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Mails Urges Boys Finish Education

"Any boy wishing to play professional baseball, should first finish his education by going to college."

This was the view of Walter Mails, former big league pitcher, and currently employed as publicity director of the San Francisco Seals Baseball club, in an exclusive workshop interview.

Mails also stated that a young boy should not accept a bonus, but work his way up from the minor leagues. "Too many boys that accept a bonus never make the grade," said Mails.

Walter, who is helping boys all over northern California, was here last Monday and Tuesday, at which time he conducted a clinic on baseball, and was also guest speaker for the San Luis Obispo Rotary club.

Mails, who has been playing baseball for 30 years, feels the biggest change in the game has been the lively ball. "It has cut down too many of the finer points of the game, like bunting and base stealing," he said.

Walter believes that the outlawing of the spitball has harmed baseball. "The modern pitcher needs more help and the spitball is not as dangerous as it is built up to be," states Walt.

"Baseball's greatest asset in the last 50 years, interest-wise, was the invention of the radio. It brought the game into the homes of the fans."

Another point that Mails is strong on is that high school baseball coaches on the whole don't know enough about the game to coach it. He feels that this and not enough publicity is why most high school baseball games create such little interest, and draw so few fans.

Mails believes that Ty Cobb was not only the greatest baseball player of all time, but also the smartest.

Born at San Quentin, Calif., Walter first started playing ball in 1914, at the age of 16, for Seattle of the Northwest League. In 1915 he moved up to Brooklyn and stayed with the Dodgers until 1917 before entering the service.

At the end of World War I, he was sent to Sacramento and in June of 1920 was called up by Cleveland. During the remainder of the season he helped pitch Cleveland to its first pennant. In the World Series, against Brooklyn, he accomplished a tremendous feat by pitching 16 1/2 consecutive scoreless innings.

He closed out his career by pitching for San Francisco from 1928 to 1936. Mails was a marine sergeant in World War II, and took his current position as publicity director of the San Francisco Seals club in 1954.

Chris Lucky



WALTER "THE GREAT" MAILS shows 'em how at the California Coaches Workshop here at Cal Poly. Mails conducted clinic sessions instructing the high school coaches on some of the fundamental points of high school baseball. Doing the catching while Mails shows how to lay down a bunt is Jim Pence of Placer high in Auburn. Umpiring is Frank Ross of Mt. Shasta high. (Staff photo by Mike Maitte)

Wives Voice Pet Peeves; Complaints Aren't Loud

One of the most important members of any athletic team is the coach's wife. Victory means as much to her as to any boy in the game. Why? Her family life revolves around her husband's success.

For example, Mrs. Esther Ayres, wife of the Menlo-Atherton basketball coach, Robert Ayres, says, "When my husband loses a game, he doesn't even speak to us!" Mrs. Louise Adair added that when her husband, Richard, loses a San Bernardino basketball game, "We hold a wake."

"On the other hand," she continued, "when he wins, he's absolutely effervescent. If I can't go to the game myself, I listen on the radio so I'll know what mood to be prepared for."

Most of the wives agreed that their greatest inconvenience is not knowing if or when to expect their husbands home. Mrs. Robert Devine of La Mesa, said that sometimes her husband gets so involved in his duties as basketball coach at Helix high, that he sometimes forgets about meals altogether. "It's always late hours and late dinners during the basketball season," she said.

Mrs. Robert Mott, wife of Cal Poly's former baseball coach, and Mrs. Eleanor Marshall, whose husband, John, coached "everything" for 12 years at Transquility high near Fresno, agree that being a coach's wife was a wonderful experience, but the change in jobs was welcome when it came.

"When we lost a game," said

Mrs. Marshall, "it bothered me more than it did him." Mrs. Mott mentioned that her husband now has time to play baseball with his young son, instead of devoting all his time to the team. Asked how the pressure of competition affected the family, Mrs. Mott replied, "Oh, my husband got along fine! I'm the one who got nervous."

Mrs. Carol Rhea, who is married to Huntington Park's football coach, "Scrap Iron" Rhea, said that the only thing unpleasant about being a coach's wife was the long hours her spouse is away. "Coaching isn't the only thing that takes up his time," she stated. "He also has scouting, refereeing, and countless other jobs to do."

The wives all felt that their mates are away too much, but the general consensus of opinion was

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Exhibits Aid Program At Coaches Workshop

Among the many people who help make the Coaches Workshop interesting are the numerous exhibitors of athletic equipment who have set up various exhibits of athletic equipment throughout the Cal Poly campus.

Included in this list are the Volt Rubber Company, manufacturer of athletic balls, represented by Lloyd Todor; Wilson and Company; Mid-Valley Sports from Fresno and Bakersfield, represented by Tom Carothers; A. G. Spaulding and Co., represented by Bill Bronson; Cliff Severn; Judo Exercisor, Judd McIntosh; Duke Laboratories, represented by Ted McMillan; Continental Athletic Supply, Laird Ifolt; Medart and Company; Noxall, represented by Stuart Findlay; Champion Knitwear represented by Gill Gylfe; and Bristol Meyers, represented by Robert Pedersen.

Good With Pros

Jim Cox is still with the San Francisco 49ers. The former Mustang end has some tough competition with four veteran offensive ends returning. Veteran center Stan Sheriff has now reported to the 49er camp.

Workshop Aids Nation's Physical Fitness Need

"The Physical Fitness of our American youth must come secondary only to proper education," stated President Dwight D. Eisenhower in a recent address to the nation in connection with his current health program.

Two words from this quote were taken by the executive board as the theme of the tenth annual California Workshop for Physical Education and Athletic Coaching. These important words are "Physical Fitness."

However, the program does not have an actual athletic program—laps around the field, callisthenics, football aerobics, basketball workouts—but was founded with the express purpose of showing the coaches of California High schools the new and improved methods in their various sports.

Directing activities for the 1957 California Workshop for Physical Education and Athletic Coaching are J. B. "Cap" Haralson, Bakersfield City Schools, chairman; Carson Conrad, State Department of Education; Gene Coor, West Contra Costa Junior College; Glen Dubois, Napa Junior College; Carl Gilmore, Shasta High School; Ed Leahy, Redwood High School; Al Arps, San Fernando High School; William Russell, CIF Commissioner; Stan Weiss, Monterey High School; Terry Bartron, Rosemead High School; Dr. Robert Mott; Dr. Robert Maurer and John Healey, California State Polytechnic College.

Well-known coaches from colleges up and down the coast serve as instructors and are moving the classes along on a quick pace.

In the four major sports the instructors list among the top in the nation with Pat Newell of University of California for basketball, Chuck Taylor of Stanford for football, Jess Mortensen of U.S.C. for track and Rod Dedeaux, also from U.S.C., baseball.

In the various other fields of athletics, the coaches had discussion periods on some of the 15 courses offered, with the remaining six slated for the second week.

Opening the baseball workshop on Monday was a demonstration of pitching by the San Francisco Seals' Walter "The Great" Mails.

Turning to the recreational features of this past week, kayaking, beach trips and pool-scooped outings have occupied the time of the coaches' wives and children.

On Tuesday a hayride was held for the wives and children, taking

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Note Any Changes?

Do you note any change in this issue of El Mustang? For the first time in its history, the Cal Poly newspaper crew, directed by John Healey, was given a vacation.

Student journalists from the Los Angeles Examiner's Scholastic Sports Association acted as the guest editorial staff for this edition.

The SSA gives Southland readers the most comprehensive report on high school sports in the world. Each Saturday, a complete page—sometimes more—is given to the SSA for its high school sports coverage by the Los Angeles Examiner. The Examiner sponsored youth program covers close to 300 secondary schools over the Southern California, Arizona and Nevada areas.

For the third straight year, the SSA on-the-job youth journalism training program, through the cooperation of the Cal Poly news bureau, is participating in the Journalism segment of the Coaches' Workshop.

Local Activities Listed for Families

In addition to the full schedule of on-campus activities for Workshop wives and children, the San Luis Obispo area offers several other attractive entertainment possibilities.

Avila Beach, located ten miles south of town on Highway 101, is an excellent place to take the whole family, since it is known as the "safest beach in California." Pismo Beach, about three miles farther on 101, is also open.

For outdoor cooking and picnicking, Atascadero lake is the perfect spot. Complete cooking and camping facilities are available at the scenic lake, located 15 miles north on Highway 101.

Golfers will enjoy the Morro Bay golf course on Highway 1. The town of Morro Bay is also a pleasant place at which to shop or visit. There are also three movie theaters in the area: two in San Luis Obispo and another in Morro Bay. Of historic interest, the San Luis Obispo Mission, one of the key links in Father Serra's chain, is open daily in downtown San Luis Obispo.

Eating Schedule Clarified For Cafeteria, El Corral

To eliminate any confusion brought about by conflicting reports on the working hours of the cafeteria, El Corral book store, and El Corral coffee shop, official operating hours for the three establishments have been posted outside the coffee shop.

They are as follows:
Cafeteria (South): Open Monday through Friday. Breakfast (7:00-8:00); Lunch (12:00-1:00); Dinner (5:30-8:30).

El Corral coffee shop: Open Monday through Saturday. Breakfast (7:00-11:00); Lunch (11:00-1:00). The coffee shop closes each day at 4:30.

El Corral book store: Open Monday through Friday (8:00-4:30), Saturday (9:00-12:00).



Chief Krag Dies

Robert C. Krag, 48, chief campus security officer died of a heart attack early Thursday morning. He had been at Cal Poly since April, 1958 as a security officer and during the past year instructed in the industrial engineering department.

Prior to coming to Cal Poly he worked for the Los Angeles County fire department, Kern County fire department and was fire chief at Minter Field.



THREE WORKSHOP wives answer a staff reporter's questions about their roles as a coach's "better half." While naming a few pet peeves, none of them seem to complain too loudly. From left to right are Mrs. Carol Rhea, reporter Frances Brown, Mrs. Bob Mott, and Mrs. Celia Weiss. (SSA photo by Wally Moore)

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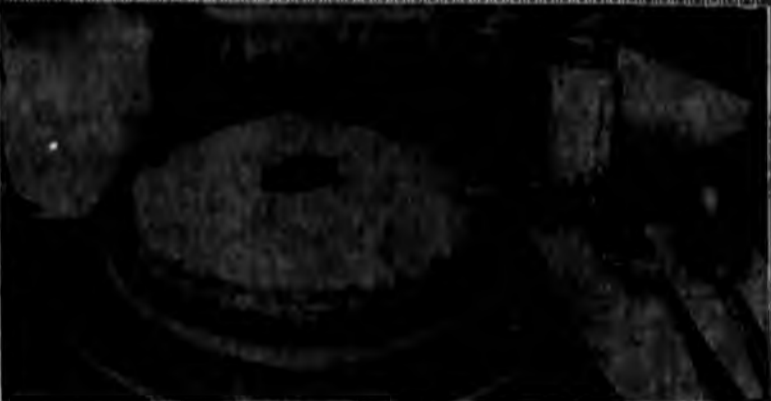
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LA EXAMINER Scholastic Sports Association members taking over this week's production of the El Mustang meet with (left to right, standing) Martin Hickie, and Mike Mattis of the El Mustang staff. SSAers are Wally Moore, John Peck, Bob Alani, Mitch Chorikoff, Gary Libman, and Bill Thomas. Ralph Alexander, center, national Vice-president of the SSA, looks on as instructor Howard West, seated left, and El Mustang Advisor John Healy make plans. (SSA photo by Bill Nash)

Women's Program Opens on Monday

Cal Poly's campus will hum with increased activity this Sunday when 180 Girls' Physical Education teachers from all over California will arrive to begin the eighth annual Women's Workshop. Two weeks of training in the most modern methods of instruction is planned, including courses in everything from folk dancing to hockey.

Mrs. Nellie Barber of Redondo Beach High will coordinate the activities of the workshop. The emphasis will be on fitness; both physical and social. Several co-ed classes will be held the first week, while the men's classes are still in session.

Both men and women may attend optional instruction in social dancing, archery, and golf. Courses open for women only include badminton and basketball, softball, swimming, tumbling, modern dancing and court games.

Several social events are also in the offing. A Co-ed Sports Night will be held Monday, featuring volleyball, badminton, paddle tennis, shuffleboard and swimming for both men and women. A square dance on the Gym Patio will be held Tuesday evening, and a Social Dance is planned for Thursday.

Workshop participants will live on campus and use school training equipment. Although few of the women will bring their families, events for their children will also be held.

TCU Record Dances Saturday

All P.E. workshop visitors and their families are invited to the record dance to be held tomorrow night in Hillcrest dorm's Temporary College Union, from 9-12, stated Bob Bayley, union manager.

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Archery Soon To Become Top 'Minor' Sport?

Starting Monday afternoon at 1:00 p.m., the "minor" sport that is growing faster than any other minor sport in the nation, archery, will be taught to the coaches, both male and female, by the capable instructors, Mrs. Klevyn Pletcher and Gene Corr.

Expecting up to 60 members in their class next week, they have decided to split the classes into two groups, male and female. Mrs. Pletcher, archery teacher in the Bakersfield High school district, will stress the target archery from point of aim.

Corr, instructor at West Contra Costa college in Richmond, California, will stress the importance of archery as a sport rather than a game of skill.

Race at SLO Fair Strictly For the Birds

Bud Collett, Cal Poly seed-mill foreman, is arranging for another spectacle of interest to students attending the San Luis Obispo county fair in Paso Robles next week. Collett is planning a pigeon training race to start from the fair grounds racetrack. He hopes to turn 800 or more pigeons loose at once.

Don Nielson, Cal Poly journalism major and publicity director for the fair, announced today other high points of the five-day fair will include a senior horse show on Thursday, August 15. The fair will run August 14-18.

Nielson said Thursday evening there will be a stage show featuring Zippy the chimpanzee, Consuelo Gonzales, Jacqueline Hurley, Howard Hardin and others.

The RCA championship rodeo will be held on Friday and Saturday, explained Nielson. He said one of the biggest cutting horse contests in the nation will be held Friday evening.

On both Saturday and Sunday afternoons there will be chariot racing on the track in front of the grandstand. Both shetland ponies and race horses will be pulling the "flying chariots," stated the Cal Poly J major.

With the exception of the carnival, Nielson said, admission to everything will be free after you enter the fairgrounds.

Family Recreation Keynotes Schedule

It seems that more and more emphasis here at the 10th annual Coaches Workshop is being placed on family physical fitness and many new recreational and extra-curricular activities are being offered, according to workshop director J. R. "Cap" Haralson.

Highlighting the long list of activities is Zav Leonardi's trampoline clinic held each afternoon for visitors of all ages. Cal Poly's swimming pool has also been available each afternoon from 2:00 to 5:00 p. m. Facilities are also provided for tennis, baseball, basketball and volleyball.

Monday night is Sports Night. The purpose of the Sports Night is to acquaint the arriving participants of the Women's Workshop with the present enrollees. Badminton and volleyball games are planned for the gym while shuffleboard and ping-pong are offered on the patio behind the gym.

Hikes for physical fitness have been started and will continue until the workshops close next Friday. A jaunt to the east campus highlighted this week's hiking activities.

Mom didn't have to worry about missing a thing with the baby-sitting service available through the workshop office.

Dave Allison

Figure Tops 550

As the Men's Workshop completes its first week, enrollment totals more than 800 men, about 100 wives, and approximately 850 children. The grand total of some 550 people will be increased by 180 this Sunday, when the Women's Workshop opens.

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THE EXECUTIVE committee for the Coaches Workshop talk shop with one of the exhibitors, Gil Gyle (second from left) from the Champion Knitwear Co. Included in the group are, left to right, Carson Conrad, Gyle, Terry Barron, Chairman J. S. "Cap" Haralson, Dr. Robert Mott, and Ed Leahy. (SSA photo by Jose Cachuela)

SSA Grows Each Year With Clinic

Members of the Los Angeles Examiner's Scholastic Sports Association started the Journalism and public relations division of the Physical Education Clinic for the third straight year Monday when they attended the first class session.

Enrolled are 21 boys from the SSA, an organization established 18 years ago in Washington D.C. and nine years ago in Los Angeles to further both scholastic sports and Journalism.

While at Cal Poly the SSAers will study the various phases of Journalism and public relations.

Ira Walsh and Ralph Alexander, national president and vice-president of the SSA, have assembled a host of leading journalists and public relations men as instructors.

Included in this group are Bill Kamroth, president of the Southern California Junior College Journalism Teachers Association and Journalism instructor and public relations director at El Camino Junior college; Don Helby, a leading sports writer for the San Francisco Examiner, and Bob Young, public relations director of Pepperdine college and Shrine HI Football Game.

George Goodale, public relations director for the Los Angeles Angels will conduct classes as will John Healey, News Bureau director at Cal Poly, Howard West, athletic publicity director and Graduate Manager at Pepperdine College, and Russ Pyle, sports editor of the Santa Maria Times.

Walsh and Alexander will also take their hand at teaching the boys.

While their primary objective will be to learn as much as possible, there will be many interesting field trips for the boys, such as a tour of the campus and a trip through the Hearst Castle at San Simeon.

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Workshop Aids Physical Fitness

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then on a grand tour of the 8000 acre campus of Cal Poly. One interesting sight viewed by the visitors was the campus dairy, which supplies the wholesome milk served in the cafeteria.

For the coaches, Al Lape, Morro Bay Country Club pro, conducted golf classes each day with the climax tomorrow. Early tomorrow morning about 150 will participate in the annual golf tournament. The competition will take place at the Morro Bay Country Club.

On campus, the families have enjoyed the recreational features such as the indoor swimming pool. Under the direction of the capable Cal Poly Swimming Coach, Dick Anderson, many children—and even some adults—have had proper instruction on life saving and swimming.

Other on-campus activities include tennis tournaments, basketball games for women, soft ball games and full use of the exercising equipment in the gym.

Starting on Monday morning, the women physical education instructors of California will join forces with the male mentors to bring the new techniques of training to the youth of California.

With the arrival of Carolyn Mitchell will begin the co-educational dancing classes at mid-day, with social meeting held each evening next week.

In another co-ed activity, Al Lape will conduct a Golf Tournament next Wednesday afternoon, at one o'clock on the Morro Bay course.

Bob Aloni

Prep Writers Visit Old Castle Sunday

Accepting an exclusive invitation from the William Randolph Hearst family, 21 members of the Scholastic Sports Association, along with SSA advisors and families, will visit San Simeon, the fabled Hearst family castle, Sunday, August 11.

Ira Walsh and Ralph Alexander, national president and vice president of the SSA, respectively, accepted the invitation for the boys who will leave by bus at 10 a.m. Last year the SSA became the first group to visit the estate since 1951.

The castle, built in the mid-thirties from parts of castles and monasteries in Italy, Greece, Spain, and many other countries, is one of the largest estates in the world, being well over 150,000 acres in area.

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Attention Golf Widows: Morro Bay Tourney Tomorrow

Saturday morning will find many golf widows walking about campus, for their husbands will be participating in the sixth annual golf tournament held for all members of the California Coaches Workshop at Morro Bay Country Club.

The various foursomes will be "teeing off" between the hours of 8:30-9:30. Last year's winner Ed Jorgenson, who teaches beginning golf at Cal Poly, will play in the tourney; however, he will not be eligible for any of the awards. Don Watts, director of the tourney and former golf coach here at the college will also play as a guest.

Any golfer attending the workshop is invited to play in the tournament. Those wishing to participate must sign up no later than Friday at the PE Workshop Office.

Al Lape, golf pro at the Morro Bay course, has been giving instructions to the coaches during this past week. He will conduct the tournament while it is in play at his home course.



JAY PHILLIPS, superintendent of recreation at the California Mens Colony is shown receiving instructions on gripping an iron from Al Lape, popular golf pro at the Morro Bay Country Club. (SSA photo by Bill Nash)

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STANFORD FOOTBALL coach Chuck Taylor goes over some of his spread-T formation plays with coaches now in attendance at the California Coaches Workshop. From left to right are Floyd Rhea of Huntington Park, Dick Hill, former Downey high coach now at Santa Ana Junior college, Taylor, and Bob McCutcheon from University of San Diego. (SBA photo by Dick Edmund)

**Chuck Taylor Sees Uncertain
Year for His Indians, PCC**

"I doubt if either UCLA, USC, or California will drop from the Pacific Coast conference," remarked Chuck Taylor, Stanford's head football coach, while he was being interviewed this week at the Coaches Workshop.

Taylor thinks that if the three colleges dropped out of the conference that the league would "probably have to be reformed, but there's no need of worrying about any P. C. C. team dropping."

The Palo Alto ten-year mentor is here to give morning lectures on "Physical fitness for the youth of the state" to more than 250 college, junior college and high school coaches during this, the tenth annual P. C. C. Workshop.

This week he has been talking on his spread-T formation which he has been employing with his Indians. "The spread-T formation stresses a passing game, and that's what we use," Taylor pointed out.

When asked of his graders chances of a good 1957 season, the Indian coach seemed less optimistic than usual. "We'll be weaker," explained the Indian boss, "with less returning letter-men and more inexperience."

But the answering turned to the brighter side, when he was asked for his choices of the best backs in West Coast. He chose Lou Valli, his own halfback, and Oregon State's shifty wingback, Earnel Durden, as two of the finest returning P. C. C. backs.

As for picking a conference winner, Taylor thought it would be a good race, but could not be analyzed this early in the year.

Stanford's recruiting program contains about 800 alumni who visit different high school campus and junior college games. From there they pick the best possible players and set about getting them to attend Stanford.

On the subject of the Shrine Hi game, which was won by the North, 32-0, at the L. A. Coliseum, Taylor said, "from the reliable sources which I have heard, I think the north coaches did a fine job and that their team was in excellent condition."

Bob Elias

Lenz Swims Well

Gene Lenz, Cal Poly ace distance swimmer, did right well against some of the toughest competition in the country during the national A. A. U. championships. Lenz took a sixth in the 440 yard freestyle and a seventh in the 1000 meter event. Lenz will be a junior at Poly this coming season.

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that the advantages of being a coach's wife are still greater than the disadvantages.

Mrs. Stan Weiss, wife of Monterey's football coach, said that the excitement of competition and the pleasure of knowing the boys makes up for a lot. "I'm always proud of my husband and his team," she said, "especially when they know they'll lose but they still keep trying."

Mrs. Marshall said that in her 12 years as a coach's wife her greatest pleasure was getting to know the boys, and seeing them grow up. "I always enjoyed my position in the community," she said.

Mrs. Moss said that once you're a coach's wife you never forget it. "Having the boys come back and visit, bringing their wives, is a real pleasure."

Mrs. Adair summarized the wives' opinions, when she said that she would rather have her husband doing what he wants to do than something else. They all agree that coaches are wonderful guys to be married to, and that's the reason it would be nice to see more of them.

Few coach's wives are seriously dissatisfied with their position. They are intensely loyal to the team and go to as many games as possible. Naturally, they are enthusiastic spectators. "That's my husband out there. I know he'll win. I just know it!"

Frances Brown

**Varied Reaction
To North Victory**

"It was a classy example of what a bunch of good fancy backs can't do without the horses up front," replied Bob McCutcheon, head football coach at the University of San Diego when asked for a comment on the North's 32-0 victory over the South in the Shrine Hi game July 31.

This is one of a number of comments gathered from coaches attending the California Coaches Workshop who viewed the annual high school classic at the Los Angeles Coliseum.

Did the South squad with all of its name players think that the game was over before it started? Why were Randy Meadows and Mickey Flynn used so sparingly? Was the North aided by the fact that it was a 13-point underdog at game time? These are just a few of the mysteries which puzzled spectators, fans, and coaches as the game progressed.

Some thought that the game would have been much closer had not the South engineered so many inside running plays. Others credited Quarterback John Schwartz and Herman Urenda with a major role in the shut out.

Almost all agreed that the big difference between the teams was the complete domination of the North line which held the powerful South backfield to only 58 net yards. Rarely does the line play receive as much deserved recognition as did the forward wall of the Yankees.

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