

MAXWELL REVIEWS SCHOLASTIC FOOTBALL GAME—COMMENT AND NEWS OF GRIDIRON

PHILS' OLD "PEP" AVERS 'CAP LUDY'

Even With Edge, Boston Could Not Win First Clash of Classic.

"INSIDE DOPE" ON GAME

By FRED LUDERUS

Captain and First Base of the Champion Phils.

To me the most pleasing and promising feature of our first game with the Red Sox was the fact that although we were

strangers to world's series contests except as spectators, the fellows showed the same nerve, fighting spirit and aggressiveness that won the National League pennant.

Of course the big thing for us is that we won the game and did it decisively, 3 to 1, but in analyzing the play and the players' conduct on the field it seems to me that the fact that

our men showed no signs of "cracking" is a comforting one, although we have yet to win three more games before we have clinched the world's championship.

The box score shows that the Red Sox made six hits off Alexander, but it does not show that those eight hits were made in as many different innings and that in each inning, except the ninth, when either club didn't get a hit, Alexander scopped up as much on the ball that a poor catcher would not have been able to catch him at all.

Take, for instance, the seventh inning, when Barry was on second base and we were leading, one to nothing, and a base hit meant that the tying run would be scored. In that delicate situation "Alex" had to pitch to Harry Hooper, one of the most feared batters in the American League in the pinches.

"ALEX" WORKS HIS HEAD.

Alexander started by whizzing two curves over the outside corner that broke so sharply Hooper didn't even get a hit. Then after he had found out that he had been called "Alex" he crossed Hooper and got himself out of the hole. Hooper was crowding the plate a little, looking for a crack at it before it had broken if he could. "Alex" must have seen Hooper crowd the plate and sensed what he was looking for.

The result was that "Alex" sent a fast one up there with as much speed on it as any ball I ever saw. That ball started apparently for the inside corner and when it broke it was so far away that Hooper missed it by a foot. He didn't understand it or over the ball; he just couldn't reach it because of the remarkable break of the ball.

Alexander also showed how he could outguess batters and basemen in the first inning. I think that on a play like that, when he saw that the ball was going to be a hit, he should have crossed Hooper and got himself out of the hole. Hooper was crowding the plate a little, looking for a crack at it before it had broken if he could. "Alex" must have seen Hooper crowd the plate and sensed what he was looking for.

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BREAKS OF THE GAME.

The second break was in the eighth inning, when Boston did manage to tie up the score. Speaker, who had walked and gone to second on an out, scored on Duffy Lewis' second hit to left field. That was the tying run, so Whitted made a great try to get Speaker at the plate. He made a perfect throw, but Speaker was there first and in the meantime Lewis had reached second.

This was the eighth inning and another hit meant the winning run, unless we could come back and get one off Shore. Up to that time we had had only three hits off Shore, and it looked doubtful if we would be able to come through in two more innings if the Red Sox got over that second run.

Larry Gardner was the man to drive in the run. He got hold of one in good shape and drove it back into left-center, exactly between Whitted and Paskert. I didn't think Paskert had a chance to get that ball and it not only looked as if the ball would be a hit scoring Lewis, but I think the chances are it would have bounced into the bleachers and they would have had us three to one. But Paskert made a great play on that ball, running back almost to the wall and pulling it down after a jump for it.

If Paskert hadn't caught that ball I feel sure it would have gone into the stand and that would have meant that even if we had come through after that in the eighth, as we did, with two runs, the score would only have been tied, and what might have happened after that nobody can tell. "Dode" has been playing a great game for us and particularly on the Western trip. That made me certain that he would do well in the world's series games.

PASKERT'S CLEAN HIT.

Paskert, by the way, is the only one of us who made a base hit that went out of the infield. "Alex" Whitted, Bancroft and myself all had hits that were in the infield. Then, too, it was Dode's hit that started the rally in the fourth inning, when we made our first run.

I said the other day that I didn't think there would be such base stealing for the reason that neither club attempted much of that kind of play. Yesterday Whitted stole the only base of the game. I was the only other man on the club that tried to steal.

In the second inning, after I had forced Cravath, we figured on the hit-and-run play with Whitted up. Shore pitched a ball to Whitted and he was not even able to offer at the ball, and I was caught. The second time I tried we got the double steal with Paskert on third. The Red Sox didn't even make us try to steal.

Of course, one of the reasons is that Alexander held them so close to first base that they were afraid to take a lead. After he caught Whitted in the first inning, I think the Red Sox held that base about as closely as any club I ever saw. We did not hit Shore as hard as I expected, but as we won I don't see that it matters a great deal. Shore probably will be sent back at us on Monday in Boston. I am quite sure that when we meet him again he will not be nearly so effective as he was today and then we work "Alex" against him. I figure that instead of the Red Sox being able to score less than he was on their weakness more than he was today.

DEFEAT OF GERMANTOWN ONLY SCHOLASTIC FOOTBALL SURPRISE

With This Exception, Scholastic Gridiron Stars Play Up to Form—Narrow Escape for Penn Charter

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Prep schools in and near Philadelphia almost played up to form yesterday, when the usual weekly battles were fought. The only big surprise was the trouncing received by Germantown Academy at the hands of Cheltenham High. The final score was 31 to 0. The Academy players went all to pieces in the second half and allowed Cheltenham to run up 33 points. The score was 13 to 0 at the end of the first half.

This was Germantown's first game, and the players showed that they missed the training which comes from actual competition. They put up a plucky game, however, and the team shows promise of developing into a good one before the intercollegiate season starts. Many glaring weaknesses were exposed in yesterday's game, and Coach Sutton will correct the faults before the next battle.

Penn Charter had a narrow escape and a terrific scare at Queen Lane when Norristown High took the lead in the first half and threatened to win the game. In the first period King of Norristown scopped up a fumble and ran 35 yards for a touchdown. This put new spirit into the visiting players, and they clearly outplayed Penn Charter until time was called at the end of the first half.

During the intermission Dick Merritt had a heart-to-heart talk with his players, and his oratory had a decidedly good effect. At the beginning of the second half they rushed out on the field and played some regular football. Brilliant end running by Walsh and terrific line plunging by Heck carried the ball down the field, and Heck went over for a touchdown. Pennock kicked goal, which placed his team in the lead. Walsh and Heck were responsible for the next score, as the exciting again making the touchdown. Penn Charter showed that it had a fighting team when it staged this final rally, which shows that Merritt's coaching is beginning to take hold.

For the first time in several years Chestnut Hill and Germantown High School met on the gridiron yesterday. The Hillers finally won out by the score of 7 to 0, but it was after a hard-fought battle. By Wharton got loose for a 30-yard run in the first period, and scored the only touchdown. He afterward kicked goal. From then on it was a good game, the ball seawsing back and forth with honors even. Phil Lewis' players showed considerable improvement since the game with La Salle College a week ago.

The Feasters, meaning Captain Dave and Brother Bill, made it a sort of a family affair in the West Phils-Southern High School game. The final score was

RAOUL NAUGHTON OFFICIAL CHASER OF PHILLY JINX

Hunchbacked Mascot of Moran's Men No Longer Unhoned and Unsong, but Is There With Bells On

By BERTON BRALEY

You won't find Raoul Naughton on the score card any place, he never sent a homer soaring into space, he never scopped a grounder and he never caught a fly as it hurtled swiftly earthward from the clear and azure sky, he's never in the coaching box to yammer and to hawl—in fact, young Raoul Naughton ain't a player-guy at all.

But gentle Raoul Naughton, if you take him by and large, has the fortunes of the Phils almost wholly in his charge—he's the little hunchbacked mascot of the Quaker City team, and he surely "put it over" with a lot of vim and steam, for in this initial contest he was on the job for fair-when it comes to lucky mascots Raoul certainly is there—he is there with many bells on and a pleasant smile and bland, as he scares away the jinxes with a horsehoe in each hand.

Yes, you gotta admit that the Phils were lucky, whatever you say of the game, although Alexander was clever and plucky and justly deserves all his fame; his team wasn't there with the wallowing bingle, its hits were the scariest kind, there was only one regular, sure-enough single, yet fortune was fair-when it comes to lucky mascots Raoul certainly is there—he is there with many bells on and a pleasant smile and bland, as he scares away the jinxes with a horsehoe in each hand.

To tell the truth, laborious (although the facts be rude), this game was far from glorious, however it is viewed. It had few points to write about, or cause the muse a flight about; it wasn't much to write about—at least, I thought it crude. That Boston bunch were on their toes; they tapped the horsehide on the nose, but there was no resounding whack, no old-time Baker sort of crack—and as to Phils' little taps, their weak and soft and feeble raps had scarcely steam enough to strain or dislocate a window-pane. Far be it from this hard to knock such gentlemen as Burns and Stock or speak in anger or in wrath of Paskert, Bancroft or Cravath—or, crossing to the Boston side, I wouldn't hurt their beards if I could say that I should like to see Hooper, Speaker, Shore or Scott, or any other two or three. I must say it seems to me that in a series such as this both teams would find it not amiss this exhibition to surpass and show some true world's series class. I'm spoiled by former games, maybe—but that's the way it looks to me!

Episcopal opened the 1915 season against Lower Merion yesterday when Catholic High and Lower Merion played a 9-0 game. According to reports, the Philadelphia should have been defeated and the blame is placed upon the officials. With all due respect for La Salle, which is one of the oldest used in football, it is probable that the offending team was penalized when it should have been and, as these penalties came at critical periods, violent protests resulted. However, Lower Merion claims a moral victory and Catholic High will be dropped from the schedule in the future.

Big Price for Maiden Trotter LEXINGTON, Oct. 9.—John E. Madden sold today to H. J. Schlessinger, of Milwaukee, the two-year-old trotter Walnut Tree, 2:12 1/4 for a price estimated at \$10,000. Neither Madden nor Schlessinger would name the exact figure, but persons close to both say that it was that figure.

CARRIGAN EXONERATES SCOTT FROM BLAME

Says His Short-fielder Made Right Play and Did Not Lose the Game

By JOHN ALBERT SCOTT

Bill Carrigan declares Everett Scott did the right thing and did not go wrong when Bancroft got the hit that turned the whole game in the eighth inning. It was Scott's failure to cover second after Barry had made a marvelous one-handed throw that was the only error of the game.

"Scott played the hit just right, but Barry made a superhuman play," is Bill's explanation. "Scott did not think that it was possible for Barry to get near that ball and neither did anybody else, so he started over to cover third. On a ball hit to center field, as that one was apparently bound, Scott always covers third, while Gardner backs him up."

"He thought the ball must go through to Speaker and had just started for third when Barry stabbed the ball with his bare hand. Scott was off his balance when he saw Barry with the ball, and could not get over to the bag in time and both Stock and Bancroft were safe. It was the hardest kind of luck and only goes to show just how bad they broke for us. One game does not make a series for us. I admit that it helps and we should have had that game, but we'll be there in the end."

A. A. U. Not Neutral

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—The Registration Committee of the Metropolitan Association of the A. A. U. has become imbued with the war spirit. Following a meeting of the committee on the Troy road, some a belligerent note issued yesterday as a warning to athletes.

The document calls attention to the fact that the games of the Italian Society of Long Branch to be held on Columbus Day are not sanctioned. A solemn warning is sounded by Chairman Matthews that all registered athletes competing at these games will be suspended.

IN MAKING GOLF SWING FOLLOW LINE OF LEAST RESISTANCE

Form of the Style Approved by Vardon, Braid, Taylor and Other Experts Will Result—Bending of Left Elbow Wrong

By JOHN ALBERT SCOTT

If, when swinging a golf club back to the top of the swing, the hands are swung around the body, by their own action, and the shoulders are allowed to work properly, and the body is turned on the hips as a pivot, then the dropping of the club with the wrists will bring the shaft outside the point of the right shoulder instead of inside and close to the neck. This position is wrong, taking Vardon, Braid, Taylor, Ray, Duncan and other of the great golfers as examples of correct methods, and the down swing cannot be properly performed.

Furthermore, a deliberate swing around the body with the hands will bend the left elbow, which is distinctly and fundamentally wrong, and is not done by the great players.

Always remember, that while I have described the parts of the back swing in detail, they must be done in one unbroken movement, when swinging at the ball, and done without stiffness (again remembering that proper tension is not stiffness). To get them in order and feel the reason for each part, they will, of course, have to be done slowly and carefully. Once getting the idea, the rhythm can be worked up to.

The action of the right arm has not been gone into for the simple reason that it has worked correctly if the original position of the grip has not been allowed to change. It bent at the elbow in response to the changing position of the hands, the right one going around the left and coming in toward the body, shortening the distance from right shoulder to hand.

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Tennis at Montclair

MONTCLAIR, N. J., Oct. 9.—Miss Nell Handy and Miss Marie Wagner reached the final round in the Montclair tennis tournament yesterday. Miss Handy had little trouble beating Miss Marie Vanderhoff at 6-3, 6-4 and Miss Wagner had less overthrowing Mrs. Robert A. Pope at 6-1. Both matches brought out good tennis for the winners were at their best.

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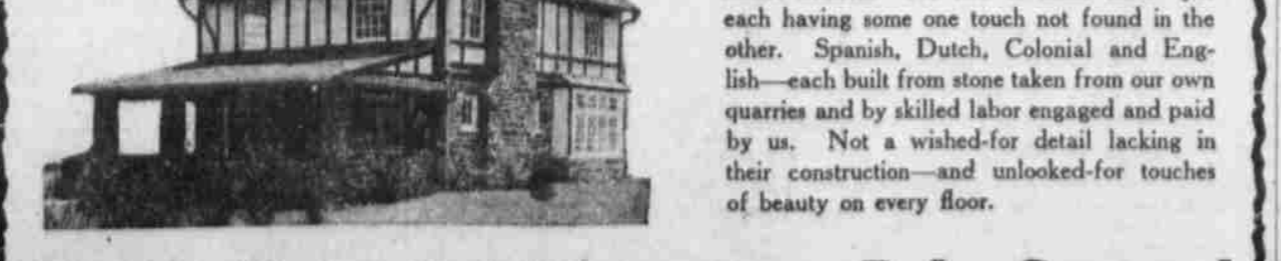
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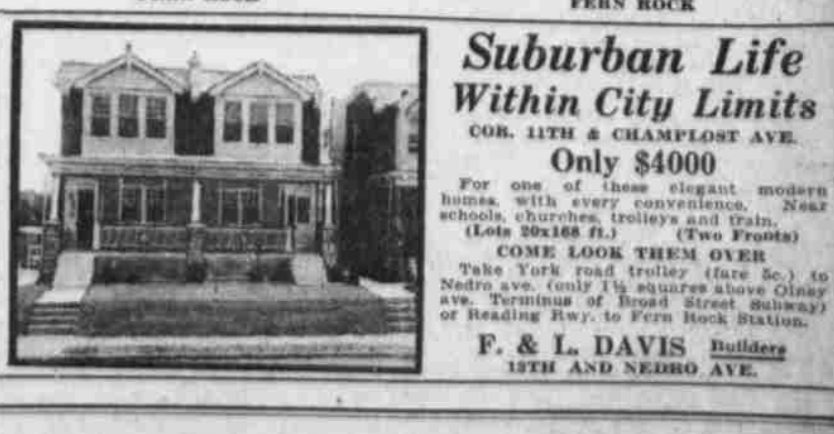
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