering that the high-pocketed hill billy hadn't won a tournament for over a year until he bested Lloyd Mangrum this week in the Greensboro Open, Snead's sudden confidence had to have a solid foundation.

It did. Sam won that one, his first triumph since the 1948 Texas Open, on the greens. His putting was superb, and for Snead that's just like money in the bank.

There was a time during the past year when Sam was experimenting with 17 putters—all at one time. From "green" to cup he was the worst.

A two-footer was as tough for Sam as a 20-footer. He had the shakes and he had them bad. The second putt was liable to be farther away than the first.

It was this one phase of the game which threatened to ruin one of the finest golfers ever to hit the tournament trail. And it was an old story to Snead.

When his putting was true, Sam could give them all fits. He won his share, including the cherished PGA title, but after a brief period of success following his return from the Navy, Snead hit the putting skids, but good.

As far back as 1939, when he was in the groove, Snead caught his lumps. That was the year he had the Masters all wrapped up with a record 280. But Ralph Guldahl came hammering home with a 33 on the last nine which gave him a 279 and the title.

## City, County Track Meets Open Tomorrow

### Training Camp Briefs—

## Team Doctors Order Joe Gordon to Rest Ailing Throwing Arm

Cleveland Whips White Sox for 11th Win; Alvin Dark Hits Two Homers for Braves

By UNITED PRESS

TUCSON, Ariz., Mar. 31—Second Baseman Joe Gordon of the champion Cleveland Indians began a "short vacation" today in order to strengthen his throwing arm which X-rays revealed to be weak and strained.

Team physicians ordered the rest for Gordon and informed Manager Lou Boudreau the veteran second baseman would be out of action for some time. Gordon is believed to have developed the arm trouble during recent exhibition games.

Either Al (Flip) Rosen or Roberto Avila will be at second base for the Indians today when the meet the Chicago White Sox.

The Indians notched their 11th victory in 18 games yesterday when they tamed the White Sox 8 to 4 as Mike Garcia and Gene Bearden limited the Chicagoans to nine hits. Cleveland collected 12 hits off Fred Bradley and Al Gettel, including Dale Mitchell's fourth home run of the spring.

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Casey Stengel's Yankees snapped a four-game losing streak with an 11-inning 7-to-6 triumph over Cincinnati yesterday. Joe DiMaggio played six innings and went hitless in three trips to the plate. He will not play against the Braves today.

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PHOENIX, Ariz., Mar. 31—The New York Giants were under contract today to train here for the next four years.

President Horace Stoneham of the Giants said he was well pleased with facilities here and signed a contract calling for his club to train in Phoenix through 1954. The Giants then broke Pittsburgh's 11-game winning streak with an 11 to 4 victory as Sid Gordon wallop two homers and Johnny Mize clouted one.

The two teams meet here again today.

ALPINE, Tex., Mar. 31—The St. Louis Browns and Chicago Cubs, who will play nine more games in Texas, brought their traveling road show to the little city of Alpine today.

Hank Arft's eighth-inning double off Don Carlsen gave the Browns a 5 to 4 victory over the Cubs at El Paso yesterday. Roy Smalley and Hal Jeffcoat smacked homers for Chicago.

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