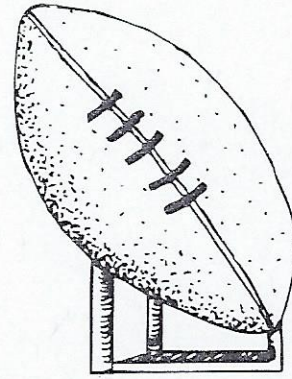


Day 5

# KNUTE ROCKNE

## 1888-1931



Knute Rockne was born on March 4, 1888, in Vos, Norway. Brought to the United States by his parents at the age of five, he grew up in Chicago.

After graduating from high school, Rockne worked at various jobs until he had enough money to go to Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana. Though only 5'8" tall and 145 pounds, Rockne was a star player on Notre Dame's football team. During his years on the team, Notre Dame never lost a football game.

After graduating in 1914, Rockne remained at Notre Dame as a chemistry instructor and assistant football coach. Four years later, he became the football team's head coach.

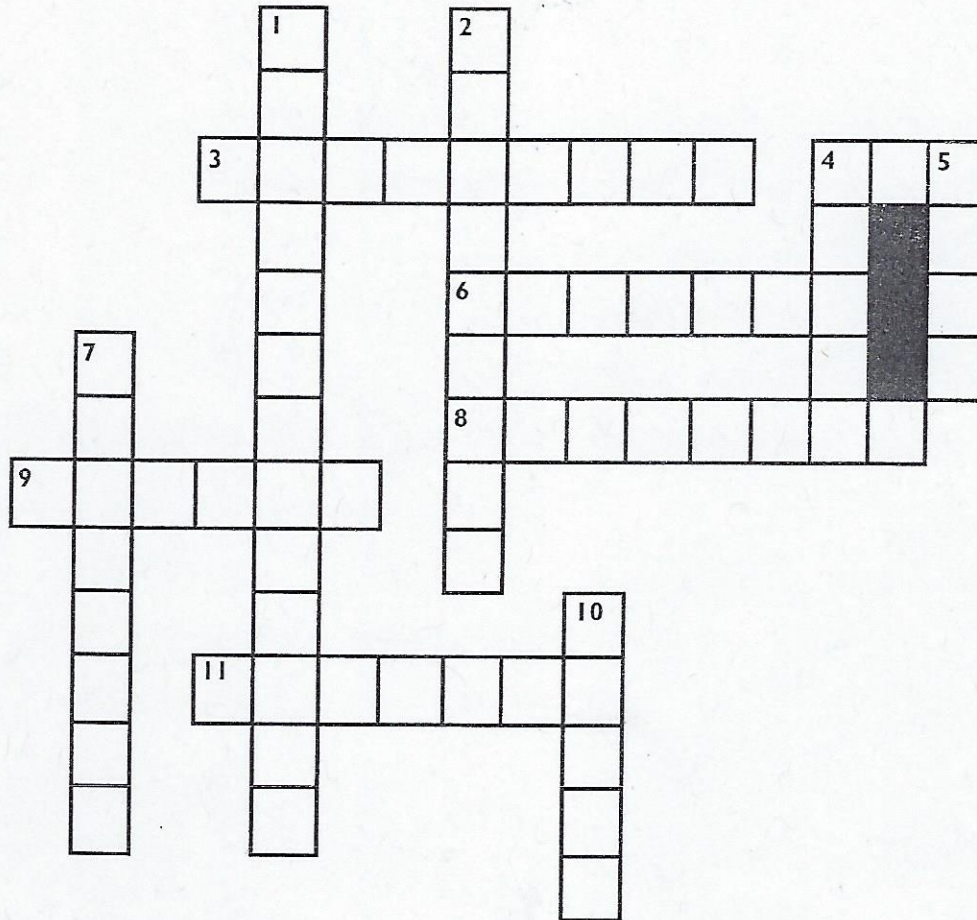
Rockne's success in developing winning Notre Dame teams was unmatched. He taught his players

how to work together in perfect harmony. They were experts at forward passing and shift plays. Rockne was the best-known college football coach of his time. During his 13 years as head coach, his teams were always winners.

Known for his inspiring pep talks, Rockne also taught his players good sportsmanship. He was respected by opposing teams, and his own players idolized him.

On March 31, 1931, Rockne was one of eight passengers killed in a plane crash in Kansas. His death was front-page news across the country. Ten thousand fans crowded into a Chicago train station just to see the train carrying his casket back to South Bend. They wanted to pay their respects to a man who did so much for the game of football.

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### Across

3. name of school Rockne attended
4. Rockne gave inspiring \_\_\_\_\_ talks.
6. state where Rockne's school is located
8. number of years Rockne was head coach
9. country where Rockne was born
11. city where Rockne was raised

### Down

1. how a player behaves when playing a sport
2. subject Rockne taught
4. Rockne died in a \_\_\_\_\_ crash.
5. to throw the ball to another player
7. sport Rockne played in college
10. Rockne's occupation in sports

**Research:** Use an almanac. What team did Notre Dame play against in the 1925 Rose Bowl game? What was the score?