



**Sports  
Arena**

By  
**Jim Evinger**

The world of sport is really a funny place . . . When you're up on top, there is always somebody to praise you and always somebody ready to knock you off that high perch . . .

Take the New York Yankees for example. From 1936 to 1939, the Bronx Bombers won the American league pennant and the World Series. Last fall, there was a drive to break up the Yankees.

**YANKEES FAIL IN 1940**

The year 1940 rolled around and the results show that the Yankees fell apart by themselves—not demolished exactly, but bad enough to close the season in third place.

There was also talk last year to aid the St. Louis Browns as much as possible. There was even talk of substituting the Kansas City Blues of the American Association.

**BROWNIES IMPROVE.**

Look at what the Brownies did this year. The Mound City nine finished in sixth place and with a few 15-game winners on the pitching staff, they would have been crowding the first division.

It wasn't so many seasons back that the Cincinnati Reds were in the cellar of the National league. You know where they are now—right on top of the senior circuit—for the past two years.

**UP-DOWN, DOWN-UP.**

Everybody pities the loser and does all he can to help the underdog, but once that underdog gets to the top, the people that put him up there will try just as hard to get him back down again.

A few days ago I raved about

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Minnesota game . . .

**Minnesota ranks among nation's top teams in 13-7 win over UN**

By Jim Evinger.

Memorial Stadium, Minneapolis. —Minnesota is definitely going to be a front seat driver this year.

Further emphasis is added to this statement by the result of the Nebraska-Minnesota battle here yesterday. The Golden Gophers turned deaf ears to any back seat talk by the Cornhuskers to overpower the scarlet and cream, 13-7. The Norsemen gave the Huskers

Bobby Feller and Johnny Mize as the 1940 winners of the most-valuable players' award. But, I'd like to change that opinion now. . . . Hank Greenberg of the Detroit Tigers could easily be the American league choice, while Bucky Walters could be the National loop winner.

**FUNNY, HEH, HEH**

Humor note found in the pro shop at East Hills Country club: "A member was about to drive his ball within some five yards in front of the tee and the pro came up to the golfer and asked, 'Don't you see this sign? You are supposed to drive from in back of these white markers.' The golfer returned with, 'Away with you; this is my third shot.'"

Captain Tommy Smith, Iowa State's outstanding guard, has the nickname of "Posies" . . . He worked in a greenhouse this past summer. . . . Some of the reporters on the Husker sidelines last week, during Nebraska's practices, decided that Coach Ad Lewandowski has the face of another Jack Benny. . . . Jello, again, Lew. . . .

a lesson in driving and sheer power, combined with a smooth running gridiron machine, before 41,000 fans.

And so it was that Nebraska began its 51st year of football. Memories of the golden horde of old were brought back as the heavy Gopher eleven outpowered and outlasted a game but lighter Husker team.

**Scores in second period.**

Minnesota opened the scoring in the second period. Starting from its own 20, the Gopher eleven rambled on down the field in seven plays to cross the goal line. Bill Daley plunged from the one foot line and Joe Mernik placekicked the added point.

That ended the scoring for the first half, but the Huskers threw several scares into Minnesota in the third quarter.

Midway in the third period, Butch Luther set out on a reverse and covered 65 yards to score. But the play was called back because both teams were offside.

However, that didn't stop the Huskers. Two plays later, Hermie Rohrig floated a pass to Fred Preston and the tall end raced on down to the Gopher 18. The old statue of liberty with Luther taking the ball from Rohrig took the ball to the 12.

On the next play, Rohrig flipped a short pass to Henry Rohn, who went to the 6. Two thrusts into the line failed at this point. Then Rohrig flipped the same kind of a pass to Rohn again and three blockers out in front enabled the

Fremont fullback to score unmo- lested. Rohrig placekicked what was then the tying point.

**Gopher drive.**

With the wind behind them, the Gophers started from the Nebraska 46 at the start of the last period. Two line dashes gained five yards. Then Bruce Smith tossed a pass to Bill Johnson who raced across with the winning run. Smith's dropkick was blocked for the extra point.

Minnesota had another good chance to score but failed. In the second quarter, shortly after their first score, the Gophers were stopped on the Husker one.

A march from the Minnesota 37 was halted when Biff Jones put in his first team and the threat was halted when a fourth down placement was blocked.

Both teams tried other fielders. Bruce Smith shot one wide of the target from the 16 in the first period and Rohrig sent one low from the 30 in the second quarter.

Minnesota held the advantage in play in all quarters but the

(See GAME, page 4.)

**Pittsburgh still strong footballers**

**Outdowned Ohio State; Huskers play Panthers on Pennsylvania field**

By Mick Bierbower.

Coach Charley Bowser and his Pitt Panthers are faced with the job of maintaining the record of past Pittsburgh teams in the 1940 season. That record, made under Jock Sutherland, is one of the best in the nation.

Ohio State blasted their hopes for an opening game victory last Saturday by winning 30-7. But the Buckeyes are one of the top teams in the country this year, and the Panthers were by far the underdogs.

**Stiff Schedule.**

Pitt's schedule is as tough this year as it was when the Panthers were riding the crest of a wave of victories. Besides Ohio State and Missouri, Southern Methodist, Fordham, Carnegie, Nebraska, (See PITT, page 4.)

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**Old Irish spirit of Notre Dame for Knute Rockne carries on**

By George Abbott.

Just half a century ago, there came out of the snow-capped peaks and ice-bound fjords of Norway—out of the snow and the cold and the purple haze of the valleys—out of the land of the Viking—out of the land of oft-changing winds there came into the world a fair-haired boy who was destined to become in his day (and probably to remain down thru eternity) one of the greatest and most beloved football coaches of all time.

His classmates of later years called him "Rock," but back in the little Scandinavian village of his birth, Voss, Norway—he was known as Knute—pronounced as if it were spelled K-nute.

His father, a jovial man with handle-bar mustaches—the typical Norseman—was a carriage-maker. Three fair-haired daughters, his wife Martha, his small son Knute, his carriage making—these were the pride and joy of Lars Rockne as he dreamed one day of a land of opportunity, a wonderful country to the west, that was the United States. It was there that he would go to make his carriages—

**Meets Gus Dorais.**

Far away from peaceful Voss, in a little Indiana town, there was a university called Notre Dame, and it was to this university that young Knute came one bright September day to begin his higher education. He had taken his grammar training in Chicago with the intention of matriculating to Illinois university.

Two of his acquaintances had persuaded him to go with them to Notre Dame, and it was there

So here I am . . .



"At long last here I am at Notre Dame!"

that he met Gus Dorais, now head coach at Detroit university, who became one of his best friends while at the university.

It was there that Rockne was later to produce what was probably the most famous combination of backfield men ever assembled, the "Four Horsemen." It was there that Dorais and "Rock" developed a new offensive style which was to revolutionize football—the forward pass.

It was there that Rockne was to produce a long line of sensational teams and the national championship team which made him famous.

**Prize pupil Gipp.**

It was to Notre Dame that a young fellow by the name of Gipp, George Gipp, came one day—came and saw and conquered. He developed, in time, into Rockne's prize

pupil and has gone down in athletic history as one of the greatest backs of all time.

It was there that this Norwegian-born coach developed in his teams a winning power and more important than that, he instilled a winning spirit—the Fighting Irish. It is Rockne who has been immortalized as the greatest coach the game has ever known—and the tradition lives on in the hearts of all the Fighting Irish—in memory of a mighty grand fellow.

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