



The Flaget Museum

Xaverian Hall
St. Xavier High School Campus



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Bowl Shy?

Saint Xavier had just been thoroughly beaten 33 to 13. This win assured Flaget of their first “city” football championship. They would have to wait until after the Male – Manual tilt at the end of the season to know for sure, but this win also practically assured them of their first “state” championship. Prior to the game against the Tigers an invitation was issued to the Braves to come to Mayfield on Thanksgiving Day to play the home standing Cardinals in the Clothing Bowl, an annual affair of some distinction in Western Kentucky. On Tuesday after the game with St. X the Litkenhouse ratings showed Flaget sitting on top of the heap. If their season ended now they would almost assuredly be the state champions and claim their first title. If however, they accepted the invite to play in Mayfield, and by some quirk they lost the game, their big season would end in a flameout. With only six days between the victory over Saint X, and the proposed Thanksgiving Day tilt, it became apparent that the prudent thing to do was decline the Clothing Bowl bid. It has been written that Mayfield would not come up with the amount of expense money etc. that the Braves thought they would need, but in actuality, the smart money is on Paulie figuring out that a state championship in hand was worth more than a bird in the bush, mainly a Mayfield Cardinal. The Tilghman squad from Paducah took Flaget’s place in the bowl and bested the Mayfield Team. The following year another bowl bid was extended to the Braves. This bowl would be played in Winston-Salem North Carolina on December 1st. Flaget had received the approval needed from the KHSAA for the trip and there would be plenty of time between their last game of the regular season and their bowl appearance. Also this year nothing would be on the line accept the pride of the Braves, no possibility of losing a state championship. But, for some unstated reason, just a few days after accepting the bowl invitation, Flaget reversed themselves and said they would not be making the trip. No explanation could be found to account for this sudden about face.

As always the Flaget Museum is seeking donations of vintage memorabilia for display. Sports programs, souvenir items, and just about anything else relating to Flaget is appreciated. Just bring anything you may want to donate to an alumni luncheon or drop it off at the museum, or if you need pickup service give me a call. Thanks to all those who have so generously donated their special Flaget items, please stop by the museum and see your items on display.