

THE SPORT SHOW

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Hearty Congrats To NHS and C-T *Players Had Fun, Coaches the Headaches*

A real happy lot are the community folk of Norristown and Collegeville-Trappe. An extremely happy lot are the students and alumni of the two Montgomery County high schools which went through the 1957 football season undefeated and untied.

That they should let loose with loud cheer and long toast for coaches and players is natural course. Perfect football seasons don't come that often, particularly in this day and age of gridiron upsets.

Roy Kent of Norristown and Bill Fretz of Collegeville-Trappe will tell you that they had the "horses." Certainly you need them—the halfbacks who can run, the fullback who can bull for the vital yards, the quarterback who can meet the situation, the linemen with quick reflexes.

No doubt about it, both Norristown and Collegeville-Trappe had them. The playing heroes were many in both perfect seasons. You know them well. You'll recall the more thrilling deeds for a long time to come.

Every last player on both squads deserves so much. They listened, absorbed instruction and worked hard to attain their achievement.

But working that much harder were the coaches and the assistants who comprised their respective staffs. They had to scout constantly, view films constantly, they had to try and keep their young charges 'up' constantly, they had to plan constantly—they worried constantly.

Their relaxation, momentary after each game, wasn't complete until final victory at season's end. In a nutshell, the players had fun; the coaches had headaches.

True, Roy Kent and Bill Fretz had the "horses"—but you never saw one win yet without a jockey.

Kent and Fretz will be putting just as much time and work into next year's coaching, and into their coaching for years after that. But football history will dictate that neither always will emerge as successful as he did this year.

Many things go into the making of a successful season. By the same token many things go into the misfortune of unsuccessful season.

And while toasting the success of two fine coaches and gentlemen, let's dedicate ourselves to the support of a longevity program for coaches. They can't always wind up on top, and we might remember, in this year of rejoicing, that it is the poorer season when the coach really needs a friend.

Too soon, we oftentimes forget.



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