

The game

3:55 left in the quarter, we led 2-0.

Just before the first quarter ended, Roy Shimamoto, our left guard, recovered a George fumble on the St. Louis 11. Three plays later Harrington powered in for the touchdown, but then missed the conversion attempt, so now we led 8-0. I was in the game by then and came back out with a bloody nose—and no idea how it happened.

At that point I was fairly sure we would win, and I think nearly all of us felt that way—but not for long. St. Louis took the kickoff and drove more than 70

yards for a touchdown, George's running and passing accounting for most of the yardage.

We led 8-7, and after the kickoff we went nowhere. St. Louis quickly drove downfield again. Finally, Pacarro intercepted a George pass on the goal line and fell forward to the one. Harrington gained a yard, but then—it was just before half-time—we were penalized for delaying the game, moving the ball back to the half-yard line. On the next play—the last play of the first half—Harrington, because of his size and power, took the snap from center instead of Pacarro but fumbled the ball. St. Louis guard Bob Marcial recov-

ered in the end zone for a touchdown. With St. Louis leading 13-8, the crowd stood and roared.

Coach Godfrey stormed onto the field to protest the delaying penalty to referee Ernie Chan, creating the game's most controversial moment. By his own subsequent admission, Godfrey accused Chan of "juicing" the game. Godfrey was also accused of swearing at the officials, but this he denied.

The crowd was still roaring, abusively now, as we left the field. In his half time talk to the team, Godfrey seemed subdued, perhaps because we were to be penalized 15 yards at the start of the second half for unsportsmanlike conduct.

When we kicked off from our 25, St. Louis returned the ball to near midfield. They drove efficiently downfield, with the help of a penalty for piling on, and scored and converted again: St. Louis 20, Punahou 8.

It's a tiresome cliché, but it's true enough—football is a game of momentum. At this point, I was certain we'd lose. But after Harrington had returned the kickoff to the 33, and Pacarro had thrown an incomplete pass, the play of the game occurred. Here is how it was described the next day in *The Honolulu Advertiser*: "The Puns then took command with lightning swiftness... Pacarro faked a run around left end and lateralled out to Henderson, who galloped along the sidelines for 67 yards and the TD."

Here is the truth, which was never published: Pacarro called a 23-quick—a dive play in which Harrington, the No. 2 back, would take the handoff and run through the No. 3 hole, between left guard and tackle. Probably overanxious, Harrington reached the hole before Pacarro could get him the ball. He was swarmed under immediately, and Pacarro, in desperation, ran to his left. He spotted fullback Charlie Henderson and tossed a long lateral to him. Henderson, a defensive specialist, almost never carried the ball, but Harrington's fake, because it wasn't supposed to be a fake, had worked to rare perfection. Henderson raced untouched for the score. It was sheer blind luck.

And it was 20-15 St. Louis now, with six minutes left in the third quarter. At that point the game became an intense defensive struggle. I have two particularly vivid memories of it. Once, in the huddle, Harrington pleaded with us, tears of frustration in his eyes: "Block for me, you guys! Block for me, damn it!" He carried the ball 12 times that day, gaining 46 yards and losing two. The two yards he lost is an indication of how tough the game really was. In three years as a

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