



The Flaget Museum

Xaverian Hall
St. Xavier High School Campus



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Football, to me is the best sport ever invented. When played on the high school or college level the sport takes on an added meaning and passion which in most cases is not present in the professional game by the same name. Kids in high school and college have not yet emotionally matured enough to play the game without their emotions rising to a level to make their play a game of thinking rather than acting. Coaches play upon this base instinct to inspire the players to an emotional high when taking the field, which sometimes lead them to do things without thinking of the consequences. When a fight breaks out during a game it most likely is because the base emotions of the players are not in check, but have been hyped to a frenzied state. Players often do other things on the field which most likely would not do if they had thought about it before acting.

1959 was a pretty good football year for the Flaget Braves. They started the season with five powerful wins, having shut out four of the teams; their defense was awesome that year. Then came Manual with Sherman Lewis. Manual won the day by a 13 to 7 score, giving the Braves their first loss of the season and letting Manual go onto win the state championship. Flaget recovered from that loss posting two more impressive wins. Then came the yearly grudge match against St. X. The Tigers had five wins, three losses and a tie when the teams met. Flaget was picked to easily win the game. The game went as predicted with Flaget sitting on a comfortable 21 to 6 lead late in the game. Tom Meagher, the Braves quarterback was not content to simply sit on the lead. He rifled a pass to Lennie Ansert who had nothing but open field ahead of him. A touchdown vision danced in his head when he suddenly found himself lying on the 45 yard line. Looking up, Lennie saw Larry Mudd standing over him. Mudd still wearing his green warm-up parka had come off the St. X bench and made the tackle. Fairgrounds stadium fans were stunned. Mudd who was an injured St. X player had been sitting on the bench the whole game when his emotions got the best of him and onto the field he ran. Well the referee awarded the touchdown to Flaget and with the extra point kicked, the final score was 28-6. Larry Mudd was not apologetic for his actions. His statement was "I just thought they had scored enough for one game". The St. X athletic director in replying to a question said that Larry was a very quiet boy and would be the last person he would have ever suspected of doing such a thing. The best reaction came however from the Tiger coach, Johnny Miehaus who stated that Larry had made the best tackle of the day, which was probably true looking at the final score. Flaget went on to lose their next game to a powerful Oak Ridge team by a close score, making their season record seven wins and two losses. This team only allowed 49 points all season and had four shut outs, making it the second best defensive team Flaget fielded.

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