

My Football Notebook

** In the Ohio State-Penn State game of 1912, Coach Richards of Ohio had objected frequently to the "unnecessarily rough playing" of the visitors from Penn State. With five minutes left to play, and Penn State leading 37-0, Richards withdrew the Ohio State team from the field and the officials awarded Penn State the game by a score of 1 to 0. Today's scorebooks record the game as it stood when play was halted.

** In 1931 Bob Zuppke commented on the merits of the various football schools of thought with: "the best system is eleven men who can run faster and harder, and block and tackle better than the other fellows."

** On Nov. 9, 1935 the football team of the University of Hawaii was in far-from-home Colorado to take on the U. of Denver. With 35 seconds left to play, and the game tied, Rambeaux of Denver intercepted a pass and raced 63 yards to the TD that produced a 14-7 win over the travel-weary Hawaiians.

** In 1930, with a great fog covering Princeton's Palmer Stadium, Yale's Tom Taylor fired a long fourth quarter pass into the end-zone where Pat Sullivan "came up out of the mist" to make the catch for the TD and give Yale a 10-7 win. As the game ended and the Yale fans stormed the field to tear down the goal posts, Damon Runyon reported that "the young men of old Nassau battled valiantly in defense of their goal posts. There were a dozen fist fights and many a bloody nose as they withstood the onslaught of the Yale men. In the ordinary walks of life you would call these things riots, but in dear old college days it came under the head of fun." A week later Runyon watched Harvard defeat Yale 13-0, which stunned the Yale men to the extent that they did not oppose the Harvard students quick destruction of the goal posts. This caused Runyon to note that "the hostilities were so light that some of the spectators are thinking of demanding their money back."