

It Means Much to Be Called A 'Good Sportsman'

In this workaday world of ours it means much to be called "a good sportsman." It is a title of distinction—one that is earned through real merit, through manliness, through achievement. It is a title that is never lightly bestowed.

One can be a good sportsman in business and in politics, in religion and in athletics. There are good sportsmen in every line of human endeavor. A good sportsman smiles at defeat and gives the other fellow credit for success. A good sportsman is honest and sincere, truthful and tolerant. A good sportsman is honest and sincere, fully, cheerfully and without complaint.

Young "Mickey" McManus, left end on Academy's football team, must be a good sportsman. He must possess all the attributes that are necessary before this title can be bestowed. In this young man, still in his teens, is a great lesson.

In the first place this young man is of heroic mold. But nobody realized it until he was hurt. And the injury he received in a football game a week ago yesterday, when his team defeated the eleven representing East High, brought to him something that could come to him in no other way. It brought to him and to many, many others the knowledge that one can be a hero without performing great deeds of courage or valor.

Young "Mickey" McManus, outside of his school acquaintances, knew comparatively few persons. For a few weeks last year, and for still fewer this year, his name figured only in the news of the sport pages. Yet thousands knew him and applauded him. His was a personality that stamped it-

self on every follower of high school football.

Few, indeed, were those who knew for four or five days before the Academy-East High game that young McManus had hurt himself. He told no one. He was afraid that his coach would discover that he was injured and would not allow him to play. He suffered the pain of the injury with a grin. There never was a whimper from him. And he went into the game carrying bandages that were placed on him at home.

But no sooner was he hurt and forced to retire from the game than the secret was out. And when the big, white ambulance took him to St. Vincent' hospital it was followed by scores who deserted the game. Then and there did this lad earn the title of good sportsman.

Then, too, began the unfolding of the tribute that is ever paid to a good sportsman. Never in the history of St. Vincent's hospital did a patient there receive the homage and attention that came to this young hero. In the few days that he was there more than 600 men and women, boys and girls, laden with flowers and fruits and delicacies of every description, met him in a steady stream.

It was a remarkable demonstration. It was a wonderful tribute to a good sportsman. It was unique and it was deserved.

It was not a tribute to prowess as an athlete. It was not an acknowledgment of his standing as a student. Instead, it was demonstration of true regard for a good sportsman.

The player McManus, the student McManus meant nothing. But there was a world of meaning in the title of McManus, good sportsman. What a fine example is this young man for his fellows; in fact for all of us.

McManus Leaves Hospital; May Play on Nov. 26

Academy Settles Down to Real Grind for Tonawanda Game in the Stadium on Saturday.

Academy swung into full stride yesterday in preparation for the Tonawanda game. Coach Drake had every regular in the long scrimmage and the squad seemed to be in fine shape. The Blue and Gold mentor thinks that the layoff did his men some good as they performed brilliantly. Eichorn, who is playing left end, showed up well in yesterday's scrimmage and is a capable substitute for the position left open by the loss of "Mickey" McManus.

Tonawanda is coming to Erie with two hundred students and backers in order to avenge the defeat Academy inflicted upon their fellow residents by the name of North Tonawanda. They are in for a surprise if they take this game easy as the Blue and Gold has the strongest team that has represented that school in years. Tonawanda has a fast backfield and heavy line.

Tomorrow will see a light drill on signals as today will be the last scrimmage work of the week. The varsity will battle the seconds and will have a tough job on their hands as the young team has been making them fight to beat them. This will be the routine of Thursday's work.

"Mickey" McManus has left the hospital and is home resting his leg, according to the latest report. He is doing well and may be in the line-up for the game with Central.

Coach Vic Wright is drilling the seconds in order to have them at their best for the game with Westfield which will take place at the Mehl Field or Stadium Saturday, November 21. Westfield defeated them by a score of 12 to 0 earlier in the season and they want to even the series.

Rallies will be held Thursday and Friday in order to stir up the spirit of the student body. If the backers turn out as they have been doing, Academy will have their cheering sections jammed.

McManus Is Back

Academy experienced its lone scrimmage preceding the Central clash on Thanksgiving yesterday. It was of a half hour duration and was marked by the return of "Mickey" McManus to the lineup. The injured lad alternated with Heintzel at the wing berth and his work showed him fit and ready.

The return of McManus has complicated to some extent the Blue and Gold preparations for the Central game. Although McManus returned to school soon after his injury, it was generally accepted that his season was over. Accordingly Coach Drake shifted his lineup about to meet the emergency. Eichorn originally replaced the injured member, but the performance of Heintzel in the same berth at Dayton last week made him the obvious choice, and Drake has been building his offensive accordingly.

McManus demonstrated yesterday that his rest did him a world of good. He smothered the opposition with his usual brilliance, and was as effective on the offensive. Whether he will oust Heintzel remains to be seen. Should he do so the latter will return to his regular berth at halfback, and Fuller will lose his position.

Coaches Drake and Wright do not expect to give their men another taste of scrimmage before the big game of the year. From now on the training will be light and the men will be treated in the main to dummy work with a daily review of their offensive and defensive tactics.

East In Light Drill

Light work yesterday, with a possible scrimmage today or Friday, is East's training schedule for the week. Meeting New Castle in a post-season tilt Thanksgiving Day, Coach Gus Anderson plans for the present to go easy.

Yesterday's workout consisted of signals, dummy work and an intensive drill in clipping, blocking and tackling. The fruits of the practice will be manifested