

Sideline Chatter



"I enjoy immensely the 'offbeat' grid stories. I've spent a lifetime trying to get football to emulate baseball in scope, records and tomes, but we still lag by miles! Note a couple errors in the Nov. issue the Albright Little A-A of 1937 was Dick Riffle; NYU's 1928 foe was Alfred, not Alford."

- Carroll Sollars, Mansfield, Ohio

"The weekend of July 22-24, six members met in Cincinnati at the College Hall of Fame. The fellowship and discussions were outstanding. Anyone thinking about coming and then not doing so will never know what they missed!"

- Bob Grube, Easton, Penn.

"I was raised about three blocks north of the SMU campus. SMU was kind to 'depression day' kids, as they let high schoolers in for 50¢, and I don't think I missed an SMU game from 1933 through 1937. I attended high school at Highland Park High which later produced Bobby Layne and Doak Walker. One of my neighborhood friends was Dick Dwelle who later starred at Rice. Dick and I in our late grammar school years, and in my first year of H.S., spent hours playing a Howard Jones Football Game at my house. I went to the University of Missouri and I knew Paul Christman quite well. Kenny Haas, the captain of the 1939 Orange Bowl Tigers, was a fraternity brother of mine, and a close friend, as well as Jack Cracker, the 1940 Missouri football captain. In 1944 I was at Yankee Stadium and saw Blanchard and Davis annihilate Notre Dame. I was at the Cotton Bowl game when Rice narrowly defeated 'Whizzer' White - not Colorado - as he was a one-man show."

- Tom Shoop, Colorado Springs, Col.

"I enjoyed the article on the 1943 Purdue team and have the program of the Marquette game. Would like to get a Xerox copy of a '43 Purdue home program."

- James Rasco, 5222 Scenic Drive, Little Rock Ark. 72207

"I tend to agree with A. Everitt's comment on articles about teams already in major histories. Unless the researcher is able to expand the information it offers little to the reader. The goal should be to include at least one newly researched article in each issue. Keep up the good work."

- Bob Theile, Winona, Minnesota

"Concerning the article on 1928 NYU, I note that the author of the article does not rank Boston College as among the top four Eastern teams of 1928. If there had been a Lambert Trophy awarded in 1928, I doubt if any team other than Boston College would have won it. The Eagles were the contemporary consensus of 1928 football followers as champions of the East. In his book 'The History of American Football', author Allison Danzig wrote that Boston College was the best team in the East in 1928 and ranked with the best in the country. In his book 'Bypaths Of Glory', author Tim Cohane wrote that the perfect-record 1928 Boston College team, eastern champions, was B.C.'s best, except for Frank Leahy's 1940 Sugar Bowl champs. Richard Poling rates Boston College #1 and Army #2 for the 1928 East, while Football Historian Earl R. Jessen rates Boston College #1, Carnegie Tech as #2 and Army as #3. Now in view of ALL this, am I supposed to accept Army as Eastern champions of 1928 and Boston College not in the top four?"

- Bob Kirlin, Spokane, Washington

"I always enjoy the section called 'My Football Notebook'."

- Herb Tiedemann, San Carlos, Cal.