











Foot Notes (THE TWENTIES)



-  IN 1920 GOPHER FRED ENKE POUNCED ON A NORTH DAKOTA FUMBLE SO HARD THAT THE BALL COLLAPSED.
-  COACH BILL SPAULDING HAD SOME RATHER DEFINITE OPINIONS IN 1923. HE SAID THAT FOOTBALL "IS A WONDERFUL REMEDY FOR MALE EFFEMINACY WHICH ABOUNDS ON MANY A COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY CAMPUS. IT TAKES BOYS OUT OF THE PARLORS AND POOL ROOMS AND MAKES MEN OF THEM IF SUCH A THING IS POSSIBLE. EVERY MINNESOTA MAN WHO IS PHYSICALLY ABLE SHOULD PLAY FOOTBALL."
-  FOOTBALL IS MEANT TO BE A FUN GAME. IT CAN ALSO END IN SERIOUS TRAGEDY. IN 1923 AN IOWA STATE TACKLE, JACK TRICE, WAS TAKEN FROM THE GAME IN THE THIRD QUARTER DUE TO INJURIES. UP TO THEN HE HAD PLAYED BRILLIANTLY. HIS INJURIES, NOT CONSIDERED SERIOUS AT THE TIME, ENDED HIS LIFE THE DAY AFTER THE GAME. IOWA STATE NAMED THEIR STADIUM AFTER HIM.
-  KNUTE ROCKNE PROMISED A NEW SUIT OF CLOTHES TO THE FIRST OF HIS PLAYERS WHO COULD THROW HERB JOESTING FOR A LOSS... BUT NEVER HAD TO PAY OFF.
-  GUARD LES PULKRABECK PLAYED IN THE EARLY 1920'S. DURING ONE PRACTICE HE STUFFED HIS NOSE SO FULL OF GRAVEL AND MUD TO STOP BLEEDING THAT IT TOOK A TRAINER AND AIDES OVER TWO HOURS TO CLEAR OUT HIS NOSTRILS, MOUTH AND THROAT.
-  THINGS MUST HAVE BEEN ROUGH FOR PLAYERS IN 1923-24. CARL LINDBERG RELATED, "ONCE I EVEN SOLD BLOOD SO I COULD EAT BEFORE A GAME."
-  MINNESOTA WOULD NOT COMPLY WITH BIG TEN "RECOMMENDATIONS" FOR PLAYERS TO WEAR NUMERALS IN 1914. BY 1921 THE BIG TEN "URGED" THAT THEY BE USED. COACH WILLIAMS DID NOT WANT HIS PLAYERS TO BE IDENTIFIED AND SO PUT FOUR-DIGIT NUMBERS ON THEM TO BE UNREADABLE.
-  IN 1920 MINNESOTA LOST 225 YARDS TO NORTH DAKOTA IN PENALTIES. IT DIDN'T MAKE ANY DIFFERENCE, THOUGH, AS THEY MANAGED TO WIN ANYWAY... 41-3.
-  CONFERENCE TEAMS WERE REQUIRED TO PLAY AT LEAST FOUR BIG 10 GAMES IN 1926. MICHIGAN, WISCONSIN AND IOWA AGREED TO PLAY THE GOPHERS BUT OHIO STATE REFUSED. THEY CLAIMED THEY COULD WIN BUT WOULD GET TOO BEAT UP TO PLAY THE FOLLOWING WEEK. MICHIGAN THEN AGREED TO PLAY TWICE ON A HOME AND AWAY BASIS. REPORTS OF THE ANN ARBOR GAME WERE TELEGRAPHED BACK TO MINNESOTA WHERE SCRUBS ACTED OUT THE PLAYS BEFORE HOME FANS.
-  "GHOST BALL" WAS A NAME REFERRING TO NIGHT PRACTICE BEFORE THE 1911 CHICAGO GAME. THE LIGHTING TECHNIQUE WAS NOT MENTIONED BUT SEARCH LIGHTS WERE USED IN 1922 "GHOST BALL!"

