

My Football Notebook

** On Nov 5, 1910 Syracuse beat visiting Vermont 3-0 "in one of the most fiercely contested football games ever played at the stadium", as Waite kicked a field goal with one minute left to play. The news dispatch said "It was a game where old-style football predominated. The last half was unusually rough, several players being almost denuded of their clothes."

** In the final game of the 1942 season Eddie McGovern, sophomore halfback of Rose Poly, scored 30 points (4 TD's and 6 PAT's) in a 48-0 win over Principia College. This gave him a season total of 165 points on 23 TD's and 27 PAT's in 6 games. In 1943 McGovern would star for Illinois.

** At their annual meeting for 1903, the faculty representatives of the nine schools making up the Western Conference (now the Big Ten) rejected the applications of Nebraska and Notre Dame for membership. The rejections were on the grounds that admission would make the conference unwieldy.

** On Nov 10, 1934 Tampa U. fans were "aroused to fury by two decisions" during Birmingham Southern's 13-12 win over the hometown Spartans. On one play Referee Shelton had called back a 76-yard Tampa TD run for holding, and later disallowed an apparent safety. After the game the Tampa fans "attempted to mob Shelton. He was slugged twice, but escaped when several prominent citizens escorted him to a taxicab."

** On Nov 30, 1911 the Mount St Mary's team was enroute to Washington D.C. by train for that day's game when they were involved in a "railroad wreck". The Blue and White squad managed to reach the stadium over an hour late for kickoff, and it was no surprise when they lost 8-3 to Catholic U.

** On Nov 14, 1942 Columbia was holding a 9-6 lead over Navy with less than two minutes left to play. From midfield little Hal Hamberg of Navy launched a long pass to Al Channell at the Columbia 21. But it was too hard and bounced off his finger tips, past the grasping clutch of a Lion and into the hands of Hillis Hume of Navy, who sidestepped several tacklers and dashed the last 16 yards for the TD to give Navy a 13-9 victory.