

Sideline Chatter

"Enjoyed the article on Cornell very much and of course the Maxwell story was interesting because of the local flavor. I know several people who belong to the Maxwell Club. Swarthmore College is only 15 miles from here."

- Dale Fulmer

West Chester, Penn.

"In the last issue there was an item on the classic game of 1927 between USC and Notre Dame, with a reported crowd of 113,000, the greatest throng that ever witnessed a gridiron struggle in America. I attended Austin High in Chicago and there was a photograph that hung in the hallway, taken from the horseshoe end of Soldier Field during the Prep City Title game of 1937 between Austin and Leo High. A crowd reported at over 120,000 saw Bill DeCorrevant and Austin prevail by a 26-0 score."

- Glen Lindas

Little Rock, Ark.

"I have loved college football since I bought my first Football Annual in 1931. I have followed the various annuals through the current issues."

- Arthur Beldon

Indianapolis, Ind.

"Read in the article on Georgia Tech about the 10-9 game between Cleveland Naval Reserve and Pittsburgh in 1918. Whenever I read of the game, I like to pass along the following from football historian Earl R. Jessen concerning Pitt: 'a post-season game with the Cleveland Naval Reserve was played ... (and) Pittsburgh came out on the short end in a 10-9 loss to the Navy all stars, a great service team, but it must be stated that the Panthers were robbed. The game was officiated by a famous baseball player who knew little or nothing about football and penalized the Panthers while letting the service team go with all sorts of mistakes. Finally he arbitrarily overruled the timekeepers and let the final period run 49 minutes until the service team scored, the whole thing being a sorry farce. Pitt refused to consider the game in their records and Coach Warner never recognized it.'"

- Bob Kirlin

Spokane, Wash.

"I'm a follower of Ohio State football for 60 years. The pageantry and allure of big time football in the Big Ten arena has been a joy unlimited!"

- Carroll Sollars

Mansfield, Ohio

"Norman Sper was a prewar college football expert who started a paperback book series, apparently in 1942. The one book I have in his series carries the title NORMAN SPER'S FOOTBALL ALMANAC-MIDWESTERN SECTION. What the book contains is game by game yardage breakdowns of all the 1941 games for the Big Ten, the Big Six, certain Midwest independents, and then a selection of other major teams from around the country. What makes the Sper series a key Forties football reference source is that his books straighten out the yards gained-yards lost mess that, he reveals, still bedeviled official NCAA stats reporting as late as 1941. If any member knows how many Sper books were in the series, or has a copy of one in their files I would be very interested in corresponding on this topic."

- Mark Purcell

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"I believe that what is needed are articles on teams and players that Allison Danzig did NOT include in his great work 'The History of American Football' (1956)... My main interest is the 1940's and 1950's. I graduated from Rutgers in 1962, and during my senior year the school had an undefeated season, led by Captain Alex Kroll."

- Alex Everitt Jr

Lafayette, New Jersey

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