Gene Mahoney JHS Football Alum



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Below is a letter from legendary Notre Dame Football Coach Knute Rockne to Gene Mahoney in the summer, encouraging him to return to Notre Dame with the expectation of earning a starting position at right tackle.

> Mr. Eugene Mahoney 731 E. Buffalo Jamestown, N. Y.

Dear Eugene:

I passed right close to your town this summer driving through to Bucknell at Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, but was in such a hurry that I couldn't detour enough to drop over and visit Jamestown.

I will write you regarding your friend in a few days as soon as I get a chance to talk to Father McBride.

Regarding yourself, however, with Hogan not returning to school this fall and Boland and McManmon graduating, the tackle situation doesn't look any too well unless you and one or two others come through. You certainly came along nicely this spring and showed splendid improvement —your play in spots was good enough for anyone but in other spots it lacked things that I feel quite confident that you will develop this fall, so come back determined to be one of the right tackles at any cost. I am counting on you.

Hope you have had a pleasant summer and with every good wish, I am

K. K. Rockne

Yours sincerely,

Director of Athletics

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