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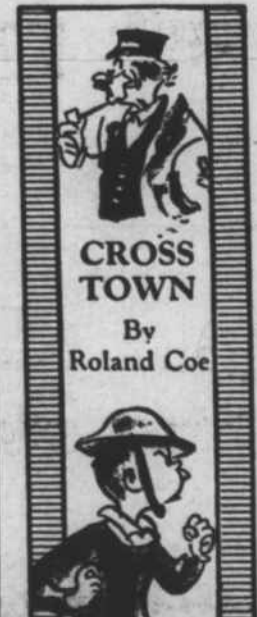


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SOMEBODY'S STENOG—It Was Pure Business!



CROSS TOWN
By Roland Coe

"Let's stick around till she finds out it's Gwendolyn!"

"I'll be back with some merchandise by four o'clock—keep up your morale!"



Forty-five years ago it was inevitable that another big league baseball club would come along to divide patronage with the National that had been in operation for 24 years. So the American League arrived.

It has been just as inevitable that another new football league would come along the same road. Now the battle of the pro leagues is already under way, although the new All-America outfit won't take to the field until 1946.

In the earlier and perhaps the later milling of this gridiron war, a large number of pocketbooks are going to be badly dented or flattened out. Only four teams have ever made any money to date in the National—New York, Washington, Chicago Bears and Green Bay. The others together have lost well over a million dollars.

But in spite of this there is no longer any questioning or doubting the fact that the new league is already here. Jimmy Crowley's circuit has signed up many smart coaches who couldn't have been lured away by anything less than protected financial guarantees. The new circuit has already signed up too many good college football players—Bertelli, Bill Daley, George Franck, Glen Dobbs, Otto Graham and others, to back out now. The new league has paid out too much money already to quit.

What will happen later, you might ask? For one thing the good college football players will benefit tremendously in a financial way.

Battle of Pocketbooks

For another thing, with greatly increased salaries, bonuses and what not, there will be a big drop in profits all around. Even as things have been, it takes an attendance of some 20,000 to break even.

It will be a battle of pocketbooks and bank accounts for some time to come. The National League can't afford to let its rival grab all the leading stars, for such men as Hutson, Baugh and Luckman have been largely responsible for big crowds. There will be enough good football players to go around, but there are never enough outstanding stars or actual gate builders.

Bonanza for Players

Neither league can afford this type of competition long. It will be a wonderful thing for the players and coaches, but more than most of the club owners can face without going broke. Any number of good football players will be emerging from war service this winter and spring and many more will be graduating from college next June. Most of these will go with the team which offers most.

There is one point that both leagues should watch. This is, taking good care that they don't cross up the colleges or start raiding college teams. The colleges are now far stronger than the pros, considering the entire map, and they should remain that way. They are the foundation of football. There are or will be less than 20 pro league teams. There are over 200 college teams that appeal to more than 10,000 college players.

The present National League arrangement of taking in no player until his college class has graduated should be maintained by both leagues. After all such teams as Army, Navy, Pennsylvania, Southern California, Ohio State, Michigan and Minnesota, to mention only a few, far outdraw any professional outfit. Army and Notre Dame, Army and Navy games could each play to 300,000 spectators if there was only space enough.

Overlooked Old-Timers

During Ty Cobb's recent visit east the talk got around to some of the great ones of the past who are generally overlooked.

"For example," Ty said, "there was Kid Nichols of Boston, St. Louis and Philadelphia. Kid Nichols was one of the greatest pitchers of all time, but how many even remember his name today?"

I happened to recall some 40 years ago the admiration Christy Mathewson had for Nichols.

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