

Sideline Chatter



"What are the chances of your scrounging up info on old players like John Bender of Nebraska? The Central Plains and the Southwest had a lot of good players who were barely mentioned in the Eastern press in the old days."

- Bob Royce

Arcadia, Cal.

"The story on Johnny Papit really interested me, I saw that game at Franklin Field when Virginia beat Penn for the first time. The Philly papers were saying how Penn would bottle up Johnny and give him no room. Well they ate crow after that game."

- Bob Grube

Easton, Penn.

"One of the great games was in 1905 when Chicago upset Michigan 2-0. That game would certainly be a good subject for Archie Prescott's 'Time Tunnel' series. This game was the end of an era in Michigan football."

- Ralph Marson

Centerline, Mich.

"I've seen the historical film that Slip Madigan did at St. Mary's and his offense looked very similar to Rockne's at Notre Dame. Most of the coaches with Notre Dame or similar backgrounds in the 20's and 30's ran the box formation and followed Rockne's teachings very closely."

- Ed Racely

Atherton, Cal.

"I hope you follow up with the same type of story for Chicago and Walter Steffen for the 1908 season. How well I remember the great San Francisco team of 1951. Little did any of us realize how many outstanding players were on that team. The interview of Billy Hillenbrand was a nice feature."

- Herb Tiedemann

San Carlos, Cal.

"The opening paragraph about Ollie Matson was one of the most exciting leads I've ever seen. After that fine beginning the article doesn't let down for a minute. I'm an Ollie Matson fan all over again."

- Rod Reed

Pine Bush, N.Y.