

## Notre Dame Acceptance May Force Issue

# Will Big 10 Change Bowl Policy?

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Notre Dame's re-entry into post season football competition, after an absence of 44 years, may scramble the bowl picture and endanger the Big Ten's pact with the Rose Bowl officials.

At least, it may bring about

a change in the Big Ten rule that prohibits a school from being represented two years in a row.

With the availability of Notre Dame and the glamor of the "fighting Irish" still held over from the days of Knute Rockne, Frank Leahy and the other fabu-

lous coaches, Rose Bowl officials may no longer be satisfied with a team that isn't even the champion of its own conference, let alone be ranked far down in the national rankings.

UNDER THE Big Ten rule, which forbids the repeat per-

formance of any team, there always is a possibility that it is not sending its best team to play for the Roses.

"Don't be too surprised," said one of the Big Ten athletic directors, who for obvious reasons must remain anonymous, "if the Big Ten re-

moves the restriction and agrees to send its champion each year."

While nothing official has been done — and the Big Ten won't meet until December — has been suggested that a change be made that would permit Notre Dame to go to the Rose Bowl on those years when the Big Ten champion wasn't eligible.

IN ACCEPTING a bid to meet the Southwestern Conference champion in the Cotton Bowl in Dallas on New Year's Day, Notre Dame officials made no secret of the fact that the 44-year ban on post season games was removed because of the financial pinch at South Bend.

At the same time, the Irish repeated the opinion that the Rose Bowl is the most important of all bowls. The opinion carried the hope that it wouldn't be too long until they were visiting the Tournament of Roses battle.

Notre Dame officials made no secret of the fact, either, that they would like to install synthetic turf to keep pace with other schools, but lacked funds to meet the cost of more than a quarter of a million dollars. The guarantee from the appearance in the Cotton Bowl is approximately \$250,000—seven higher in the Rose Bowl.

Under the present Big Ten pact, the net gate is shared by the Pacific Coast group and the Big Ten. This means that the visitors' purse, under the present pact, is divided into 11 shares, with each school getting a share and the 11th share going to the Big Ten office.

THIS IS A BONANZA for fans of the schools each year. They get their portion without the expense of sending a team to the coast.

On the other hand, Notre Dame is an independent and would take the entire visitor's share. This runs into a considerable sum of money — and at a time when Notre Dame admits it needs it, there is certain to be heavy pressure on the Big Ten and Rose Bowl officials to amend the present pact.

One of the few dissenters is Duffy Daugherty, head coach at Michigan State, who points out that the Rose Bowl was filled to capacity only twice before the pact with the Big Ten was entered into some years ago. "The Big Ten always will be an attraction on the coast," Daugherty stated, "and you can rest assured that there will be many a discussion before any changes are made."

Notre Dame's last appearance in a bowl game was in 1925 when Rockne and the "Four Horsemen" beat Stanford.

## Biggie Munn's Biggest Thrill Came In Track--Not Football

"My biggest thrill?"

Biggie Munn, Michigan State University athletic director, repeated the question as he cupped his hands behind his head and leaned far back in his chair to dip into his memories.

"Don't get shocked when I tell you," he began, "that I didn't experience it in football."

This was strange because Biggie had been an All-American guard at the University of Minnesota when the team from the north country was known as the "Golden Gophers."

Biggie was an outstanding guard (his favorite position) after starting as a fullback in the days of legendary Bronko Nagurski — and many were the thrills they enjoyed while dominating the Big Ten.

"MY GREATEST thrill," Biggie pointed out, "came during the Penn Relays. I hope you haven't forgotten that I was a shot putter on the track team, too. I was having quite a year as a shotputter, so the powers that be decided to enter me in the big track meet at Penn. In those days the Penn Relays was the biggest track carnival in the country and to win there really was something."

The Spartans boss started to chuckle as he recalled that trip. "Minnesota didn't have much

money in the athletic department in those days, so they sent me, a student — all alone to the big city."

Then, for good measure, he added: "And don't forget I was a farm boy."

"THEY GAVE ME what was called a home seekers ticket. "This was a ticket that could be bought at half price for those folks seeking a home."

Biggie recalled that he had saved enough money during the season to purchase a nice tan topcoat and that he felt like a real deal when he reached the city.

"Then, on the day of the relays it rained," Biggie recalled. "When it came my turn in the shot put circle, my rivals were close to the record, and I knew I had to be almost super-human to win. And it didn't help any when I looked down at the shot and it was covered with mud."

"I looked at the muddy shot and then at my new top coat and said to myself, 'Golly, I can get a new topcoat, but I can't always get a chance like this.'"

SO HE CLEANED the iron ball with the new coat, virtually ruining it, and then stepped to the shot put circle.

"And then, with one mighty heave," he recalled, "I put

the shot more than 48 feet to win and break the record that Ralph Rosa, of Michigan, had held for more than 20 years."

"I ruined a topcoat, but got my greatest thrill — and it was worth it."

was only natural that the next question would concern

his greatest disappointment in a colorful athletic career.

"No question about that one," he recalled, "it was the 1950 defeat my first Michigan State team suffered in the Michigan stadium. Many are the times I still see the number 55 in my sleep. It still haunts me."



MSU'S 'BIGGIE' MUNN

## Red Wing Goalie Finally Admits Boss Was Right

It has taken a lot of convincing, but Roger Crozier, young net minder of the Red Wings finally admits that his coach, Sid Abel, was right when he said that wearing a face mask would lengthen his career on the ice.

After holding out for several years against the facial protector, Roger finally agreed to try it this season with more than satisfactory results. He is back in stride now, and enjoying

a fine campaign — though he is forced to share the job with Roy Edwards.

Long before the current season started, Abel told friends that Roger could be one of the greatest goalies in the league — if only he would consent to wear a mask.

FOR SEVERAL seasons Roger had done a great job in the nets as the team tough unsuccessfully to get into the Stanley Cup playoffs. With a rather weak defense in front of him, Crozier had to turn back more shots than any other goalie. The pressure finally started to take its toll.

Roger started to become "gun-shy" and it affected his game and the success of the team.

Then came the day when he took things in his own hands and decided he had had enough. He retired — or tried to. He had finished a stint with the Fort Worth team, but he lost much of his usual effectiveness.

All the while, Red Wing officials were certain Roger still had the ability — if only he could be persuaded to wear the mask for protection and rid himself of the fear of being injured.

IT IS NOT an easy job, standing there in the nets with rubber flying at you from all angles. With Crozier on the sidelines the Wings devoted attention to Edwards to start the current season. Crozier wasn't being counted on too heavily, if at all. Then came the big tie explosion on the Wings. Owner Bruce Norris switched coaches, removing Bill Gadsby and putting Abel on double duty as general manager and coach.

His first job was to try to convince Crozier that the mask was the thing. Roger agreed to

try it. And now, with a specially constructed protector, he is back in his old form.

HE IS NOT quite satisfied with the mask he is using and is experimenting with a mask that will fit the contour of his face much better. But he is convinced that Abel and the other goal tenders in the league were right in making the switch.

Even Jacques Plante, veteran goal minder of the St. Louis Blues, wears one and is having a special job prepared for him by the astronauts.

And all the while Sid Abel is smiling. He has scored a psychological victory over Roger Crozier and all hands are better for the triumph.

## Need Okay To Cut, Haul Trees

There's a special delight in cutting down your own Christmas tree and hauling it home to your friends. Many Michigan residents traveling to the north country before the holidays, such as deer hunters, continue this nostalgic tradition.

However, transportation of Christmas trees and evergreen boughs is illegal in Michigan without a bill of sale or proof of property ownership.

During December, an exception to the law permits transportation of not more than two trees without a bill of sale, if they were legally obtained. Necessary legal forms are available from the Lansing and regional offices of Michigan Department of Agriculture, State Police Posts, county extension offices and county sheriffs.



ROGER CROZIER'S PORTRAIT



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