

ATWATER COLLEGE USHERS IN THE 1918 FOOTBALL SEASON WITH A THRILLING 4-3 VICTORY

ATWATER COLLEGE WINS EIGHT GAMES; FOOTBALL IS SAVED

All Battles Are Won With 95-Yard Run, Followed by Goal From Difficult Angle and Against Wind, and Score Is 4 to 3

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL Sports Editor Evening Public Ledger

SWELL run through a broken field in the last minute of play gave Atwater College the big game of the season against Bingham College on Chestnut street last night.

Thus I found out when driven under cover from the rain last night that football, instead of being placed on the sidelines with baseball, archery, rowing and other nonsensical pastimes, was thriving—yes, actually THRIVING—right here in our midst, and eight games were played every week.

It's a shame how the dramatic critics have suppressed the news for the last month. Those high-browed gents had a chance to pull some exclusive stuff when they took their first look at "Leave It to Jane," but

passed it up to hand out some dramatic slams. However, in order to know something about football it is necessary to see some football games, and dramatic critics don't go because they probably would have to buy tickets, and that's against the rules of their union.

When I dodged the rain I bumped into a big picture of a husky guy in football togs, and standing nearby was Mark Wilson, who presages for the game. It was Mark who divulged the startling information that football was not dead, and after watching the rain splashing on the sidewalk I decided, to let him prove it.

The hero is a great halfback named Bolton, who made the All-American team while playing with Minnesota. He quit that school, however, and is on his way to Bingham College, which is owned by his father, when he stops off at Atwater. No one knows why he stopped off, but nothing was said, because it might interfere with the plot.

It happens that Bolton's old man is a pal of the president of Atwater and some underhanded work must be done to pull the wool over the old boy's eyes. For that reason Bolton takes the name of Professor Staples and joins the faculty. This also works out smoothly, for it is a usual thing to take one of the professors and put him on the team so he can win the big game.

All of the work is done in the second act, which is labeled "Outside the A. Football Field." On one side of the stage is the entrance to the field and on the other is the training house, which, like all training houses, has ropes on the window seats and curise draperies in the windows.

The first half is over when the spectators are let in on the secret. Bingham College is represented, but it is hard to believe it is Bingham.

because President Sam Gross or Dean Louis Kamp is not on the campus. Anyway, Bingham is leading by one touchdown, which counts three points, and they must have treated the Atwater stars something awful. Those brave boys were so used up in that grueling first half in order to recuperate they stayed outside during the intermission and danced and sang with the co-eds.

When play was resumed it must have been interesting, for the trainer, the rooters and the co-eds kept wandering back and forth so they could talk to us. There were some exciting moments, for occasionally a whistle would blow and some one would say, "I wonder what is happening now?" Then some one would kick against the rough stuff pulled by the Bingham team, which was composed of a guy named Red Kelly, for that's the only one they talked about.

As the battle drew to a close the excited rooters and co-eds had to sing five or six songs and do a few dances to keep from jumping over the footlights. The audience also was worked up, for when one of the lookouts would shout: "Atwater, now has the ball." We are going through them! Ten yards toward the center! Bolton is tearing around the end! We will win sure! He's fumbled the ball! Bingham recovers! Oh, what shall we do now? Then somebody sings a song about Sir Galahad or about the sun shining brighter and the game is left flat until some one remembers it again.

Enter the Plot and Atwater Wins the Game

WHEN comes the big noise of the plot, which is worked in while the singers are oiling their pipes. Atwater's center is injured and he is sitting in front of the curise draperies and roses in the training house, with a pair of crutches by his side. Bolton, we are told, picks up a fumble and Ted Merediths it down the field for ninety-five yards for a touchdown.

Which ties the score. This does not satisfy Atwater and, anyway, the home boys must win or Stub Talmadge can't collect that \$1000 from old man Jones. They made the bet in the first act, and Stub must win it because of the plot.

So the center with the bum ankle is interested in the game. A goal was kicked at a difficult angle and against the wind. The lookout said it is on the job and he says, "Now we are going to kick a goal and it's against the wind and at a difficult angle."

"Oh, if I only hadn't forgotten how to pray!" moaned the center. In spite of the wind, however, also the difficult angle and the absence of prayer, the goal is kicked and the game won by the score of 4 to 3. It's a great game and the show is as funny when they mean it as when they don't. It also shows that football still is popular, and they are

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