

Win and be Criticized

# Sam's Song

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Notre Dame and the New York Yankees used to be just average teams until they discovered a formula that made them the winningest teams in their respective sports. Now, they are the nation's top sports attractions and two of the most controversial teams. Some are inclined to believe that they have become winners by "violating the ethics of sports." But is this the reason they are being criticized, or is it simply because they win too many games?

Although the Yankees are receiving top play in most sports pages (critically that is), crowding them is Notre Dame.

Grantland Rice, dean of sportswriters, said that the Irish violated the ethics of football coaching and fair play when Notre Dame players feigned injuries against Iowa, giving them enough time to set up plays to tie the game, 14-14.

Rice questioned the New York Writers Association, "Why in heaven's name was it allowed?" Easy. Everyone else is doing the same thing.

When Rice criticizes a team which does something that has been going on for some time and there is nothing in the rules against it, the blast is rather ridiculous. We felt at first that Rice meant no harm. That he only endeavored to help the sport. But our mind was quickly altered when we read the following quote:

"Some people are calling it smart playing," said Rice. "I think it was disgraceful playing. Especially after last year when the Notre Dame 'sucker shift' had to be legislated against."

He points out the sucker shift. But why label Notre Dame? Who hasn't pulled the shift at one time or other? Who said anything about Penn's sucker shift (legal or not) against Cornell Thanksgiving Day? Why didn't these critics wait until the annual football meeting and submit the change without dealing any low blows to Notre Dame or any other college?

No. Notre Dame is winning too many games. Had it not done this, the Irish would have been defeated. It's just not fair play, these critics claim.

Speaking of fair play, why don't they abolish running out the clock in the final minutes or seconds of a game?

In basketball these critics never did anything about Pitt's freeze against Penn State. When something is rather obvious and really violating the code of ethics, these say nothing.

In most other sports it's for the same reason (just too good) that criticism is brought about. Bevo Francis of Rio Grande was stripped of his records last year because he made too many points against so-called small colleges.

They once said Eddie Le Baron was no all-American, despite his fine records, because he played for a small college. But who is the Washington Redskin's first string quarterback today? Eddie Le Baron.

Here in our own backyard we find the same situation. Where a team is considered too good. Charlie Speidel's wrestling squad went to Princeton, N.J., to defend Penn State's two-time Eastern title last year. Instead of receiving an ovation when a Penn State wrestler took to the mat, he was booed.

The only answer we can derive from these problems is it happens only to the best.

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## Jack Dempsey Named Best Prize Fighter

MILAN, Dec. 2 (AP)—Jack Dempsey, "the Manassa Mauler" who held the world heavyweight crown from 1919 to 1926, was voted the greatest prize fighter of all time in a poll of boxing journals in 22 countries.

Results of the poll were published today in the Italian weekly magazine "Tempo." It said the vote was taken among leading boxing publications in Europe, Australia and America, including the magazine "Ring" of New York.

Dempsey received 89 points in the poll, followed by four other Americans—Joe Louis, 69 points; Sugar Ray Robinson, 51; Henry Armstrong, 48, and Gene Tunney, 38. France's Georges Carpentier was chosen sixth with 29 points.

**IM BASKETBALL Tuesday Results**

Irvineers 25, Schmoes 24
McElwain Men 25, Gophers 17
Forty Niners 34, Bombers 7
Raiders 28, Lions 18
Fifty-Fivers 26, Bearcats 20
Phi Epsilon Pi 31, Delta Sigma Phi 24
Beta Theta Pi 17, Phi Kappa Tau 12
Alpha Epsilon Pi 29, Alpha Zeta 27
Sabres over Dorm 23 (forfeit)

## Football Foursome on Hardwood



BOBBY HOFFMAN, sophomore football quarterback fades to pass to ends (l. to r.) Jack Sherry, Bob Rohland, and Jesse Arnelle as the football foursome join the Lion basketball drills.

Sherry, Rohland, and Arnelle are holdover lettermen from last season while Hoffman moves up to the varsity after a season on the freshman club.

## Sharp-Shooting Bevo Heads for 'Big City'

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (AP)—Bevo Francis, at 6 feet 9, will attempt to prove he's more than a basketball freak and Ned Irish will seek to prove that the game isn't dead in New York when the 20th season of college basketball in Madison Square Garden opens tomorrow night.

Francis, who set a series of unmatched and almost unbelievable scoring marks for little Rio Grande College last year, will be the lure by which Irish, the Garden basketball boss, hopes to bring back the fans.

The customers stayed away from the Garden in large numbers last season, but they all heard about Bevo's scoring feats and the furore that arose when the College Basketball Coaches Association and the National Collegiate A.A. agreed that his records weren't acceptable because of the quality of Rio Grande's opposition position.

**First New York Appearance**  
Tomorrow Bevo and Rio Grande will make their first metropolitan appearance against Adelphi College—not a high-powered team, but one of known ability and representing a four-year college. Last season Rio Grande played a lot of junior colleges and other minor institutions. It opened the 1953-54 season in Buffalo last week by swamping Erie Tech, a two-year school, 120-59.

The second game of tomorrow night's doubleheader, first of 19 on the Garden schedule, will bring together Lafayette and St. John's of Brooklyn.

**Averaged 50.1 Points**  
As a gawky freshman last year, Francis scored an average of 50.1 points a game and Rio Grande, winning 39 games, averaged 101 points. And if the Ohioans' schedule didn't amount to much, Newt Oliver, their talkative coach, says

it was the fault of the big schools that wouldn't give him a game. He has lined up a somewhat better program for this season.

Francis racked up 1954 points on 708 field goals and 538 foul conversions last season.

## Crossley Elected Radio Group Head

Gilbert L. Crossley, assistant professor of electrical engineering, has been elected director of the Atlantic division of the American Radio Relay League, national amateur radio operator association.

The Atlantic division of the league includes Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, the District of Columbia, and parts of New York and New Jersey.

Crossley is supervisor of the College amateur radio station, W3YA, which is presently active in the Military Affiliate Radio System.

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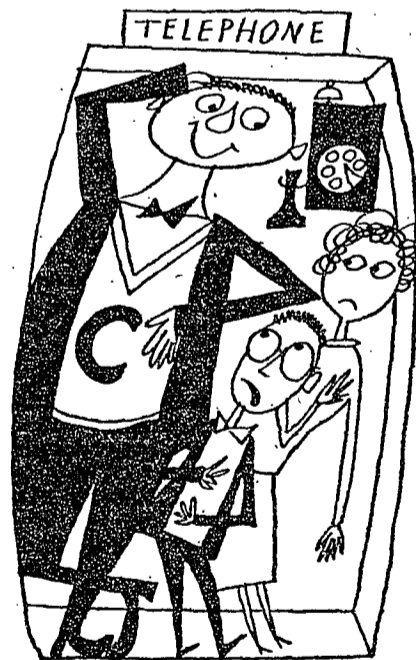
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"Yes," said the Dean.

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"Then you got angry?" asked the dean.

"Yes, but I really got mad when he grabbed my gal and threw her out too!"

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