

SERIAL STORY

GOAL TO GO

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YESTERDAY Buck drills his team...

CHAPTER XII

A moon swept East's stands as the point after touchdown failed...

"No gain," Bill groaned. "Buck, they'll never crack through the East line...

"I'll take something they're not expecting," Buck said. "I don't expect they've felt us out now and they know what we've got...

East took the snap, failed to gain, but in the exchange of punts West lost five yards...

Suddenly Bill snapped erect on the bench, glints of excitement in his eyes...

"That's what I mean, Buck. Take out the whole variety! Let me go in with the scrubs and run those plays..."

Hope kindled in Buck's eyes, then died. "Too risky, fellow. If I remove my variety now I can't send them in again until the next quarter..."

"But the quarter is nearly half over," Bill argued. "I know we can hold that line. It's our only chance, Buck..."

In silence Buck Mentor watched the rapidly shifting pattern of play. East was playing the game safe, clinging to its slender lead...

He said finally, "Go ask the scrubs, Bill. Maybe they don't even remember those plays..."

Bill leaped from the bench with a shout. The scrubs, huddled like Indian braves in their blankets, stared at him curiously...

"Plenty," Bill said lightly. "How many of you fellows remember those plays we learned from Buck?"

Bill's excitement was contagious. They swarmed about him, wild-eyed. "We haven't forgotten one of them, Bill. Almost! Two of them start exactly alike, except that the offensive..."

"Right!" Bill cried, and turned back to Buck. "We can roll 'em for you, Buck..."

Buck Mentor hesitated a moment, then his jaw set. "Okay, Bill, get ready. I'm going. To gamble a bit on your fellows..."

Eleven eager scrubs high stepped along the sidelines, warming up. Buck called time. An entire new team trotted across the field to report to the referee...

And then as the situation became clear, a roar burst the silence. Bill, however, was deaf to it, dumb to everything but the hand that guided his feet...

He checked the down and yardage. It was second with five to go. Bill batted his team in a huddle...

Lines bellowed, voices got to full voice. The crowd began playing their secondary in close to start a running attack. Now, well given, an end that passing play we learned..."

Bill took the pass from center, started in line of attack. Expecting a running play, the East defense was socked to the right. West's left end cut in, the right end blocked out the dummy line backfield...

Bill was aimed to the line of scrimmage when he sensed an end slugging the end with it in and scooted out of the center. He was turned out of bounds in East's forward line...

A forward gain? The West attack roared into life. The scrubs hurried their movements, heaved and attempted to fly after them...

Bill called the offense's play and the ball went to the backfield. The end started out as if to an other pass. Bill, however, ahead of the ball carrier, cut down the offensive left backfield and the play rolled by...

First down on the East second line. The third play back nearly the same as the previous one. This time, however, the backfield slipped the ball to Bill. The scrubs and the end blocked out the offensive tackle. The ball end broke in an aim, but Bill snatched away. He got up to the 25-yard stripe and was brought down...

Now Bill saw his advantage. The East boys were temporarily demoralized by the abrupt switch in strategy. He shifted the wing back, cut-off and picked up five more. Speed counted now. Give 'em a chance to get organized...

West snipped from the huddle into formation and a sweep around and carried to the five. "Once more," Bill gruffed, "wing 'em back into the goalposts..."

They rumbled into the center of the line. Bill was barked. He got to his feet, hounded by the first Passes...

of blood in his head. Then he realized that the noise wasn't in his head; it was the crowd yelling. They had gone over!

The scrubs were putting on a wild war dance, but for Bill there was no time to feel triumph. He fell suddenly alone in the midst of bedlam, facing the biggest problem of his whole life...

Who should try for the all-important point after touchdown? Not one of the scrubs was a dependable kicker...

Bill's mind snapped to a decision. He must risk a pass, and he must do it himself. He lined his team up, barked signals. They had come back. Players charged him from every angle...

He retreated, sidestepped until barely he saw his target in the end zone. Bill heaved the ball. A dozen hands seemed to reach up to bat it down. Then the end leaped high and caught it...

West's section was a crimson ball of madness. The now, Bill knew, the lead must be defended. East retreated and began to roll. Time after time Laurie cut through the scrubs...

Desperately, Bill tried to rally them, but they lacked the experience to cope with such an attack. Clear to West's 20-yard line the East boys drove, and only the end of the third quarter held up their march...

Trailing the scrubs, the field came the variety of West—11 stalwart warriors, rested and eager to fight back the invaders. Bill sank down on the bench, almost sobbing. Buck threw his arms around the boy and hugged him...

"Patience, son, you were wonderful!" He bubbled along the bench pounding his weary scrubs on the back. "You were all great!"

"We couldn't hold 'em," Bill mumbled. "I'm sorry, Buck..."

Buck Mentor snorted. "Look at those wrinkles on your face, Bill! They're taking care of your hair!"

The words were true. East had been stopped cold. West took the ball on downs and punted out of danger. The East boys were whipped. They tried desperately to rally, but when the timekeeper's pistol exploded the score was still West 7, East 6...

The entire West-side poured down to congratulate Buck Mentor. Dusk was settling over the empty shell of concrete when Buck and Bill were finally alone. For the next two hours, Buck had been shaking hands and receiving praise...

But now a wild hoode of rovers had gone home to replay the game over cold suppers. The streets were deserted and still as Bill walked beside Buck's invalid chair...

Buck Mentor spoke quietly. "This is our victory, Bill. Tomorrow may bring us a defeat, but if we hang on and keep fighting we'll win another victory..."

Bill nodded solemnly. "I guess that's right, Buck. You'll have a tough fight in the east. But I'm betting the two of us can beat almost anything..."

Buck started into the smoky dusk. A stoic figure waited for them at the corner. Without speaking, Helen Welch came and walked on the other side of Buck's chair...

The big man smiled warmly. "You mean, Bill, the three of us can beat anything..."

(THE END)

Mrs. Rose Alice Cook of Elkton Passes Away

Mrs. Rose Alice Cook, 56, wife of James L. Cook, well known resident of the Elkton community, died at Sacred Heart hospital, Elkton, Thursday, Dec. 12, after a short illness...

She was born at Elkton, Oct. 16, 1884, and was a resident of that place. She was a member of the M. O. W. lodge.

She was married to Mr. Cook in Hallowell, Me. He died in 1938. She was survived by two sons by a former marriage, Ralph and Edward Bates, also two daughters, Mrs. E. E. Thomas, Roseburg, Mrs. Madeline Norman, by Mrs. W. A. and four brothers, J. B. and J. Walter Bates, Kellona, Ore.; Oscar Bates, Oakland, Ore.; and Ed Charles, Seattle, Wash.

Funeral services will be held in the Elkton cemetery Sunday at 11 a. m. Rev. A. M. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church, will officiate at the services.

Coffin With Napoleon's Son Will Rest in Paris

PARIS, (AP)—The coffin of Napoleon's son, Louis Napoleon, will rest in the city of Paris, according to a statement issued by the French government...

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1940 Olympics



Comanches to Be Used For Work In Signal Corps

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 12 (AP)—Oklahoma's Comanches, Indians whose strange tongue and ways make them a puzzle to the world, will be used to teach their own language to the Signal Corps...

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Physician of Portland Kills Self With Rifle

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (AP)—Gordon Shaw, deputy coroner, pronounced the death of Dr. Edwin P. Pagan, 55, suicide yesterday.

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"Purge" of Queen From Text Books Stirs Dutch Ire

AMSTERDAM, (via Berlin) Dec. 11.—(AP)—The purging of all references to Queen Wilhelmina in Dutch schoolbooks has caused such a reaction in Holland that it was necessary today for Dr. J. Van Duin, the new secretary general of education, to broadcast an appeal for calm.

A number of books containing speeches and pictures of the queen and other members of the House of Orange were withdrawn from the schools in a formal campaign to wipe out patriotic propaganda for the exiled ruling family and require that these subjects be handled from a strictly historical point of view.

Dr. Van Duin urged pupils to end political disputes even when there is a serious difference of opinion, and also directed an appeal for calm to students who engaged in protest strikes against the dismissal of Jewish professors, strikes which resulted in the German closing the universities of Leyden and Delft and the fixing of an earlier Christmas vacation date for students at Amsterdam university.

New rules issued for the withdrawal or revision of school texts prescribed: No offense to the crown man, rich, army or people and no propaganda for Marxism, the league of nations, Queen Wilhelmina or the House of Orange.

The singing of the national anthem "Wilhelmus" is forbidden. Pictures of the queen, however, still hang in school rooms and most of the Dutch public buildings.

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Oregon State Hoopsters Defeat Idahoans, 45 to 29

POCATELLO, Idaho, Dec. 13.—(AP)—Oregon State college opened a barnstorming tour with a 45-29 win over the University of Idaho southern branch here last night.

Paul McNitt started for the hoops, scoring 15 points. His scoring gave Oregon State an early lead which was never lost.

Rush, Idaho forward, almost matched McNitt's scoring, but the rest of his team was helpless against the Beaver defense. Rush netted 13 points.

Oregon State will play Utah State Agricultural college at Logan tonight and Saturday night.

Drain

DRAIN, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Pearl Ross of Portland spent several days last week with her mother, Mrs. L. N. Whipple, who is convalescing from a recent illness. Mrs. Robert Minor of Seaside also spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Whipple.

Mrs. V. R. Hanson and three sons of Seaside brought Miss Elsie Whipple home Thursday. They returned to Seaside on Friday.

The Methodist ladies report a very successful bazaar and dinner held last Saturday.

Ernest Gobel and family have moved from the Elk Creek camp to the Martin house near the Glis wood mill.

L. Miles Knapp and family spent last weekend visiting at the Varley home and with other friends. L. Knapp is located at Camp Chapin.

A son was born Dec. 8th to Mr. and Mrs. Clifford La Mar at the Mrs. Lizzie Lysons home.

A son was born Dec. 10th to Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Addison at a Eugene hospital.

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