

# THE PAGE OF SPORTS

IF IT'S HERE IT'S RIGHT

View of Thanksgiving Day Game, Showing Famous Idaho Spread



The above photo was taken during the Utah-Idaho game, and shows the formation known as the Idaho spread or Idaho sweep. The Idaho team can be seen spread out across the field. In this play the center passes the ball to any of the four men in the back field—the fifth seen in the photo is Santschi—and a run, kick or forward pass is then possible.

## S-P-O-R-T-O-L-O-G-Y

BY W. D. RISHEL.

Thanksgiving closed the football season in Utah and, while the university did not come home with the Rocky Mountain championship, it might have been worse. Utah got away badly. The lesson taught by this season is that the only ones during the season, and the writer is firmly of the opinion that the Utah team of the season's end could have changed the results had the games been played within the last month. Utah's weak line lost its games in Colorado, but the same line strengthened itself to a remarkable degree as the season progressed. This was shown in both the Boulder and Idaho game, where Utah easily overcame its opponents. Their victory is due to the efforts of Jimmy Gartland, a former Denver sporting writer, more than any other person. Gartland began work at the close of last season to get an aggregation of football players together, and he succeeded in placing a number of them on the list of victors scored by Denver U. This school has been one of Utah's rivals for many years and, as champions, will concede that Utah gave them their hardest game this year. It is one of the few Colorado schools that has taken its defeats at the hand of Utah without grumbling. Year after year the Methodists have been trounced by everybody, and instead of yelling "robber," came back smiling for more. This sort of a strike is to be admired, and as long as the title cannot rest on the east bench, it may go to the Denver U. with Utah's best wishes.

**Idaho a Football Rival.**  
Utah has another rival for football honors in the future, and that is Idaho. Coach Maddock desired to extend his field of activity this year, and picked upon the aggregation from Moscow as a competitor. The game on Thanksgiving day, it was shown, that Idaho has a football team, and in the future Utah will have to defend itself from that direction as well as from Colorado. When the game with Idaho was announced, it was hard to convince many here that Idaho could play football. For days before the game it was announced through these columns that Idaho, a fast and snappy aggregation, would meet Maddock's team on Thanksgiving day, but because little was known locally of the team, many were afraid it would be a walkaway for the state varsity. While it is pretty hard to get a line on the strength of Middleton's team from the Thanksgiving game, yet they handled themselves well enough to convince the 2,000 who saw them that they are not weaklings at the game. The two teams will probably meet again next year, and local fans will be interested in the outcome.

**Outlook for High Schools.**  
The season just closed also showed that in the future Utah may look forward to some great games in the high school class. For years it was all the Salt Lake High school. Then Ogden came forward, and finally All Hallows became a factor in the championships. This year the Granite High school sprang up with wonderful stride and proved to the older schools that in the future all would not be clear sailing. To the southward, the American Fork High school has taken up the sport, and by next season hopes to compete with the older and more experienced teams of the

state. Park City is also doing good work, and while the boys as yet are a little light and inexperienced, a good coach and a few more husky youngsters on the team will work wonders in this school. It all goes to show that football is becoming more popular as a sport in Utah, and it also shows that in the future the state university may greatly strengthen itself by looking toward these schools for material.

**Champion That Came Back.**  
Can a champion who is once knocked out come back and defeat the man who won his title? Yes, he can. For years it has been a common belief in fighting circles that this could not be done, but Stanley Ketchell completely demonstrated that it was easy when he sent Billy Papke down for the count at Corfrot's place on Thanksgiving day. Ketchell certainly upset all previous dope in that fight, and he clearly demonstrated that he is one of the greatest fighters of the age. In spite of the odds against him, he had many friends who picked him to win, believing that his former defeat was due to poor condition and a lousy punch, and after it is all over, one cannot but wonder how they ever thought Papke had a chance. Now that Ketchell is champion again, he should remember the lesson taught by his defeat at Los Angeles. At that time Ketchell was not in shape for a battle. He did not think it worth while to train. He lost the world's championship through this mistake, and in the future should take better care of himself.

**Everybody Challenges Bat.**  
It seems to be the prevailing style among the lightweights these days when out of a fight to spend their time challenging Battling Nelson. The sports hits attention to these challenges, and in this he has the backing of the sporting public. Nelson has replied to several of them by asking them to fight Joe Gans and show some class, but although these same fighters call Gans a "beat" one, none is willing to mix with him. Last week Gans posted a forfeit of \$1,000 and challenged Paddy McFarland for a six-round bout in Philadelphia. Harry Gilmore, manager of McFarland, sidestepped the fight by claiming McFarland would not meet Gans for a shorter route than twenty rounds. Otto Photo takes a fall out of a lot of these fellows looking for a reputation, and he about voices the opinion of the general public. He says:  
"It makes a fellow smile every time he reads some of the lightweight statements just before a battle. One and all will tell you that if they win they are in Nelson's class. Why not all of them meet Joe Gans first and then if they beat the colored fighter some one will pay attention to their claims of being in Nelson's class. For take it from me, that over a route the famous fighter will trim them all just as fast as they can be brought to him."

**Protected Baseball a Joke.**  
Is protected baseball a joke? It begins to look that way. For some time the California state league has been an outcast concern and all of its players have been on the black list of the major leagues and the National association. That is, these organizations have said this was the case. Last week a player named Hooper of Sacramento was signed by Boston for the coming season. How Boston can sign a black-listed player is hard to understand to the average layman. The blacklist seems to work only sometimes, and this is one of the times when it does not.

Either Spokane's present generation of growing men are to become physical giants or the average Spokane youth is mighty slow getting through high school. Judging, of course, entirely from their school football teams.

The Colorado schools are so busy these days in charging each other with

## Pitcher Had Assist on Strike Out

If there is nothing new under the sun there is something new on the baseball field. The man who wrote the nothing new gag evidently wasn't a fan. One of the first queries a youthful fan learning to score asks is "Does the pitcher get an assist on a strike out?" Whereupon you respond in a positive voice and with a withering glance, "Why, of course not." That is, the pitcher usually doesn't get the assist. Sometimes he does. The Ohio State league, a thriving organization, which ran to unusual pitching feats last season, records an instance of where a pitcher struck out a batsman and retired him at first base on an assist.

On Aug. 10 Newark played at Portsmouth. Now the Portsmouth team was pretty punk and trailed the rear portion of the league consistently all season. Crichton, a pitcher who deserved a better fate, was working for the tailenders and seemed to have everything. The opposition had only

nine hits that day, well distributed, and managed to get a couple of runs. In the latter part of the contest Crichton had his drop ball going strong. The ball staggered up to the plate and fell away in great shape. The Newark persons were swinging wild on the same and looking ridiculous most of the time. Finally Winters, the catcher, came to bat. This man never did have much patience at the plate. He swung on two drops and missed them. The third came floating up a little low. Winters took another swing. He missed and turning noticed the catcher didn't have the ball. Thereupon he dug for first base. He ambled down the line as fast as his weight would allow and almost dropped dead when he saw the ball shoot from the pitcher to the first baseman and he was called out. Investigation showed the ball had dropped so fast it struck the front end of the plate and rebounded into Crichton's hands. He was given credit for a strike out and an assist on the same play.

## UNHOLZ-THOMPSON WAS POOR CARD

The recent twenty-round battle between "Cyclone Johnny" Thompson and Rudolph Unholz at San Francisco drew the smallest gate receipts of any battle that has been pulled off on the coast in a long time. There was only \$1,400 taken in, and as it cost the club considerably more than that to put on the bout the chances are that the officials lost nearly \$2,000 on the show. Each of the fighters received \$500 for his end.



THREE FOOTBALL OFFICIALS WHO LIKE IT.

A snap shot of the above trio was taken at the Thanksgiving game. They are: Freeman Bassett, field judge, on the left; Elwood Brown, umpire, in the center; and Lieutenant Santschi, referee, on the right. In Utah, where they are well known, they are looked upon as competent officials, in spite of the fact that defeated Colorado teams speak of them as robbers.

## GREATEST PLAY EVER INVENTED

Famous Guards Back of Pennsylvania Best Grounder Under Old Style.

"Mike" Murphy, head trainer of the University of Pennsylvania, hero of the Olympic games and regarded as the best athletic trainer in America, was asked to tell what he considered the greatest play ever invented. This was his answer: "Undoubtedly the greatest play that was ever invented, the one which had most to do with revolutionizing the game and one which is largely responsible for our present attitude toward reforming football, is the famous old 'guards back,' invented by George Woodruff, the old Pennsylvania coach, in 1886.

"It was in this year that the Pennsylvania team was having a strenuous time with an unusually long and hard schedule. Several of the smaller colleges had given the Quakers hard battles, and a new game was looked forward to as a possible defeat. "Woodruff, who all along had seemed to have his team well in hand, had been working hard behind closed gates on a new formation. A guard was drawn back to the line directly behind the center on the opposite of the line, while the half and fullbacks were close upon his heels. The other half was within easy reach of the fullback, a little to one side. With this formation the 'varsity' battered the scrub, mainly trying to buck the line.

**Play is Improved.**  
"For a while the play met with only fair success, gaining small distances. The keen eye of the Penn coach soon detected the reason for the small gains, and the remedy was soon forthcoming. The first guard was started a little sooner, while the men behind passed slightly, then plunged forward striking the first man and lifting him straight through the line like a huge battering ram. Gradually the Quakers picked his openings and occasionally darted through tackle instead of center and guard.

"In the Harvard game that year the red and blue team managed to use the new play quite effectively, but not with any startling results. It was not until the Cornell team that the older colleges would admit that Woodruff had discovered a wonder in the line of new plays. The play, however, enabled the red and blue to trounce the crimson by a narrow margin, the score being 17 to 14.

**New Play Makes Good.**  
"On Nov. 28, Thanksgiving day, the other colleges were compelled to notice the strength of the famous Woodruff creation, for the Cornell team that year was defeated by a team that was inferior in weight and skill. The Ithaca eleven had defeated Brown, who in turn had played Yale a 46 game and had tied the New Haveners.

"In this game Quarterback Williams worked every variation of the guards back formation that Woodruff had taught him. Time after time Buck Wharton would plunge through tackle for a big gain; then, the Cornell backfield would shift, waiting for a repetition of the play. Brooke, who was playing fullback, would slip around the end for a substantial gain. The Cornell team and so surprised the coaches of other colleges, that all winter the possibilities of the new play furnished food for discussion among the gridiron generals.

"From that date the success of the famous formation was never questioned, and only the change of rules has made the play a back number. From this formation the 'tackles back' for a few years ago, and was substituted by the tactics being used in place of the guards.

"The massing of the big men around the center and the injuries resulting caused the demand for an open game, which, finally, indorsed by President Roosevelt, resulted in a revision of the rules, under which every semblance of the old formation is barred off the gridiron, probably forever."

## BOULDER CHARGES PROFESSIONALISM

Colorado U Gives Reasons for Severance of Athletic Relations With D. U.

A statement has been given to the public by the University of Colorado giving its reasons for the recent severance of athletic relations with the Denver university. Professionalism on the part of the Denver U is charged. Dr. Ekeley of the Boulder school was recently appointed by the Colorado university to investigate athletics at the Denver U, and in his report has the following to say:

"I went to University park and interviewed Dean Howe of the college of liberal arts, under the impression that Dr. Howe was still on the D. U. board of control. The dean stated he was no longer on the board, nor was he in touch with athletes in any way, the board of trustees of the university having placed the entire athletic control in the hands of a new committee consisting mainly of members of the alumni.

"Dr. Ekeley questioned the dean concerning Hutzell, a member of the D. U. team. Dr. Howe replied that Hutzell was formerly a student at Notre Dame university in Indiana. When asked if Hutzell had entered the university after presenting the proper credits the dean answered he was not sure. Dr. Ekeley then asked him to refer to the records of the college of liberal arts, in which Hutzell is registered. On doing so the dean found the records stated 'Credits will be sent later.'

## Suspicion Aroused.

"His reply to the question as to whether any credits had been received by the college since the record was entered, was: 'No, there is no record of any, but the athletic committee may have them.' Dr. Ekeley then asked: 'Do students entering the college of liberal arts of D. U. present their entrance credits to the dean of the college or to the athletic board?' What the dean answered Dr. Ekeley does not remember. "At this point, on being asked for data of the records concerning the rest of the players who attended the college of liberal arts, Dr. Howe refused to furnish any further information, saying he had made a mistake in showing the record of Hutzell and he feared to involve himself in difficulties with the athletic board. He admitted, however, that about half of the students of the college of liberal arts did not have their entrance credits.

"Dean Howe also admitted he had never been consulted by the athletic board concerning the entrance credits of football men. "Dr. Howe refused to discuss the subject further. Dr. Ekeley went to Stanley Edwards, chairman of the D. U. athletic board, and stated to him that he wished to place on file certain data concerning the eligibility of one of the D. U. players. He also told Mr. Edwards of the result of his interview with Dean Howe concerning Hutzell. Mr. Edwards indicated by his words and manner that he thought it imperative on the part of the University of Colorado to mix in the athletic affairs of the University of Denver, saying that they had investigated their players' eligibility and were satisfied.

"Mr. Edwards refused to telephone to Dean Howe concerning the case of Hutzell, saying that Dean Howe was mistaken. It was made plain to Mr. Edwards that we did not wish to make any protests against the D. U. player and so raise a public scandal.

## Athletic Ties Severed.

"We were ready to carry out our contract and play the game on Nov. 21, no matter whom they pitted against us, but we asked them as a sign of good faith to look more carefully into the eligibility of their players. They were, however, fully satisfied with the matter as it stood.

"Besides the facts brought up by the visit of Dr. Ekeley to University park at Denver our board was convinced, and the fact has been admitted by Coach Kneibler, that D. U. players are coming at least to their board and room free of charge from the university. We considered it impossible to attempt to continue athletic relations with an institution whose authorities assumed such an attitude. We therefore apprised Denver of the fact at once.

"The action of the board was formally approved by the deans of the different schools of the University of Colorado before it was sent to the board of trustees. (Signed) "GEORGE NORLIN, "Chairman Board of Control of Athletics, University of Colorado. "Nov. 25, 1908."

guard, McGraw got the idea in his head that he might buy Shortstop Bush of the same club. New York having an off day, McGraw dropped into Columbus to watch the Hoosiers play on a Sunday. Bush came to bat with the bases filled and McGraw intended to hit the ball out as per instructions, the youngster sought to cross his adversaries by laying the ball down and beating it out. It worked as he figured. He reached first safely and the runner on third scored. But McGraw did not look with favor on the play. "I will not have a man on my club that will attempt such a play," he remarked, and he passed the young shortstop up after he had really intended to buy him. What was McGraw's loss was Detroit's gain, for his failure to buy Bush gave Detroit the chance, and what followed is baseball history. For Bush joined the Tigers in time to bolster up a crippled infield and allow that team to win the pennant by the narrow margin of four points.

Even President Navin of the Tigers admitted during the progress of the world's series that it was Bush who was responsible for the Tigers winning out. "We would have finished third had it not been for the youngster," said the Detroit manager.

## IS NOT PLEASED WITH FOOTBALL

Lord Northcliffe Doesn't Know Difference Between Rugby and American Game.

Lord Northcliffe, the English newspaper and magazine owner, who is visiting the United States, after viewing one of the big football matches between the eastern universities, gave on the following interview, which certainly gives the American game an awful slam. He states that while our collegians play the game brilliantly that it is not up-to-date and that we are far behind the times. Here is what he has to say about it:

"I have never seen anything antiquated in the United States until I saw this football match today," said Lord Northcliffe. "To my surprise, I found that the teams were playing Rugby school football with its tiresome scrimmages, which outwore the British public many years ago. The men played bravely, in fact, I don't remember having seen Rugby football played better. But it was the old-style game with its tiresome delays. Rugby football is played now, believe outside of the United States, only in New Zealand. In this style of football it is weight and not science that tells. I feel certain that taking the teams matched this afternoon one team would outweigh the other by many pounds. Had I not been in charming company, I think I should have been angry at being taken sixty miles on a miserable day like this to witness such a dull pastime as a Rugby football match.

"The American people are hustlers. If they wish to keep up their reputations among the sportsmen of the world, they would advise them to play an up-to-date game. At the same time they might erect covered stands for the spectators, especially for the women. At a rough estimate there must have been some 3,000 seats last night. Today it seems to me that under such conditions as prevailed, it took all the efforts of two men to sit on the seats and arouse interest in the game among the onlookers."

## HOW BUNT WON PENNANT

McGraw Overlooked Good Man When Letter Failed to Obey Instructions.

A bunted ball gave Detroit the championship of the American league. Owen Bush, the Indianapolis phenom, was the batter, and it was a stunt that he pulled off when with the Hoosiers that was responsible for Detroit getting the pennant.

Just after the New York Giants paid something like \$11,000 for "Rube" Mar-

**GoatLymph Tablets**  
Nature's own remedy for the regulation of the system. Restores vitality, restores vitality, restores vitality. Cure Wastefulness, Incontinence and Nervous Debility. Prepared by Aldine Laboratories, Lexington Avenue, New York. Sold in bulk or mailed on receipt of price, by F. C. Schramm, Druggist.

## NEW PLAYS NOW

Wanted Who Can Invent Winning Stunts in Baseball.

There is anything new in baseball? The brains of the big league teams are at their brains every day in the effort to devise something new to aid in the runs or something new in defense. In the last ten years there have been few new plays in the national game. The manager who can construct new ones that will help the game not only make a lasting reputation for himself, but will be in demand by club owners. There are some brainy men in baseball, but with all their experience and knowledge it is hard for them to dig up new ones. They have already been tried on the field. Sometimes a new play is covered by accident and sometimes a manager will sit down and deliberately manufacture one. A few attempted it and have gone crazy with some who have tried to make special motion machine.

**Squeeze Play Was New.**  
A few years ago a new play came into vogue that for a time startled the fans. It seemed that at last one new play had been invented that would change, to some extent, the game. That play was called the "squeeze play," but today seldom used for it can be stopped times out of ten. Everybody who is familiar with baseball knows what the "squeeze play" is. A man is on first base and one out or only one man out. The pitcher throws the ball to the batter, and the batter signals for the runner to squeeze home. The runner is thrown out at first base, there is no chance to get the runner home. The only way to stop the success of that play was to make the batter hit the ball entirely, in which case the runner would be waiting at the plate to squeeze home. At once started to make the pitcher in the box he will make nine times out of ten, by pitching wide or too high for him to hit all after he has seen the runner being squeezed. Still that play met with success until this simple method of squeezing it was planned.

## WHERE MCGOY SLIPS ONE OVER

New York, Nov. 28.—Kid McCoy is slipping into quite the finest little literary work, and there is no reason why he should not do as good as anything he tries. Mr. McCoy, or Mr. Selby, to whom the name has been changed, is slipping into a pool tournament. Mr. McCoy plays very well offensively, but he is not so successful in taking advantage of special opportunities as offer themselves. The name that was being played last week the Kid broke. He slipped the balls all over the table, but he did not take advantage of the opportunity to slip one over. He was apparently no way of reaching the cue ball. It was apparently a case of slipping one over. "I'll give you a ball for your shot," said McCoy. "I'll give you a ball for your shot," said McCoy. "I'll give you a ball for your shot," said McCoy. "I'll give you a ball for your shot," said McCoy.

**NOVEMBER 29 IN THE ANNALS OF SPORT**  
1890.—National Baseball club of Washington, D. C., organized.  
1897.—At Exeter, N. H., W. P. Chadwick, kicking football, place kick—200 feet.  
1904.—At Trenton, N. J., University of Pennsylvania defeated Harvard at football—18 to 4.  
1900.—At Utica, N. Y., Joe Walcott won Dan Creedon in twenty rounds.  
1904.—At San Francisco: Battling Nelson knocked out "Young Corbett" in tenth round.  
1906.—At Chelsea, Mass.: Joe Walcott beat Billy Melody in twelve rounds.  
1907.—At Montreal: Frank Gotch defeated Yankee Rogers in a wrestling match for the catch-as-catch-can championship of America.

**Fancy Sweaters and Sweater Coats**  
Are being worn more than ever this fall. If you would have the best grades and prettiest colors, come to us.  
**WESTERN ARMS AND SPORTING GOODS CO.**  
115 South Main Street.