

It's a Long Way Home

Scene—A railway car bringing the tech team home from Galesburg May 2nd, 1913, where the tech lost mainly by their fielding, a total of ten errors being made.

Players lounging around on seats: Coach Schommer walking up and down the aisle.

Schommer—Trinkaus where were you on that hit and run signal Hook gave you in the third?

Trinkaus—Where was I, Why Coach the minute Hook gave me the signal their whole team had it.

Schommer—Did you know what the signal was?

Trinkaus—Why sure, but what could I do?

Schommer—Why didn't you give another signal?

Trinkaus—I'm not running the team.

Schommer—When you boys get in there you forget everything thats ever been taught you.

Trinkaus—The luck was against us.

Schommer—The luck was no such a thing, you could have had ten runs just like that, it wasn't the lucks fault or Knox's fault, it wasn't anybody's fault but your own fault.

Trinkaus—I gave you the best I had coach.

Schommer—I know it Trinkaus, but its a dag gone shame to have the game in your hands and throw it away—what are you doin there Hall?

Hall—Just lookin at a paper.

Schommer—You'd better get out the signals and plays and look at em, that's what I want you to do all week study those signals and plays, if you could carry the signals around in your pocket during the game you'd be all right. But instead of that you get on the field and the signals are in the dressing room and you can't look at em. The place for the signals to be is in your head instead of that you leave em in the dressing room on a piece of paper.

Hall—Uh-Uh.

Schommer—What were you doin thinkin up a new play.

Hall—I couldn't get over there, that ball was out of my territory anyway.

Schommer—Of course it was out of your territory but if you'd a been where you should have been you'd a been where the ball was hit. (Coach pulls out pencil and paper) You should have been right here, instead of that you were right here. No wonder it was out of your territory.

What were you thinkin of "Dutch"?

Herman—I guessed I pulled a boner coach.

