

PSYCHOLOGY BUILT FALLSINGTON TO ITS FIRST FOOTBALL VICTORY IN MANY A GRID MOON

By Jack Gill

Psychology built Fallsington to its first football victory in many a grid moon over Langhorne last week. Deception ruined Coach Norwood Wetherhold's debut at Bensalem and plucked a near victory from the weathery Owl. Power ran roughshod over Morrisville at Trenton Saturday evening as Trenton licked the Dogs, 27-7. The ability of a guard to properly pull out and form interference for a back aided Jules Mate to have a dandy time in defeating Bristol.

Cross currents of conversation covering the schoolboy grid action of last week were critical, catchy, but on the whole conservative. Early season flaws and mistakes were regarded as a mere matter of form.

Fallsington High School actually stole the story of the week from their larger school adversaries. Behind by a 7 to 9 count at halftime, the Falcons were transformed into an aroused unit as they passed Langhorne dizzy in an eighteen point last half uprising to snatch an 18 to 7 verdict.

All football games aren't won on tactical maneuvers and neatly executed power plays. Many minor incidents tend to weave fantastical and sometimes sentimental angles into the won and lost column.

You've all heard the story of George Gipp, Notre Dame hero, whose name has become a legend around the traditional campus of the Irish. Coaches have often made their lives miserable in frantic attempts to key their men to greater heights. Gil Dobie, former grand old man of Cornell football, faced trouble with a lethargic squad one autumn.

A small 150 pound rookie back was injured in a Tuesday scrimmage. As Dobie walked to the fallen form and as the squad grouped around, a snarling twist formed at his mouth as he uttered, "Carry this baby off the field."

The players gasped as the attendants picked the kid back up. His bone nearly pierced the skin of his flesh. It was badly broken. Horrified, the players were ready for the kill at a coach who didn't retain enough dignity to even treat a fellow-man decently.

The result found Cornell players tearing and slashing through the remainder of the session. For the first time that year Dobie had whipped his men into proper mental mettle. They remained that way for Saturday's game.

The coach had to go to the infirmary to tell the kid the story. Luckily for the veteran mentor, he lived to be redeemed in the eyes of his men. But the story is one of many that are enacted on campus lawns throughout the nation.

Fallsington is now playing football for a purpose. For many seasons the little school went without a victory. Players naturally fell prey to that inferior attitude known in athletic circles as the "defeatist complex." It's the same type of shiftless and uncharactered life that many humans are prone to become subject to in the face of successive failure.

The greatest form of installing confidence in boys or men is the act of coming on top in competitive activity. As a result, you'll find sport as the basic form of extra-curricular character betterment in high schools.

A haphazard sports policy in a high school tends to throw a boy off-key. If it not economically possible to sponsor a 100% program, then competitive activity should not be fostered. Because boys who have marked ability are thrown against a group of boys from a neighboring town of no better ability, but of finer coaching. This is both unequal and unfair.

Luckily, most sectional high schools have adequate schedules in the physical education line. For that reason, our games are spirited affairs with but a few touchdowns or points separating victory from defeat.

Mike DeRisi, Fallsington coach, who graduated from West Chester, used a well outlined program of psychology in re-building Fallsington. As the school began to drop more and more eleven man games, officials decided to abandon the sport until such time that student enrollment saw fit to re-enter the grid picture. This proved to be a wise move.

Instead of inaugurating soccer, DeRisi started six-man football. Soccer would be new and would mean immediate defeat again for at least a season. But Fallsington went hot in six-man football and won 15 out of 16 games. A new confidence prevailed.

This season Fallsington bounced back with a win. It's been many a long time since Fallsington has won a game, and longer yet since they tallied eighteen points.

"I believe we have the defeatist complex licked," recently remarked DeRisi. "This year for the first time we have real spirit both in the team and the school. We have a squad of managers, a committee working to advertise our games, a little band and general enthusiasm. I tell you it's great."

And don't think the Fallsington coach didn't remind his men of the fact that their actions on the field this year

would mean the permanent retention of football at the school, during half-time. He turned them up and they snorted steam and spit fire in a great rally. Spotting Langhorne's seven man line, they passed the Redskins dizzy before they fell back into a defense.

Yes, flanking deception ruined Bensalem, fine offensive blocking backfired against Bristol and power defeated Morrisville. But little Fallsington relied on one of those incidents to pull a game out of the bag.

TWO LOCAL BOXERS TO FIGHT IN GOLDEN GLOVE TOURNAMENT

Albert Turner and William McCollick Sign For The Elimination 'Tourney'

ANOTHER MAY ENTER

Clem Kinsey May Get Into The Ring at The Last Minute

Two local amateur fighters and possibly a third will be seen in action in the Golden Glove Tournament which opens tonight in the Philadelphia Arena, 45th and Market streets.

The pair of localites who have already signed for the elimination tournament which runs three days are: Albert Turner and William McCollick. Clem Kinsey may be a last-minute entry. All three boys fought under the colors of the Diamond Sporting Club.

Daily, Turner and McCollick have been doing their training chores in the St. Ann's gym under the guidance of the Castor brothers, Carl and Chet. The boys will have to be in tip-top shape for they will be competing against the best boys in the eastern district of the A. A. U.

Turner has been placed in the 115 pound class while McCollick fights in the 126 pound class. Turner is the boxer sort of a fighter and resorts to plenty of hitting and dancing around while McCollick is very rugged and packs a knockout punch in either his right or left hand.

The Castor brothers are also grooming the remainder of the Diamond fighters for the Ledger tournament which opens next month and will contain a sub-novice class for the fighters of less experience.

It is the hope of the Bristolians to take home at least one championship in one of the two tournaments. The winner of each class in the Golden Glove tournament gets a gold-filled championship medal and a 17 jewel rolled gold into model wrist watch while the runner-up will receive a sterling silver championship medal and also a wrist watch. All contestants will receive an 18 karat gold plated Golden Glove Emblem.

ST. ANN'S TO PRACTICE

All candidates for the St. Ann's A. A. football team are requested to report to the clubhouse tonight at 7:30 p. m. A practice session will be held. The St. Ann's management is attempting to book a game for this Sunday.

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back but for those who do not the selective service organization will attempt to obtain new employment. It is expected that some of the returned men will have to attend "refresher" courses in which they will be trained to take their places in defense industries.

Still others, with no professional training at all, will attend vocational education in national defense classes where they will learn a trade.

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