

"A Dear Sam Letter"

Sam's Song

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We would like to go on record as favoring football's one-platoon system. However, we are looking forward in the years to come, and feel that the fans, coaches, and sports-writers should do their utmost to prevent any resumption of the two-platoon.

Some may share the feeling, as we do, of a former Dartmouth linesman, who acidly denounced the two-platoon rule as a creator of "sixty second sissies." It's nice to see as many boys as possible get the opportunity to play, but football has

been much of an enjoyment to us. With a host of players coming in every few minutes, we don't get to know the players very well nor is there any continuity as there has been this season.

We not only want a player to follow his offensive pattern but to study his opponent's trick plays and exercise his initiative which show his all-around ability.

If any coach or fan presents the argument that the pros are doing it (two-platoon) and are still attracting fans, we believe they should scrutinize sports-writer Whitney Martin's statement which read: "That the pro teams play a more finished brand of football is recognized. Each man knows what he should do and how to do it. After all, they are college post grads, you might say, and wouldn't be paid to play unless they were capable."

If they present the so-called fact that the one-platoon is detrimental as far as injuries are concerned, here again, we believe, their argument is defeated. Ten direct deaths from football have been reported thus far to the fatality committee of the American football coaches association—a figure well below the average over the last 20 years that the national survey has been taken.

Biggi Munn, Michigan State football coach, recently offered a suggestion that he called "the ideal rule setup on platoon football." Not in our estimation, however. "Why not allow the two platoons again?" he said. "Then coaches who still like the single platoon system could play just one platoon. There's nothing to stop those who like the horse and buggy days of football from playing under that system."

If this is permitted, football would be back in the two-platoon era. What Munn probably doesn't know (or doesn't care to profess) is that many coaches used the two-platoon in self-defense.

Since everyone is making a suggestion, we have one too. This, we believe, will aid the one-platoon rather than take it out. In fact, we feel it would

relinquish several drawbacks that a coach now possesses in this modern platoon era. Whether or not our setup does, we would like to hear from you (the reader), with additions, corrections, and/or suggestions. Our suggestion to football's NCAA:

The coach should be allowed to substitute a maximum of 15 players each quarter (this does not include the 11 starting players in each period). However, in the last four minutes of the fourth quarter the coach be permitted to use free substitutions (although once taken out of the game, the player is not allowed to return).

The aforementioned ruling would permit the coach to use his third and fourth stringers for experience should his team run up the score.

Clarifying the 15-player substitutions, the coach will be able to take out his star for a rest and still be able to insert him in the game (at anytime) each time counting him as one player. Each person entered into the quarter is counted until a total of 15 players have been substituted.

This ruling, we believe, would prevent situations where the

Phi Kappa Sigma Leads IM Race

By ROY WILLIAMS

Phi Kappa Sigma crept past two boxing powerhouses last night at Rec Hall in the intramural race when it won two bouts to add ten points to its record and to take a five point lead over Sigma Nu and Phi Sigma Kappa which are tied for second with 50 points.

Both Sigma Nu and Phi Kappa Sigma still have three entries fighting for individual crowns while Phi Sigma Kappa, Delta Upsilon, Chi Phi, and Sigma Pi each have two. DU is in fourth place with 40 points, Sigma Pi is fifth with 35 points, and Chi Phi and Phi Kappa Psi are tied for sixth with 25 points each.

In the 135-pound class, Alan McChesney of Phi Kappa Sigma again won by a TKO, when he displayed his usual aggressive style despite a free and hard swinging DU, Art Marks. Phi Kappa Sigma's second winner was Don Martin, 145-pounder, whose speed outlasted the feinting of Lambda Chi Alpha's Hand.

Jim McGraw, 128-pounder, kept after Theo Balabanis, Phi Kappa Psi, as he kept up the pace with effective rights to gain Phi Sigma Kappa's only win of the evening. Sam Hancock was defeated by Buz Pierce, Phi Kappa Phi, who landed continual facial and mid-section punches, although Hancock dodged a number of Pierce's offerings.

Hough Defeats Galloway
Sigma Nu won its only match of the night when Walt Hough and Bob Galloway, Phi Sigma Kappa, put on the best slugging duel of the evening. The 145-pounder from Sigma Nu displayed his full power although his opponent had the reach on him.

Gary Nugent, Sigma Pi, outlasted Delta Sigma Phi's 135-

coaches' star is sitting on the bench and is not permitted to re-enter the game.

We think our suggestion would improve the modern one-platoon era. Do you?

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Kuenn "Rookie of Year"

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (AP)—Harvey Kuenn, brilliant Detroit Tiger shortstop, today was selected as the American League's rookie of the year by a vote of 23 out of 24 members of the most valuable players committee of the Baseball Writers Assn.

ZBT, combined an effective right jab, and a third round lead to defeat Walt Fresch, Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Phi Kappa's Dillon won a split decision over Jack Cleland of Phi Kappa Sigma, and Bob Winter, Beta Theta Pi, and Delta Sigma Phi's. Lozaw belted each other head to head as Winter copped the 155-pound match.

Cecil Wellen, Acacia, staggered his 175-pound opponent late in the first round with amazing right hooks, and finally TKO'd Alpha Chi Rho's Fodor early in the second round.

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