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Miss O'Neill wants everyone in the room to give an oral composition on some sport. Of course I have chosen football--I know football. Probably better than most of the kids. You see, I've been to three games.

Football is very interesting, I'll tell you about it.

It's something like a horse race because there's always a "favorite"--everyone sitting near you wants the same team to win. It's so easy to follow the game that way--if we all stand up and yell, they're winning; we're sitting down--they're losing. Simple?

Naturally we want to be able to see every single play so we arrive early and get our program, popcorn, hot-dog, peanuts, and coke; find the best seat--right in the middle of all the kids--and arrange our blankets. Just everybody takes blankets; to put over, under, around, and on top of you. And besides it looks so sort of "football gamey" and sporty to carry a lot of blankets.

It takes a few minutes to get settled and wave to everyone we know in the bleachers. Then we look up the names of the players: Stradamackalieovitch, Rodslavoberonosky, Mackstonalinakastarsky, Zonillflatterscratch, and McCarthy--they're my favorites. But they're all just darling, and such good players, because they're such nice boys. Now, there are thirteen and a half men on each team--fulls, halves, rights, lefts, middles, a lineman, a waterboy, and then the two teams share one referee. The referee is easy to spot because he's always throwing his hanky around and waving at the audience. The big showoff!

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