# RESULT OF MICHIGAN AND AGGIES GAME SHOULD BENEFIT PENN FOR WOLVERINE CONTEST

## WESTERN DEBUT OF OUR OWN 'DUTCH' SOMMER AN IMPORTANT FEATURE OF SATURDAY'S GAMES

Michigan vs. Aggies Clash Also Will Give Red and Blue a Line on Yost's Team, Which Should Help When Quakers Play at Ann Arbor on Nov. 18

AUTHOUGH the so-called "big" teams will not mingle next Saturday, that is, outside of Penn and State, several important battles will be put on. Out in Ann Arbor, the Michigan Angles will appear against Yost's Michigan eleven and although it is a little off our regular beat, the game will attract some little attention in Philadelphia. Michigan meets Penn on November 18, and the Red and Blue acouts will have an opportunity to get a line on the strength of the Wolverines, which should help some. But the thing that interests us most is Frank "Dutch" Sommer's debut as a Western football coach. Dutch succeeded John Mackiln this year and Saturday he will appear in his first important contest.

Sommer made quite a reputation in the East with Mercersburg, Colgate,

Pennsylvania Military College and Villanova. In his six years of coaching, he never has lost an important game, and it is believed he will keep his record clean against Michigan. Dutch started his football career at Central High School ar a lineman, but his speed and line plunging ability won him a place in the ckfield when he came out for the team at Penn. After graduation, he coached Mercersburg in 1911 and made such a hit there that he was selected to coach Colgate the following year. In 1913 he was asked to return, but would not sign, believing he was to be appointed assistant to George Brooke at Franklin Field. When this fell through it was too late to go back to Colgate and he spent the fall coaching Pennsylvania Military College. Here Sommer showed his true worth, he turned out the best team the cadets ever had. In 1914 and 1915, Dutch was at Villanova, where he more than made good.

nmer is a great believer in the open game, and his forward pass formans have dazzled all of his foes. He has taught this style of game to the Aggies and hopes to put it over on Michigan. Dutch has a new backfield, however, and must guard against ragged playing of the men. Julian, Deprato and Blake Miller have played their four years and it has been a difficult task to fill their places. Sommer has selected light, speedy men as backs and it remains to be seen how they stand up under fire.

As for Michigan, little or nothing is known of the strength of the team. In the early games, large scores have been run up, but this gave no line on the team. At the beginning of the season, ten of Yost's varsity squad were under the faculty ban and could not even practice until several conditions were removed. Perhaps these men have passed their exams, but if not, the Ann Arborites will be in bad shape. However, Johnny Maulbetsch is still there and he will make trouble for any team.

### Tibbott's Kick May Be Season's Record

TTS A little early for football records, but Dave Tibbott's forty-six-yard drop kick against Tufts last Saturday looks like a good mark to shoot at in 1916. It was a wonderful boot, the direction was perfect and although it seemed to be ready to fall short before it reached the goal posts, the ball did not begin to drop until after it had cleared the bar by at least two yards,

Looking over the dope in the back of the rules book, we find that forty-six yards is a mighty good distance for a drop kick. The record, up to last year, was held by Pat O'Dea, the great Wisconsin fullback, who booted one over from the 62-yard line in a game against Northwestern in 1898. Pat had the wind behind him, however, which caused him to make the try. Last year, Mark Payne, of the Dakota Wesleyan team, dropped one over the bar from the 63-yard line, which is the world's record. J. T. Haxall, of Princeton, holds the record for the longest goal from placement. Way back in 1882 he kicked a goal from the 65-yard line in the Yale game, which was SOME kick.

This mark has not even been threatened by the modern booters, the nearest being J. P. Davis, of Dickinson, who kicked a goal from placement from the 58-yard line against the University of Pittsburgh in 1905. Last year the best mark was 48 yards, made after a fair catch and not behind a line of scrimmage.

Drop kicking is getting more popular each year. It is used as the last resort when the distance is too great to score a touchdown or there are only a few seconds left to play. Charley McGuckin, of Villanova, holds the record for 1915, kicking nine field goals in the season. He kicked four of these in one inter-

### Multiple Kick of No Value

UST what did Foster Sanford, the Rutgers coach, give Penn in the way of trick plays? It surely must have been something besides the new multiple kick that has been getting so much publicity, as the latter play is not practical enough to be of great value to the Red and Blue, and every one seems to be real pleased over what Sanford told Folwell and his backfield,

Rutgers may have worked the kick successfully once or twice, but it is not a od play, and never will be a success, for the simple reason that the opposing line must be weefully weak or it is impossible to get the kick off, while there also is no defense if the kick should happen to be blocked or the kicker should boot the ball straight into his own line.

To work the multiple kick it is necessary for the quarterback and two other cks to be stretched out on the ground. The quarterback takes the ball from the center and places it in the cup made by two players lying at full length, as when an ordinary place kick is being made. The manner in which the ball is held makes the kick virtually a kick-off and great distance should be gotten after it is mastered, but it is strictly a picture play. It is all right in theory, and worked out well in practice, but in a game is too dangerous to be worth the risk

A strong line could break through and block the kick more than half the time, while it is extremely difficult for the kicker to get distance or accuracy when hurried. The play was tried on Franklin Field yesterday, and from what we saw of it, would say that it is a blind, and that Folwell has no intention of using it in a game. Sanford is a theorist and his plays always look better in practice than In actual combat, whereas Folwell is practical and does not like to meddle with risky plays. Sanford brought something else with him, and we are anxious to

### Is Harlow Trying to Fool Penn Coaches?

Is Coach Harlow, of State College, boosting Beck to the skies to throw Penn off the track, and has he another star he intends to pull on Penn while the Red and Blue is concentrating its efforts to stop this youngster, who has been touted as the greatest halfback of recent years? The Penn coaches have been asking these questions of each other for the last three days, and have about decided not to place too much stock in the reports, playing the game safe instead.

It often happens that a coach will boost one player so strongly that he is a marked man for the rest of the season, but while the opposing team is taking care of the "blind" another player suddenly blossoms forth and upsets the dope. If the team play is built around a certain player the coaches like to cover him up as

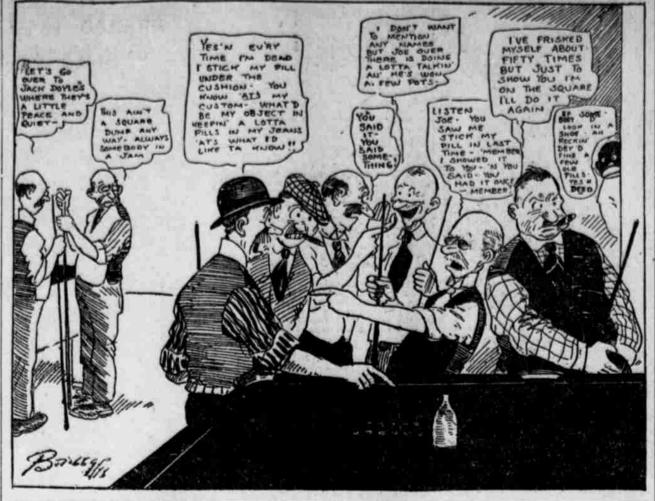
much as possible, allowing others to be praised to the skies.

If Coach Harlow, of State, had not been so insistent in trying to impres n Philadelphians that Beck was such a wonderful player nothing would be ught about the matter, but after the State coach apparently had taken pains to see that Beck was boosted strongly by the local papers, Coach Folwell and his assistants became suspicious, and they are inclined to believe that Harlow has something up his sleeve, with some other backfield player taking the leading role.

It has been keeping the magnates busy since the season closed making als of rumors that certain managers were to be deposed. First we heard Joe Tinker was to go, and this even leaked out before the end of August, but sident Weeghman immediately said there was nothing to it. Now comes a ort that Jimmy Callahan, of the Pirates, is about to be turned loose and Fred Clarke placed in charge again.

American tennis players plan an invasion of the Orient. Already Harold ockmorton, of Elizabeth, N. J., and George M. Church, of Tenafly, N. J., ve entered the Manila tourney which will be held in January. After this ney the American pair expect to leave for Japan, where they will take part the first tournament in that country.

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## CYNWYD LANDS **CHAMPIONSHIP IN** TENNIS LEAGUE

Titleholders Beaten in Last Tristate Match by Belfield Team, 5 to 4

BANQUET ON NOVEMBER 29

The curtain was rung down on the 1916 The curtain was rung down on the 1916 competition in the Tristate Tennis League at Cynwyd yesterday, when the Belfield Country Club defeated Cynwyd by five matches to four. Despite the defeat, which was the first of the season, by the way, Cynwyd won the championship by a comfortable margin. Although the new champions were not at full strength, Johnson and Tilden being absent, Belfield's victory was a meritorious one. Captain Paul W. Gibbons was the only member of the home team to win in both singles and doubles. team to win in both singles and doubles. His triumph over C. C. Willits gave him a clean score of twelve victories in the singles. Dr. P. B. Hawk is the league's new individual champion, for although he and Gibbons have won the same number of matches. Doctor Hawk is awarded the championship by virtue of having played higher on the team. Gibbons is the individual doubles champion, his partner for that honor being P. S. Osborn. Gibbons lost only one match and Osborne five.

ost only one match and Osborne five.

The team and individual prizes will be awarded at the annual banquet of the Philadelphia and District Lawn Tennis Association, which will be held on November 29. Cynwyd and Belfield have two unfinished ubles matches which will probably not be played. Cynwyd and Overbrook also have one unfinished match. There is still one whole series to be played between Over-brook and Wilmington. An attempt will be made to play it next Saturday, but fall-ing this the standing will remain as it is. Should Overbrook win eight out of the nine remaining matches from Wilmington the remaining matches from Wilmington the

### AMATEUR FOOTBALL NOTES

SUITS TO ORDER

### SCHOLASTIC BOOTS AND FUMBLES

First and second team soccer schedules have seen announced by Manager Harry Labrum, of entral High School. Captain McDermott and iterrick are the only veterans from last year's seam. McDermott is the only one-armed soccer player it local scholastic ranks. Last season McDermott was an all-scholastic choice.

None of the high schools is affected by the ecent freshmen rule barring first-year men rom football competition. The rule covers Cenral, Northeast, West Philadelphia, South Philadelphia, Frankford and Germantown. Coaches if the various schools say they had no freshmen candidates capable for varsity positions.

Captain Rosetsky, fullback for South Phila-ciphia High's eleven, is displaying great form carrying the ball. He gives promise to prove inself among the leading backfield men in local cholastic ranks. The downtown school never as been represented by a good football team, ut this year Couch Johnston expects to have winning combination. The team's first game of the season ended in a scoreless tie with Lower terion.

FOOTBALL. SOCCER Northeast High second. 1: Pedagony. 1.

Greenleaf Leads Taberski With Cue

Results of Scholastic Games Played Yesterday

# How to Get South American Trade

DETAILED list of the customs duties and other charges which must be paid before American goods can be cleared in Brazil is a feature of Raymond G. Carroll's fifth article on South America in Sunday's Public Ledger. On Tuesday Philadelphia commenced a new steamship service to Brazil. Mr. Carroll's article is of special interest to all who are interested in the export business.

## CHANGE NEEDED IN BASEBALL THAT WILL INCREASE GENERAL INTEREST THROUGHOUT SEASON

Rice Suggests Major Leagues Divide Scheduler and Winners of Each Half Meet to Decide World's Series Contenders

By GRANTLAND RICE

DEAR SIRS, etc. You have seen, on an average, for the last ten years base ball interest fade completely out in twelve of your sixteen major-league camps after

You have seen the hope that springs ster-nal in the baseball breast in April a with-ered and a broken thing in three-fourths of

ered and a broken thing in three-fourths of your cities after July, with only three or four contenders left.

Also, you have seen an enlarging smear and a growing scramble each fall for the world series \$0 and 40, with the prices finally boosted to \$5 a grandstand seat, and the losing end sufficiently ample to take the sting away from defeat, and thereby

soften competition.

Evidently a change is needed that will increase general interest throughout the season and that also will help to supplant the financial frenzy of October with a few ingredients of sportsmanship.

### Suggests Remedy

In this connection the following remedy suggested: First to divide each major league sea-

1. First to divide each major league season into two parts—the first extending from April 15 through July Fourth, and the second from July 5 to September 20.

The public at Jarge likes a sprint better than \$\tilde{e}\$ marathon, anyway. Having split the season, then let the National and American Leagues play out a seven or nine game semifinal, the winners to represent their leagues in the world series final; where, for both the semifinal and the final play only the USUAL PRICES shall be charged for admittance.

for admittance.
You will find through this system a continued interest through May and June, and a new interest built up in the second dash after July Fourth, where weaker clubs will have had the chance to add on increased strength and not be wrecked by a poor start.

### Revival of Interest

or disorder.

You also will have a big revival in four towns through the last two weeks in September when the play-off comes, where, as a rule, interest is about as lively as a dead

You may object that under this arrange ment the other twelve cities will be out of it after September 20. They will. But as affairs run now the

other twelve towns on an average are out of it on August 20, with the attendance anywhere between 500 and 800 paid. By adopting this system general interest

could be maintained in all sixteen camps the greater part of the year. The September finish would be a spec-tacular affair for both leagues with a new

punch added to the game.

And the early October world's series at NORMAL PRICES would be a worthy climax where the rush for gold wasn't the entire scenario.

At the worst this arrangement would be

a great improvement over the present ord

At the best it would add eighty-bre a

# A Few Lines in Reply

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The expected protest from National League fans came in our suggestion in for years the younger circuit had classed the old. "If you were not a be writed one unprejudiced, fair-minded tional League follower, "you would that in twelve world series the American League has won only four more new virtually a stand-off."

Which has nothing whatsoever is with the last seven years. From it through 1909 the National League classed the American League, and more in cold and pallid type. Through a period the older league had the Cua Gliants and the Pirates—better manthan anything Johnson's circuit his show.

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The result was that in the five series from 1905 to 1902 the National League won eighteen games against — a margain of two to one. Also be series. But with the passing of the Cubs, Giants and Pirates—with the of such stars as Brown, Matheway, and, Chance, Kling, Hofman, Mollandeville, otc., the National League by to droop. to droop.

### American Now Supreme

Our contention covered only the he seven years. And in the last seves put the American League has won six series out of seven and has won tensor four games against thirteen.

If these figures fall to back up the of our stand, then box scores and standings should be tossed into the where they boil blubber and chees.

Recalling the widespread propher April, wasn't it a shame that Owner nin wrecked and dismantled such a ball club by seiling Tris Speaker?

National League managers and pay joshing Brooklyn also might consist to —if Brooklyn was bad just how good at the clubs that Brooklyn beat consists all the year?

After perusing most of the ante-written, Brooklyn ball players desire a know what is meant by 'the boo-setting in a world series." They as never panned half as much when to



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