

ATHLETES SLEEP, STUDY AND
PLAY MORE THAN OTHERS DO

University Study Indicates That Their Days Are
Busier Than Those of Other Students

Minneapolis, Jan. 12 - Freshman football men at the University of Minnesota, besides devoting seven more hours a week to athletics than the members of a selected non-athletic group did, were found by a recent study to be devoting more time also to practically every other college activity.

Freshman football men slept longer, spent more time at the table, more time in classroom and laboratory, more time in student activities, and more in social activities. They also studied more.

Non-athletes had an average of three more hours of leisure a week and put in one-tenth of an hour a week more at work for self-support.

In items to which the football players devoted more time they ran up an advantage of 14.72 hours, as against an advantage of 3.4 hours for non-athletes in the two items where they spent most time. Inasmuch as hours for sleeping, eating, studying, classroom work, laboratory, student activities leisure and social activities were accounted for, nothing remains to explain the 11.62 hour difference, the apparent deduction being that for non-athletes this amount of time is simply lost.

If most football men live near the campus or in fraternity houses time spent by the others on streetcars might account for the difference.

The following table shows how the two groups spent their time.

	<u>Football men</u>	<u>Non-athletes</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Sleep	58.80 hrs	58.10 hrs	.70
study	23.00	21.70	1.30
athletics	8.90	1.90	7.00
student activities	.74	.64	.10
social life	9.75	6.83	2.92
self support	2.70	3.10	.40
eating meals	12.2	10.80	1.40
class and laboratory	21.1	19.40	1.70
leisure	26.9	29.90	3.00
			<u>14.72</u> <u>3.40</u>

On the other hand, the report shows that non-football men are more likely to have a definite study plan, but probably less concentration while engaged in study. More than twice as many non-football men believe themselves to be under excessive nervous strain as to football men, twice as many of them are dissatisfied with subjects taken as among football men, and nearly twice as many of them feel that the academic load is too heavy.

Of 106 freshman football men on whose statements the study is based, 30.2 percent said they felt the lack of friends on the campus. Among 72 freshman advisees whose statements were taken as those of non-athletes, 23.6 percent said they felt the lack of friends. As both statements were made in the first months of their attendance this circumstance seems natural, especially among athletes who are spending their afternoons on the gridiron.

The study was made by I. Emerick Peterson, who was granted the athletic research scholarship for last year.

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Minneapolis, Jan. 25 Establishment of annual Minnesota Indoor Relays, corresponding, though with variations, to the big relay carnivals conducted at Drake, Kansas, and Illinois, was announced today by Sherman W Finger, University of Minnesota track coach, who fixed April 6 as the date, and the new Field House as the place.

Division events will be so arranged as to give any school or college which enters a team an opportunity to compete against teams of its own class, and unusual care has been exercised in classifying.

Junior college, Minnesota college, North Dakota college, Parochial school and Mid-West conference classes are among those that have been fixed, with a wide variety of high school classes also drawn up.

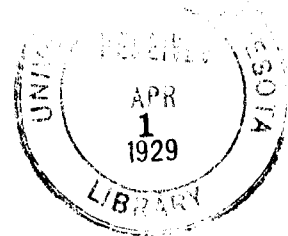
"Our purpose in establishing these relays is to demonstrate the possibility of beginning track competition earlier in the year, now that the field house has been completed, and also to institute a widely interesting relay carnival which does not require long trips by high school teams," Coach Finger said.

The complete list of eighteen events which will make up the first Minnesota Relays is as follows:

1. Minneapolis High Schools Medley Race - 440 - 110 - 110 - 880
2. Minneapolis High Schools 880 Relay - 4 men each running one lap.
3. St. Paul High Schools - 880 Relay
4. Head of Lakes High School Half Mile
Duluth, Superior, Two Harbors, Etc.
5. Range High Schools - 880 Relay
Hibbing, Eveleth, Virginia, Chisholm, Coleraine, Grand Rapids, etc.

6. Big Eight - 880 Relay
Winona, Rochester, Owatonna, Austin, Albert Lea, Northfield, Red Wing,
Faribault, Mankato, etc.
7. West Minnesota - 880 Relay
Marshall, Tracy, Willmar, Benson, Ortonville, St. Cloud, Blue Earth,
Sleepy Eye, Laverne, etc.
8. Lake District - 880 Relay
University High, Excelsior, Wayzata, Hopkins, Mound, St. Louis Park, etc.
9. Military Schools - 880 Relay
Pillsbury, St. Thomas, Shattuck, St. Johns, etc.
10. Parochial Schools in Minnesota - 440 Relay
11. Junior High Schools in Minneapolis - 440 Relay
12. Minnesota College Conference - Mile Relay
Hamline, Macalester, Gustavus, St. Thomas, Augsburg, St. Johns,
St. Marys, Concordia, etc.
13. Junior College, Little Ten Conference - Mile Relay
St. Cloud Teachers, Mankato Teachers, Winona Teachers, Eveleth Junior,
Rochester Junior, Hibbing Junior, etc.
14. Mid West Conference
Carleton, Coe, Cornell, Ripon, Beloit, Knox, Laurence, etc.
15. Dakota Relay
N. D. University & N. D. A. C. - S. D. University & S. D. A. C.
16. Minnesota vs. a Big Ten Team - Mile Relay
17. University of Minnesota Interfraternity Finals
18. Special Feature Events.

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MINNESOTA RELAY
PROGRAM COMPLETED

Ninety Seven Teams from High Schools and Colleges
Will Compete in Field House, April 6

Minneapolis, March 30: Hundreds of high school, college and junior college athletes from all parts of Minnesota and from North and South Dakota will assemble under the high arched roof of the Minnesota field house the night of Saturday, April 6 to take part in the eighteen races that will make up the program of the first Minnesota Relays.

Sherman W. Finger, track coach and originator of the relays announced today the number of teams that will take part in each event, and also a program of special entertainment, headlined by the appearance of the famous "Ted" Canty as official announcer. Canty has a reputation throughout the Western Conference for his unique antics and gestures as an announcer. Vaudeville features between races will include takeoffs on various branches of athletics, staged by a quartet made up of Carl Schjoll, Heinie Brock, Heinie McCoy and Stiffy Stedman.

Ninety seven relay teams have been entered for the various events. There also will be four men in the pole vault and five men in a special mile run. These two will be the only non-relay events.

The first race will begin promptly at 8:05 p.m. and the last at 9:59 if the schedule is maintained.

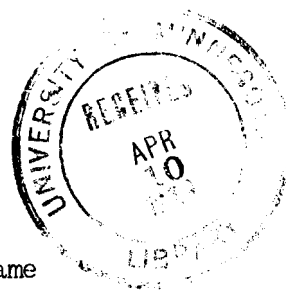
Following is the complete relay program:

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1.	8:05	Pole vault	4 entries
2.	8:05	Little Eight high school half mile relay	5 entries
3.	8:13	Minneapolis high school half mile relay	8 entries
4.	8:20	Minnesota College mile relay	5 entries
5.	8:27	Southern Minnesota high school half mile	5 entries
6.	8:33	Dakota Relay, half mile	5 entries
7.	8:40	St. Paul high school half mile relay	6 entries
8.	8:46	University Interfraternity Medley	6 entries
9.	8:53	Range high school half mile relay	5 entries
10.	9:00	Special Mile run	5 men
11.	9:06	Central Minn. high school half mile relay	5 entries
12.	9:12	Minnesota Junior College mile relay	7 entries
13.	9:19	Gopher Special, half mile	5 entries
14.	9:26	Midwest College mile relay	5 entries
15.	9:32	Lake District high school half mile relay	7 entries
16.	9:38	North Central Conference Mile relay	5 entries
17.	9:45	Big Eight High School half mile relay	6 entries
18.	9:52	Minneapolis High School Medley	8 entries
19.	9:59	Big Ten Mile Relay	4 entries

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BASEBALL MEN READY
FOR SPRING SORTIE



Team Will Leave April 13th for Seven Game
Series in Ohio, Ky. and West Va.

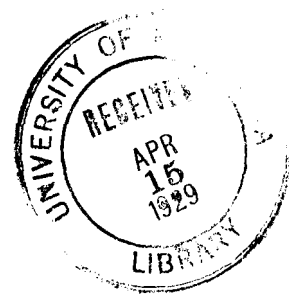
Minneapolis, April: ~~14~~—Minnesota's 1929 baseball team, under the wing of Coach Arthur J. Bergman, will head south on Saturday, April 13th, for the annual spring training trip, which will reach a farthest point at Morgantown, W. Va., playing the University of West Virginia.

"Dutch" Bergman will take with him a collection of diamond prospects more promising than Minnesota has had in the field for several years, although the loss of Milton Rigg, first string first baseman came this week as a blow. Rigg suffered a "separation" in his shoulder when he collided with a fellow player in practice.

Minnesota's spring trip will take the team to Athens, Ga. on April 15th, to play Ohio University; Morgantown on the 16th and 17th, Kentucky at Lexington April 18th, St. Xavier at Cincinnati April 19th, and Ohio State at Columbus, April 22d and 23d.

"Bob" Tanner, three-letter man and star end of last fall's baseball team captains the baseball squad and catches, his understudy being Leroy Timm, the Minnesota backfield man. "Lefty" Rognlien and Gus Bjorgum, together with George Langenberg, Bert Osell and Carlbloom are the principal prospects in the box. Micky Ascher, brother of Herman Ascher, one-time football captain, Les Bolstad, Lyle George, Adams and Loose are among the infield prospects, while Clifford, Chirp and Pelton seem to have first call in the outfield.

Minnesota's regular home schedule will begin May 4, which is still an open date. The Gophers will meet Iowa at Minneapolis May 8, Wisconsin at Madison May 11, Indiana at Minneapolis May 17th and 18th, Notre Dame at Minneapolis May 24th and 25th, Iowa at Iowa City May 30, Northwestern at Evanston June 1, Chicago at Chicago June 3 and Wisconsin at Minneapolis June 8th.



Ninety-Eight Gopher

Athletes Win Awards

Letters or Numerals Given to Participants and
Freshmen for Five Sports

Minneapolis, April ~~15~~ Thirty seven Minnesota athletes participating in winter sports have been awarded the "M" that is the emblem of first string participation in intercollegiate matches, and an additional 57, mostly freshmen, have been given their class numerals as capable performers on their respective squads. The total group is one of the largest ever to receive letter and numeral awards in the winter sports at Minnesota.

Ten men won basketball letters; 12, hockey letters; eight, letters in swimming, five in wrestling and two for gymnastics.

While the winter sports season is being wound up with the granting of official awards, three more major sports are getting under full headway. The baseball squad left Saturday night on a week's training trip through the southeast, guided by Arthur J. Bergman, headcoach. Sherman Finger is driving his track squad through long practice sessions, preparatory to the opening of the outdoor track season late this month, and Dr. Clarence Spears is giving his football squad an early spring taste of the labors in store for them when autumn again rolls around.

The names and home towns of those who won letters or numerals in basketball, hockey, swimming, wrestling and gymnastics are as follows:

LETTER AWARDS

Basketball

George Clifford	Osakis
Ralph Engebretson	Minneapolis
Fred Hovde	Devils Lake, N D
Ed Hutchison	Memphis, Tenn
Earl Loose	Luverne
Ray Nelson	Minneapolis
George Otterness	Willmar
Harry Schøening	Minneapolis
Robert Tanner	Minneapolis

Basketball cont'd
William Haggerty (student manager) Minneapolis

Hockey

Herbert Bartholdi	Duluth
Osborne Billings	Minneapolis
Joseph Brown	Minneapolis
Wm. E. Conway	Minneapolis
Charles J. McCabe	Minneapolis
E. Edwyn Owens	Minneapolis
Ray C. Paulsen	Minneapolis
John H. Peterson	Duluth
Lloyd Russ	Minneapolis
W. Leo Tilton	St. Paul
Leland A. Watson	Minneapolis
Lloyd Westin	Duluth

Swimming

Richard Bates	Minneapolis
Neal Crocker	Minneapolis
John Finnegan	Minneapolis
Richard Hayden	Minneapolis
Eino Lahti	Hibbing
Lowell Marsh	St. Paul
Walter Nappa	Ely
Clarence Waidelich	Minneapolis

Wrestling

Charles Carpenter	Williston, N D
Wallace Miller	Roseau
George Pederson	Franklin
Nathan Davies	Minneapolis
Louin Tiller	Oklahoma City, Okla

Gymnastics

John Wald	St. Paul
Horace Greenberg	Minneapolis

NUMERAL AWARDS

Basketball

Glenn Bethel	Bemidji
H G Carlson	Gibbon
D A Constans	Minneapolis
Chas Dahl	Sau Claire, Wis
E F Gadler	Minneapolis
L A Gergory	Fargo, N D
K F Hehl	Excelsior
F Kammerlohr	Minneapolis
F P Krahmer	Fairmont
Albin Krezowski	Minneapolis
Jack McCulloch	Minneapolis
Ray J Oen	Thief River Falls
R E Risch	Appleton
C C Sommer	Rush City
G A Wheaton	St Paul

Hockey

Jack L Armstrong	Minneapolis
Maitland Bradley	St Paul
Chester Carlson	Minneapolis
Albert Coffee	Minneapolis
William Furst	New Prague
John Godden	Minneapolis
Harley Janelle	Duluth
Russell H Johnson	Minneapolis
Donald McInerny	Minneapolis
Lynden McIntosh	Ft William, Ont. Canada
Duane Merritt	Minneapolis
Marshall W Ryman	Minneapolis
Howard Wohlman	Eveleth
R W Ryder	Minneapolis
Carl Schubring	Ft Francis, Ont. Canada

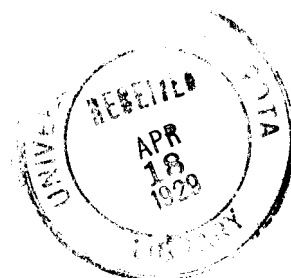
Swimming

Albert Eller	Omaha, Neb
Henry Erickson	Minneapolis
Edward Gonsolin	Kelly Lake
C S Gustafson	Minneapolis
Norman Isaacson	Hibbing
Forest Gustafson	North Branch
Stewart Kerr	Hibbing
Thomas Kelly	Minneapolis
Walter Muir	Winona
Nelson Mathison	E. Dedham, Mass
Rudolph Niemi	Eveleth
R W Onslow	St Paul
Thomas Quail	Hayward, Wis
Albert Schick	Chicago, Ill
W W Williamson	St Paul

Wrestling

Philip J Stern	Minneapolis
Sam Segal	Minneapolis
Erwin Draheim	Olivia
Robert Farmer	Mankato
Julius Mansevich	St Paul
Arthur Prewitt	Minneapolis
Paul Ziegelmaier	Minneapolis
Eric Ahlstrand	Long Prairie
Robert Thielen	St Paul
Harold Flittee	Minneapolis
Orval Lee	Bagley
Robert G Anderson	Duluth

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GOPHERS FACE STIFF
SPRING TRACK SCHEDULE

Entries in Kansas Relays Are on Their Way
to Lawrence Today

Minneapolis, April 19th--Minnesota will open its outdoor track season Saturday at Lawrence, Kansas, whither Sherman Finger, coach, is taking a group of athletes to participate in the annual Kansas relays today and tomorrow. Next week the travelling Gophers will take part in the Drake relays at Des Moines, and on May 4 they will be at Madison for a dual meet with the University of Wisconsin. Following a dual meet at home on May 11, with Michigan as opponents, the Minnesota track team will meet Iowa in dual competition at Iowa City May 18, and a week later, May 24 and 25, will participate in the annual conference outdoor track meet at Northwestern University, Evanston.

A medley relay team composed of Captain Ted Catlin, Wiesiger, Strain and Anderson will take part at Kansas tomorrow, Elton Hess will compete in the decathlon, or ten-event competition, of which five will be run off on Friday and the remaining five on Saturday. George Otterness, track and basketball star from Willmar, will compete in the pole vault.

Minnesota has a stronger track team, judged by pre-season estimates, than it had last year, with a number of seniors filling prominent roles, among them Otterness, Rea, Captain Catlin and Ted Chalgren.

In Otterness and Hess the Gophers have two unusual vaulters, while Otterness, Rea and Shelso will uphold the maroon and gold this year in high jump competition. Paul Searles and Glenn Card as high hurdlers, and Sam Jacobs, Elmer Piepgras and George Otterness in the low hurdles are scheduled to take part in the season's timber topping events. In Jolly Haycraft, Crandall and Strain, Finger has new material to help Catlin, Wiesiger and Chalgren in the

quarter and middle distance track events.

Four broad jumpers who can consistently clear 22 feet, one of whom goes nearly a foot better, Catlin, are on Sherm. Finger's roster. The other three are Hubert Tierney, Robert Kyle, and Melvin Pass.

Weight men are few in number this year, though Elton Hess in the discus, Duke Johnson in the shot event and Ed Ukkelberg with the hammer are expected to ring up some Minnesota points.

Due to the opportunities for indoor practice provided by the Field House and the covered track beneath the stadium, Minnesota trackmen are many days ahead of their usual mid-April development and from now on they will be able to practice out of doors.

SPRING PRACTICE GAMES

TANTALIZE FOOTBALL FANS

Four Minnesota Teams Are Going Strong in
Newly Planned Playoff Series

Minneapolis, April 24:- Completion of the first two games in Dr. Spears' spring practice schedule between four teams of players classed as first squad finds interest in spring football running higher at Minnesota than ever before. Nearly 1,000 students turned out for each of last week's two games, that of Friday, between Reds and Blacks, and that of Saturday, between Maroons and Golds. Veterans and lettermen were scattered among the four teams in the right proportion to even things up, and this week the play will be crossed, blacks meeting golds and reds meeting maroons.

The outcome of the series is to be a real squad championship, with bronze belt-buckles awarded to the winning team as mementoes of their prowess. Dr. Spears has evolved an appropriate decorative design for the buckle, and the prospect of a trophy has added to interest in the series.

Several new players are showing well in the competition. Clarence Munn, playing with Quentin Burdick's losing maroons in the game against the golds, gave the crowd a thrill when his straight-armed big Bronko Nagurski and plunged along for eight or ten yards more. Somers of International Falls was another new back who turned in some good football. Paul Kirk, whose playing was in and out last fall, broke away time and again for long runs that meant major yardage.

Spring practice has been put on a far higher plane by the present Minnesota coach than ever before, and this year has held the limelight pending the time, soon to arrive, when the home contests in baseball and outdoor track are to begin. Then it will become too warm for football, in any case, and suits will again be turned in until the big day on next Sept. 15th.

ONCE FED UP ON JUNGLE,

HOCKEY COACH WANTS MORE

Emil Iverson, Tutor of Champs, Likes Minnesota
Woods Better Than Siam Forests



Minneapolis, May-7--From civilization into the jungle, back to civilization and into the jungle again is the trail that has been followed by Emil Iverson, Minnesota hockey coach, whose teams have never finished below second, and in most years have been first in the Western Conference.

"Ivy" plans to devote much of his summer to exploring the farthest interior reaches of wilderness in northeastern Minnesota and in Ontario, across the international boundary.

When Iverson graduated from the national institute of physical education in Denmark he became an officer in the Danish army and went out to Siam, which country has a contract with the Danish army to maintain order and supervise certain public works. One of these operations is the extraction of teak wood in the hindermost jungles of the country. Iverson was sent in there in charge of a large labor battalion. Out of touch with anything like civilization, without decent companionship, in a climate of steam and super-heated vapors, he served as long as he could stand it. Then he struck out for the new world.

It was by way of India, Marseilles, Buenos Ayres and points en route that Iverson finally reached the U.S.A. At every stopping point he found adventure. Finally he reached Chicago, where his skill as a skater enabled him to earn a good living from the start. He did exhibition work at some of the biggest rinks and most important athletic clubs.

Soon after he came to Minnesota as coach of hockey and cross-country in 1923 the lure of the jungle and wilderness descended on him once more. He took a trip into the Minnesota north country, in the Superior-Quetico district ----went, saw, and was conquered. Three years later, by dint of energy, nerve,

and whatever small capital he could rake together he was operating a wilderness camp and outfitting headquarters for expeditions into the forest. The Iverson venture, to which a camp for boys has now been added, draws people to Minnesota from every state in the Union. Emil says he doesn't care whether they start for the North Pole, Hudson's Bay, or only the other end of Lake Vermillion, his "home port".

Iverson's venture has grown until, he says, it is only a matter of time until it will force him to give up coaching; or so he fears. Incidentally, it provides summer work for a number of Minnesota's best athletes, and work of a kind that keeps them in good health and tip-top condition.

So by way of Denmark, the jungles of Siam, a job as "professor" at a Chicago skating rink, and an actual college title at the University of Minnesota, Iverson has found his way to a life work which suits him to a "T", as he declares. His brother, Kay Iverson, hockey coach at Marquette University, is partner in the north woods ventures.

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"DAYBREAK" FOOTBALL

PLANNED AT MINNESOTA

Summer Session Course Will Give Workers

A Chance to Learn Early

Minneapolis, May 17—A "daybreak" class in football technique, meeting at 6 o'clock in the morning daily for three weeks, under the direction of Dr C W Spears, will feature the summer session courses for teachers of physical education and athletics this year at the University of Minnesota. The early football course has been arranged to make it possible for men who are working in the daytime to study the national collegiate sport without interfering with their duties. Likewise a "twilight" course in basketball, meeting from 4 to 6 p.m. will be offered under the tutelage of Dave MacMillan.

Both courses will last only half of the first session, running from June 18 to July 11.

Track, and baseball, taught by Arthur J Bergman, head baseball coach, swimming taught by Niels Thorps, two courses in gymnastics, taught by Mr MacMillan and a course in the organization and administration of physical education, offered by Director F W Luehring, will be included in the summer program.

Dr E R Cooke, brother of Dr L J Cooke, and physical director at St Olaf College, has been engaged by Minnesota to offer courses in athletic training, orthopedic and remedial gymnastics and in physical examination and normal diagnosis.

L F Keller, director of the training course in physical education, will have general supervision of the summer work, for which the full facilities of the stadium, field house, armory, and Northrop Field will be available.

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Minneapolis, Aug. 28th: Now that the practise season is less than three weeks away, the question, "Who will play football this fall on Dr. Spears' Minnesota team?" is rising here and there among the army of 60,000 fans who turn out for the big games.

No answer to this question is ever written until the Gopher coach has named off the roster for a game, but some idea of the team's personnel can be gained from recalling the windup contest between the Gold and Maroon teams in last spring's famous elimination series, which the golds, captained by Nagurski, won by the score of 19 to 7.

On the Gold team the lineup was as follows: Center, Lloyd Johnson; left guard, Bert Oja; right guard, Elmer Apmann; left tackle, Paul Berry; right tackle, Howard Kroll; left end, Anderson; right end, Jake Ohlsen; quarter, Quentin Burdick; left half, Clarence Munn; right half, Paul Kirk; fullback, Bronko Nagurski.

The Maroon team, captained by Wayne Kakela at center, included in its personnel, left guard, Robert Reihson; left guard, George Gibson; left tackle, Allen Teeter; right tackle, Les Pulkrabek; left end, Albin Krzeszowski; right end, Royal Hoefler; quarter, Gerald Griffin; left half, Red Somers; right half, Win. Brockmeyer, and fullback, Arthur Pharmer.

Of course George Gibson has graduated, and report has it that Paul Berry suffered a shoulder injury while working this summer that may keep him from the game. There is good reason to suppose that most of the others will be out as candidates and will put up a fight for a position.

The men named are by no means all of those who will have an excellent chance to make the team. For instance, Bob Tanner, the veteran end, is not mentioned, nor is Wallace Norgaard, another excellend end can-

didate. Barney Barnhart, Leroy Timm and Bob Bardwell, together with Russ Leksell are a group of backs not mentioned here, and Harold Emlein, Lorenz Berghs, Art Angvik and Sula Koski are linemen who will figure prominently.

Even with these additions there remains no certainty that Minnesota will not have several players that have not been enumerated. But the success of the Gold and Maroon teams in eliminating competition and entering the finals goes to show that their membership is able and potent.

Minnesota will open its fall schedule against Coe College on Saturday, October 5th.

SPORTS LETTER
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
FOOTBALL



Minneapolis, Sept. 4:--The University of Minnesota will try a wholly new experiment this fall in the matter of keeping its football crowds informed on the games. The committee on intercollegiate athletics has voted to abolish the football program, and instead will erect scoreboards of a new type at various places, so that all may be able to see them.

The board will provide information on the score, downs, who has the ball, yards to go, and the like, and at the same time will give the lineup of each team. By shifting slabs with the different names, the board manager will keep the lineup accurate at all times. The number of the player will be painted on his slab, together with his name.

Minnesota has never sold its football programs, and is thus foregoing no income in giving up the printed sheet. During the past three years approximately enough advertising to pay for the program has been sold each year. Between 150,000 and 165,000 programs were printed annually for free distribution. The advertising has been sold by the "M" club as one of its cooperating activities.

Abandonment of the program comes as an innovation and also as a sacrifice of possible income. Several Western Conference universities, notably Michigan, Ohio State and Northwestern make plump profits each year from program advertising and sales. Chicago farms its program to a newspaper, Illinois issues only leaflets except on special occasions, while Iowa, Wisconsin and Purdue issue programs with paid advertising, but barely scrape along due to the smallness of the communities in which they are issued. Indiana has tried various experiments, including an Athletic Review, which it abandoned. So far as is known, Minnesota is the first to try to give all information by means of a scoreboard.

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Football



Minneapolis, Sept. 6--Return of Vanderbilt to the Minnesota football program provides one of the spots of real interest for the coming fall, especially in view of the fact that the "series" between these institutions stands Vanderbilt won 1, Minnesota lost 1.

Dan McGugin, coach of Vanderbilt and brother in law of Fielding Yost, has a national reputation as a coach, and has turned out many All-Americans and not a few teams that whizzed through the southern football league like a tornado, leaving desolation.

Minnesota's one tangle with the Vandies was an example of their prowess, when the team from Nashville soundly trounced Bill Spaulding's 1924 Gopher eleven 16 to 0, just the week after Minnesota had beaten Illinois and Red Grange by a 20 to 7 score. Some of the experts said it was the "reaction" after an unusually severe game, but most of those who watched Vanderbilt's forward passing game and the expertness of the southern ends and tackles knew that the victory was well deserved.

Minnesota's two other non-conference games will also be of greater than average interest. The strongest minor teams in Iowa and Wisconsin have been selected, in Coe and Ripon, to test the Gophers' mettle prior to the beginning of the Big Ten grind. Year in and year out, Coe ranks a little above the better college teams of the northwest, and Ripon falls into the same class. Both should offer Minnesota better opposition than have such teams as Creighton and North Dakota, in years past.

By a twist of schedule arrangement, there will be no home conference games until November. Minnesota will start championship play when it lines up against Northwestern at Evanston October 19, and will meet Indiana here Nov. 2.

Minneapolis, Sept. 11---Beginning Monday, Sept. 16, the Minnesota football squad will enjoy the yearly period of two weeks when practise is possible both morning and afternoon, the time of long, hard, grinding drills which usually determines the personnel of the coming team and hardens the entire squad into readiness for the coming schedule. Once classes have begun practise can be carried on only from 4 to 6 p.m. under the conference agreement.

Dr. C. W. Spears, Minnesota headcoach. will face more than 150 squad members when the new season officially opens, and will have as his task the development of a team to go through one of the hardest schedules Minnesota ever faced. The last four games will be tremendous contests against Iowa, Indiana, Michigan and Wisconsin on successive Saturday afternoons.

Minnesota will have its old string of assistant coaches on deck once more to help the doctor, headed by chief assistants Dutch Bergman and Eddie Lynch, and with Sig Harris, Sherm. Finger, Mert. Dunnigan, George McKinnon, Louis Gross, Doc. Matchan and others looking after special interests and the squad of freshmen.

Last year Minnesota enjoyed fair weather during almost the entire two weeks prior to the opening of school and Dr. Spears is in hopes that the rains that have hit Minnesota recently will let up before the 16th. The difference between good and poor practice conditions is an important one in the development of a team.

To date no important reports of ineligibilities have reached the ears of the Gopher coaching staff, and it seems at least probable that the long string of Minnesota backfield possibilities will come through practically intact.

Kirk, Pharmer, Nagurski, Barnhart, Brockmeyer, Timm, Burdick, Bardwell, and Mann are apparently certain to be in there competing for a backfield job and the doctor will have to look them over carefully before he decides which ones should be started in important games.

Only two of the 1929 contests will be played away from home and the schedule will fall into three parts, each composed of two games at home and one away. First come Coe and Vanderbilt at Minneapolis; then Northwestern away, followed by Ripon and Indiana at Minneapolis; Iowa away, and Michigan and Wisconsin at Minneapolis. Many splendid remains are expected to be strewn on Memorial Stadium field before the season ends.

Minneapolis, Sept.14:--Statistics of all western conference football championships from 1897 when the conference was formed to 1928, inclusive, show that Michigan has held the championship, alone or in conjunction with another team, more than any other eleven, with Minnesota second and Chicago tied for third. But on the other hand, statistics of unshared championships show that Chicago has held most of these, with Illinois second and Ohio State and Michigan tied for third.

Counting years in which a team has had a hand on the championship, either alone or with another team, Michigan scores nine, Minnesota eight, Illinois six, Chicago six, Wisconsin four, Ohio three, Iowa three and Northwestern one.

Counting only the years in which there has been an undivided championship, Chicago rates six, Illinois four, Michigan and Ohio State three, Minnesota and Wisconsin two each, and Iowa one.

Minnesota was outright champion in 1909 and 1911. She shared the championship with Iowa in 1900, with Michigan in 1903 and 1904, with Wisconsin in 1906, and with Illinois in 1910 and 1915.

Michigan has been sole champion in 1898, 1902, and 1925. She shared the honors with Wisconsin in 1901, Minnesota in '03 and '04, Iowa in 1922, Illinois in 1923, and Northwestern in 1926. That was Northwestern's one hold on top honors, also.

Wisconsin was the first conference champion, in 1897, and held the championship undivided once more, in 1912. The Badgers have divided it with Michigan in 1901, and Minnesota in 1906. Iowa's championship career, like Minnesota's, began in 1900, with the two universities tied. Iowa then won it outright in 1921 and tied with Michigan in 1922.

Chicago never divided a championship with anybody. The Maroons won honors outright in 1899, 1905, 1907, 1908, 1913 and 1924.

Illinois, entering the conference later than some of the others, divided top honors with Minnesota in 1910 and again in 1915. She held the championship alone in 1914 and 1919, divided with Michigan in 1923, and won outright in 1927 and 1928.

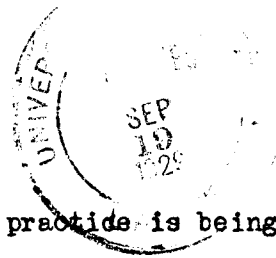
Ohio State has been sole champions three times and has never divided. Her three years were 1916, 1917, and 1920.

Michigan's lead in number of championships won alone or jointly would be somewhat greater if the figures were weighted to provide for the years when she was out of the conference. Minnesota is an easy second.

In 1926 when Michigan and Northwestern tied, Northwestern's president disclaimed a share in the championship, but the figures indicate that she won a "halve" with the famous three to three game in the mud. Some thought that Minnesota tied Illinois in 1927, but Minnesota denied that she claimed a share.

As the 1929 race opens, five teams, Illinois, Wisconsin, Ohio State, Michigan and Iowa seem to have prospects to end the season on top, with Northwestern probably sixth choice and Purdue a possibility.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Sept. 19:--Minnesota football practice is being carried on with greater secrecy this year than ever before, under orders from Dr Clarence Spears, who is admitting practically no one but newspapermen. Dr Spears has never been overly inclined to public participation in practice, and each year he seems a little less eager to let people in than he was the year before. This is on the theory that the less they see in advance, the more he will be able to show them when the team plays in the Stadium. Spears is a tireless worker, and every minute saved from interferences of every kind goes into the building of the team.

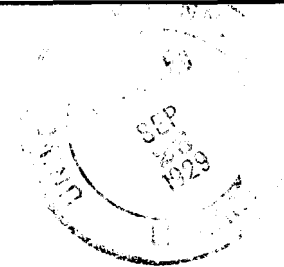
If early selection of players for practice teams means anything, several players practically unknown to Minnesota fans except as names in the newspapers will have a hand in this year's games. Among these are Leksell and Riebeth, halfbacks, who saw service last year on the "B" team, Anderson, Nelson, and Kreszowski, ends; Kroll, Berghs, Berry, and Phil Gross in the line, and, of course, Clarence Munn, best known of the new men who have come up from the freshman squad of 1928. Pete Somers is classed as another probability in the backfield among newcomers.

Whether temporary or permanent, the location of big Bronk Nagurski at left tackle does seem to fill what might be called a vacancy. At least the place looks decidedly vacant when Bronk steps out of it.

Dr Spears has called so many backfield combinations into temporary existence that no one can get a line on his special inclinations, but it seems clear that Burdick, Brockmeyer and Munn are in for lots of work, with Pharmer, Kirk, Timm, Bardwell and Brownell carrying their share of the burden. Barney Barnhart is expected to return to Minneapolis and get into his uniform by Saturday.

The coach who will head the freshman squad at Minnesota seems not to have been singled out as yet. Dr Spears assistants to date have been Bergman, Matchan, McKinnon, Louis Gross, and George Gibson. Ed. Lynch has not appeared in uniform, and Shern. Finger is preparing for his duties with the track men.

Sig. Harris, whom Minnesota recalled to the coaching staff when Len. Frank resigned, is no longer on the Minnesota roster.



Minneapolis, Sept. 26: If any sweeter battle for a position on a conference eleven develops this year than that which rages over the Minnesota center job, let it now be told.

Things started off with Wayne Kakela, the veteran senior, passing the oval, and Lloyd Johnson as his obvious runner up. Both are lettermen. Then, one evening, remembering that he had practically no tackles, Dr Spears sent Kakela to the right tackle position and kept him there.

That filled a tackle gap, but my what it did to the ambitions of the would be centers. Now there are no less than four, possibly five strugglers for that position.

Lloyd Johnson, Bert Oja, who was a guard until Saturday, Lloyd Stein the sophomore from Two Harbors, Sulo Koski, a protege of Bronk Nagurski's from International Falls, and, more or less, Paul Berry of St. Paul, although Berry has been doing most of his work at guard.

Never in the five years of Dr Spears reign at Minnesota has there been anything like this much competition for the honors of ball passing, nor so much doubt as to the one who may carry off the honors.

Koski and Stein don't have to hurry. They are sophomores, who can stand plenty of seasoning on the squad and still play lots of football for Minnesota. Johnson and Oja are upper classmen, Oja a senior, and whatever football they play will be played this year. The latter took Dr Spears eye last fall for his fighting effort to win a berth at guard when Gibson was out, and the doctor's move in inserting him in the gap left by Kakela shows that he appreciates the Gilbert boy's spirit and ability.

With the center problem once ironed out, Minnesota will have a first-string line patched together, but only three men in it will be playing

positions they played last year. These will be Bob Tanner at end, Les Pulkrabek at left guard and Elmer Apmann, who subbed for Gibson at guard last year. The tackles, Nagurski and Kakela, who have come from the positions of fullback and center and a wholly new man will have been developed to hold down, or up, the end post vacated by Haycraft. How this scrambling is to work out remains to be seen.

Dr Spears seems to have taken a liking to Bob Reihson, the big guard candidate from Benson, and is giving him plenty of experience in practice.

TO SPORTS EDITORS

Following is a list of the principal candidates for the Minnesota football team. An additional list with playing numbers and weights will be distributed later.

MINNESOTA FOOTBALL SQUAD

1929

Name	Position	Year	Home
Gordon, Mackey	Half	First	Mpls
Haycraft, Joll	End	Second	Mpls
Brockmeyer, Win	Half	Second	Mankato
Brownell, Bill	Half	Second	Mpls
Leksell, Russell	Half	Second	Mpls
Koski, Sulo	Center	First	Int.Falls
Kroll, Howard	Tackle	First	Int.Falls
Anderson, Harold	End	First	Owatonna
Kreszowsky, Al	End	First	St Paul
Somers, Pete	Half	First	Int.Falls
Reihson, Bob	Guard	First	Benson
Ohlsen, Jake	End	Second	Luverne
Norgaard, Wallace	End	Second	Valley City, N D
Munn, Clarence	Full	First	Mpls
Teeter, Allen	Guard	Third	Mpls
Teeter, Alvin	Guard	Third	Mpls
Riebeth, Clint.	Half	First	Mpls
Udd, Kermit	Tackle	Second	Crystal Falls, Mich
Hoefler, Royal	End	Second	Pine City
Pinger, Ed	Half	First	Mpls
Robertson, Merwyn	Tackle	Second	Mpls
Bardwell, Bob	Half	Second	Mpls
Timm, Leroy	Half-	Second	Arlington
Johnson, Lloyd	Center	Third	Alexandria
Burdick, Quentin	Full	Second	Williston, N D
Berry, Paul	Tackle	First	St.Paul
Oster, Al	End	Third	Mpls
Kirk, Paul	Half	Second	East Grand Forks
Tanner, Robert	End	Third	Mpls
Pharmer, Arthur	Half	Third	Spokane
Kakela, Wayne	Tackle	Third	Eveleth
Apzmann, Elmer	Guard	Second	St.Cloud
Pulkrabek, Les	Guard	Third	Glencoe
Langenberg, Geo.	Tackle	Second	Whittlesey, Wis.
Gross, Phil	Guard	Second	Mpls.
Oja, Bert	Center	Second	Gilbert
Emlein, Harold	Tackle	Second	Sioux City, Ia
Nagurski, Bronko	Tackle	Third	Int.Falls
Stein, Lloyd	Center	First	Two Harbors
Hass, Walter	Half	First	St. Paul
Barnhart, Harold	Half	Third	Pasco, Wash.

MOST GOPHER POSITIONS
STILL REMAIN UNCERTAIN



Two Weeks of Pre-Season Practice Fail To
Assure New Men Their Places

Minneapolis, Oct. 2--Approach of Minnesota's first football game, with Coe on Saturday, reveals one thing that seems certain about the current Gopher season. It will be the part of the early games to separate the sheep from the goats; the two weeks preliminary practice season has almost completely failed to do it.

Apart from deciding that Bert Oja will probably be first string center and Howard Anderson have a splendid chance of assuming the end position opposite Bob Tanner, nothing definite has been evolved since Dr Spears first called his players together on September 16th. A couple of players have been shifted from one post to another, as has been done with Nagurski and Wayne Kakela, but both were a cinch to make the team in any case. There has been plenty of practice on plays, and of course, a lot of conditioning, but almost no progress toward determining a lineup.

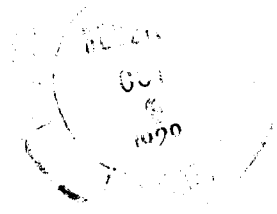
Minnesota fans who have been reading over the roster of backfield material and visioning a smoothly working machine that can run, block, plunge or punt must have employed a good deal of imagination, for one who watches practice daily is certain to be unable to figure out an accurate backfield combination. Injuries and the constant threat of ineligibility are are much more real at Minnesota than many enthusiasts are willing to believe, and at the present writing there is a grave possibility that some of the team's best prospects may be unable to wear a uniform against the major (or minor) opponents of the present season.

Barnhart, Kirk, Pharmer and Brockmeyer have been seriously set

back by injuries of different kinds, and Bob Bardwell is forced to leave one arm hanging useless in practice as the result of a shoulder injury. Several linemen, including Kroll, an able sophomore prospect, are slowed up by hurts sustained in scrimmage. It is far from true to assume that all is rosy.

Coe is expected to send a superior football team onto the field against the Spearman Saturday. This is not saying that the team will outplay Minnesota, but it is certain that Coe will give a good account of itself and not find a score of 50 or 60 spreading all over the board when the day is done. The Minnesota opponents have a team of about the Carleton caliber, and the Gophers will do well to down them by three or four touchdowns. The opening day crowd will probably run in the neighborhood of 20,000 or 22,000 if the day is good, as many impatient fans wait eagerly for the first game of the year and turn out to see what the new team looks like.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Oct. 9: Minnesota looks forward with hearty respect to its game with Vanderbilt on Saturday, but no one familiar with the methods of Dr Clarence W Spears doubts for a moment that he is chiefly at work preparing his team for the crucial Northwestern contest at Evanston a week later.

Northwestern "cracked off" Minnesota last year to the tune of 11 to 10, a freak score in a freak game, which is not said to detract from the glory of the Purple players. Reports from Evanston indicate that Northwestern is every bit as strong as last year, notwithstanding the loss of Holmer, while Minnesota is at least no stronger than it was a year ago, and has a team with less experience in playing together.

Neither Hanley nor Spears has any desire to drop a conference game so early in the season and both, undoubtedly, will offer what they have to prevent such a misfortune.

Dr Spears is giving a large amount of personal attention to his line, with which he was displeased at the end of the Coe game. Only a few linemen have a right to consider themselves fixtures, and not much of that, as the saying goes. Loss of Kreszewski, a promising end candidate, has not helped any, and Apmann, a first string guard and letterman a year ago, has also gone by the eligibility route. Reihsen, Langenberg, Phil Gross and Francis Gibson are receiving a good deal of attention in the coach's effort to build up line material that will stand up and keep its shape, but few expect that a definite lineup will appear until after the Vanderbilt game.

Predictions that Coe would draw a record opening crowd seems to have gone awry. There were 22,000 in the stands, which has become an almost invariable figure for Minnesota opening games.



Minneapolis, Oct. 16---When Minnesota leaves on Thursday for Evanston to face Northwestern Saturday, it will be with full knowledge that it must play approximately perfect football to have as much as a single chance of downing the Purple team which won last week from the strong Wisconsin eleven.

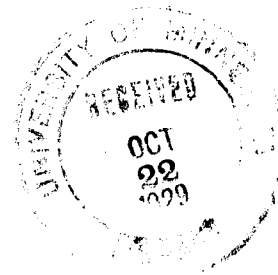
The Gophers will be just another football team, going against an aggregation that has proved its early season claims of a chance for the championship.

Minnesota beat Vanderbilt by the margin of one field goal and one flying tackle by Bronko Nagurski, that play being the only thing that prevented the Commodores from making as many touchdowns as the Gophers. One splendid play each by Art Pharmer, Clinton Riebeth and the Bronk patterned the margin of victory.

With recollections of last year's heartbreaking defeat still fresh in their minds, the Minnesota players will undoubtedly go into the Northwestern battle keen to win. That it will be a game on the home grounds of the Purple is in no way to Minnesota's advantage, nor has Minnesota developed any such fighting edge and will for success as has been given the Northwestern players by their conquest of the Badgers. Any sensible advance "dope" would give Northwestern a fairly broad edge on chances of victory.

Seen from in front, this game looks both close and important. It is a contest in which the second guessers, calling their shots after they have been made, are going to have all the best of it.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Oct. 21:- As a result of its rather surprising victory over Northwestern Saturday, Minnesota assumes the unenviable position of the team that other conference elevens will "shoot at" during the remainder of the season, which means more or less that Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, and Wisconsin may be expected to point themselves to take the Gophers' scalps.

Only one breathing space remains on Dr Spears' schedule, the Ripon contest of the coming Saturday. After that, the four teams just mentioned, beginning with Indiana, two weeks hence, will be the Gophers' weekly opponents.

Their task will be like that of the farmhand whose boss suggested that he hoe a few rows of potatoes while he was resting.

Sandwiching in a little thing like an away-from-home contest at Iowa between games against Indiana and Michigan is all Minnesota will have to do by way of preparation for a smashing final engagement with Thistlewaite's Badgers in Memorial Stadium as the season's windup.

The one break this year's schedule has given Minnesota is the two week's interim between being pointed for Northwestern and again for Indiana on November 2. Results of the early season have shown that few of the conference teams had reached a high development on the second week-end, when 7-6 and 7-0 scores seemed to predominate, except in the game where Michigan's pass defense went to pieces against Purdue. The football that has been played in the first three games does not of necessity indicate what is to come later, and every unbeaten team is still facing a world of danger from other opponents.

EDUCATED MINNESOTA MOLE

LEARNS CONFERENCE GRID SECRETS



And at That, Even if you Don't Believe it; You Should

Read and Find Out the Kind of Competition
Coaches Have to Face These Days

By the Unconscious Observer

Minneapolis, Oct-22— This is the story of one of the greatest feats in modern football strategy, one that will ring down the ramps of time and through the dressing rooms of the distant future; the story of Minnesota's success in gathering complete data on the plays, plans and procedures of all other conference universities by the use of an educated mole.

No one knows who first thought of the plan and no one really cares. The important thing has been the success of the idea. It has been as complete as a pass from Friedman to Oosterbaan.

Knowledge of Minnesota's great strategic coup first came to light when a strange scratching noise was heard in the Minnesota dressing rooms. The Unconscious Observer sought out Dave Woodward, Minnesota trainer, and asked what it was. Dave cautiously led the way to a crayon box covered with wire netting and floored with creeping bent. Creeping bent is a grass imported from the spookiest parts of Transylvania. When one first looks at it it seems to bend but not creep; looking longer one observes that it is actually creeping rather than bending. Eventually it both creeps and bends, to which a snaky up and down motion is added.

The creature in the box was nosing about and flapping its wings, but saying nothing.

"What is it Dave?" asked the observer.

"That", he replied, " is an educated flying mole".

"How come?"

"He is our all-university secret scout", said Dave. "We planned him more than two years ago, when we crossed a mole, which has some sense, with a bat, which has automatic transportation. When it had grown up sufficiently to understand elementary logarithms we put it in the freshman course in orientation and also taught it football signals. Then we got old football suits from all the conference universities and let it identify them by smell. Not a bloodhound, just a kind of perspiration terrier.

This year we started to use him. If we want him to scout Iowa, we let him sniff an old Iowa suit, toss him into the air and give a long locomotive. He's off. Reaching Iowa field he circles it several times to get the landing angle, descends, and immediately digs himself in. His digging speed, derived from his mole father, enables him to follow the squad about the field through underground passages, from which he sticks out his head every few minutes to make observations and memorize signals. After it is too dark for him to do his best work in this way, he comes out of the burrow and skims lightly above the field of play until he has everything quite sure.

The Unconscious observer regarded Dace with amazement not unmixed with awe.

"But how does the mole let you know what he has found out, Dave?" he asked.

"That is another story" said Dave, "which I will not let you in on unless you appreciate this one. But at that," he continued:

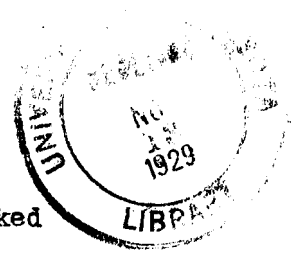
In our Next We Will Tell How the Educated Mole was FOULLY
TRAPPED at the UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN, and what GOOD did it do them,
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MORE ABOUT MINN. SECRET SCOUT

THE EDUCATED FLYING MOLE; LISTEN

His Pernicious Activities Were Entirely Overlooked

By Carnegie Foundation, Greatly to His Digust



Minneapolis, Oct. 29th: Minnesota football enthusiasts are going about this week holding their heads high in triumph, not only because the boys beat Ripon Saturday but because the astounding performances of Minnesota's secret scout, the educated flying mole, were entirely overlooked by the Carnegie Foundation in its report on college athletics.

The mole, which has only to be given a sniff of an old football suit from the camp of an opponent and be tossed into the air, to fly direct to the hostile field, burrow in, and learn all, is now absent on a secret mission.

Overcome by enthusiasm after Al Arsenault's 75 yard touchdown dash in Saturday's game, Dave Woodward, Minnesota trainer, was cornered by the Unconscious Observer and wheedled into giving further details of the mole's activities.

"Dave", said the U.O., "I repeat and insist on my demand that you tell me how the mole lets you know what he has found out. Can moles talk?"

"You must remember, in the first place," said Dave, "that this is an educated, flying mole" recognized by authorities in biology as the highest molecular type. "Also, there is a simple technique of getting him to reveal himself.

"To find out what the mole learns when scouting other conference universities we place him where it is warm and rub him with a piece of moleskin. When we do this a series of little, brown moles appear along his spine. For a time these baffled us, but we called in archeologists, who promptly deciphered the hieroglyphs. They are based on the set of

signals developed for the earliest form of football in the ancient city of Ur of the Chaldees, where a stone was used for a ball and men played the game barefoot. The sport was abandoned there because forward passes into flat territory often mashed the head of an opponent.***

"The archeologists quickly found the key to these strange symbols, and now we can readily learn anything the flying mole happens to know."

With his customary alertness, the Unconscious Observer flashed a question at Dave.

"These persons who rub the mole with a piece of moleskin?" he asked, "are they athletes or not, and how much do they get per hourum?"

"They are not", said Dave, "They are graduate cheer-leaders now enrolled in the Medical School; also successful bond salesmen, executives and statisticians. They are all examined by Coach Iverson to see that none suffer from metatarsal insufficiency, or, by the way, fallen arches. Nothing could be freer from taint than our system."

But with dogged determination, the Observer kept on.

"What is this I hear about Minnesota athletes enjoying concessions?" he asked the shrinking trainer.

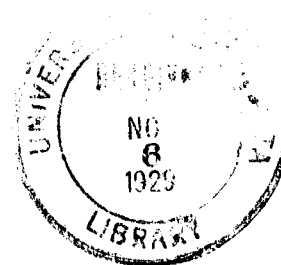
"That's easy" said Dave, coming out of his shrink. "A player goes up to Doc. Spears and says, "Doctor, will you concede that I am a star athlete and can make the team readily?"

Dr. Spears then pierces him with a glance and says, "Certainly I'll concede it. I'll concede it, but you just try and do it. Turn in your suit".

There's your concession.

(And just as we said a week ago, next week we will tell how the flying mole was foully trapped at the University of Michigan and got away again.)

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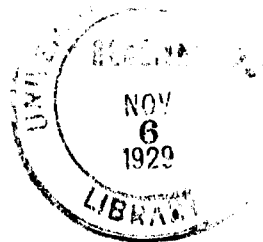


Minneapolis, Nov. 5: Two tremendous plays by Bronko Nagurski made possible the third Minnesota touchdown against Indiana and put the game beyond possibility of being lost as a result of long passes. The first play was partly strategy, but the second was all Nagurski.

When Art Pharmer faked a place kick and Nagurski took the ball to plow through for fifteen yards and a first down on the Indiana 10 yard line, Indiana was completely fooled and Minnesota's mighty ball-carrier found an open alley. But two plays later, when Bronko hit the Indiana line smack in the center and tore through for six yards, there was no deception about it. It was Nagurski against a football line, and Nagurski was not stopped.

Observers said this smack by the Minnesota fullback was one of the hardest blows a human being ever struck against a line of opponents. Players actually flew into the air as the Bronk crashed in like a charge of dynamite touched off under a log jam. Doctor Spears evidently thought it was good enough, for he had the Bronko come out a play or two later.

U of Minn News Service
Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Nov. 5: Following a victory in which the team at least had the appearance of playing under wraps, Minnesota is up on its toes this week for three days of the most serious kind of practice preparatory to leaving for Iowa City, where the Gophers will seek revenge for last year's final quarter upset.

Nothing that has happened since Iowa ran over Wisconsin has given Dr Spears any improved idea of his chances against the fighting Hawkeyes, and Minnesota will prepare for the contest as for a season's crucial game. Plans for defeating Michigan and Wisconsin in subsequent weeks will simply have to wait.

For three years past the Iowa game has been Minnesota's jinx in the matter of injuries and has cost the team temporarily the services of such men as Shorty Almquist, Bronko Nagurski, and Duke Johnson. This year Minnesota approaches the Iowa City meeting with a list of casualties already too important to be laughed off, especially in the backfield, where several important men have cases of charley horse. Bob Tanner, the veteran right wing was withheld from the Indiana game altogether, and Art Pharmer took some hard bangs in that contest that did him no good.

Student enthusiasm is running so high that there will probably be as large a following on the Iowa City trip as there was when the Gophers beat Northwestern at Evanston. Under Minnesota campus rules, however, the band will not go. A student referendum several years ago decided that the band should take but one football trip a year, and the dean of student affairs has ruled that this decision will stand.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Nov. 19: One of the greatest football players in all Minnesota history, Bronko Nagurski, will complete his three years of competition Saturday when Minnesota meets Wisconsin in the closing game of the 1929 season.

Like other great Minnesota backs, such as Earl Martineau and Herb Joesting, Nagurski never played on a West Conference Championship team, but again like them he played on one or more teams said by sports experts to be the equal of any in the country. Dr Spears 1928 team was one of these.

Nagurski is superior wherever he is called upon to perform. It would be hard to surpass his defensive work, and as a ball carrier he combines a terrific drive with a speed unusual for one weighing 203 pounds. The Big Nag does not kick, and that is the only thing he doesn't do. Like the man who was asked if he could swim, Bronko can reply, "I don't know, I never tried."

Along with Nagurski, Minnesota will lose Kakela, a guard, Bob Tanner, a veteran end, Pulkrabek, who is completing his third year at guard, and Harold Barnhart. George Langenberg, tackle, and Bert Oja, center, have played only two years of conference football and will be eligible next year if they are in school, although their return is uncertain. Lloyd Johnson, a center, will also graduate.

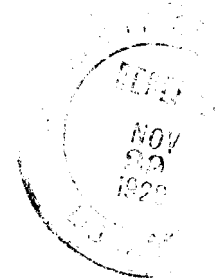
With these veterans gone, Minnesota will face a stiffer schedule next year than the one which tore to pieces this year's team. There will be six conference contests instead of five.

Minnesota will face Wisconsin Saturday in a determined effort to end the season above the 500 rating. With two wins and two losses at present, the team will fall below the halfway mark unless Wisconsin is defeated. The difficulty comes in the fact that Wisconsin will have had a two weeks layoff, just as Iowa did on November 9 before meeting Minnesota. Dr Spears will give his players a chance to recover during the early part of the week, before he speeds them up for the season's final battle.

1930 FOOTBALL SEASON

TO BE YEAR OF SOPHOMORES

Most of the Scintillating Players of the
Western Conference Will Graduate



Minneapolis, Nov. 26: Minnesota will be only one of many to bewail the passing of many major stars when the next football season comes around. The composite story on player graduation sent out last week by the Associated Press revealed that practically an entire new football generation will claim attention in the western conference in 1930. The changes in team personnel will probably be the most sweeping and impartial in the entire history of the Big Ten.

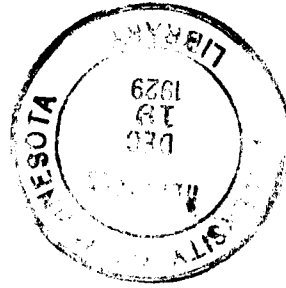
Names that have occupied headlines for years, such as Nagurski, Glasgow, Welch, Truskowski, Harmeson, Peters, Walker, H. Rebholz, Tanner Pharmer, Pulkrabek and Barnhart will vanish, leaving only to the imagination the list of players from whom next year's roll of greats must be selected. Minnesota, Michigan, Purdue, Chicago, Indiana and Wisconsin will all be hard hit by graduation, and Illinois will lose the entire backfield that carried it through three seasons, in the first two of them to championships.

Contrariwise, few teams have developed outstanding new stars this year. The champion Purdues will carry over Sleight and Yunevich, but Northwestern loses Bergherm. Sheehan of Wisconsin and Riebeth of Minnesota will probably develop into major stars of American football, as may Yanuskus at Illinois, but who came into general notice and acclaim as a new star at other conference universities? Who, that is, that will have one or two more years in which to perform before autumn crowds?

The only reasonable conclusion from a survey is that 1930 will be the great "blind" season of football in the middle west in which every team will be meeting an unknown quantity in every other team, at least up to the middle of the season when different coaches have shown what they have.

It's going to be a year of years for the sophomores, that 1930 is.

Sports Letter



12/19/29 "The perfect game" is the description of the Minnesota-Stanford football contest, scheduled for next fall, that is going around the Minnesota campus. Both students and faculty are pleased with the prospect of establishing athletic relationships on an intersectional basis with an institution of Stanford's standing.

The game between Stanford and Minnesota may end the peaceful atmosphere of the cabinet and White House, however, for it will align President Hoover and Secretary Ray Lyman Wilbur, Stanford alumni, against W B Mitchell, attorney general, and Walter H Newton, secretary to the president, both graduates of Minnesota.

It seems more than likely that some of the administration dignitaries will be in Minneapolis for the game.

Dr Clarence Spears and Fred Luehring, director of athletics, are going about the campus wearing broad smiles. Surmises as to intersectional games in addition to that with Vanderbilt, already scheduled, had looked to the east rather than the west, and several big institutions on the Atlantic seaboard were considered possibilities. Meanwhile Luehring and Spears were working on Stanford.

Leland Stanford university has always been one of the universities with a "personality" that has struck the American imagination. Under the teaching of Glenn Warner, whose reputation dates way back to the days of famous Carlisle Indian School teams, Stanford elevens have come to be among the country's best. Next October 11 promises to be a great day on the gridiron.



Minneapolis, Dec. 27: The University of Minnesota hockey team, winner of five championships in the past eight years of the Western Conference triangular hockey league, left last night for Chicago, where they will open the practice season Saturday night in a game with the Chicago Athletic Association.

Emil Iverson, veteran coach and figure-skater, expects again to turn out a winning team, although he reports that both Michigan and Wisconsin, the other conference universities far enough north to play hockey, will have unusually strong squads.

Minnesota enters the season with three letter-men from last year's champions, Peterson, Conway, and Bartholdi, two of whom are defense men and the third a center.

Although the contest is outside the conference, Minnesota lays great emphasis on its annual series with Marquette University of Milwaukee, where Kay Iverson, Emil's brother, coaches a strong hockey squad. The winner of the Minnesota-Marquette series has in most year's had a claim to the mid-west collegiate championship, although Michigan won the title in 1926 and tied for it in 1927.

Minnesota will play sixteen games this year, four each with Michigan, Wisconsin and Marquette, two with the Michigan School of Mines, Houghton, and one with Michigan State College.

Iverson is taking twelve men to Chicago, including, besides the three already named, Ryman, Bradley, Abra, Coffee, Barrett, Janelle and McIntosh, Fenton, Byerly and Hollingsworth.

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Minneapolis, Feb. 1: What is sometimes referred to as the Minnesota "athletic situation", into which phrase different persons are in the habit of reading the meaning that suits them best, has now become the focus for the "best brains" of the athletic world.

Taking a cue from the White House conferences, Minnesota has called a Field House conference to discuss Gopher athletics and suggest a ten year program of physical education and athletics, with distinct emphasis on the student as the person chiefly concerned.

Major John L. Griffith, Grantland Rice, C. W. Savage, athletic director at Oberlin, and H. M. Gage, president of Coe College are the four men who have accepted President Coffman's invitation. Dr. Coffman asks them to look into every phase of Minnesota's physical education program, state publicly its strengths and weaknesses, and recommend a program for developing the new program over a ten year term.

Emphasis has been placed by President Coffman on the following aspects:

Minnesota wants the whole truth about its athletic situation as these experts see it.

The recommended program should place its emphasis on values to the student body.

Intercollegiate competition is to have only its proportional place in a four-sided plan covering physical education, intramural sports, vocational training in physical education and intercollegiate athletics.

The experts have been invited to take all the time they need, the university guaranteeing expenses and a satisfactory rate of payment.

The personnel of the committee has won praise because of the special fitness of the individuals for the task assigned them.

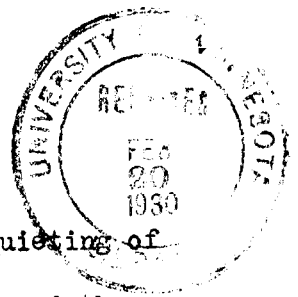
As intercollegiate commissioner of the Western Conference, Major Griffith is known to all for his abilities and knowledge.

Grantland Rice may rightfully be considered at least the equal of any living expert on sports.

C. W. Savage has been director of physical education at Oberlin College for 25 years and is a national figure in his field. For many years he was a prominent member of the intercollegiate rules committee.

President H. M. Gage of Coe College is president of the North Central Association of Colleges and Universities. Dr. Gage also heads a committee to which the Carnegie Foundation has turned over funds with which to continue the study of the intercollegiate athletic situation begun in its famous football report.

C. W. Savage is not the author of "Bulletin 23", the Carnegie football report. Howard J. Savage, an employee of the foundation, wrote that bulletin.



Minneapolis, Feb. 20 The extent to which there has been a quieting of the questions that were asked after the University of Minnesota announced the selection of Fritz Crisler and Tad Wieman as football coaches is shown more clearly by the fact that both accepted than it possibly could have been by any other means.

Neither Crisler nor Wieman was inclined to come to Minnesota in the face of any serious difference of opinion on the wisdom of their selection.

Various twin city delegations had opportunities to talk with Mr. Crisler in Chicago and to confirm the statements of President Coffman that the new men were assured of receiving satisfactory and loyal support.

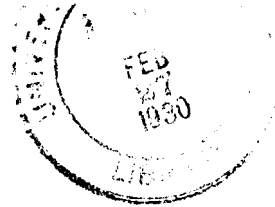
All who saw Crisler likewise brought back strongly favorable impressions of the man who will now guide the destinities of Minnesota's Thundering Herd. No one has questioned his knowledge of football, his leadership, or his personality and ability to teach.

Crisler will come to Minnesota this week to make arrangements for the opening of spring practice. Later he will return to Chicago to conduct the National Interscholastic Basketball tournament, leaving Tad Wieman in charge during the first phases of spring practice.

President Coffman issued a strong statement on the appointments when they were announced, in which he said: "With the acceptance of Crisler and Wieman, and the presence on the staff of Arthur Bergman, Minnesota has as capable a coaching staff in football as is to be found anywhere."

Wieman's appointment is on a part-time basis, which will hold him at Minnesota during the football season. During the rest of the time he will be in business. Arthur J. Bergman, also an assistant coach, is a full-time member of athletic staff at Minnesota. He coaches baseball in the spring and works with the football team during the fall.

All three of these leading figures in football coaching at Minnesota made national reputations for themselves as players, two in the Western Conference, where Crisler played for Chicago and Wieman for Michigan, and one at Notre Dame. "Dutch" Bergman was a star quarterback at the South Bend university and made many spectacular plays, including one of practically the length of the field, which beat West Point 6 to 0.



Minneapolis, Feb. 25: The committee of four invited by President L. D. Coifman to make a thoroughgoing survey of physical education and athletics at the University of Minnesota and to lay out a program to be followed for the next ten years will come to Minneapolis and get down to work on March 4, 5 and 6.

John Griffith, conference commissioner of athletics, C. W. Savage, veteran athletic director at Oberlin College, and President H. M. Gage of Coe College, president of the North Central Association of Colleges, will be on the ground. Grantland Rice, New York sports authority, has been in correspondence with university administrators and has obtained a pretty thorough idea of the Minnesota situation in reply to a long series of questions he prepared. Press of work will prevent Mr. Rice from attending the first conference, but he will come to the campus at a later date.

No agenda will be handed to the committee on its arrival, J. C. Lawrence, assistant to the president, said yesterday. Complete factual data on the department of physical education and athletics has been prepared by Henry J. Otto, committee secretary, and is being printed in a booklet for the use of the committeemen. After they have conducted their three day meeting they probably will make a preliminary report, after which a conference will be held between university representatives and the special committee, and at this conference an outline of their future undertakings will be made.

The ground has been definitely cleared for them by changes in the athletic personnel that have taken place since they were appointed. The retirement of Mr. Luehring from the athletic directorship, and appointment of Herbert O. Brisler as both director and headcoach of football are elements making the field they are to till more readily accessible.

At least Major Griffith, and probably some other members of the committee will remain in Minneapolis until the week-end to watch the Western Conference Indoor Intercollegiate Track meet, which will be held in the Minnesota Field House on Friday and Saturday, March 7 and 8. At that time star track and field athletics from all of the Big Ten universities will compete. It will be the first conference track meet held at Minnesota for many years.

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Minneapolis, March 1: Thousands who have followed the athletic adventures of the University of Iowa with interest will have an opportunity to see the first Iowa team that has taken part in a western conference engagement since that institution was restored to favor when the runners, vaulters, jumpers, hurdlers and weight men of the Western Conference meet in the Minnesota Field House Friday and Saturday for the annual Indoors Conference Track Meet.

Iowa reenters the fold at an opportune time, inasmuch as its indoor track performances were the best in the Big Ten a year ago, and many members of that championship squad remain.

Illinois, Michigan and Ohio State are expected to send unusually strong teams to the big Minnesota track meet.

Eyes of fandom will center on the performances of such famous stars as Simpson of Ohio, world's record holder in the 100 yard dash, Warne of Northwestern and Canby of Iowa, competitors for vaulting leadership, each of whom can sail over the bar at close to fourteen feet, and Tolan, the Michigan sprint sensation, who has both beaten and been beaten by the more famous Simpson.

Headcoach Sherman Finger of Minnesota is going to garner some real points in the meet with Johnny Haas in the dashes, Win Brockmeyer in the pole vault, Bruce Strain in the mile, Hubert Tierney in the broad jump and Arthur Wiesegeer in the 440 yard dash. Other Gophers may pick up something here and there to go down on the credit balance.

Fritz Crisler, who will be director of athletics at Minnesota next year has placed himself on record as strongly favoring a greater development of track and field sports at Minnesota, a stand in which he has the whole hearted

approval of every true follower of intercollegiate athletics. Track sports, oldest of athletic competitions (together with boxing, wrestling and polo) were the blue ribbon events of the athletic world until the great and typically American games of football and baseball and the world favored golf crowded them somewhat into the background. They retain, however, the fundamental delights of individual competition raised to the highest power which will keep them always popular both with those who take part and those who watch.

All member universities of the Western Conference will take part in the indoor track meet. Major John Griffith, conference commissioner of athletics, and perhaps some other members of President Coffman's special committee on reorganization of physical education, will remain in Minneapolis to see the meet following the meetings of the committee on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, March 4, 5, and 6.

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Minneapolis, March-¹⁵-Plans for the second annual Minnesota relays, announced by Sherman Finger, track coach, promise a spectacular display of speed and athletic ability scarcely second to that shown in the recent Western Indoor Track Meet. April 5 has been set as the date for the games.

Northwestern, Chicago, Wisconsin and Iowa have been invited to send runners to take part in the feature event of the meet, a special medley relay over a total distance of one mile in which the first man will run 440 yards, the next two, 220 yards each, and the fourth, a half mile or 880 yards.

This event is a novelty of the west, although it has been presented for some years in the Pennsylvanis Relay Carnival. The five conference universities already mentioned are expected to enter teams. By mixing the most gruelling of the dashes, a 440, with two high speed 220 yard races and topping the medley with a half mile, Finger has prepared a thrill which will draw spectators from their seats.

Minnesota high schools have been split into eight divisions, with a special half-mile relay race for each division. The eight are the Lake District division, comprising Wayzata, Excelsior, St. Louis Park and the like; "Big Eight" Made up of high schools from the larger cities of southern Minnesota such as Mankato, Owatonna, Faribault, Rochester, Albert Lea, Austin, Red Wing and Winona; Little Eight, composed chiefly of communities along Highway No. 1 and No. 5, such as Mora, Pine City, Rush City, Sandstone, North Branch and the like; a special relay event for Iron Range high schools, which was won last year by Eveleth; one for Central Minnesota schools, such as St. Cloud, Buffalo, Alexandria, Montevideo, etc; one for the high schools of St. Paul and one for Minneapolis high schools.

Two relay events have been carded for Minneapolis high schools, the first being a special half mile medley, in which the four runners will cover 220 yards, two 110 yard dashes, and a 440 dash. The other will be a straight half mile relay.

There will also be a Gopher Special relay for schools like Shattuck that are not in the State High School Athletic association and an Interfraternity relay, which will be the finals of a series of interfraternity runs.

Apart from the mile relay for five Western Conference universities, including Minnesota, there will be five college relay events. These will be run by teams from the North Central Association, including North and South Dakota Universities, North and South Dakota Colleges of Agriculture and Morningside. The Mid-West conference relay will feature such teams as Carleton, Coe and the like; the Minnesota Conference will bring Hamline, Macalester, Concordia, St. Johns, St. Thomas, St. Olaf, Gustavus Adolphus and Augustana and the Dakota Relay will be scheduled for South Dakota Wesleyan and teams from Huron, Yankton, Valley City, Augustana and Jamestown. The Junior College and Teachers College division had seven entries a year ago.

No race will be scheduled if less than four teams enter, and not over eight teams can be accommodated in one race.

A special three quarter mile "open" race for college and university men from any conference will offer one of the spectacular events of this year's meet. Such men as Letts of Chicago, Moulton of Iowa, Goldsworthy of Wisconsin and Strain of Minnesota will enter this.

Finger hopes also to have Ford of Northwestern, East of Chicago, together with Iowa and Wisconsin sprinters as competition for Johnny Hass in the 60 yard dash event that has been added. Conference high jumpers, headed by Shaw of Wisconsin and Gordon of Iowa will compete in the high jump open event.

The shot put has been added to this year's list of events because of the large amount of splendid talent available, including Behr of Wisconsin, Weaver of Chicago, Clarence Munn of Minnesota, Roberts of Iowa, Truesdell of Hamline, Klein of Macalester and Platt of Coe.

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Minneapolis, April 8: Minnesota's fourth official football regime with Fritz Crisler and Elton Wieman as its new figures, got away to a flying start last week, and with a record turnout of 150 candidates for spring practice only slightly reduced will probably reach the scrimmage phase of early training before Saturday.

The Gophers had no official coach until Dr. H. L. Williams came on from Yale in the fall of 1900, exactly thirty years ago. After carrying Minnesota to the football heights and winning several championships, the doctor retired in 1922, to be succeeded by Bill Spaulding who, after three years, gave way to Dr. Clarence W. Spears. So Dr. Williams' regime of 22 seasons still stands as an unapproached mark for Crisler to shoot at.

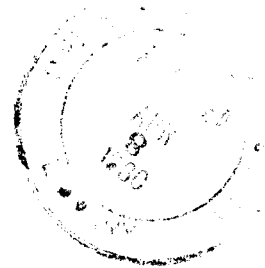
Two former Minnesota coaches are now on the west coast, Spaulding at the University of California in Los Angeles, and Spears at the University of Oregon. Dr. Williams, retired, lives in Minneapolis.

Second only in importance to the fine spirit with which the men greeted their new coaches was the impressive size of the turnout. Although larger in total attendance than any other university in the Western Conference, Minnesota has only the fourth largest number in its College of Arts, the division from which most football men are drawn. Illinois, Wisconsin and Michigan all have somewhat more men students in this college.

Indications are that every veteran who played a year ago and is not to graduate will make a strenuous bid for a berth on the 1930 team. Finn is now on the baseball team and Mann is giving part of his time to track, as is Win Brockmeyer, but the other principal veterans, together with promising freshmen are on hand.

Headcoach Crisler, who is also to be Minnesota's director of athletics, has added Bob Tanner to his coaching staff to help handle the ends. Wigman, new first assistant, will take principal charge of the line-men. Outside of baseball season Dutch Bergman will coach, and George MacKinnon and George Gibson, stars of two and three years ago, remain on the job. Ed Lynch, and coach under Dr. Spears, has retired from the squad and will devote himself to his bond business in Minneapolis.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, April 8: Three years of building by "Dutch" Bergman, Minnesota's baseball coach, promise to be rewarded this spring by a Gopher nine that will hold its own throughout the domain of the Western Conference, and the keen pickers are predicting that Fritz Crisler will have his first pleasant surprise when the Big Ten Baseball season actually gets under way.

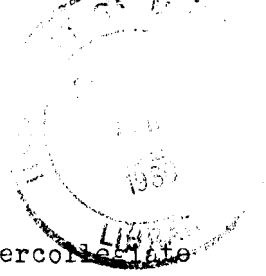
Not since the sport was reestablished at Minnesota on an inter-collegiate basis has baseball seemed to offer as promising a season as it does right now. Veterans in both the infield and outfield are on hand for the effort to boost the Gophers at least into the first division.

Leroy Timm, football backfielder, has developed into a catcher of parts, and Carlbloom, Andrews and Mattson are showing form in the pitcher's box that indicates they can go the route successfully against first class competition.

Cherp, Pelton, Langenberg and Kasmarynski make up Minnesota's heavy hitting outfield, all of them experienced men with some seasoning in conference competition. Addition of Earle Loose, basketball forward, this infield as first baseman has removed another of Dutch's worries, while Adams continues to go nicely at second, Ascher at shortstop and Beachaine at the hot corner, third base.

The Minnesota team came back after dropping a couple of games to Mississippi on its southern trip, trimmed "ol' Miss" and then moved on to New Orleans to win from Tulane. On his return Bergman reported that his men showed steady improvement once they became accustomed to the feel of an outdoor diamond under their feet.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, April 23: Minnesota's spring program of intercollegiate athletic competition will get under way in earnest at the end of this week when the Gopher baseball team opens its Big Ten season with games at Indiana on Friday and Saturday and the track team journeys to Des Moines for the widely famous Drake Relays.

Despite rather serious fielding weakness in the second base area, which has caused a series of shifts of players, the baseball team that Dutch Bergman has developed promises better than any recent Minnesota nine. Fans are watching the Indiana series closely to see whether early spring performances have been true index of the squad's probable ability.

Campus fans who follow baseball closely will have their best opportunity this spring as only the first three games will be played away. The home schedule calls for games with Purdue May 16 and 17, Wisconsin May 20, Northwestern May 30 and 31 and a doubleheader with Chicago on June 4. Following the Indiana games at Bloomington this week Bergman's team will meet Wisconsin in Madison Saturday, May 3.

What performers to take to Drake is the question Sherman Finger is trying to solve by final track workouts early this week. He is expected to take at least Hass for the dashes, Munn as a shot-putter, Strain and Wieseger for the half mile and mile runs and probably Tierney in the broad jump. Finger will probably take Ted Rasmussen as the fourth for a relay team made up of Strain, Hass, Wieseger and Rasmussen, a combination that finished fourth at the Kansas Relays last week.

The track schedule for the remainder of the year will be as follows: May 3, dual at Wisconsin; May 10, dual meet, Northwestern at Minneapolis; May 17, Michigan at Minneapolis; May 30 and 31, Big Ten outdoor meet at Northwestern.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, April 30: Dutch Bergman has handed Fritz Crisler a prize package worth having by turning in a pair of victories at the opening of the Western Conference baseball season. It means that the first two inter-collegiate games in which Minnesota teams took part after Crisler became director of athletics were Gopher victories. The swimming and basketball seasons had ended, with only moderate success, when Crisler took charge.

Minnesota's new director has already set his shoulder to the wheel and started things moving in the direction he wants them to go. Spring football practice is in full swing, and there is no indication that any of the players who must be relied upon for next fall's season will be missing September 15th.

Rowing was the next subject Crisler turned to, when he issued a statement to the effect that rowing was a fine sport, one he hopes to develop eventually at Minnesota, but that it must wait for the completion of projects already under way or contemplated. Items listed by the director were a new swimming pool, administrative offices for the department of physical education and athletics, and completion of the university golf course.

A straightening out of ticket allotment problems is the subject to which he is now turning his attention. There have been perennial complaints that seats on the best and most central yard-lines were all too few, a problem not new to football ticket offices, but one about which Crisler hopes to be able to do something. He at least is determined to make an effort to have the question settled to the best of his ability, so has asked the appointment of a committee of eight to investigate tickets and make a recommendation. Two are to be from the General Alumni association, named by the president of that body; two students, named by the All-University student council; two faculty members, named by President L. D. Coffman, and two paid-up subscribers to the Memorial Stadium, who also are to be appointed by the president.

The present system gives first choice on the south side of the field to those who purchase season tickets and first choice on the north side to students, who are, of course entitled to it, and faculty members willing to go on student books. Other seat orders are filled in the order in which they are received by mail, priority being given only to paid-up stadium subscribers.

Just how any of these groups be rightfully be displaced in favor of a more equitable general distribution of football seats it is hard to see. The committee may be able to solve this problem, and if not it will know at first hand how difficult a situation any athletic administration has to face when the season nears the end and the team is battling its old-time favorite rivals, possibly for a conference championship.

The barring of airplanes hovering over large crowds, enforced by the United States department of commerce, only makes the problems all the more difficult.

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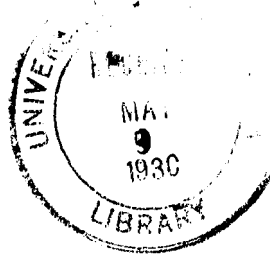


Minneapolis, May 1: The hearty appreciation of the University of Minnesota for Wisconsin's action in establishing "Minnesota Day", which will be celebrated Saturday when Minnesota baseball, track and tennis meet, was expressed today by President Lotus D. Coffman.

"Minnesota is greatly pleased over the fine spirit expressed by its traditional 'friendly rival' in athletics and neighbor university in establishing a Minnesota day", President Coffman said. "A continuous series of football games between these two universities has been in progress since 1890, always with the finest of feeling as an accompaniment of an intense and sportsmanlike rivalry. In track, baseball, basketball and other sports Wisconsin and Minnesota have long been meeting one another, always in keen competition, and never with bitterness or fear of unfair play. Minnesota extends its thanks and expresses its good-will to the Badgers for this cordial gesture".

Fritz Crisler, athletic director, also expressed his appreciation of Wisconsin's spirit and friendliness. He received today the invitation to himself, Fred Luehring, and E. B. Pierce, chairman of the senate athletic committee to be present on Minnesota Day in a letter from Geo. Little.

"So far as I know there has never been a mar on the fine rivalry that has continued between Minnesota and Wisconsin for the past 40 years", he said. "I know that Minnesota wants this to continue for at least another 40 years, and expressions of good will like the creation of Minnesota Day will help cement the cordial athletic rivalry so long continued".



Minneapolis, May 9: Better ticket privileges for stadium subscribers and alumni residing outside the twin cities and who therefore seldom buy season tickets will be one of the principal subjects of discussion when the special committee for solving football ticket problems meets at the University of Minnesota, Tuesday, May 13.

Director Fritz Crisler will urge members of the committee to reach a settlement of this problem that can be accepted by all.

Personnel of the committee, announced this week by President L. D. Coffman, includes W. W. Skinner of St. Paul and S. T. McKnight of Minneapolis for stadium subscribers, R. B. Rathbun and Dr. W. F. Braasch for alumni, Professor J. M. Thomas and M. C. Sneed for the faculty, and Edward Martini and Theodore Fritsche for the student body.

Numerous statements from stadium subscribers and alumni that they found difficulty in obtaining good seats unless they made up their minds in the summer-time as to which games they wished to attend were responsible for the appointment of the committee.

It will be pointed out, however, that in some eastern colleges, demand for tickets so far outstrips the available seats that only alumni are admitted to the big games. This is something, on the other hand, that can not be done by a state institution, nor would Minnesota wish to do so if it could.

Present priority goes first to purchasers of season books, then to paid up stadium subscribers. Other seats, except those for students and faculty, are distributed in the order in which the requests, accompanied by check, are received.

Minneapolis, May 9: Preliminary training for a schedule that may prove the most difficult in the history of the university will be brought to a close by Minnesota's football squad with a game between two teams of veterans and promising sophomores May 19, in Memorial Stadium.

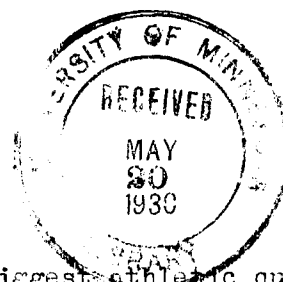
Plans for the close of spring training, which has been under way since April 1, were announced yesterday by H. O. Crisler, head coach.

When the signals start flying again on September 15, Minnesota will be facing such teams as Vanderbilt, Stanford, Indiana, Northwestern, Michigan and Wisconsin, with South Dakota State College and the University of South Dakota sandwiched in. There will be one open date, October 25.

The development of P. J. Somers as a quarterback has been one of the highlights of the spring season. The lad from International Falls has been at work under Crisler's personal tutelage almost every afternoon, and has winged his long and exceptionally accurate passes to every part of the field. Crisler is understood to employ a regular quarterback in the operation of his teams, something which Dr. Spears, with his blocking backs and mass plays always disregarded.

Jack Manders, the boy hailed as Bronko Nagurski's probable successor has also been a practice field regular, as have such men as Hoeffler and Dilner, ends, Wells and Johnston, tackles, Koski and Stein, centers and Griffen, Hass, Leksell and others in the backfield.

Brockmeyer, Kirk, Riebeth, Burdick and Timm, remaining backfield players from a year ago have been only irregular attendants at practice, due either to their being out for track or baseball or to holding jobs to which they had to attend in order to remain in school.



Minneapolis, May 21: A partial answer to the biggest athletic question of the day in Minnesota, "What will next fall's Minnesota football team be like?" was given Monday afternoon when picked teams from Fritz Crisler's squad fought it out in the Stadium to what amounted to a tie, although the Maroon team made a touchdown on an intercepted pass.

Here are some of the answers:

Minnesota will have a sweet punter in Marvin Dillner, sophomore end from Duluth, one of the best on a Minnesota gridiron since Eklund. Big Munn is another nifty punter.

Jack Manders, the Big Butte from South Dakota, lived up to the promises made for him, that with polishing he can become a worthy successor of the Joesting-Nagurski dynasty. Manders is a good big man, and he can't be laughed off.

Pete Somers and Clint Riebeth are shifty and smart. They will help plenty when plays are developed to get them into the open and to give Somers' pass plays a chance.

Minnesota has a world of end material, including Hoefler, Anderson, Dillner, Kreszowsky, if he becomes eligible, and some others of important ability.

Return of Elmer Apman next fall will not hurt the line a bit, but in Monday's game the lines of both teams smeared all running plays to the practical exclusion of gains through the line.

What with Koski, Stein, and Owens, Minnesota ought to develop a center who will be a perfectly satisfactory successor to Bert Oja.

When you think that neither Clarence Munn nor Win Brockmeyer could be descried in the lineup with a spy-glass, it's safe to deduce that there is some reserve strength as yet unexploited.

Among men hitherto little known to Minnesota football, Schwartz showed up most brightly, excluding Manders and Dillner, of whom much has been heard.

Russ Leksell and Al Arsenault looked good in there and will make their contributions when the time comes.

Allen Teeter, Phil Gross, Bob Reihsen and Marshall Wells are something pretty fair for any coach to work up from, especially with Elmer Apman and Clarence Munn thrown in, not to mention a considerable number of other possibilities.

And so, mates, the reef is not as near the surface as you had been led to expect, and when the breaking waves dash high on the stern and grass-bound grid next autumn, they will be just about as likely to wave in one direction as the other.

During the game Comptroller Bill Middlebrook sat sadly in the bleachers and gazed at the mangy turf, which has come off in patches as the result of putting some chemical on it to keep it from freezing unduly at the time of the Wisconsin game.

"Boys, it's going to cost plenty of money to get that field back in condition" he allowed.

By comparison with the turf the team looked like a combination of Notre Dame, Southern California and Yale riding in a tri-motored plane.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, June 4: Minnesota's 1929-'30 season of athletics came definitely to a close today when Minnesota and Chicago met at Northrop Field in a doubleheader that ended the baseball schedule.

Although none of the Gopher teams won championships, both the hockey and golf teams having slipped below the top ratings of a year ago, the general trend of Minnesota athletics was upward and interest in athletics, both among students and the general public, was definitely upward.

Football ended an era, the five-year regime of Dr. Clarence Spears, and will enter a new period of development next autumn under Fritz Crisler. The new season will also mark the introduction of important inter-sectional contests, with Stanford added to Vanderbilt as an opponent from afar.

Both in basketball and baseball, Minnesota teams strove upward during the year, although it was without attaining any very lofty rating. Dave Macmillan will again coach the Minnesota basketball team next year and will have, observers feel sure, the best material that has gone onto a basketball floor at Minnesota for several years.

Niels Thorpe, swimming coach, is at present in his native Denmark watching the gray waves of the North Sea and planning ways for bringing back his dashers and plungers to the top rating to which they have become accustomed. Thorpe will be back before swimming is resumed next year and hopes to have sophomore material that will increase Minnesota's prestige in the tanks.

No successor to Emil W. Iverson as hockey coach has as yet been selected. Iverson has gone in whole-heartedly for the outdoors life business and is giving full time to his big camp and resort on Lake Vermilion, to which

a boys camp has been added. His brother Kay has dropped coaching also, and left Marquette to help brother Emil outfit canoeists for tours of the border wilds.

Dutch Bergman's baseball team almost captured the heights this year. It is stating a fact rather than an alibi to say that an impossible decision in the second Purdue game, when two runners scored and two advanced on a foul ball, marked the turning point in a season that had promised the best. In subsequent games errors were costly to the Gophers at times when they meant runs for the opposition.

Dutch will be back next fall to assist Fritz Crisler and Tad Wieman with the Gopher football team. Bob Tanner, Louis Gross and Otis McCreery also will help develop Crisler's first edition of the Gophers.

Sherm. Finger's track team attracted more attention this year than any previous team he has developed. Munn gives promise of setting a conference shot-put record before he graduates; Johnny Hass has put Minnesota back into the dash events, and there are freshman tracklings who will make the Gophers dangerous contenders in the hurdles, high jump, and other events when a new season rolls around.



The Athletic Department, through H. O. Crisler, Director, announces its action in respect to the recommendations made by the special committee appointed to investigate the problem of ticket allocation at the University Stadium. The special meeting was held on May 13 at the Ticket Office in the Stadium. Members of the Committee present were Dean J. M. Thomas and Dr. M. Cannon Sneed representing the faculty, Dr. W. F. Braasch of Rochester and Mr. R. B. Rathbun of Minneapolis representing alumni, Mr. W. W. Skinner of St. Paul and Mr. Sumner T. McKnight of Minneapolis representing stadium subscribers, and Mr. Theodore Fritsche of the All-University Council representing the student body. Dr. L. J. Cooke, Manager of Ticket Sales, and L. L. Schroeder, Assistant Manager, were present in order to provide the Committee with any statistical data that might be necessary during the course of their deliberations, but they were not regarded as members of the Committee and did not vote.

After four hours of deliberation, the Committee passed the following resolutions unanimously:

- 1) No student who has purchased a season athletic ticket may be granted a refund of fees until he has surrendered his ticket.
- 2) It is the sense of the Committee that the privilege heretofore granted students in the Extension Division of the University of buying Student Athletic Tickets should be discontinued.
- 3) It is the sense of the Committee that the number of seats sold to purchasers be cut to four.

4) It is the sense of this Committee that the graduates of the University of Minnesota shall be put on exactly the same basis in the matter of priority purchase of tickets as the Stadium Subscribers. This will necessarily involve an additional expenditure for extra clerical help, and it is our sense that this money will be wisely spent.

5) A block of seats shall be set aside for the two most important games of the season for University Alumni, possibly including one section such as section 2 or section 3, and a group of seats more or less temporary, situated in front of sections 2, 3, 4, and 5.

6) Resolution: recognizing the efficient manner in which the administration of the Ticket Office has been carried on.

Mr. Crisler stated that he was highly pleased with the action taken by the Special Committee, but that he felt that with regard to some of the recommendations it will be necessary to study the situation during the course of another ticket season in order to gather the details necessary to properly enforce the spirit of these recommendations. Immediate action will be taken on Recommendation #1 and on Recommendation #5. It was felt in regard to Recommendation #2 that it would be impossible to enforce a regulation which appeared to discriminate against Extension students, and in view of the immediate offer of the Extension Department to co-operate to the fullest extent to eliminate the abuse of the privilege granted to Extension students, the sale to Extension students will be continued under observation during the coming season.

In regard to Recommendation #3, it was felt that the time was too short to give adequate warning to purchasers who have been receiving six seats in the past. All purchasers of six tickets will be notified that the restriction of four seats to each purchaser will probably be enforced in 1931.

In regard to Recommendation #4, it was found upon investigation that adequate lists of graduates could not be supplied to the Ticket Office in time for the 1930 season. There are approximately 30,000 persons holding degrees from the University of Minnesota. The University is now compiling an Alumni Directory, and until this work is completed, an accurate list of graduates will not be available, but it is hoped that this list will be available in 1931.

The greatest problem before the Ticket Committee was that of providing better seat locations for University Alumni living outside the Twin Cities, and a special effort will be made this year to improve this situation.



The opening whistle on the Big Ten practice fields, September 15, will find Coach Fritz Crisler starting his first season at Minnesota with a nucleus of 16 lettermen.

Despite this number of tried veterans the loss of such outstanding players as Bronko Nagurski, All-American tackle; Bob Tanner, All-Conference end; Pharmer and Barnhart, backs; Langenberg, Kakela, Oja and Pulkrabek of the line, will leave many holes to be filled on the varsity.

The three positions which will be the most difficult to fill this year will be quarterback, center and the tackles. For the pilot position outstanding candidates are Win Brockmeyer, who has had two years of Big Ten experience and Pete Somers, who as a sophomore last year developed into an expert passer. Somers hails from International Falls. Ken MacDougal, 150 pound sophomore from Lansing, Michigan will also be on hand. Sam Swartz, Minneapolis, is another outstanding prospect for this position.

For the other backfield positions the Gophers will be fairly well taken care of. Clint Riebeth, Minneapolis, who was a sensation as a sophomore back, will be in the fight for one of the halfback positions.

Quentin Durdick, 197 pound back from Williston, N. D., a veteran of two years experience will also be available. Bill Brownell, Minneapolis, Leroy Timm, Arlington and Paul Kirk, East Grand Forks, are a trio of veteran backs capable of causing trouble for any team.

Walt Nass, of St. Paul, nearly as fast as his brother John of sprint fame, is the best prospect from the reserves. Jack Manders, 205 pound sophomore from Milbank, S. D., is the outstanding fullback candidate. Russ Leksell, Ironwood, Michigan, will also return this year to make a bid for the fullback berth.

Bob Pinger, Minneapolis, reserves, will also return to make his bid. Two freshmen, Harry Hall, Little Falls, and Gerald Griffin, Devils Lake, N. D., should develop into capable backs this season.

In the center positions there is no candidate with Big Ten experience. Lloyd Stein, Two Harbors and Sulo Koski, International Falls, will be in the running. Stein is a freshman and Koski has had reserve experience. Marshall Wells, former Central High School star, may also see action at the pivot post. Morris Greenberg, Minneapolis is another frosh who looked good this spring.

Guards who have faced conference competition are Elmer Apmann, St. Cloud, Bob Reihsen, Benson and Phil Gross, Minneapolis. Gross, however will likely be used at tackle this year. Cecil Ilstrup, Minneapolis is another guard possibility.

Chunky Clarence Munn, Minneapolis, who was made over from a fullback to a tackle last season is regarded as a fixture at the latter position this year. Phil Gross and Paul Berry both saw action last year and Alvin Teeter, another Minneapolis boy, who played at guard in 1929 may also be used to bolster up these posts. Pat Boland, Duluth, will be another dangerous tackle candidate. Brad Robinson and George Piegras, Luverne, are also yearlings who showed up well last fall.

On the flanks Harold Anderson, a rangy lad from Owatonna, will be back. He won his letter as a sophomore last year. Royal Hoefler, another letterman will be on hand to team with Anderson. Jake Ohlsen, Luverne, of the reserves, Kenneth Gay, Moose Lake, and Mervin Dillner, Duluth and Ray Oen, Thief River Falls, of the freshman squad are also expected to be in the running.

Coach Crisler, still in the midst of reorganizing his coaching staff, has as yet only two assistants. Tad Wieman, who came to Minnesota from Michigan last spring, will take charge of the line. He drilled the forwards during the spring practice this year so the setting will not be entirely new to him September

George Tuttle, who played end under Dr. Spears at Minnesota a few years ago has been appointed to the Gopher coaching staff and will handle the ends.

The Gophers open against South Dakota State, September 27. They on successive Saturdays they will tackle Vanderbilt, Stanford and Indiana at home. October 25 will provide a breathing spell and on November 1, Northwestern will come to Minneapolis for Homecoming. Then comes South Dakota University Nov. 8, and on November 15 the Gophers will journey to Ann Arbor to meet Michigan. The final game will be against Wisconsin at Madison on November 22.

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Sports Letter

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Five alumni, famed for their prowess on Gopher teams of other years, will compose the majority of Minnesota's football coaching staff this year.

The names of Sig Harris, Bert Baston, George MacKinnon, Otis McCreery and George Tuttle are all well-known to the followers of Minnesota's gridiron fortunes. Only one other, Frank McCormick, former halfback star at the University of South Dakota is on the list of assistant coaches who will aid Fritz Crisler and Tad Wieman this fall.

Sig Harris has been closely identified with Minnesota football since the early years of the Twentieth century when his dazzling runs and brilliant generalship gained him fame as quarterback on the famous Gopher teams of that time. His small size was no handicap against the burly players of his day.

Harris served as coach at Minnesota under three different regimes. He aided Dr. H. L. Williams, Bill Spaulding and Dr. Spears. Under Dr. Spears he did considerable scouting and Coach Crisler also will use him as his chief scout.

Bert Baston, third Gopher All-American and a member of Dr. H. L. Williams' famous 1916 eleven, will coach the ends. Baston was placed on Walter Camp's mythical team in 1915. He will always be remembered as a partner in the famed "Wyman to Baston" forward passing combination. Baston also coached the ends for a time under Bill Spaulding.

George MacKinnon played under Dr. Spears. He was an outstanding center during his Big Ten competition while weighing less than 170 pounds. MacKinnon won letters in track and basketball also and as a senior was awarded the Conference medal for proficiency in scholarship and athletics.

Under Spears he was an assistant line coach for the past two seasons. Coach Crisler will probably use him to work on the varsity if he is not given charge of the reserves.

Otis McCreery played in the backfield for Minnesota from 1920 to 1922, teaming with Earl Martineau at halfback. He assisted Coach Crisler with the backs during the spring practise and will continue as a backfield coach this fall. McCreery is assistant dean of student affairs at the University.

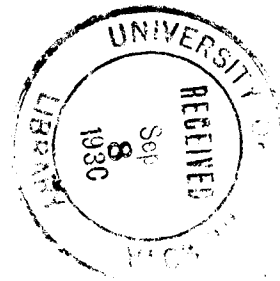
George Tuttle, end under Dr. Spears, has been coaching at Central High in Duluth the past two years. He will have charge of the freshmen in fulltime capacity. Tuttle will handle the freshman basketball squad in the winter and return to football in the spring.

Crisler has chosen Frank McCormick, Sioux Falls, S. D., attorney, and former brilliant halfback at the University of South Dakota as fulltime backfield coach. McCormick also starred in basketball and baseball while at South Dakota.

During the war he was an officer in the 88th Division playing with that football team both in the United States and France. Returning after the war McCormick taught for a time in the University of Illinois' coaching school.

In 1922 he began to practise law in Sioux Falls and until coming to Minnesota served as assistant United States district attorney for South Dakota. He also coached football at Columbus college in Sioux Falls.

Sports Letter
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Minneapolis, Sept. 5 -- High School football squads throughout the state were today issued a special invitation to be guests of the University of Minnesota at the opening game with South Dakota State College at the Memorial Stadium, Sept. 27.

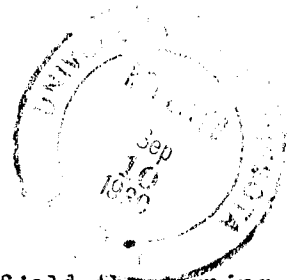
Twenty-five men from each high school squad will be admitted free at this opening game. Special rates to high school players for other games were announced at the same time.

Squads will be admitted to the Vanderbilt game, Oct. 4 for fifty cents per man. One dollar will be charged for the Indiana game, Oct. 18, and players will be admitted to the contest with the University of South Dakota, Nov. 8, for twenty-five cents.

A new Conference ruling requires that each Big Ten university charge a flat rate of one-dollar per man to all high school players attending conference games and that they be admitted only if space is available.

For this reason it is not known at this time if it will be possible to admit high school squads at the Homecoming game with Northwestern, Nov. 1. If space is available the players will be admitted for one dollar each.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Sept. 5- Final notice to report on Northrop field the morning of September 15, has been sent to 95 prospective Minnesota football warriors by Coach H. O. Crisler.

Sixteen lettermen are on the list, the rest of the group being composed of men who have been out for football before or are graduates from the 1929 freshman squad.

Throughout the summer the Gopher coach kept in close contact with all his men by a series of letters which were sent out at frequent intervals. These letters, **five in number**, gave advice on training and eligibility and answered any questions raised by the men.

The final one, which reached the men about September 1, ordered the prospective candidates to report the morning of the fifteenth ready for the grueling fall grind.-

Practice will be held both morning and afternoon during the first two weeks of the season. After the beginning of classes, September 29, the training sessions will be held only in the afternoon.

Return correspondence from the candidates indicates that the battle for positions will be a keen one and that the men realize the fact that they will be called on to face one of the hardest schedules a Minnesota team has ever played.

Within two weeks of the opening practise session Coach Crisler will send his men against South Dakota State and then against the veteran Vanderbilt team for their second game on Oct. 4. Stanford will present one of the toughest third games the Gophers have encountered in many a year.

Following these early season contests Minnesota will tackle Indiana, Northwestern, Michigan and Wisconsin, all formidable Big Ten opponents, besides meeting the University of South Dakota.

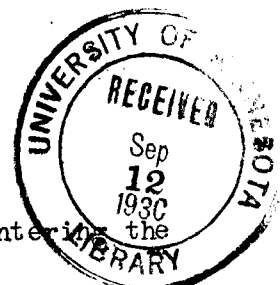
Realization of the task before them should send the Gophers into their preliminary work full of determination. Those men who are expected to report ready for work are: Frank C. Alexander, Glenwood; Albert E. Arsenault, Stillwater; Vernon F. Anderson, Cambridge; Ill.; Harold V. Anderson, Owatonna; Garfield Anderson, Luverne; Elmer Apmann, St. Cloud; Win Brockmeyer, Mankato; Bill Brownell, Minneapolis; Quentin Burdick, Williston, N. D.; Paul Berry, St. Paul; Patrick Boland, Duluth; Mike Cielusak, Minneapolis; Chester F. Carlson, Minneapolis; Mervin Dillner, Duluth; James W. Dennerly, Aitkin; George Ekdaahl, Geneva, Ill.

James A. Erickson, Fergus Falls; William E. Farrell, Grand Rapids; Don Findlay, Mason City, Ia.; Milford Gillet, Minneapolis; Gerald J. Griffin, Devils Lake, N. D.; Andrew Geer, Crookston; Kenneth Gay, Moose Lake; Morris Greenberg, Minneapolis; Phil Gross, Minneapolis; Royal Hoefler, Pine City; Ed Hutchinson, Memphis, Tenn.; Harry B. Hall, Little Falls; Ed L. Haislet, Minneapolis; Walter Hass, St. Paul; John Hass, St. Paul; Ellsworth Harpole, Minneapolis; Spencer Holle, Madelia; Cecil Ilstrup, Minneapolis; Alfred Jacobson, St. Paul; Arthur Johnston, Minneapolis; Robert Klingel, Minneapolis; Paul Kirk, East Grand Forks; Powell Krueger, Minneapolis; John G. Kruse, Minneapolis; Sulo O. Koski, International Falls.

Russell Leksell, Ironwood, Mich.; Stanley Lundgren, St. Paul; Matt Majnarich, Loona, Wis.; Ken MacDougal, Lansing, Mich.; Jack Manders, Milbank, S.D.; Clarence Munn, Minneapolis; Merle L. Newberg, Willmar; Howard Nichols, St. Cloud; Roy J. Oen, Thief River Falls; Jake Ohlson, Luverne; Alton Oster, Minneapolis; Kenneth Peterson, Minneapolis; Ralph Platou, Fargo, N. D.; Ed Pickett, Minneapolis.

Harmon Pierce, St. Paul; Robert W. Pinger, Minneapolis; Kenneth Parr, Farmington; George Piopgras, Luverne; Paul Porter, Huron, S. D.; Clint Riebeth, Minneapolis; Robert Reihsen, Benson; John P. Somers, International Falls; Lloyd Stein, Two Harbors; Leroy Timm, Arlington; Allen Teeter, Minneapolis; Alvin Teeter, Minneapolis; Marshall Wells, Minneapolis; Paul Ziegelmaier, Minneapolis.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Minn. Sept. 12 -- Freshman football players entering the University of Minnesota this fall will be given an unusual opportunity to develop into first class varsity material under the new plan which Coach H. O. Crisler will put into effect.

The frosh squad which usually approximates 200 men during the opening days of practise will not be cut as in former years. In the past the squad has been reduced after two or three weeks to 40 or 50 candidates. Thus many men who develop slowly were cut off from any opportunity to make the varsity during their University career.

Every man who comes out will get an opportunity to demonstrate his ability this fall. Under the direction of George Tuttle, new freshman coach, ten or eleven teams will be organized and a round robin schedule will be played assuring every man on the squad an opportunity to prove himself in an actual game.

The squad will be divided into freshman varsity and freshman reserve groups. The yearling varsity will consist of two teams which will oppose the first team on alternate weeks each using the style of play which Minnesota's opponent will use on the following Saturday.

By this method each group will have an additional week in which to perfect the style of play used by Gopher opponents. The squad will also have the advantage of not being called upon to face the battering scrimmage against the first team week after week. This will also assure a much better schooling in the plays used by opposing teams.

Assisting Tuttle in handling the first-string frosh group will be Sig Harris, Otis McCreery and George MacKinnon. Harris, in his capacity as chief scout, will be a great aid in drilling the men in the plays used by other teams. MacKinnon will aid with the line and McCreery with the backfield.

The reserve group will be coached by Lou Keller, Blaine McKusick and Sherm Finger. In addition coaching students in the physical education department under the direction of Keller will be available.

Numerals will be awarded in the spring. A candidate may earn his award in the fall, but should he fail to do so he may still get it during the spring training session.

Fall practise will not open officially until the beginning of classes, Monday, Sept. 29, but uniforms may be drawn before that time. Some candidates are expected to report as early as the 25th for equipment.

The University of Minnesota will open its newly completed 18 hole golf course this fall.

University of Minnesota football squads use more than 150 footballs annually.

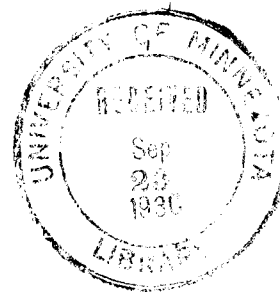
Rope-skipping is strongly recommended by Coach Fritz Crisler to condition his football players at Minnesota.

Minnesota gridiron warriors will wear maroon headgears this fall.

Oscar Munson, veteran athletic equipment man at Minnesota recently completed his thirty-first year at the University.

The Stadium football field at Minnesota is made entirely of blue grass.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Sept. 18-- After two days of preliminary work the Gophers plunged into heavy scrimmage Wednesday. Coach Crisler sent men in rapidly throughout the two long practise sessions of the day and practically every one of the 80 men on the squad got a chance to get into actual scrimmage.

The Gopher mentor started out the day by holding a surprise election and as a result the Minnesota squad will swing through its fall campaign with Win Brockmeyer, veteran halfback, as captain. Last year a leader was appointed before each game.

Backfield men are in abundance at Minnesota this season but the big problem will be to develop a strong line. Tad Wieman has a number of huskies but the majority of the big fellows are without experience.

In the center position, Lloyd Stein, Sulo Koski, Alvin Teeter and Jake Greenberg are fighting it out. Stein and Greenberg are from the 1929 frosh squad while Koski was on the reserves as a guard last season. Teeter earned a letter as guard last year.

Tackle prospects include Marshall Wells, former Minneapolis high school star, Pat Boland, Howard Kroll, Howard Nichols, Garfield Anderson, Lyle Stafford, and George Piepgras. Clarence Munn, tackle on the 1929 team is practically assured of one of the berths.

Harold Anderson and Royal Hoefler, both lettermen are outstanding wing prospects with Al Krezowski, a speedy 190 pounder, very much in the fight. Brad Robinson, Jake Ohlsen and Roy Oen are other possibilities drilling under end coach Bert Baston.

Guards of varsity calibre are Elmer Apmann, Phil Gross, Bob Reihsen, Jim Dennerly, Kenneth Gay, Ellsworth Harpole and Al Teeter. Teeter is

being used both as a center and as a guard at present.

Captain Brockmeyer looks like the 1930 quarterback. Kenny MacDougal, Harry Hall, Walt Hass are other quarterbacks on the squad. Clint Fiebeth, heavier this year, apparently has lost none of the deceptiveness which made him the despair of Gopher opponents last year.

Red Somers, Russ Leksell, Quentin Burdick, Sam Swartz, Andy Geer, Bill Brownell, Paul Kirk, Jack Manders and Frank Alexander are all backs who should make trouble for Gopher opponents this year.

The Gophers open the season against South Dakota State a week from Saturday. The South Dakotans will have eight lettermen on their squad but Coach Cy Kasper has a large group of aggressive sophomores to pick from. The South Dakotans will open the season against Southern Normal, September 22.

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Sept. 25--Cross-country prospects at Minnesota this season are much better than in 1929 despite the loss of three strong veterans.

With Errol Anderson and Ceylon North, Gopher dependables for three years, both gone and Hugo Kojola, another strong veteran graduated, Coach Finger will have to depend largely on sophomore talent.

Anderson and North were always among the leaders in Big Ten competition. These two led the Gophers into third place in 1927 to press Wisconsin and Illinois for the top honors. In 1928 they were among the first 12 men to finish and last year they were among the leaders again.

Ted Rasmussen will be the only 1929 runner on the squad but he will have another veteran running mate in Earl Fornell, Minneapolis, who was on the team in 1928.

John Currel of Clarkfield, who was on the frosh squad of 1928, will be back this fall and in him Minnesota should have a strong runner who will make Conference opponents step their fastest to lead him in.

From the 1929 squad Coach Finger will have Mike Seiler, Barnum, Dwight Duncan, Sioux Falls, S. D., Wilfred Chaffee, Dremerton, Wash., George Marolf, Iron River, Mich., Arne Olson, Roland Scharr, Ken Felsted, Rasmussen, and Ken Schmidt.

Duncan, Seiler, Semple and Olson all are outstanding freshmen and from this group will probably come the material to round out the 1930 aggregation.

Several members of the squad spent four days at Lake Independence getting into condition for the season. Under the guidance of Coach Finger, who ran with them, the squad journeyed ten to fifteen miles daily over hills and through the brush in an effort to be in tiptop shape.

Those members of the squad who did not make the trip have been working daily on the Stadium track in an effort to keep in trim and be ready for the fall grind.

The Gopher harriers will open the season against North Dakota Agricultural College on October 11. October 18 will probably bring Iowa here unless the date is shifted to Oct. 25.

Homecoming day will bring the Northwestern harriers to Minneapolis to race over the River Road course. On Nov. 8, Coach Finger will take his runners to Madison to meet Tom Jones' racers. No meet has been scheduled for Nov. 16 and the team will wind up the season at Urbana, Ill., at the Conference meet.

Indiana is rated as one of the strongest teams in the Big Ten this year. The Hoosiers usually have a hard team to beat but the same squad which ran away from all opposition last year is back and the same squad romped away with most of the distance honors in track last spring.

Tom Jones will have his usual Wisconsin threat in the field again and Illinois, Northwestern, Purdue and Michigan, will all be in the running.

Approximately one-half of the seats for the Minnesota-Stanford football game October 11, have been sold, Les Schroeder, assistant ticket sales manager announced today.

A complete sellout is expected according to Schroeder. Ticket purchasers have taken more than 18,000 seats thus far. In addition the University has been forced to guarantee 7,400 seats to Stanford for use of their alumni and student body.

The clash between Pop Warner's famed warriors and Fritz Crisler's first Minnesota team will undoubtedly attract nationwide attention. Ticket requests have been coming in from as far East as New York City and as far south as Texas.

A party of fans will journey to Minneapolis from Winnipeg by air and railroad officials have announced that at least two special trains will be run from the Pacific coast carrying Stanford rooters. The National Broadcasting Company has requested permission to broadcast the game over its national chain and has reserved space in the press box for its staff of radio experts and announcers.

The Stanford contest will be one of the earliest major contests of the season since the Stadium opened. Another third game of major importance was that with Chicago, October 20, 1928. This was the Homecoming contest of that year and about 16,400 tickets had been sold by September 1, as compared to more than 18,000 for Stanford to date. Approximately 48,000 persons saw the Chicago contest.

Running a close second in the point of ticket sales is the Northwestern Homecoming game. With the Wildcats pointing toward the Big Ten title this year and because they do not come to Minneapolis until November 1, it is expected that this contest also will be a complete sellout.

The Indiana and Vanderbilt games are also expected to be big drawing cards and probably will surpass the figures of last year when Vanderbilt drew 21,349

spectators and Indiana drew 29,158.

Sales of season books for the present season are not as heavy as in 1929 when a record was established with a total of 8,400. It is expected that about 7,000 seats will be sold this year in season books as reservations have already been made for 3,600 and 20 days still remain before mail orders close.

After September 15 season books may still be purchased over the counter at the Stadium ticket office if there are any available after the mail orders close.

Sports



Minneapolis, Minn. October 9 — Winding up their preliminary training season the Minnesota crosscountry team will engage in its first meet of the season against North Dakota Aggies Saturday.

Coach Finger has not yet decided as to the composition of the squad which will match strides with the Dakotans but judging by performances in practise so far this season three of the places are virtually cinched.

John Currell who was the outstanding freshman harrier last year is back and running in fine form. Ernest Seiler, another sophomore has been giving Currell a battle each night in practise and with Ted Rasmussen of last year's varsity crew running faster than ever these three should lead the Fargo squad to the tape by a fair margin.

For the two remaining places on the squad Earl Fornell a veteran of two years ago and Al Adams look like the best prospects. Fornell is not in the best of condition after his long layoff, but is coming along nicely. Adams, a sophomore, is pushing the leaders each night in practise.

The Gophers had a hard time trouncing the Dakota boys last year. K. Weiser, captain of the Fargo crew, led Anderson and North to the finish line, but he was not given enough support to clinch a victory. The race will be for three miles on the East River road course, starting at 11 a. m.

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Minn. October 9 — Whether a hard early-season schedule will make or break a green football team is a subject on which the current Minnesota season is going to throw some light for the benefit of all football coaches. Intentional scientific experimentation could not have evolved a more thorough test on this question than did the Minnesota schedule makers when they engaged to meet Vanderbilt, probably best in the south, on the second Saturday of the season, and Stanford, West Coast top-notch, the next week.

The outcome of the first of these games is known. That a stronger Gopher team will go against Stanford seems certain. After Saturday Minnesota can settle down to its Western Conference season.

The question is, will the team have become an aggregation of seasoned veterans due to two such gruelling matches? Will it face the games that are important in its championship standing with the confidence of a squad that has been under fire against the best, or will it have been worn down by two tests that were too severe for so early in the year?

It is obvious that Minnesota still has the best kind of a chance to win high rank in Western Conference football circles this year. Indiana, which comes to Minnesota October 18 has demonstrated that it is not one of the best teams in the conference by losing to Ohio State 23 to 0. Following the Indiana game Minnesota will have an open date October 25 and then on November 1 will meet Northwestern, probably the strongest team in the Big Ten this year.

However strong Northwestern may be, Minnesota will be in a good spot to give its entire strength to the effort to win. While no one game makes or mars a season, a victory in this contest would send the Gophers into the late

season games with Wisconsin and Michigan on at least equal terms. Both of the latter teams promise to develop slowly, as Minnesota is doing, and there is no indication that the teams of mid-October will be recognizable when the latter part of the season arrives.

Minnesota has certain elements of strength this year that will not be denied in the long run. Both Munn and Dillner are punting far beyond the usual Minnesota yardage. If Riebeth gets back into harness within a week or two, he, with Hass, MacDougall, and the other halfbacks will give a variety and speed to the offense that will keep all opponents constantly alert. As the season progresses the line will come into its own and give the backs more chance to do their stuff than they had against Vanderbilt.

Many Gopher fans believe that the Minnesota following will have a different opinion of the team after it meets Stanford, for it was lack of cohesion and team play rather than individual ineffectiveness that made the Vanderbilt game look so ragged. And, as the radio announcers say, "Remember", there is the Western Conference season still to come after Minnesota passes the intersections afforded by these two intersectional games.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Oct. 14--- With its big "little season" of inter-sectional games out of the way, and the scalp that Stanford was to have claimed, quite intact and again nearly brushed back, Minnesota faces its second football schedule with experience and confidence.

It will need both to hold its own against Indiana, Northwestern, Michigan and Wisconsin, the three latter apparently well up in the first division of the Western Conference.

Minnesota is still a mystery team in one most important respect. It took it on the nose from Vanderbilt chiefly because the schedule said it must, and against Stanford it revealed a defense that rated 100 percent.

For its remaining games the Gophers must unveil the mystery by showing a scoring offense. There is no reason to doubt that Fritz Crisler and his aids will have this developed to reasonable effectiveness for Indiana the coming week-end and will show whatever they are going to have by the time Northwestern comes in front of the sights on November 1, Homecoming Day.

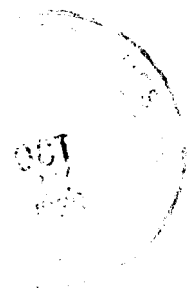
If Riebeth and MacDougal are to be Minnesota's ball-carrying aces this year they are still under wraps. The Gophers were in no position to play offensively while Riebeth was in the game, and MacDougal had little opportunity to gain against the Stanford Cardinals. Captain Win Brockmeyer was most effective at lugging the ball against the gruff and rugged westerners. Two such speedy backs as Andy Geer and Paul Kirk didn't even get a shot at the game. On the other hand, Walter Hass, supposedly an offensive threat because of his speed, employed that asset for nailing Moffatt on the play that all but scored a victory for Pop Warner's men.

Minnesota fans performed a complete about face as the Stanford game progressed. Horny throated old grads arose en masse at the end of each quarter to cheer the Gophers' success at holding them, and as each quarter passed the cheers became louder and more intensely sincere.

That a large amount of credit must go to Tad Wieman, line coach, as well as to the team's head strategist was perfectly obvious throughout the game. The Minnesota linemen fought like demons, and they were usually in the right places. Although reserve material is by no means numerous, the Gophers managed to keep every hole plugged, and to push back their heavier opponents at the crucial moment three minutes from the game's end and two yards from the goal.

New players who distinguished themselves included Marshall Wells at tackle, Andy Kreszowski at end, Jack Manders at fullback and Hass and MacDougal for their speedy defensive play. Big Man punted beautifully and several times seemed to have pulled the game out of the fire.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Minn. Oct. 16-- Two Gopher regulars who have seen little action this season will be ready for heavy duty when Minnesota faces Indiana Saturday.

Clint Riebeth, halfback sensation from last season, who has played only a few minutes this year due to illness will be back in the lineup fit and ready to continue his twisting dashes. He was used for about five minutes in the Stanford game but was unable to do much offensively.

Harold Anderson, regular end in 1929, will also be ready for active duty against the Hoosiers. Anderson started against South Dakota but was injured in the contest and has been on the sidelines until this week.

He will have a hard fight on his hands to regain his old position. Dillner and Krezowski held down the flank posts against Stanford and did such a fine job that they will be hard men to dislodge.

Lloyd Stein, who has started every game this year at center will likely be back for Saturday's game despite the leg injury he suffered against Pop Warner's team. In the event that he is not ready, Coach Crisler has Allen Teeter and Sulo Koski ready to hold down the pivot position.

Big Pat Boland and Marshall Wells probably will start at tackles for the Gophers with Bob Reihsen and Clarence Munn at guards. The composition of the backfield is a bit more uncertain. Captain Brockmeyer will probably be the choice for the left halfback position with Russ Leksell at the other half. Jack Manders will doubtless occupy the plunging post.

Coach Crisler has a choice of quarterbacks. He may elect to send in Ken MacDougal, who ran the team a good share of the time last week, or he may start Walt Hass.

Clarence Munn will do the kicking for the Gophers again. Kicking against Vanderbilt the pudgy guard averaged 42 yards and against Stanford he made 46 yards to outpunt Rothert, the great Cardinal kicker. The Gophers will have the edge on the Hoosiers in this respect as the Indiana booters last Saturday averaged around 30 yards.

Despite the great defense against Stanford, the Gophers will have to polish their offense considerably if they hope to win from Indiana. Neither running nor passing plays have worked with any degree of success against Vanderbilt and Stanford.

Both teams have had a somewhat similar career thus far this season. Both suffered hard defeats two weeks ago and both came back to tie opponents last Saturday. Indiana has lost one Conference game to Ohio State while the Gophers will get their first taste of Big Ten competition in the coming game.

Facing their first major foe of the season, the Minnesota crosscountry team will race Iowa over a three and one half mile course here Saturday.

The Gophers nosed out North Dakota Aggies last week by a 26-30 margin but the Hawkeyes are considerably stronger. Jack Currell, Ted Rasmussen, Al Adams and Mike Seiler are the mainstays of the Minnesota team. Paul Semple, recovering from illness may run and Dwight Duncan, recently eligible may also run, but neither is in first class condition as yet.

Iowa will have as its scoring threats, Tom Kelly, last year's captain, A. W. Wickey, Stan Skowbo, G. S. Buis and A. R. Stanley. The race will be run on the River Road course.

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Minn. Oct. 22--A breathing spell in the schedule this Saturday after four successive weeks of hard football will serve the double purpose of giving Coach Crisler's Gophers an opportunity to catch their second wind and to prepare an appropriate reception for Northwestern's Wildcats who will invade the Stadium with designs on Minnesota's Homecoming, Nov. 1.

The Gophers have won two games, tied one and lost one in the first half of the season. Four games remain to be played, three of which are against strong Conference teams. Following the tilt with Northwestern, Minnesota will wind up its home schedule against the University of South Dakota and then take the road for games with Michigan and Wisconsin.

Consequently the open date is a welcome one as it will enable Minnesota to hit its major Big Ten foes with all its strength and give the coaches an opportunity to correct defects which have cropped out in the first half of the schedule.

Northwestern will come here touted as the strongest team in the Conference. It has taken its early season games with ease and with the Centre game to be played this week end the Wildcats should come to Minneapolis at their best.

Minnesota has developed slowly this season but should be at its peak for the last three Conference games. The Gophers have proven impregnable on the defense in the last two games and with two weeks to develop a strong attack it may be able to give the Homecoming crowd, Nov. 1, a pleasant surprise.

If Minnesota can down Northwestern it will have a fine chance of ranking near the top at the end of the season. Michigan, also a new team

like the Gophers, is proving to be up to the usual high Wolverine standard but if the Maroon and Gold warriors can down the Wildcats they stand an even break with the Maroon and Blue.

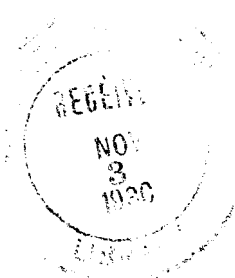
Wisconsin, with wins over Chicago and Pennsylvania, undoubtedly has a team that will be extremely hard to stop. The Badgers have not won a game from Minnesota since 1922 but all of the contests have been close. In 1923, 1924 and 1925, tie games were played and in the last four tilts the results have been in doubt until the final whistle.

Physical condition will probably have a great deal to do with the outcome of the final game. Thus far the Gophers have been unusually free from injuries for this time of the year considering the calibre of the games they have engaged in.

Every man on the squad is in shape to play at present. Harold Anderson, end, who was injured in the South Dakota game played part of the Indiana contest and demonstrated that he is ready to hold down his old post again.

Clin Riebeth, handicapped by illness all season, also demonstrated his fitness against the Hoosiers by scoring a touchdown and gaining considerable ground. Lloyd Stein and Bob Reihsen, linemen injured against Stanford both played Saturday thus giving the Minnesota squad its full strength to start the second half of its season.

Sports Letter



Probable lineup

MINNESOTA		NORTHWESTERN
Ohlsen	Left End	Baker
Boland	Left Tackle	Riley
Apmann	Left Guard	Woodworth
Stein	Center	Clark
Munn	Right Guard	Kent
Berry	Right Tackle	Marvil
Krezowski	Right End	Oliphant
Brockmeyer	Quarter Back	Hanley
Swartz	Left Half	Bruder
Riebeth	Right Half	Moore
Manders	Fullback	Rentner

Officials: Referee, Frank Birch (Earlham); Umpire, Anthony Haines (Yale); Field Judge, R. C. Huston (Parsons); Headlinesman, J. J. Lipp (Chicago).

Minneapolis, Oct. 31 -- Minnesota's version of how Northwestern's Wildcats should be caged and properly subdued will be enacted on the Stadium field starting at 2 p. m. Saturday.

With the Purple's snarling brood on hand and the field ready for action, both teams will confine their efforts to a light workout today while thousands of Homecomers pour into the Twin Cities to watch the Gophers resist the invaders.

Minnesota has had two weeks to prepare a proper pitfall and no effort has been spared to put the team in first class fighting trim. The first part of the long practise period was devoted largely to fundamentals while the past week has consisted of considerable heavy scrimmage.

It is the general opinion of fans in this area that the game will be a low scoring one regardless of its outcome. Minnesota's defense has proved impregnable against Stanford and Indiana and it is expected that many of Hanley's pet thrusts will be turned aside by the powerful Gopher forwards.

With the exception of Vanderbilt no team has been able to get its offense working consistently against Minnesota. If the Gopher offense with Manders, Brockmeyer, Riebeth, MacDougal and Leksell to carry the attack, has developed enough since the Indiana contest, Northwestern will be in for a hard day.

The squad is in good condition barring a few minor injuries and should be fit for a grueling struggle tomorrow. For the first time in several years the squad has not been handicapped with severe injuries at this stage of the season.

Just what the starting lineup will be for Minnesota is doubtful as yet. The forward wall will have practically the same lineup as it did for the Indiana contest but the backfield is a mystery. Several combinations have been tried but just who will start is anybody's guess.

For the first time this season a sellout is looked for at the Stadium. Up to Thursday evening more than 49,500 tickets had been sold and the last minute rush is expected to take several thousand more. Officials estimated that at least 52,000 would witness the contest.

RECORD OF GOPHER'S GAMES WITH WILDCATS

1892-Minnesota 16, Northwestern 12	1905-Minnesota 72, Northwestern 6
1893-Minnesota 16, Northwestern 0	1920-Minnesota 0, Northwestern 17
1898-Minnesota 17, Northwestern 6	1921-Minnesota 28, Northwestern 0
1899-Minnesota 5, Northwestern 11	1922-Minnesota 7, Northwestern 7
1900-Minnesota 21, Northwestern 0	1923-Minnesota 34, Northwestern 14
1901-Minnesota 16, Northwestern 0	1928-Minnesota 9, Northwestern 10
1904-Minnesota 17, Northwestern 0	1929-Minnesota 26, Northwestern 14

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Nov. 4-- With four major contests behind it, Minnesota's football team has two weeks before its next Big Ten start against Michigan, Nov. 15. This year the Gophers will journey to Ann Arbor for the annual struggle for possession of the Little Brown Jug.

Next Saturday the curtain will be rung down on the local season when the University of South Dakota team faces the Gophers in the Memorial Stadium. The Coyotes should give the Maroon and Gold warriors a hard test as they are reported to have a strong aerial attack and a good running game.

The Gophers will face the Coyotes in fair physical condition. Despite the intensity of the Northwestern game the squad suffered only one injury of any consequence. Al Kreszowski, right end, was removed from the game with an injured back. He is expected to be out for several days and it is doubtful whether Coach Crisler will use him against South Dakota.

Mann's kicking was up to its usual high standard against the Wildcats and the Minnesota line showed up well against the highly polished Purple forwards. Mander's plunging was the feature of the backfield play outside of the fine running of MacDougal.

With two weeks of practise and a non-Conference game to keep them in fighting trim the Minnesota squad is expected to be at its peak for the battle with the unbeaten Wolverines.

The game with the University of South Dakota, Nov. 8, has been officially designated by the American Legion as "Frank McCormick Day" in honor of the chief Gopher backfield coach.

McCormick, former Coyote halfback star from 1912-16, has been extremely active in the affairs of the Legion for the past several years. He served

with the Eighty-Eighth Division in France and was a member of the divisional football team.

Following the war he taught at the University of Illinois coaching school for a year and then located in Sioux Falls, S. D., where he has been Assistant United States District Attorney for several years before joining the Gopher staff this fall.

Several thousand Legion members are expected to attend with special trains being run from North and South Dakota and Minnesota.

Minnesota's unbeaten crosscountry team faces Wisconsin in its next start, Nov. 8. With victories over North Dakota Aggies, Iowa and Northwestern, Coach Finger's harriers will have their work cut out for them against the Badger runners but they are determined to go into the Conference meet with a clean slate.

John Currell has been the outstanding runner for the Gophers this year having won every race. He finished nearly 200 yards ahead of the leading Northwestern man and was running easily all the way.

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Nov. 11 -- The annual battle for the Little Brown Jug between Minnesota and Michigan will be one of the highlights of Middle Western football Saturday at Ann Arbor.

Minnesota, with one Conference defeat against it, will be out to bring the prized trophy back to Oscar Munson's Stadium equipment room, where the veteran custodian of Gopher athletic paraphernalia has a place prepared for it.

Michigan, with a clean slate, must defeat the Gophers to remain in the running for the Big Ten title. It will be a contest between Newman to Hudson aerial express and the running attack of Minnesota's fleet backs.

Defensively both teams are strong. Tad Wieman's line has held firm all season except for one or two short lapses. With Munn's great punting driving them back into their own territory, the Wolverines are likely to find themselves at a disadvantage in the use of their kicking game. Munn is also fast developing into a triple threat, which should give the Wolverines something else to think about.

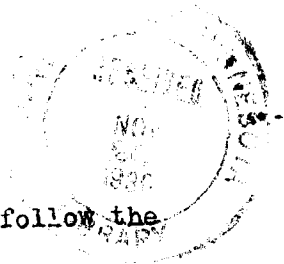
With Al Kreszowski, Mervin Dillner, Bob Reihsen, Sam Swartz, Ken MacDougal and Harold Anderson back in the lineup, fit for active duty, Minnesota should be at its full strength when the referee's whistle sends the teams into action Sat.

The Gophers feel that they will have to fight their hardest to gain a victory over their ancient rivals as Michigan is always dangerous.

In 1926 and again last season the Wolverines nosed out the Gophers by a single point, so Coach Crisler's men will be on their toes to prevent a repetition of the one point losses.

Since 1924 Michigan has beaten Minnesota five times while the Gophers have won only once, in 1927, when they trounced their rivals 13-7 at Ann Arbor with mighty Herb Joesting leading the attack.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Nov. 20 -- An army of 4,000 Minnesota fans will follow the Gophers to Madison for the struggle with Wisconsin Saturday. Several special trains and a legion of automobiles will descend on the Badger stronghold Friday and Saturday with the Minnesota band accompanying the team on the official student trip.

The week has been a strenuous one in the Gopher camp thus far. Monday and Tuesday were devoted to heavy drills in which the squad saw some real action against the strong freshman team.

With the exception of Bill Brownell, stellar blocker, and Harold Anderson, veteran end, the entire squad is in shape for what is anticipated as the hardest battle of the season with Wisconsin.

Seven veteran Minnesota players will end their careers against Wisconsin. Heading the graduating seniors will be Captain Win Brockmeyer, who faces the Badgers for the third time as a regular.

Brockmeyer has been one of the mainstays of the Minnesota backfield for three seasons, starting at halfback where he played his first two years for Dr. Spears. During the past season he was shifted to quarterback where he has continued his good work.

The contest with Michigan last Saturday, it is generally agreed, was his greatest game. Despite the handicap of illness which brought him into the earlier games about 12 pounds underweight he fought in a manner which brought him unstinted praise from coaches and critics alike.

With him in the backfield goes Bill Brownell, who has spent the past three seasons clearing the way for Gopher ball carriers, Russ Leksell, Paul Kirk and Al Arsenault.

Brownell served as a blocking back under Dr. Spears, seldom carrying the ball but figuring in every gain made by the Gophers. Leksell served as Bronko Nagurski's understudy at fullback for two seasons, occasionally shifting to halfback

post. This year he has alternated a great deal with Jack Manders at the plunging post. He is a good passer and receiver in addition to his driving.

Diminutive Al Arsenault, handicapped by lack of weight, nevertheless has given a good account of himself during his career. He holds the record for a couple of the longest scoring runs on the Stadium field.

Paul Berry, weighing 176 pounds is the outstanding lineman to finish. Handicapped by lack of weight and a broken back which he suffered in high school, Berry made a very inauspicious start as a freshman.

Starting his sophomore year he found himself on the B squad as a guard. He fought his way up to varsity ranks as a junior and earned his M. Berry was used at tackle for a time last season but was considered too light for the post. This season he distinguished himself throughout the season by his play at this position.

Alvin Teeter, guard veteran, will also end his career against Wisconsin. He won his letter last season and has given a good account of himself in games this year. His twin brother, Allen, who plays center for Minnesota has another season of competition left.

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Minneapolis, Nov. 25 --- With the 1930 football season a matter of history, Minnesota now is turning its eyes toward the coming basketball season.

Coach Dave MacMillan has nine veterans from last year with whom to build his squad for this season in addition to a number of promising freshmen. All of the veterans will be juniors this year.

Captain-elect Harry Schoening of Appleton heads the list of last year's players, which includes, Joe Nowotny, Arlington; Cliff Sommer, Rush City; Earl Loose, Luverne; Wallace Nordgaard, Valley City, N. D.; Eddie Gadler, Minneapolis; Don Bondy, Henning; Ed Hutchinson, Memphis, Tenn.; Fred Karsner, Minneapolis; Glenn Bethel, Bemidji and Ralph Engebretson, Eau Claire, Wisc.

Newcomers from the freshman squad who will be available this year are Fay Butterwick, Faribault; Brad Robinson, Luverne; Virgil Licht, Baraboo, Wisc.; Mike Cielusak, Minneapolis and Al Kreszowski, Minneapolis.

Butterwick, Licht and Cielusak were three of the flashiest performers on the yearling squad and they are expected to make a strong bid against the veterans for forward berths.

Schoening, Nowotny, Gadler and Sommer are the lettermen who will be in the fight for the forward positions.

Nordgaard and Robinson are the two leading center candidates. Both are well over six feet in height and both have speed and shooting ability. Bondy, Loose, Karsner, Hutchinson and Kreszowski are in the struggle for the guard positions. While Kreszowski is the only sophomore in this group, he was an All-State man while at St. Thomas college.

The squad is the best group physically that Minnesota has had in several years. All of the men are fairly large and fast. Hitherto the Gophers have usually had small teams which were at a disadvantage against taller, heavier opponents.

Minnesota will open its season against South Dakota State, December sixth, at Minneapolis. The non-Conference schedule includes games with Grinnell, Dec. 13; Beloit, Dec. 20; Carleton, Jan. 3; Iowa State, Jan. 5.

The Gophers will open their Conference schedule at Iowa City against the Hawkeyes, Jan. 10. Wisconsin will furnish the first home Conference game on Jan. 19.

Included in the Big Ten schedule this season in addition to Iowa and Wisconsin are Chicago, Northwestern, Purdue and Ohio State.

Sports Letter

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Minneapolis, Dec. 4 --- The Minnesota swimming team will boast one of the leading backstrokers in the country in the person of Captain Lowell Marsh this season. Last year Marsh took second to Hinch of Northwestern in the conference meet and was nosed out by Kojac of Columbia in the nationals.

In his workouts thus far this season he has given every indication that he again will be a strong contender for national honors. Coach Niels Thorpe predicts that this year will be Marsh's best.

Marsh, a former St. Paul Central high school star, began breaking records about the time of his sixteenth birthday. In 1926 he started by setting a new mark for juniors in the 100 yard backstroke at the Central A.A.U. meet. Later he held the senior 220 yard record in the Central A.A.U.

In 1927 Marsh started by setting a new state record in the 100 yard backstroke, of 1 minute 7 and 8/10 seconds. At the end of the season he journeyed to the National meet at Northwestern University where he lowered his mark to 1 minute 7 and 4/10 seconds. In 1928 the Gopher leader won the consolation finals medal in the National meet. All of his high school records have since been broken, but according to Coach Thorpe, Marsh is one athlete who has continued to show improvement with every race. He is a true competitor and is at his best under the strain of actual competition.

The Gopher captain is rather a slightly built lad for all his speed. Standing six feet tall he weighs in the neighborhood of 150 pounds and is 21 years old. He is a senior in the school of Business Administration.

When Royal Hoefler, varsity end on the Minnesota football team graduates this spring, the University will lose an outstanding student as well as a good gridiron performer.

Four years ago when Hoefler came to Minnesota from Pine City, where he had made an enviable record as a high school athlete, he won a scholarship at Minnesota on the basis of psychological tests given to high school seniors. Hoefler received one of the highest scores in the state and was awarded a scholarship.

He began his freshman career on the football squad and as a sophomore he played on the B team. As a junior he rose to the varsity squad where he earned his letter. This fall he again won his "M" as a football regular end and at the same time had maintained a high enough scholastic rating to be elected to Beta Gamma Sigma, honorary commerce fraternity, which accepts only senior students in the School of Business Administration.

Speaking of Hoefler, Coach H. O. Crisler recently said "I am sorry to lose Roy Hoefler. While not a brilliant player he always has been a steady, dependable one. His career has been one of steady improvement which reached its peak in the Wisconsin game, his final one. His faithfulness in practise, conscientious training and fine scholarship predict a bright future for him. The squad suffers a real loss in Hoefler's graduation."

SPORTS LETTER



Minneapolis, Dec. 10 — Win Brockmeyer, Minnesota's 1930 football captain and single representative in the annual East-West game at San Francisco will end a remarkable career when the two teams meet in the Christmas charity contest.

The Gopher leader, who is now hard at work studying for his fall quarter examinations in the College of Education, will leave for Chicago immediately after his last exam next week. There he will report to Coaches Dick Hanley of Northwestern and Andy Kerr of Colgate, who will direct the East team, and proceed with the squad to California.

Brockmeyer, whose slight build and unimpressive physique gained him the name of "Skinny" during his high school days, never scaled more than 156 pounds at his heaviest while at the University. During the past year he was handicapped considerably by illness which threatened to halt his career but despite this fact he turned in the greatest game of his career against Michigan.

During his high school career at Mankato, Minn., the Gopher leader gained statewide recognition in football, basketball and track, holding several records in the latter sport.

Entering Minnesota he confined his efforts to football and as a sophomore startled Big Ten opponents by an exhibition of ghostly running that put him in the van of Conference ground gainers that year. As a Junior he continued his good work at halfback. At the beginning of the 1930 season he was chosen captain by his team-mates.

Motion pictures have been used for several seasons at Minnesota to teach football and trackmen the correct way to perform their various tasks, but this year is the first time that the Gopher gymnasts have adopted the plan.

Coach Ralph A. Piper, who brought his team into third place in the Conference meet at the end of his first season at Minnesota, recently started "shooting" his tumblers and highbar artists with the idea of correcting their form in mind. The pictures will be shown the men this week in order to give the men ample time in which to correct defects in form before the season opens.

Although faced with loss of Horace Greenberg, last year's Big Ten tumbling champ, the squad as a whole is well-balanced. Maurie Ostrander, from last year's swimming squad has been showing fine form in the tumbling events while Kenn Pottle, another candidate is doing well on the rings. Several practise meets are being scheduled although the Big Ten meets do not start until February.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Dec. 17 — When the Minnesota basketball team trotted out on the Field House floor for its opening game two of the Gopher cagemen began their sixth consecutive season as team-mates.

Two years ago when Brad Robinson and Virgil Licht were graduated from high school down at Baraboo, Wis., they thought that their days as members of the same teams were over. For four successive years they had played football, basketball and baseball together and starred in all three sports.

Each fall the two played opposite ends on the football team. During their last two years a forward pass play was developed which brought "Robby" back of the line to heave long passes to the speedy Licht. This combination brought many touchdowns and was largely instrumental in winning the Southern Wisconsin championship twice for the Baraboo team.

With Licht at forward and Robinson at center, Baraboo also had a strong basketball team. These two players averaged better than 20 points a game during their final season in high school. They also were members of the baseball squad, both making the school nine.

After graduation Robinson decided to enter Minnesota and persuaded Licht that the University would be a good place for him also. So in the fall the two former high school team-mates became room-mates in southeast Minneapolis. Both turned out for freshman football and basketball. Licht also became first baseman on the frosh baseball team in the spring.

This year Licht did not go out for football as it was necessary for him to work but Robinson did and made a nice showing at end. Both men reported to Coach Dave MacMillan when the basketball season opened and

indications are that they will continue their athletic careers as team-mates on the Minnesota quint this winter. Both are over six feet in height and weigh around 160 pounds and critics agree that the two are among the best looking sophomore prospects that Minnesota has had in some time.

Although more than 60 varsity candidates are working out daily in the Stadium, Coach Blaine McKusick faces a real task in building a formidable wrestling team this year.

The squad contains only one letterman this season, Leland Orfield, 148 pound grappler. In addition, however, Coach McKusick has several promising veterans from last season back.

Orfield won four out of five matches last year and placed in the Conference meet. He is a strong, rugged chap with plenty of speed. Another veteran, although not a letterman who shows promise is John Hanna, Burns City, Ind., boy, who wrestled in 168 pound class. He was not out last year but did considerable wrestling two years ago. Emil Keller, Minneapolis, is another light heavy who looks good.

From the football squad comes Howard Kroll, giant tackle from International Falls, who is a heavyweight of ability. Elmer Apmann, St. Cloud, is another good grappling prospect. He is fast and aggressive and a natural wrestler. Paul Ziegelmaier, halfback, is another prospect in the light heavy ranks.

The return of Cliff Hauberg, 135 pounder, who won four out of five matches last year will bolster up this division. Hauberg will be back at the beginning of the winter quarter. Ralph Rossen, 175 pound candidate from Hibbing also is showing considerable promise.

Sports Letter



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To Sports Editors:

The following facts about the Minnesota basketball squad have been prepared as an aid to those editors who wish to follow the team this season.

Captain Harvey (Harry) Schoening, forward, hails from Appleton, Minn., where he was an All-State forward while in high school. He made three letters in basketball and two in football while at Appleton. The Gopher leader has earned two awards at Minnesota. He is rated as a smart, natural player with a good eye for the basket. Schoening is six feet tall, weighs 170 pounds and is 21 years old. He is a Senior in the College of Dentistry.

Earl W. Loose, forward, is rated as the best all-around player on the squad. He is leading his mates in number of points scored thus far this season and is an exceptional ball-handler. Loose comes from Luverne, Minn. where he earned seven letters in football, basketball and track. He has won two letters at Minnesota and expects to graduate in June. Loose stands five feet, eleven inches in height, weighs 160 pounds and is 21 years old. He is registered in the College of Science, Literature and the Arts.

Donald H. (Don) Bondy began his career at Henning, Minn. high school, where he earned three letters in basketball and baseball. Although a member of the varsity squad in 1928 he did not participate in a single game and has one more year of competition. He won his letter last year at guard. This season he is being used at center. Bondy is a steady player and exceedingly cool and heady under the strain of competition. The Henning boy stands six feet, three inches tall, weighs 190 pounds and is 20 years old. He is registered in the College of Education.

Virgil (Heavy) Licht is rated as one of the best sophomore prospects seen at Minnesota in several seasons. The Baraboo, Wis. lad was an outstanding high school athlete, making his All-Regional team in basketball, playing end on two Southern Wisconsin title teams and earning letters in baseball. He is rangy, fast and has the makings of a great guard. Licht stands six feet, one inch in height, weighs 175 pounds and is 19 years old.

Bradbury (Robby) Robinson, center or guard, is another Baraboo, Wis. boy. He teamed with Licht all through high school. Robinson is a rugged lad of considerable ability. He was a reserve end on the football squad last fall. He stands six feet, two inches tall, weighs 185 pounds and is 20 years old. He is a sophomore in the College of Science, Literature and the Arts.

Mike Cielusak, sophomore guard, is a Minneapolis product. He played his first basketball at Edison High where he won nine letters in football, basketball and track. He is fast, a veritable ball hawk and drives hard. Cielusak is five feet, eleven inches tall, weighs 168 pounds and is 21 years old.

Clifford C. (Cliff) Sommer, a slightly built lad from Rush City, Minn. came to Minnesota with no high school experience. He learned the game playing in a Y. M. C. A. league and as a freshman. He is rated as the best natural player on the squad and is a great pinch hitter. Despite a great weight handicap he won his letter last season and has been showing fine form this year. He weighs but 142 pounds, standing six feet tall. He is 22 years of age and a Junior in the School of Business Administration.

Edward F. (Eddie) Gadler is a letterman from 1929-30. He is speedy, a good shot but is handicapped by lack of height. Gadler hails from Lead, S. D., where he starred in football, basketball and track. He stands five feet, eight inches tall, weighs 155 pounds and is 22 years old. He is a Junior.

Glenn Bethel, center, comes from Bemidji, Minn., where he played center for three years in high school. He earned his letter last season and thus has the benefit of one year's experience. He stands six feet, three inches tall, weighs 175 pounds and is 20 years old.

Ralph J. Engebretson, Guard, is a letterman of two years ago. Before coming to Minnesota he was an outstanding high school athlete at Eau Claire, Wis., his home town. He is five feet, ten inches tall, weighs 165 pounds and is 21 years old. Engebretson is a Junior in the College of Education.



Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Minn. Jan. 10 -- Holiday and non-conference seasons behind them, two of the University of Minnesota's athletic teams will start a two months quest for honors in the Big Ten this weekend.

Down at Madison on Friday and Saturday Coach Frank Pond will send his 1931 Gopher hockey squad against the Badgers in a two game series for their first conference test of the year. While the Maroon and Gold skaters are invading Wisconsin the basketball team will be opening their conference offensive at Iowa City, Saturday night.

A year ago Wisconsin won three out of four games from the Gophers, but this season, with a stronger team and one not seriously hindered by ineligibility, the Minnesota team hopes to get back on the trail of the Conference title.

With a light but speedy squad Coach Pond has developed a strong offense although the defensive power could stand more weight and size. In its early tilts against Manitoba, Duluth and Hibbing, Minnesota showed that this year's team will not lack scoring punch.

Marsh Ryman, Howie Gibbs, Ben Constantine, John Suomi, Mike Bergeron and Curt Rundell all are forwards who have shown ability this season. Ryman, a veteran of last season, leads the scoring so far this year. He turned in a fine exhibition of offensive work in the two game series against Manitoba.

George Todd and Ed Holliday are the principal defense men. Todd is a newcomer to Conference hockey who hails from Duluth. He is one of the fastest skaters on the squad and has turned in a nice game

in each start. Holliday is a veteran from last season who looks like a fixture at the other defense post. Howie Jones, a St. Paul boy, is the best of the goalies.

The Minnesota cage squad will face Iowa with its best lineup in several years. Coach MacMillan's men all are tall and rangy and during the non-conference season presented a smooth working combination.

Earl Loose leads the scoring thus far with Captain Harry Schoening close behind. These two forwards; with Don Bondy at center, look like certain regulars. Brad Robinson or Glenn Bethel may also get in at center this season with Cliff Sommer being used as the principal forward substitute.

Two Sophomores will hold down the guard positions against the Hawkeyes Saturday night. Virgil Licht and Mike Cielusak are the two newcomers. Thus far this season they have turned in a fine game at the defense posts. Both are tall and husky, and opponents have had hard going against them in the early games.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Jan. 14 -- Strengthened by the addition of several outstanding sophomores, Minnesota's 1931 indoor track squad is preparing for its winter campaign which will open against Wisconsin, Feb. 13.

Led by Captain John Hass in the sprints the Gophers will be stronger than last year with the addition of Bob Lillyblad, sophomore sprinter from Red Wing, Minn., and Bill O'Shields, veteran of three seasons ago. In addition to these two, Bruce Pierard and Bob Gammell of the 1930 team will be back.

Hass was one of the leading sprinters in the Conference last season and this year is expected to be better than ever as he has undergone an operation on his nose to clear up a breathing difficulty which has handicapped him previously. He holds the Minnesota record of 6.3 seconds for the 60 yard dash. O'Shields is a veteran of three seasons ago and will be ready for the opening meet.

Lillyblad was the outstanding dash man on the yearling squad last spring despite a muscle injury which is now completely healed.

Clarence Munn, football star and Minnesota record holder in the shotput also is back this season. Munn, whose best toss last year traveled 47 feet 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches has topped 45 feet in practise sessions this winter. With him will be Cliff Hauge, veteran of 1930.

Hurdlers from last season are Fred LaRoque and Paul Searles with Charley Scheifly, a sophomore as the outstanding newcomer.

Johnny Currell, who placed third in the Conference crosscountry meet last fall, is the outstanding sophomore distance runner. Paired with Wilson Wied, leading two miler last year, he should give every opponent a stiff battle.

In the mile Ted Rasmussen, crosscountry captain, and Dwight Duncan another harrier, are among the leading candidates. Ernie Seiler, strong-running sophomore halfmiler, may be moved up to the longer distance if Coach Sherm Finger can find another speedy 880 man to take his place. The graduation of Art Weiseger has made this event somewhat of a problem to Coach Finger.

Quartermilers will be headed by Joe Nowotny, outstanding Gopher 440 man of 1930, if he rounds into shape. Nowotny has been ill all fall and there is some doubt as to whether he will be able to compete this year. Mel Pass, a veteran, James Kelly and Sam Swartz are the pick of the candidates thus far. The latter trio are sophomores, Gillette and Swartz being football players also.

As a freshman Cam Hackle leaped six feet consistently to win praise as the best high jump prospect Minnesota has had since the days of Sam Campbell. Hackle has beaten six feet two inches as a freshman and likely will be heard from as a varsity leaper. Fred LaRoque will be back and Paul Bliss, former Minneapolis high school star, also will make his debut.

Hackle, John Hass and Mel Pass will do the broadjumping. With Hubert Tierney, Gopher record holder having graduated this spot will be difficult to fill. Pole vaulters include Mel Parks and Bill Jolley, freshmen of two years ago.

Following is the indoor schedule:

Feb 13	Wisconsin at Madison
Feb. 21	Iowa at Minnesota
Feb. 27	Purdue, Northwestern, Indiana at Evanston
Mar. 6-7	Conference at Madison
Mar. 14	Illinois Relays
April 4	Minnesota Relays

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Jan. 15--When the University of Minnesota basketball team meets Chicago on the Bartlett gym floor Saturday night, it will be the forty-first meeting of the two schools in the cage sport.

Back in 1905, when basketball players encased their manly limbs in knee length trousers resembling "knickers" the Minnesota team under the direction of Dr. L. J. Cooke, stopped off at Chicago on the way back from one of its early Eastern invasions.

Chicago won the opening game of the long series by a 25 to 22 count but two weeks later when the maroons came to Minneapolis the Gophers were set and ready for them and the tables were turned by a 33 to 22 score.

Down through the years the two institutions have met on the basketball court each season with the exception of 1914, 1919, 1924 and 1930. During this period Minnesota has won 17 games and Chicago has taken 23 of the series.

One of the hardest and most thrilling contests of all the 40 games was that of Feb. 5, 1921 at Chicago. H. O. "Fritz" Crisler, present director of athletics played guard for Chicago. He was of All-Western calibre and he needed to be for his task that night was that of guarding a swift-dribbling, accurate-shooting, young man named Arnie Oss, who was one of the greatest basketball players Minnesota has ever had.

With a minute to go the score stood 17 to 17 and then Bobby Birkhoff, maroon forward let loose a long shot which counted for a Chicago victory, 19 to 17. Two weeks later Oss and Neal Arntson, another Gopher star, were unstoppable and Minnesota won 24 to 19.

No games were played last year, the last time the teams played being in 1929.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Jan. 21 -- Three University of Minnesota teams will see action this weekend, two of them against Big Ten competition and the other in its opening non-conference tilt.

Gopher hockey players will attempt to repel the fast-skating Michigan sextet at the local Arena in a two-game series Friday and Saturday while the swimming team will try conclusions with Wisconsin at Madison. Coach Blaine McKusick's wrestlers are to open their season with Iowa Teachers' College at Cedar Falls, Ia.

Coach Frank Pond has been sending his skaters through early morning drills since their return from the opening road trip against Wisconsin and Marquette. Six o'clock rising is in order for the varsity and the daily practise routine is completed before first hour classes begin each morning.

The nasty cut which Freddy Gould, reserve center, sustained over his eye in practise Friday has been somewhat offset by the return of Ray Ells, diminutive forward from Hibbing. Ells has been out for two weeks with an injured shoulder but is fit and ready for active duty again.

Bill Conway's return has also strengthened the squad considerably and the defense may be further bolstered by the return of John Suomi, temporarily ineligible for the initial jaunt. Conway, a veteran from last year, is a stellar defensive player and appears to be rounding into condition rapidly. He was out of school the fall term, entering the University again at the beginning of the winter quarter.

Captain Lowell Marsh, started out to justify predictions that he again will be one of the best backstrokers in the country, by turning in a fast race in the Chicago meet. His time was 1:46 and 5/10 for the 150 yard distance.

The Gophers first conference meet served notice that they will present a strong, well-balanced team against the Badgers in Saturday's meet. Three sophomores on the squad showed up well in their first Big Ten test. Fritz Krueger, breast stroke winner, Wallie Lang and Eddie Farrell, co-winners of the 400 yard swim, turned in fine performances to take first in these events.

Wrestlers will be headed by Leland Orfield, Belle View, 155 pounder who recently was appointed mat leader by Coach McKusick. Orfield and Cliff Hauberg, 135 pounds are the only two lettermen available this season. Hauberg placed fourth in the Conference meet last season.

Phil Stern, Minneapolis, is outstanding in the 118 pound class while Charley Chambers, St. Paul, and Erwin Draheim, Olivia, are the best 126 pounders. Besides Hauberg, Ken Butler, Hector and I. W. Moore of Minneapolis, are outstanding.

Roy Kinze, Winona is the pick of the 145 pounders with Orfield easily the outstanding man in the 155 pound division. Jack Wasson, St. Paul, at 165 pounds, and Ralph Rossen, 175 pounds, from Hibbing are also among the best on the squad at their weights. Alvin Teeter, football player, is the only heavyweight on the squad with Big Ten experience.

Following the meet with Iowa Teachers, the Minnesota matmen will open against Chicago, January 31.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Minn. Jan. 27-- Although their southern training trip is still nearly two months distant, baseball candidates at the University of Minnesota are working out several times a week at the Field House.

The squad numbers about 35 men and the workouts thus far have consisted merely of batting practise and light limbering up exercises for the battery men. Infielders and outfielders have been getting most of their work in chasing grounders across the smoothly rolled clay field.

Pitchers who have had some experience and who are reporting regularly are Mattson, Andrews and Adams. The graduation of Spike Carlbloom, last year's star hurler, has made Frank McCormick's task somewhat more difficult in his first season as baseball coach. No catcher of ability has shown up as yet, and with Leroy Timm no longer available this position will be a difficult one to fill.

Stanley Kasmarynski, Mickey Ascher and Dave Beauchaine are expected to be leading candidates for the infield posts this season. Earl Loose, now playing forward on the basketball team, will be back for his old position at second. Joe Cherp is the only one of the veteran outfield candidates now working out.

What perserverance in athletics will do is exemplified in the career of Don Bondy, center on the University of Minnesota basketball team. Coming to Minnesota as a freshman from Henning, Minn., Bondy was unimpressive his first year, being tall, awkward and green. He remained on the squad all season, however, and as a sophomore played guard in practise but did not once get in a game.

Nevertheless, Bondy was one of the most faithful men on the squad, never missing practise and slowly but surely acquiring skill. Last year he developed enough to play guard in several Conference games, improving vastly toward the end of the season and winning a letter.

Starting practise this fall, Coach MacMillan started the big fellow at

center because of his height. Immediately he started to learn his new position with the same determination he had shown in developing into a guard.

Although not gifted with speed and certainly not a flashy player, Bondy has shown great coolness under pressure and has the knack of being always in the right spot. He is a big factor in the Gopher passing attack and is deadly under the basket. Weighing 170 pounds and standing six feet one inch in height, Bondy has grown nearly two inches and now weighs 194 pounds. He ranks third in the team scoring with 44 points.

Matching the contestants for the University of Minnesota's annual intramural boxing and wrestling tournament, Feb. 12, will be completed this week, according to W. R. Smith, director of intramural athletics. Interest in these matches has become so great in recent years that it was decided to stage the event in the Field House this season.

Formerly the old Armory has been the scene of the tournament but with the growing interest, this building has become unsuited for the crowds. The Field House is admirably suited for an event of this kind. The ring will occupy the center of the space now used for the basketball court while the overhead lights will be lowered to the proper distance above the platform. Bleachers are to be erected and ringside seats reserved.

All of last year's champions are back in addition to Andy Geer, heavy-weight winner of two seasons ago. Geer is expected to meet Allen Teeter, present titleholder for the campus championship. The matches this year will have a great deal of talent as most of the entrants have been training since the opening of school last fall.



Minneapolis, Jan. 29 -- Occupying the spotlight position in the Big Ten basketball show this weekend, the University of Minnesota quint may step into a tie for second place by a win over Chicago, at the Field House Saturday night. And the opportunity to strengthen their position further, should they defeat the Maroons, will be given them Monday night when they entertain Coach Rollie Williams and his Iowans.

Nearly two weeks of practise since the Wisconsin contest has put the Gophers in excellent condition for the tough assignment ahead. Although Chicago was beaten by Michigan in its last start, it defeated Minnesota the last time the two teams met and Coach Dave MacMillan's squad entertains a wholesome respect for the Maroon five.

The Gophers have beaten Iowa but the Hawkeyes later defeated Purdue. With this contest being Minnesota's second in three nights, a victory is by no means certain. After these contests Minnesota will face Northwestern's crack team at Evanston next week.

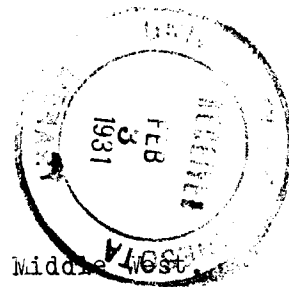
All of the Gopher regulars will be available for the coming test. Don Bondy is expected to be back at center, although Coach MacMillan has been using rangy Glenn Bethel at that post much of the time in practise. Captain Schoening and Loose will be at forwards with Licht and Cielusak doing the defensive work.

Loose is the sharpshooter of the squad with a total of 68 points for five games, including practise tilts. He is followed by Schoening who has 46 points to his credit and Bondy with 44. Much work during the practise period since the last game has been devoted to the free throw and considerable improvement over the form displayed at Chicago and against Wisconsin is expected.

Minnesota's undefeated swimming team will journey over to St. Paul this weekend for a meet with the St. Paul Y.M.C.A. swimmers. The Gophers, who have beaten Chicago and Wisconsin thus far this season, will meet their next conference opponent, Feb. 6, when the University of Iowa team come to the Armory pool.

The University of Minnesota wrestling team will face its' first conference opponent at the Armory Saturday afternoon when Chicago's matmen come to Minneapolis. Although the Gophers were on the short end of the score against Iowa Teachers' last week, all of the matches were close and Coach McKusick was well satisfied with the work of his green squad in the opener. Lack of experience was the chief fault of the men in their first meet and the coach has put in a busy week attempting to correct faults before the Chicago meet.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Feb. 3--Renewing a rivalry famed through the Middle West the University of Minnesota hockey team will meet Marquette at the Minneapolis Arena in a two game series, Friday and Saturday.

Although lacking the colorful rivalry of the Iverson brothers feud, the games are expected to be as hard fought and filled with excitement as ever. Last year the two teams split their series here, Minnesota taking the first contest and Marquette winning the second.

The mild weather this year gives the Gophers an advantage in their home games, that of playing on an indoor rink, while most of their rivals have been forced to practise and play on the soft outdoor ice. In the early games this condition reacted against Minnesota but with their next four games at home the advantage will be shifted.

Minnesota will present about the same lineup that won two games from Michigan Tech last week. No injuries were sustained in that series and thus far the squad is in good physical condition. The starting forward line against Marquette probably will be Marshall Ryman and Howard Gibbs at the wings with George Todd at center. On the defense will be Captain Bill Conway and George Hollingsworth, with Howard Jones as goaler.

Ready to relieve them Coach Frank Pond will have Ben Constantine, center, Curt Rundell, Ray Ellis or Mike Bergeron, wings and Hal Carlson and Ed Holliday on the defense.

Lack of weight has caused Minnesota to depend mainly on speed this season. Most of the forwards being small and the defense none too rugged, the Gopher attack has not always functioned at its best on the slow outdoor ice but now with the battle on their own rink, Minnesota will be ready to go at top speed.

University of Minnesota wrestlers will face the Iowa squad at Iowa City, Saturday, in their second Big Ten match of the season. The Gophers put up a stiff battle against Chicago last week and several of the sophomores on the team showed that with more experience that will become formidable opponents for future Minnesota foes.

Against Iowa, Phil Stern, sophomore 118 pound man from Minneapolis, will represent the Gophers, while Erwin Draheim, who wrestled his first conference match against Chicago, will be the Minnesota 126 pound choice. Cliff Hauberg, who placed fourth in the Big Ten title matches, will be Minnesota's best in the 135 pound class. In the 145 pound division, Roy Kinzie of Winona is Coach McKusick's choice.

Captain Leland Orfield, who wrestled at 155 pounds last season and also in his first match against Iowa Teachers' college this year, was shifted to the 165 pound division for the Chicago meet and will doubtless continue to wrestle in this class for the rest of the year. Emil Keller, a sophomore is the outstanding man in the 155 pound class.

Jack Wasson, Alvin Teeter or Ernest Lampe will make up the rest of the squad that will journey to Iowa. Following the meet with the Hawkeyes, Minnesota will meet Illinois at Urbana, February 14.



Minneapolis, Feb. 10: It's somewhat discouraging to find that you are a failure at the thing you like best to do--but then if you keep at it until you do succeed the victory is that much sweeter. This, at least, is the theory of Earl Loose, star forward on the University of Minnesota basketball team and one of the high scorers in the Big Ten this season.

As a freshman Loose failed to make the grade as a basketball player and was dropped from the squad. His was one of the first names to be erased from the list of promising varsity material and the decision of the the coaches was a sad blow to him.

Coming to the University from Luverne, Minn., where he had starred as a high school player both in basketball and baseball, Loose had set his heart on making both varsity teams. But he failed to adjust himself to new conditions rapidly enough and as a result he did not make the best of his natural talent. As a sophomore the Luverne boy decided to try again and this time succeeded in making the squad although he failed to get in a conference game until late in the season. His total points for the season numbered eight.

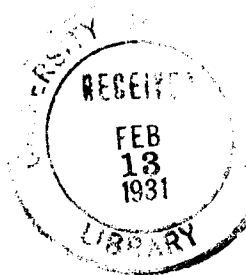
In 1930 under the tutelage of Coach Dave MacMillan, Loose proved to be an apt pupil and when the season ended he was recognized as one of the best men on the Minnesota squad.

This year he has continued to improve until he is rapidly becoming recognized as one of the best forwards Minnesota has ever had. A deadly shot and an exceedingly clever ball-handler, his shuffling, flatfooted style of play also has made him one of the most colorful performers seen on the Minnesota floor in recent years.

Neither Loose nor Captain Harry Schoening, his running mate, take many shots during a game. They have averaged about a dozen attempts for the first five conference contests this season, scoring close to nine points a game. In the first five games Schoening stood third in the conference with 43 points and Loose fourth with 42 points.

Loose is a rangy wiry player. Standing six feet tall, he weighs about 160 pounds. He wastes little energy in false moves, breaking fast when necessary but never extending himself unless the move counts. Teamwork with him is of paramount importance and he is a fine example of the MacMillan style of play.

Sports Letter



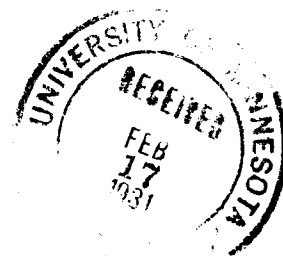
Minneapolis, Feb. 12 -- When the University of Minnesota track team meets Wisconsin's athletes Friday it will have a young man leading it who is something of a track team by himself. For Captain Johnny Hass of St. Paul does a number of things on the cinder path and does them quite well.

Last week he started off the season by setting a new Minnesota record in the 70 yard low hurdles in addition to tying his own record of 6.3 seconds in the 60 yard dash. In the hurdle race against Captain Podrebarac of Drake University, Hass covered the distance in 8.2 seconds. This marked the sixth hurdle race of his career and the fifth time he has been the winner. He has won the low hurdles indoors and out against Michigan, Wisconsin, Northwestern and Drake. The only race which he failed to win was in a triangular meet against Northwestern and Purdue.

The low hurdles are only incidental with Hass as he seldom runs them in practise. The dashes are his special event and Coach Finger will not permit him to spend much time on the hurdles for fear of injury or overworking his sprinting muscles.

Apart from the hurdles and dashes the Minnesota leader is a good broad jumper. Last year he frequently became high point man in Minnesota's dual meets by placing in all three events. He also has won points in the high jump in conference meets when the Gophers have needed them.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Minn., Feb. 17--It's a far cry from jumping awkwardly over a couple of old bamboo fishpoles in your own backyard to setting a record in college competition in your very first varsity track meet but that's what Charley Scheifley, 19-year-old sophomore hurdler on the University of Minnesota track team did.

About six years ago when he was a freshman in high school at Brown's Valley, Minn., young Scheifley became interested in hurdling for no particular reason at all, probably because like other boys he liked to run and jump and his long, supple legs enabled him to clear obstacles a little easier than his companions could.

Brown's Valley had a high school track team but the boys did not pay much attention to the hurdles. In fact when Charley went out for this race he found that there were only a couple of hurdles among the track equipment, so he took to practising in his own yard wearing a pair of gym shoes.

The following year with Scheifley running the sprints and hurdles his team won the county meet and later his coach took him to a high school meet at Carleton College where he won both the high and low hurdles, running the highs at 16.1 and the lows in around 26 seconds.

Coming to Minnesota, Scheifley was not particularly impressive at the first of the season. But when the outdoor season rolled around he had developed amazingly. In a Conference telegraphic meet he ran the high hurdles in 15 seconds flat and showed marked improvement with every race.

Racing for the first time in collegiate competition against Drake University two weeks ago, Scheifley set a new Minnesota record in the 70 yard high hurdles. Last week ^{he} defeated the Wisconsin hurdlers. Against Drake, Scheifley was running against one of the best hurdlers in the Missouri Valley

conference in Captain Podreabarac.

Scheifley is regarded as one of the best hurdle prospects at Minnesota in years. He is a keen student of his favorite event and owns a library on track events, particularly the hurdles, that would be the envy of many coaches.

Physically the Brown's Valley boy is ideally suited for hurdling, being six feet, one inch tall and weighing 165 pounds.



Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Minn. Feb. 19---Five record holders will feature the Minnesota-Iowa indoor track meet Saturday night at the University of Minnesota Field House.

Two of these athletes will be men of national fame while the other three all have broken local records at Minnesota. Henry Canby, holder of the indoor conference pole vault mark of 13 feet 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches and Eddie Gordon, national collegiate outdoor broad jump champion, will lead the Hawkeye attack.

Three Minnesota champions will bear a great share of the burden for the Gophers. Captain John Hass, record holder in the 60 yard dash and 70 yard low hurdles, Clarence Munn, shotputter, who holds the University mark both indoors and outdoors and Charley Scheifley who recently cleared the 70 yard high hurdles in .8.8 seconds will be the Minnesota mainstays.

Although Minnesota has no vaulter capable of pushing Canby to new heights the Gophers have a high jumper capable of providing an interesting duel with Gordon in this event. Against Chicago last week the Iowan cleared six feet, two inches while Hackle went slightly higher than this in losing to Shaw of Wisconsin at six feet, five inches.

Minnesota appears to have the edge in the sprints, two mile, shot and hurdles while Iowa looks stronger the 440, 880 and mile runs, the pole vault, broad jump, with the high jump a tossup.

University of Minnesota swimmers will face their hardest test of the season when they meet Michigan at the University Armory pool, Saturday afternoon.

Undefeated this season Coach Thorpe's squad has beaten Chicago, Wisconsin and Iowa successively but with Michigan rated as one of the

strongest teams in the conference the Gophers are likely to have their run of victories broken by the Wolverine swimmers.

The backstroke will be a contest between the rival leaders when Lowell Marsh, Minnesota, meets Captain Valentine of Michigan. Marsh undefeated in this event this year is favored to win but the contest is expected to be close.

Minnesota with Walter Nappa and Billy Blaisdell in form, will be strong in the diving while Michigan has the edge in the sprints, breast stroke and 220 yard swim with other events about even.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Minn. March 3 -- "Like father, like son" is an old adage but every now and then it proves itself all over again and this time the burden of proof rests in the case of Johnny Currell, 20 year old distance runner on the University of Minnesota track team.

Some 25 years ago a young man named Lewis Currell was winning races at the two mile distance throughout the Middle West as a member of the Iowa Teachers' College track team. Currell was running the distance in approximately 10 minutes which was considered exceptionally good time in those days. He had as a team-mate a youth named Tom Jones who also was making a name for himself as a track athlete, and the two were close friends.

Following graduation the two separated and Lewis Currell followed the profession of teaching until about 1912 when he settled on a farm in Iowa with his family. Often in the evening he would entertain his young son John with stories of athletes of his day, and sometimes he would teach him the rudiments of running form and time him for short distances.

A few years ago the family moved to Clarkfield, Minn., and it was here that John received his high school training. With his father aiding in his coaching he soon became the best quarter and half mile runner on the Clarkfield high school team and won consistently in meets with other schools.

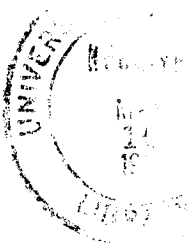
During the long summer vacation days he labored on the farm with occasional running workouts under the direction of the elder Currell to keep in running form.

As a freshman at Minnesota Johnny immediately took the eye of the coach by his speed and stamina. His rather husky build was not indicative of a good distance runner but both in cross-country and track he just galloped into the lead and stayed there.

Running as a sophomore last fall Currell lost only to Wisconsin in a thrilling finish during the dual meet season and finished third in the Conference crosscountry run at Urbana, Illinois. Johnny covered the five mile distance considerably under 27 minutes and one of the men to congratulate him at the finish was Coach Tom Jones of Wisconsin, former team-mate of his father at Iowa Teachers' College.

During the present indoor season Currell has beaten the Drake University and Iowa two milers, lost to Wisconsin and finished fourth among eight runners in a quadrangular meet with Northwestern, Purdue and Indiana.

In running fourth in the quadrangular meet Currell ran his fastest race, finishing under 9 minutes and 54 seconds for the two miles, thereby breaking his father's best time by several seconds.



Sports Letter

Minneapolis, March 5 -- Facing an opportunity to make the best showing a University of Minnesota track team has made in years, the Gopher squad will leave tonight for the annual Big Ten indoor track and field championships at Madison, Friday and Saturday.

With its strength centered around three athletes, the Minnesota team probably will not include more than eight men but each is regarded as a potential point winner in his event.

The nucleus of the Gopher strength is made up of Captain John Hass, Clarence Munn and Cam Hackle. Hass, a versatile performer, who sprints, runs the low hurdles, and broad jumps, will confine his efforts to the dash event in the championship games.

The Gopher Captain has won all his races indoors this season at 40 and 60 yards despite a handicap of illness which kept him out of the Iowa meet. He is expected to be in the scoring at Madison.

Munn, who twice has shattered his own Minnesota record with the shot this season, will find his chief competition in Sammy Behr and Walt Gnabah of Wisconsin. The stocky gridiron star has put the shot 46 feet, 9-7/8 inches for his best mark indoors but he will have to beat this record by a good margin to win from the Badger pair.

In the high jump Minnesota will have its best leaper since the days of Sam Campbell, greatest Gopher high jumper. Cam Hackle, a sophomore, has gone consistently over six feet and against Iowa cleared six feet, 3-1/2 inches. He was near the same height against Shaw of Wisconsin at Madison this winter. The Badger athlete leaped six feet, five inches to beat him,

Shaw, the conference champion, and Hackle are expected to be chief competitors in the high jump Saturday.

The hurdles, the mile and two mile races and the pole vault are other events in which Minnesota has a chance to place. Charlie Scheifley, sophomore hurdler, has won three of his four races this season, setting a Minnesota record in his initial start in the 70 yard highs against Drake. He has won against Wisconsin and Iowa but lost in the quadrangular meet with Indiana, Northwestern and Purdue last week.

With Lee Sentman, Illinois, present title holder, Hatfield of Indiana, Keller of Ohio and Egelston and Haeefele of Michigan in the running the Gopher sophomore will face the hardest test of his career.

Ernie (Mike) Seiler, sophomore halfmiler, who placed second to Doyle of Purdue in the quadrangular last week has been shifted to the mile for the conference meet where he will be teamed with Ted Rasmussen, veteran Gopher miler. Seiler won his first start at the mile against Iowa at the Field House and it is Coach Finger's opinion that with these two running together in the mile the Gophers' chance of scoring in this event will be good.

Johnny Currell, another sophomore, will be the lone Minnesota entry in the two mile run. Currell has run the distance in 9.54 and has been improving steadily in each race this winter.

Mervin Parks in the pole vault is capable of 12 feet and if he can clear this height at Madison Saturday night he may win a point.

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, March 10---Graduation will take its' toll of four regulars from the University of Minnesota basketball team but Coach Dave MacMillan will be greeted next season by a group of 25 graduates from this year's freshman squad to help replete the diminished ranks.

Loss of two of the best forwards in the Conference, Captain Harry Schoening and Earl Loose in addition to two dependable centers in Don Bondy and Wallace Nordgaard is a heavy blow, but it will be somewhat softened by the calibre of the men coming up from the yearling squad.

Eleven of the 25 probable sophomore candidates fro the 1932 team are around six feet in height. The tallest of these is James Schunert, formerly Edison High, Minneapolis. He is six feet, three inches tall and weighs about 175 pounds. Schunert is a center candidate.

Centers on the squad are few but forwards are plentiful. Two outstanding men who have been used both at center and forward are Walter Sochacki, Columbia Heights and Wells Wright, who hails from Appleton, the home town of Harry Schoening. Both of these men are rangy, good shots and have taken well to the MacMillan style of play.

Two other forwards who have shown up rather well during their freshman careers are Fred Rogers of Hutchinson, Kansas and Eugene Collins, Superior, Wisc. In addition to these men several others have been performing well against the varsity.

Howard Mithun, a speedy forward frp, Buffalo, has shown considerable promise and there will be Johnny Mason, former star athlete at Washburn High, Minneapolis to consider next year.

Other forward prospects are William Templeton, Waterloo, Ia., Claude Stickey, who played with Duluth Central; Albert Healey of Howard Lake, Harlan Heineman of Delano, George Champlin, Cresco, Ia., and Myron Ubl of Minneapolis South

Guard candidates from the freshman graduating class next season will be Evles Mace, who starred as a high school player at Montevideo; William Dunlap, Milton Feinberg, Phil Levy, Gordon Woods, Win Barnes and Jack Stapleton.

Dunlap played with Austin High where he had a fine record. Feinberg is a former team-mate of Virgil Licht and Brad Robinson of this year's varsity during their high school careers at Baraboo, Wis. Levy hails from Aberdeen, S.D., while Woods comes from Cresco, Ia. Win Barnes starred at Brainerd High for three years in football and basketball.

Stapleton, who has been used both as a center and guard is one of the tallest men on the squad, standing about six feet, two inches in height.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, March 12 -- When Big Ten swimmers gather for the conference championships at Ann Arbor this weekend, the University of Minnesota will have three seniors on the squad who will be watched closely by opposing teams.

Captain Lowell Marsh, undefeated Gopher backstroke swimmer will be one of these men. Marsh has won every race this season and against Illinois at the Armory pool he came within 2/5 second of the national collegiate record.

Last season Marsh placed second to Hinch of Northwestern in the backstroke finals at the conference meet and in the national meet was nosed out by Kojac, the great Columbia swimmer.

The Gopher leader began his career at Central High in St. Paul, where he started breaking records about the date of his sixteenth birthday. As a high school swimmer he was state record holder in his event and also winner at the Central A. A. U. meet where he continued his record-breaking.

In the diving, Minnesota will have Walter Nappa, diminutive athlete from Ely, Minn. Nappa has turned in some fine exhibitions during his career and last season was second to Lobdell of Iowa in the Big Ten diving championship.

This year Nappa has been beaten twice, once by Lobdell, who won the title last year and once by Raike of Michigan. He has won from Chicago, Wisconsin, Illinois and Northwestern.

Against Illinois in his final dual at home the little diver gave a great exhibition of pluck and skill. Practising a difficult dive the morning before the meet he slipped off the springboard and suffered a painful thigh

injury. Several hours later, despite the handicap of stiffened muscles he won the event, although it was difficult for him to walk without limping.

Dick Hayden is the third senior on the squad who will be swimming in conference competition for the last time. He has been a consistent performer during his three years of competition, winning the majority of his races and performing on most of the Gopher relay teams. He will be swimming in the dash events at Ann Arbor, although Coach Thorpe has used him in the longer distances occasionally this year.

Minnesota will send nine men to the meet at Ann Arbor. Coach Thorpe will take, in addition to Marsh, Nappa and Hayden, the following men: Tom Quail, dashes; Fritz Krueger, 220 yard swim; Aatos Huhtala, Eddie Farrell, Walter Lang, distances and Billy Blaisdell, diver.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, March 19 -- More than 500 high school and college track athletes throughout Minnesota, the Dakotas and adjoining states are expected to take part in the third annual Relays at the University of Minnesota Field House, April 4. The program will consist of 18 relay races in addition to several individual events.

An innovation which is expected to increase the entry list over previous years is the introduction of four special events as part of the high school program. The prep athletes will have a chance to compete in the 60 yard dash, 60 yard high hurdles, high jump and 12 pound shotput events.

"It is felt that these special events in the high school class will give more athletes a chance to compete. Many schools have one or two outstanding men but not enough runners for a relay team," explained Sherman W. Finger, director of the meet and track coach at Minnesota.

Special events in the college and university class will bring together some of the best athletes in the Midwest in the high jump, shotput, high hurdles and one and one-half mile run.

The high jump will bring together a pair of the best leapers in the Big Ten in Ken Shaw of Wisconsin and Cam Hackle of Minnesota. Besides these two men there will be Eddie Gordon of Iowa, former Olympic star.

Shaw and Hackle have met three times and the meet April 4, will be their last duel indoors this season. Shaw leaped six feet, five inches to win from the Gopher star at Madison early this season. At the conference meet the two tied for first place at better than six feet, three inches, but Shaw won by the toss of a coin.

Last week the Wisconsin leaper cleared six feet, three and three-fourths

inches to beat Hackle by one inch and win the Illinois Relays. Gordon, the Hawkeye jumper has done better than six feet, two inches in the high jump and was a member of the last Olympic team as a broad jumper. He is national collegiate champion in the latter event.

Clarence Munn and Sam Behr will meet again in the shotput. Munn holds the Minnesota record at 47 feet $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches and Behr has bettered 49 feet. Blanck of Drake, who placed fourth at the Illinois Relays, also is expected to compete.

The 70 yard high hurdles will have Charles Scheifley of Minnesota, Gordon and Handorf of Iowa, Hagar of Ames, Podrebarac of Ames and possibly Brandt and Lee of Wisconsin as starters.

Dale Letts of Chicago, who runs every race from the quarter mile to the five mile crosscountry distance will compete in the one and one-half mile run. McClure Thompson and "Red" Wright of Wisconsin, John Currell, Wilson Wied, Ernie Seiler and Ted Rasmussen of Minnesota will be other contestants.

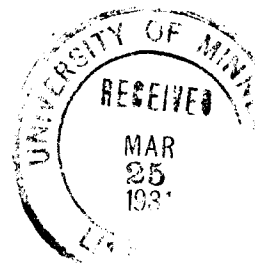
Letters and entry blanks assuring attendance at the meet have already begun to come in. The Big Eight class was practically filled before the entry blanks were mailed out. Letters from Coach Loy Bowe, Winona; Lloyd Bennes, Owatonna; O. M. Nordley, Rochester; Louis Todnem, Mankato, all have signified that teams from their schools would compete again. Austin also is entered in this race.

In the Little Eight class which was won by Pine City last year, the winners will be back, with Barnum, North Branch and Anoka also entered thus far.

The college and university class will have the North Central relay back on the program again. This race was scratched last season but will be re-established this year. Colleges from North and South Dakota, Morningside College of Sioux City, Ia., and Iowa are included in this class.

An additional relay has been added for the University of Minnesota students which includes a race for teams representing various colleges within the University. The interfraternity medley relay also will be run again.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, March 25--Komedau, Austria is something more than a long jump from Minneapolis, no matter how the distance is measured, but Cam Hackle, University of Minnesota high jump star, came all the way from the little European town to prove his ability.

Hackle was born some 23 years ago in Komedau, and first saw the United States when he migrated to New York with his parents in 1915. While attending high school in New York, Cam first became interested in leaping. His first teacher was John Price, coach of several New York Athletic Club track stars.

Price told the youngster that he could jump six feet ^{or} better if he would just keep at his jumping. When he competed for the first time in the junior A. A. U. championships at Madison Square Garden, he surprised everyone, including himself, by placing second and incidentally outjumping King of Stanford who happened to be Olympic champion.

Before coming to Minnesota, Hackle attended Western State Teachers' College in Michigan. He won the indoor and outdoor state championships there and also did some sprinting. Then he decided to shift his course and study law, and chose the University of Minnesota to further his education.

As a freshman last year, Hackle consistently bettered six feet and was the outstanding yearling leaper in the Big Ten. This winter, competing as a sophomore, he lost his first Big Ten start after leaping more than six feet, three inches.

His competitor, who happened to be Ken Shaw of Wisconsin, conference champion, went a mere six feet, five inches to beat him. Cam then cleared around six feet, three inches a couple of weeks later against Eddie Gordon, Iowa Olympic star, for his first conference victory.

In the conference championships at Wisconsin, Hackle tied with Shaw at better than six feet three but lost the toss. Shaw again beat him at the Illinois Relays by one inch.

The two will have one more chance to settle the feud indoors for both are entered in the Minnesota Relays at the University of Minnesota, April 4. At that time the Field House mark of six feet, three and $5/16$ inches is expected to go into discard. Eddie Gordon, the Iowa colored jumper, also is entered in the games and will make the competition three cornered.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Minn. March 31 --- When spring football practise opened at the University of Minnesota this week one of several score names on the roster was that of Quentin Burdick of Williston, N. D.

Ordinarily the name of a candidate on the spring practise list means that he has ambitions to make the varsity squad the following Autumn but to Burdick it also signifies the fact that he has passed the first milestone of a long comeback struggle.

Three years ago Burdick played a powerful game for the Gophers as a blocking back. He did not carry the ball often but excelled in clearing the way for the runner. He earned his varsity letter and also competed on the wrestling team that year.

The following season he started well again, exhibiting some fine blocking and earning praise as a hard driving back until he suffered a knee injury in one of the early games. Under the care of Dave Woodward, trainer at the University, he was able to finish the season but was unable to play more than a few minutes at a time.

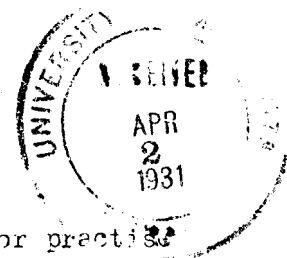
Most players, with two years of their competition behind probably would have lost heart after that experience but Burdick went to a surgeon who advised an operation on the knee. During the summer the operation was performed and as soon as the injured member was strong enough to stand exercise Burdick began to run, gradually increasing the distance until he was covering several miles at a time.

At the beginning of the 1930 season, it was decided that the knee was not strong enough to stand football competition, so Burdick devoted himself

entirely to his school work. Being in the Law College at the University he found little time for anything else but studies, exercising just enough to keep his weight down to about 190 pounds, which is near his playing weight. He will not be able to attend spring practise regularly because of his school work but he expects to be back, fit and ready, for the fight for backfield positions next fall.

Perhaps Burdick inherits some of his determination and fight. His father Usher Burdick was a great end on Gopher teams around 1903-04, and now is a successful attorney at Williston, N. D., where Quentin captained the state championship eleven, playing at fullback as a high school senior.

SPORTS LETTER



Minneapolis, April 4 ---- Completing their first week of outdoor practice following their return from the annual Southern training trip, the University of Minnesota baseball team is rounding into shape for the opening of its conference schedule, April 24-25, at Northwestern. The Gophers will engage the University of Hosei, Japanese nine, April 21, in their final practice game before opening the Big Ten season.

Coach McCormick expressed himself as well satisfied with the showing made on the training trip. The Gophers won one game, lost three and were rained out twice. However, they were able to work outside every day that they were in the South, and the entire squad is further advanced physically at this stage of their training than it has been for several seasons.

Walfrid Mattson and Earl Evans did most of the pitching against the University of Mississippi and Louisiana State, the teams which were played on the trip. Mattson pitched most of ^{the} first game against Mississippi, allowing one hit in six innings. Evans finished the game, allowing but two hits. Although the other games were lost, the Gophers outhit their opponents, but erratic fielding spoiled their chances of victory.

Earl Loose, who pulled a leg muscle while playing at first base, is back in his accustomed place again, apparently as shifty as ever. Dave Beauchaine appears to be the regular shortstop with Steve Adams, a veteran, at second base. Ernie Clifford, sophomore, was used at third in the South and fields the position better than the rest of the candidates.

Coach McCormick has five outfielders of decided hitting habits, but somewhat varied fielding ability. Earl Evans was used in the field when not pitching on the training jaunt. With him at various times were Lukey Gordon, veteran of two seasons, Donald Cherp, Stanley Kasmarynski and Bernard Hennig. Cherp and Kasmarynski are veterans also while Hennig is a sophomore.

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, April 7 -- When the University of Minnesota golf squad begins its' first organized spring practise this week it will contain one ambitious sophomore who will have the brilliant example of an older brother to follow at the outset of his Big Ten career.

For now Edgar Bolstad is a candidate for the University golf team which was captained by his brother, Lester, former captain of the Gopher squad, twice winner of the Big Ten individual title and former national public links champion.

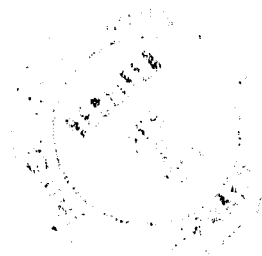
Edgar has been playing golf with his famous brother ever since he was seven years old. The two boys began as caddies during their summer vacation periods at the old University course. Lester, being older, naturally began playing in tournaments earlier and rose rapidly to stardom.

The younger member of the Bolstad family, two years ago, won the right to represent the Minneapolis district in the national public links tournament in Florida and last year competed successfully in several state tournaments and now is a member of one of the largest squads ever to turn out for the sport at Minnesota.

Last season Minnesota placed third in the Big Ten conference meet after winning both the individual and team titles in 1929. This year with a squad of 20 men, hopes for another strong team are high.

Led by Captain William A. Fowler, Fargo, N. D., who placed fourth in the conference standings in 1930 and Don Bohmer of St. Cloud, another outstanding player, the squad includes Robert Blackman, Minneapolis; Cliff Bloom, White Bear; Duncan B. Claggett, Montevideo; Marshall Edgell, St. Paul; L. Donahoo, Minneapolis; Phil Halvorson, Minneapolis; F. X. Kerr, Minneapolis; Earl R. Larson, Minneapolis; John Mason, Minneapolis; L. Levinscha, St. Paul; R. H. Nelson, St. Paul; Lyall E. Peterson, Alexandria; Harry Rubin, Bismarck, N. D.; Stanley Salter, Davenport, Ia.; G. Neil Seirup, Minneapolis; Francis H. Stadala, Minneapolis; Gordon Wright, Minneapolis.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, April 9 --- Following a successful invasion of the South and final indoor competition in the Minnesota Relays last Saturday, the University of Minnesota track team has begun outdoor preparations for the spring campaign.

The task of building a well balanced team for dual meet competition will be a difficult one. Minnesota will have undoubted strength in the sprints, shotput, high jump, hurdles and two mile run, but is not so well situated in several other events.

Captain John Hass, his brother Walter, Ed Pickett and Bob Lillyblad will be the Gopher sprinters. Captain Hass also may try the low hurdles and broad jump when points are needed as he is capable of placing in both events.

Due to a dearth of quartermilers, Coach Sherman Finger may attempt to convert Walt Hass into a 440 man along with Bob Lillyblad. Joe Nowotny, who was the principal entry in this event last season probably will not report due to ill health and his loss will be a blow.

Loss of Ernest Seiler, best of the half milers, who has decided to stay out of school this spring to work, puts the Gophers at a disadvantage in this event also. Leading candidates for the 880 yard run are Al Adams, Walter Rasmussen and Kenneth Fjelstadt, all members of the 1930 crosscountry squad.

Ted Rasmussen is the principal hope in the mile run. He may be aided in some meets by John Currell, who will take care of the two mile run. Charles Scheifley, Paul Searles and Carroll Gustafson will be the Minnesota hurdlers, while Melvin Pass and John Hass are expected to compete in the

broad jump.

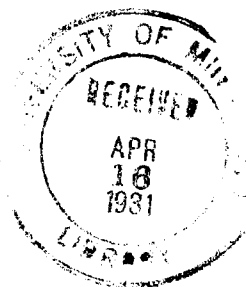
In the weight events Clarence Munn, Clifford Hague and Mervin Dillner will compete both in the shot and discus, while Don Constans will throw the javelin. Spencer Holle, last season's hammer thrower, also will be back.

With Cam Hackle in the high jump, will be Morris Segal, who will be eligible this spring. Segal holds the Minnesota state high school record of six feet and has bettered this mark in collegiate competition.

The Gophers are preparing for the Drake Relays at present as they probably will not journey to Kansas this year. Dual meet competition this spring includes Michigan at Ann Arbor, Northwestern and Wisconsin at Minneapolis.

William T. Tilden and Karel Kozeluh will engage in an exhibition tennis match at the University of Minnesota Field House, April 16, under the auspices of the athletic department. This match will be preceded by an exhibition between Francis T. Hunter, last year's national amateur champion and J. Emmett Pare, Chicago clay court champion. Tilden and Hunter also will play Kozeluh and Pare in a doubles contest. All matches will be best three out of five sets. A heavy advance mail order sale is being received by the athletic department.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis - April 16 --- Back in 1922 when Lyman Brown, regarded as the University of Minnesota's greatest distance runner, was at his best, all of his races on the home field were eagerly watched by his 12 year old nephew, Ted Rasmussen, miler on the present Gopher track team.

Ted was a frail youngster and Brown's speed and wiry strength caused him to fairly worship his famed uncle. Never missing a race and often more excited about it than the Gopher distance star himself, the boy resolved to become a runner when he became older.

Often in the fall when the crosscountry team went through its' practise spins along the Mississippi, Ted would fall in behind and run until his short legs gave out and the squad swept on far ahead. When he entered University high school, he discovered that the school had no regular track coach at that time, so he called upon his uncle for help.

With the aid of Brown and by obtaining all the books he could on track athletics, young Rasmussen trained throughout his high school career and went out for the freshman crosscountry squad. He caused no stir as he appeared too frail ever to become a varsity runner. By spring he was able to place a few times in the freshman meets but lacked stamina and the wiry legs necessary for running.

Ordered to confine himself to easy running because of his health by Sherm Finger, Gopher track coach, young Rasmussen did not compete as a sophomore but returned the following Autumn considerably stronger and earned a place on the varsity crosscountry squad. In the spring he also made the track team as a miler.

Last season he was elected crosscountry captain and this spring is showing promise of developing into a star mile runner with still another season of competition ahead of him. Although he may not reach the heights attained by Lyman Brown, who held records at the Illinois Relays and other nationally known meets, Rasmussen will have realized his ambition of becoming a real distance runner when he graduates.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, April 24--Completing their fourth week of spring practise the University of Minnesota football squad, with an average daily attendance of 65 men, is looking forward to the football 'tournament' which will signalize the close of the spring session, May 15.

At that time the two leading teams of the four which now compose the squad will play for the spring practise championship and individual tests of gridiron skill will be staged. Blocking, tackling, passing, kicking, receiving of passes and punts and other various phases of individual play will be demonstrated. Prizes will be given the player exhibiting the greatest proficiency in each event. Most improved players among the lineman and backs also will be rewarded.

Coach H. O. Crisler has expressed himself as highly satisfied with the turnout for spring practise this year. Between 60 and 70 men have been reporting five times a week although 120 have drawn equipment. Practically all of these men report several times during the week although not all are out daily.

Scrimmages have been held twice a week between the four teams, named the Maroon, Gold, Red and Black squads. Members of the various units have been shifted somewhat but in general the squads will remain the same throughout the entire session. Assisting Crisler with the squad are E. E. Wieman, George Tuttle, Sig Harris, George MacKinnon and Win Brockmeyer.

Among the backfield men who have been giving good accounts of themselves in the scrimmages are George McPartlin, Walter Hargesheimer, Quentin Burdick, George Champlin, Robert Pinger, Pete Somers, Myron Ubl, Gerald Griffin, Jack Manders, Lloyd Hribar, Walter Mork, Carl Tengler and

Sam Swartz. Punters in this group are Hargesheimer, McPartlin, Ubl and Somers.

In addition to Lloyd Stein, varsity center last year, Roy Oen, Morris Greenberg, Leroy Markham and Louis Gerischer have been reporting regularly. Oen was a promising candidate last fall until an early season injury put him out for the year. Greenberg also is a veteran from last season.

Captain-elect Clarence Munn, although busy with track during the spring has been reporting occasionally for signal drill and also has been doing some punting. His running-mate at guard last year, Bob Reihsen, is one of the outstanding linemen on the squad this spring. Other line candidates who have been doing good work are Pat Boland, Sulo Koski, Jim Dennerly, Ellsworth Harpole, Howard Nichols, Marshall Wells, Ray Willahan, George Kakela and Harold Haiden.

Promising end candidates who have been reporting regularly include W. Jake Ohlsen, Earl Nelson, Mike Chupich, Milford Gillett, Gerald Sincock, Walter Ohde, Ed Holliday, Brad Robinson and John Ronning.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, April 27 -- When Clarence Munn, University of Minnesota track star tossed the 16 pound shot out 48 feet 7 and 5/8 inches, to break Ralph Rose's 27 year old record at the Penn Relays Saturday, he made definite progress along a career that for hard work and conscientious effort seldom has been equalled by a Gopher athlete.

Starting with a first hour class each morning and working until well after 6 p m . Munn has not an idle moment on his daily program. Following a morning filled with classes, he usually hurries downtown to work several hours in the early afternoon before returning to the campus for his track workout at the Stadium.

After practising with the shot and discus, Munn sometimes trots over to Northrop Field to run signals with the football team, which he will captain next fall. Often he tries a few punts, also, just to keep in practise. Following the day's work he has nothing left to do but study tomorrow's lessons. Evidently this plan works well, however, for Munn is rated as a fine student.

Munn's career both in football and track has been rather strange in one respect. As a freshman he was considered a good halfback in football and a sprint prospect in track. In the former sport he was shifted to fullback then into the line as a tackle, finally ending as a guard last season where he became one of the best in the Big Ten. He also is rated as one of the greatest punters Minnesota has ever had.

As a sprinter Munn was fair but the weights soon proved his best event. Starting with a little more than 44 feet as a freshman, he approached 46 feet indoors as a sophomore and then tossed the iron ball 47 feet 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches to break a Minnesota record that had stood since 1912. This year he has been improving steadily, with the record at Penn marking his latest step forward. According to Sherman W. Finger, Gopher track coach, Munn, will pass this mark before he graduates

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, May 7 -- Facing some of the best athletes in the Western conference in dual meets this spring, the University of Minnesota track team will open its' dual competition against Michigan this weekend and on successive Saturdays will face Northwestern, compete in the conference meet and end the season against Wisconsin May 30.

At Ann Arbor, Michigan with such sprinters as Eddie Tolan, Campbell and Smythe will have the advantage in the dashes over Captain John Hass of Minnesota. Tolan and Campbell defeated Hass in the Minnesota-Michigan meet last spring and although the battle may be closer this year, the Wolverine runners hold the edge.

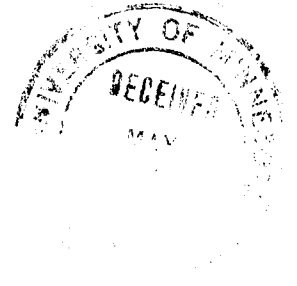
Charley Scheifley and Hass in the low hurdles and Scheifley and Carroll Gustafson in the highs will give Minnesota strength in these events as will the presence of Clarence Munn and Mervin Dillner in the weights. Cam Hackle in the high jump and John Currell in the two mile also should make considerable trouble for the Ann Arbor athletes but in the 440 and 880 yard runs, the mile, pole vault, javelin and hammer throw, Michigan will have the advantage.

Northwestern will come to Minneapolis, May 16, with a troupe of athletes headed by such outstanding men as Tom Warne, pole vault star, McAuliffe, quartermiler, and Burgess in the halfmile run. Zach Ford, old rival of Hass in the sprints will be on hand also.

Following the conference meet at Evanston, May 22-23, Minnesota will climax the season with a meet against Wisconsin on the Stadium field. The meet with the Badgers should furnish a series of thrilling duels, chief among them being the meeting of Clarence Munn and Sam Behr in the shotput.

Behr has beaten Munn each time the two have met for two seasons, but the husky Gopher weightman has been coming close to his rival with each meet. This will be Lunn's last chance to defeat his rival.

The keen rivalry between Ken Shaw and Cam Hackle should furnish another thrilling battle. Shaw likewise has defeated Hackle each time the two have met but always has been pressed hard. In the sprints Johnny Hass will match strides with Bill Henke and in the two mile run John Currell will race against Kirk and Wright of the Badgers.



Sports Letter

Linneapolis, May 12-- Two veterans, one from the line and the other from the backfield, will lead the Maroon and Gold teams against each other in the annual spring football game which will end the six weeks preliminary training season for the University of Minnesota gridiron squad, Friday.

Coach Fritz Crisler has named Bob Reihsen, for two years regular guard on the varsity, as the leader of the Maroon squad and John P. Somers, halfback for two seasons, as captain of the Gold Team. Clarence Munn, captain-elect, for the 1931 season is not expected to take part in the contest due to his track activities.

According to Crisler, at least 44 men will be used in the contest. The game will last considerably longer than the regulation contest as the quarters will exceed the usual 15 minute periods so that a greater number of men may be used and sufficient time given them to demonstrate their ability.

Veteran and sophomore aspirants have been divided so that the teams will be fairly even in strength. Outstanding members of the Red and Black teams, the other two squads used in spring practise, will be apportioned between the two rival squads for Friday's game.

The spring football tournament, which will consist of punting, passing, place-kicking, blocking, tackling, and other individual events, will take place May 18 to 20.

Centers of the Maroon squad in Friday's game will include Lloyd Stein, Roy Oen and Louis Gerischer. Guards, in addition to Captain Reihsen, will be Ellsworth Harpole, Sulo Koski and George Kakela. Marshall Wells, Ray Willahan, Ed Sperry and Dean Boyce will be tackles.

The ends will be cared for by Brad Robinson, John Koning, Walter Chupich, Walter Ohde and Gerald Sincock. My Ubl, Bob Pinger and George Champlin will be in the quarterback position while Quentin Burdick, Frank Alexander, Sam Swartz, and George McPartlin will be halfbacks with Jack Manders and Carl Tengler at fullback.

Gold centers include Morris Greenberg and Leroy Markham. Guards will be Jim Dennerly, Harold Haiden, Ed Rau, A. Meyers, Herman Peschken, and G. Jantzen. Bob Wiley, Howard Nichols and Al Teeter will be the Gold tackles. At ends will be W. Jake Ohlsen, Earl Nelson, Bob Klingel, W. Barnes and Earl Gillett.

Quarterbacks will be Walt Hargesheimer, Pete Somers, Captain; and Louis Goodman. Gerald Griffin, R. Steiss, Walter Mork and Jack Willis will be the halfbacks with Lloyd Hribar, Frank Larson and Claud Stickney playing at fullback.

The game is scheduled for 3:30 p. m., Friday.

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, May 19--Watching the flickering shadow of himself on the moving picture screen as he competed in various meets helped Clarence Munn, University of Minnesota shotput star to bring his best effort from a little over 44 feet to more than 48 feet, six inches within a year.

Moving pictures are no new thing in the coaching of athletes and Coach Sherm Finger has taken pictures of most of his trackmen in action, but their value in emphasizing points of form again was especially proved in the case of Munn.

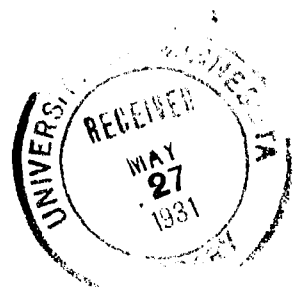
While the husky Gopher's form in general was good, there were several minor points which need be strengthened if Munn was to gain the top flight of weightmen. At the national collegiates last season Finger took pictures of all of the country's leading shotputters, including such men as Rothert of Stanford, Rhea of Nebraska and Behr of Wisconsin.

In company with his coach Munn went over these pictures several times as well as those taken of Minnesota's dual meets, studying points of form.

One point, that of the crouch at the start of his throw, caused some trouble but the coach using the films emphasized this in such a manner as to aid Munn in starting his effort several inches lower thereby gaining a longer spring. Mastery of this point alone added inches to his distance.

Munn started his career last year with a trifle over 44 feet and at Kansas broke the Minnesota record of 44 feet, eleven inches. Incidentally this was one of the first meets in which he faced Sammy Behr of Wisconsin, conference champion. Munn has met the Badger star no less than eight times, and although he has come perilously near his best efforts, has never defeated him. The two will meet again at the Western Conference track and field championships at Evanston, this weekend and finally in the Minnesota-Wisconsin dual track meet at Minneapolis, May 30.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, May 27--Concluding one of the most successful seasons in its' history the University of Minnesota track team will face Wisconsin, 1931 conference outdoor champions and Minnesota's oldest athletic rival, at the Stadium Saturday in the final dual meet of the season.

A four months campaign of conference competition in addition to such outside meets as the Texas, Rice, Penn and Drake relays, will be brought to a close with the Wisconsin meet and Minnesota track followers will have an opportunity to see a championship team in action as well as several who were individual winners in the Big Ten meet.

Last week when Coach Finger's team scored $15\frac{1}{2}$ points to place seventh in the meet, Minnesota made their second best showing in the history of track and field sports at the University. The Gophers scored $23\frac{1}{2}$ points in the 1922 Big Ten championships with such men as Bill Hawker in the pole vault, Merle Sweitzer in the mile run and Arnold Oss in the dashes.

Although Minnesota entertains little hope of winning from the powerful Wisconsin team, the Gophers will have a number of athletes capable of extending the Badgers and furnishing some extremely keen competition.

The first of these individual duels will bring together two of the greatest shotputters in the Big Ten, Clarence Munn of Minnesota, outdoor conference champion, and Sam Behr of Wisconsin, who has won the indoor and outdoor titles five times.

Munn won the conference title last week and in so doing defeated Behr. Munn's victory over the Wisconsin weight man came after two years of constant effort in which he had lost to Behr eight times in as many meets. The Minnesota man broke his own record in defeating his rival and may be forced to do so again Saturday.

Cam Hackle and Ted Shaw will attempt to bring their high jumping feud to a definite conclusion also. These two athletes tied for both the indoor and outdoor conference titles this year and Saturday will give them their last opportunity.

Minnesota will be able to provide some interesting competition in the dashes and hurdles with Captain John Hass running the 100 and 220 yard events and Charley Scheifley in the hurdles.

In the discus, and hammer throw, Wisconsin will have the edge with Behr and Kabat throwing consistently around 135 feet in the former event and Frisch capable of 140 feet with the hammer.

The meet will end the careers of three Gophers. Captain Hass will make his final conference appearance as will Melvin Pass, in the broad jump and Don Constans, javelin thrower.



Sports Letter

Minneapolis, June 3 -- Athletic prospects at the University of Minnesota for 1931-32 show an upward trend in most events on the intercollegiate program, usual losses through graduation being at a minimum, numerically at least, in most activities and with considerable promising material being available in several sports.

Three months must pass before H. O. Crisler calls his football squad together for the opening of the 1931 season but results of a successful spring practise show that Minnesota will be better equipped for the coming fall campaign than one year ago. Crisler has had the benefit of a full year's work with his men and also that of a well-conducted spring drill with which to start the coming season.

Seventeen lettermen are expected to report for opening practise next September 15. The squad will be captained by Clarence Munn, All-Conference guard and one of the greatest punters in the Middle West. In addition to this array of "M" men there will be a number of outstanding candidates who were awarded the Old English letter and sweaters for their work last season. A number of aspiring sophomore candidates also will report in the fall, among which are several outstanding backfield men.

Development of tackles and ends appears to be the chief problem of the Minnesota coaching staff for the coming season. Few promising candidates for these two important positions were unearthed during the spring drill and the search probably will continue in the early fall practise.

The coaching staff for the coming season so far as is known, will be the same as that of last season, no changes having been announced by Director Crisler.

Minnesota will open its' schedule with a doubleheader, playing Ripon College and North Dakota Agricultural College, September 26. Oklahoma

A and M college will be the next Gopher foe at the Stadium and then for the first time in history a Minnesota team will make a long intersectional trip, playing Stanford at Palo Alto, Cal., October 10.

Two conference games, with Iowa and Wisconsin will be played at home next fall with Northwestern and Michigan being engaged on foreign fields. Cornell college, Mount Vernon, Iowa, will be the final home contest for the Gophers.

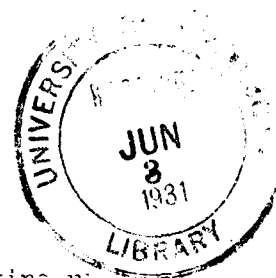
One other fall sport, crosscountry, will have several strong veterans back. John Currell, third place winner in the conference meet in 1930, Mike Seiler, Paul Semple and Al Adams, will be among the experienced men reporting to Coach Sherm Finger.

Basketball prospects appear bright for next season. Although Captain Harry Schoening, All-Conference forward, Earl Loose, his running mate and Don Bondy, center on the 1931 team all have ended their competition, Coach Dave MacMillan will have a strong nucleus on which to build with Virgil Licht, Mike Cielusak, Ralph Engebritsen, Brad Robinson and several sophomore prospects at hand. Development of a capable center will be a problem as no promising freshman candidate for this position has yet turned up.

Coach Niels Thorpe will have a number of outstanding men back next year. Loss of Captain Lowell Marsh, national collegiate backstroke champion and Walter Nappa, through graduation, strong diving contender for three seasons, will be his heaviest losses.

A strong freshman hockey combination last winter will be available for the 1932 ice squad. The 1931 squad was extremely light for Big Ten competition but several weighty sophomores next winter and a number of excellent skaters will bolster it up considerably.

Coach Blaine McKusick will have a number of veterans back for the 1932 wrestling season. Several of his men were sophomores last winter and with



the benefit of a year's competition behind them, things will be looking up next winter, particularly in the heavier weights.

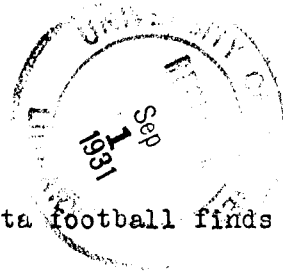
Loss of Captain Johnny Hass and Melvin Pass of the track squad will weaken the Gopkers in the sprinting and broad jump departments but the return of a number of outstanding veterans will offset their loss somewhat.

Leading contestants who will return to the squad in 1932 are Clarence Lunn, conference shotput champion; Cam Hackle, who twice tied for conference high jump honors; Charley Scheifley, hurdler; John Currell, two miler; Mike Seiler, half miler. Besides these men Coach Finger will have Elton Hess, pole-vaulter of two seasons ago, Joe Nowotny, quarter miler on the 1929 squad and Harold Thompson, dashman, back. A strong array of sophomore talent in the javelin throw, sprints and middle distances will aid in balancing the squad better than it has been in some years.

The baseball squad will suffer its principal loss in Earl Loose, star second baseman. Walfrid Mattson, chief pitcher, will again be available and Coach Frank McCormick will have at least two sophomore pitchers who should be of conference calibre. The infield with the exception of Loose will be intact and will be further strengthened by some promising youngsters at third and shortstop.

Golf and tennis prospects for next season appear fair if several of this year's sophomores are available next year. Both sports will have a number of juniors back who have had the benefit of a year's competition in the Big Ten which should bring them into the 1932 schedule considerably advanced over their first season's form.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, August 28-- Opening of the new year in Minnesota football finds a situation in strong contrast with that of one year ago.

When Coach H. O. Crisler and his new staff greeted the Gopher football squad in 1930, 17 players were letterwinners! This group contained an unusually large array of veteran backfield talent but practically an entire first string line, including one All-American tackle in Bronko Nagurski, had been lost.

This season, with exactly the same number of lettermen expected to report, the situation is entirely changed. A veteran forward wall from end to end will take the field for Minnesota. And this line will have had the benefit of a year's schooling under the style of play coached by Tad Wieman, Gopher line instructor, whereas last year the system was new to all candidates.

Eight men completed their competition in 1930, two of whom were linemen and six of whom were backs. Several promising sophomore backfield men have appeared to complement the list of six veterans who will return.

Five ends are listed among the lettermen. They are Jake Ohlsen, Luverne; Earl Nelson and Al Krezowski, Minneapolis; Hal Anderson, Owatonna and Mervin Dillner, Duluth. In addition to these men Brad Robinson, Baraboo, Wis.; Ralph Platou, Fargo, N. D. and Bob Tucker of Minneapolis, all of whom are experienced juniors, will be available. From the 1930 freshman squad will come Walter Ohde, Mound; Walter Barnes, Pasco, Wash.; Gerald Sincock and John Roning, Minneapolis.

Lack of high calibre reserve tackles to alternate with Pat Boland and Marshall Wells will be one of the problems to be met this Autumn. Boland, a 215 pound veteran from Duluth will be heavier this year and so will his running mate, Wells, a Minneapolis boy.

Tackles from the 1930 reserve group will be Howard Kroll, International Falls; Howard Nichols, St. Cloud; John Samson, Omaha, Neb.; Merle Newberg, Willmar and George Piepgras of Luverne. Sophomores of promise are Ray Willahan, Sisseton, S. D.; Dean Boyce, Mankato; Bob Wiley, Minneapolis and Phil Sperry, Western Springs, Ill.

Clarence Munn, All-Conference guard and one of the Mid West's greatest kickers in 1930, will be back at his old position. Teaming with him will be Bob Reihsen of Benson, who also is playing his final season. Both men weigh more than 200 pounds.

Reserve guards from 1930 include Jim Dennerly, Aitken; Ellsworth Harpole, Minneapolis; John Waligora, St. Paul and Kenneth Gay, a powerful youth from Moose Lake. Sophomore candidates include George Kakela, Eveleth; Harold Haiden, LaCrosse, Wis.; Bill Jantzen, White Bear and Art Meyers, Minneapolis.

Lloyd Stein, Two Harbors, will return to center position and will receive his chief competition from Roy Oen, Thief River Falls, who is playing his first season and Morris Greenberg, Minneapolis; a reserve center in 1930. Leroy Markham, Minneapolis and Lloyd Gerischer, St. Paul, are other possibilities.

Keen competition will feature the struggle for the fullback position with Quentin Burdick and Jack Manders as the two leading aspirants. Burdick did not play in 1930 due to injuries, but performed well in 1928 and 1929. Manders was a hard plunging back last season and is in excellent condition for the campaign. Burdick comes from Williston, N. D., while Manders, a South Dakota boy, hails from Milbank.

Quarterback candidates include two veterans in Walt Hass and Pete Somers. Hass did considerable signal calling last season while Somers was impressive in spring practise. Harry Hall, Little Falls, is another veteran who will be in the running. A sophomore, Myron Ubl, has shown considerable ability. Weighing 172 pounds, Ubl's specialty is passing. He comes from Minneapolis. Among ^{other} promising sophomore candidates are Walter Hargesheimer of Rochester and George Champlin, Cresco, Iowa.

Kenneth MacDougall, Ishpeming, Mich., and Sam Swartz, Minneapolis, head the list of returning halfbacks. Several other juniors also will be available. They are Gerald Griffin, Devils Lake, N. D., Rudolph Tometz, Biwabik; Ed Cleary, St. Paul; Frank Alexander, Glenwood; John Hass, St. Paul and Bob Pinger, Minneapolis. Sophomore halfbacks will include Walt Mork, Gerald Steiss and Alf Willis of Minneapolis and George McPartlin of Bemidji.



Minneapolis, August 31. Bumps and bruises will be at a minimum this fall among football players on the Memorial Stadium gridiron at the University of Minnesota if the condition of the playing field means anything.

Caretakers of the field and experts who have viewed it call this year's Minnesota gridiron the best ever developed in the Stadium. It is a springy mat of bluegrass, tough and resilient, the result of several years experimentation and labor.

When it was built in 1924 the field was planted with creeping bent grass, widely known for its use on golf greens. This grass is short and makes a fast field, but its' roots are so near the surface that they are easily torn loose by pounding cleats and in wet weather, especially, insecure footing is apt to result. Many good plays have been spoiled in this manner, when a player in attempting to cut in quickly, has slipped and been thrown for a loss.

This fact was realized by coaches and groundkeepers alike and various experiments to secure a firmer footing were made but with little success. Frigid conditions in the Wisconsin game in 1929 made it necessary to re-seed the playing area in 1930, and Athletic Director H. O. Crisler decided on bluegrass, sacrificing slightly in speed to insure firmer footing and thicker turf.

Bluegrass roots grow to a depth of from two to four inches beneath the surface making the turf so durable that even the long mud cleats used in wet weather do not easily tear it. The thick resiliency also assures more protection in falling also.

Ready in the Autumn of 1930, the new field stood up remarkably well considering the short time it had been put in. This summer the extreme heat made it necessary to sprinkle the field from five to seven hours daily, chiefly in the evening. As the thermometer went down so the rate of sprinkling was

decreased until at present the field is wet down only three times a week. This will be reduced to twice a week soon. The grass is cut weekly with the mowers set as high as possible.

Close cutting is bad for the grass says Art Smith, groundkeeper, who is responsible for keeping the gridiron in condition. The dried grass is allowed to remain on the field after cutting and is packed down into the turf by sprinkling. All cutting and sprinkling ceases from two to three weeks before the first game. The grass is then about $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches long.

Five tons of mineral fertilizer have been used on the playing surface at the Stadium and on the practise gridirons of Northrop Field during the year. This fertilizer, recommended by Dr. C. O. Rost, associate professor of soils at the University, is a combination of nitrogen-phosphate and potash. Ammonium sulphate is added to it afterward to produce a higher percentage of nitrogen than the fertilizer used for ordinary crops. The fertilizer is spread on the fields three times during the year previous to the football season.

Sports Letter

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Minneapolis, Sept. --Moving 33 highly conditioned athletes over a distance of 1500 miles in three days while training them for the battle of their young lives is no simple task, but by making proper preparations it can be done. Coach H. O. Crisler and Trainer Dave Woodward of the University of Minnesota football team have finally solved this problem preparatory to the coming contest with Stanford University at Palo Alto, California, October 11.

Four special railroad cars will house the Minnesota team in their first inter-sectional venture to the Pacific Coast. Two of these cars will serve as sleeping and living quarters for the athletes. The third will be a dining car where specially cooked meals will be served. Details of the diet have been worked out by Trainer Woodward.

The fourth car will be a 70 foot club car divided into several parts. One end will consist of a lounging room filled with easy chairs while near the center Dave Woodward will set up his training equipment. Two rubbing tables and a bed will be installed, together with complicated electrical equipment, foot and steam bath apparatus and a large cabinet of supplies such as tape, gauze and other necessary adjuncts of the trainer's kit.

As alternating current will be necessary to insure the working of various electrical appliances, such as heat lamps, professors and students of the College of Electrical Engineering at Minnesota will undertake the task of properly fitting the car. This problem will involve construction of special motors and generators and a switchboard control.

Adjacent to the trainer's headquarters will be a tiny kitchen with facilities for heating large quantities of water. A barber's chair, a wash-room and bathroom will also be part of the equipment on the car. Beyond the trainer's section of the car will be a 30 foot space, eight feet wide. Pulley

weight machines will be installed along the walls here/with wrestling mats in the center.

One corner of this space will contain a rowing machine while in the opposite corner will be a treadmill. Every member of the squad will be required to spend several hours daily in this tiny gymnasium. Linemen will be required to work out on the wrestling mats.

Eight large trunks of uniforms and supplies will be carried, as will 500 gallons of drinking water such as the men are accustomed to at home to insure against any ailments from this source. Two dozen folding chairs will be taken also and these will be set up in the living quarters several hours daily while coaches conduct "skull practise" with the squad.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, September 2—High-pressure football of the kind that prevents a boy from doing almost everything else and that drags the season out to unreasonable lengths is on the wane in the opinion of Fritz Crisler, University of Minnesota coach and athletic director. Crisler sees football remaining as popular as ever, but believes it is working out of the mechanical and super-efficiency epoch into a sport more truly a pastime.

Incidentally the Minnesota coach admits that receipts are going to be hurt, the country over, by current business conditions. He thinks people will look over the lists of games and go to a few of the best rather than making a practice of sitting in every Saturday afternoon.

"There are many straws that show which way the wind is blowing, I mean in football all over the country, not especially at Minnesota", Crisler explained. "Spring practices are being shortened and made less rigorous. Actual practice periods in the fall are being shortened, too. When I was in college we practiced anywhere from four to six hours. Now this has been cut down by conference rules, at least, and few practices run over three hours anywhere."

The football that is coming may not have the polish of the mechanical and hard-driven days, but it is going to be more enjoyable, not only for the spectators, but for the players, he believes.

"Two important institutions in the east have recently made public announcement that they were dropping all methods of subsidizing football players", he said. "Training tables are being eliminated, and the business of overdoing the intersectional game is rapidly on the downgrade. Universities like Harvard, Yale and Princeton have practically dropped the practice of playing outside their immediate region."

Most of the recently announced "reforms" of eastern football have been no more than a coming around by those institutions to standards and rules long applied in the Western Conference, Mr. Crisler pointed out.

"As to intersectional games, I think an occasional intersectional game a good thing, although it should not be overdone," said the Minnesota coach. "I believe there should be enough games of this kind so that the team and student body may have a chance to go on at least one such trip during every college generation.

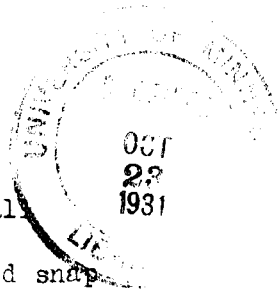
"Many of the Minnesota men who go to Stanford will be seeing the west for the first time; some of them for the only time in their lives. I have been associated with athletes for a long time, and I believe that on a reasonably short trip, one of not more than a week or ten days, a man gets as much education as he does in the classroom, although this rule could only be applied at long intervals."

Crisler told of watching athletes on trips and seeing them get up early in the morning to watch nothing more remarkable than the brown November countryside between Chicago and Ann Arbor, Mich. His longest trip as an athlete was to Japan, and he profited greatly by it.

Questionnaires sent to players throughout the conference last spring by Commissioner John Griffith showed that the boys had decided ideas on some subjects. Players don't want too much spring practice, nor do they want any tougher fall practice or any longer playing seasons than they are getting. At the same time most of them thoroughly enjoy the game and want it to continue practically unchanged. They do not think they receive too much attention from coaches nor do they want to play games when coaches are compelled to stay off the bench. All in all they prefer hard-played games to those that are a foregone conclusion, and yet they believe some of the contests should provide breathing spells.

In these opinions Coach Crisler feels that he has found sanction for his belief that football is destined to be somewhat more of a sport and less of a grind.

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If weight, design and color of equipment means anything to football players, the University of Minnesota squad should perform with an increased snap and dash after trying on their new uniforms this fall.

Lightness in weight without loss of protection is one of the principal features of the new uniforms. A reduction in weight of three and one-half pounds under the uniform worn by the Gophers last year has been effected by Coach H. O. Crisler, after a study of the equipment. This reduction was made without weakening any of the braces or pads which protect against bumps and bruises.

Ordinarily when a Gopher football player lines up on the Stadium field he is carrying $12\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of equipment from his helmet to his shoes. A careful study of each piece of equipment by Crisler and Oscar Munson, veteran equipment man at Minnesota, revealed that a complete outfit could be reduced to nine pounds and still give adequate protection.

One of the principal savings in weight this season will be ⁱⁿ the Maroon jerseys worn by the men. Last year these were reinforced by Gold canvas strips across the front. Removal of these strips will lighten the jerseys one pound without weakening them. Other weight reductions were made in shoulder pads, thigh guards and trousers.

Headgears worn by the Minnesota eleven this fall will be maroon in color with three gold stripes running from front to back across the top. Jerseys will be maroon with the pants also made of jersey, will be gold.

Use of jersey pants will insure a close fit, durability and coolness as well as light weight. Shoes will be the same weight as usual. Each varsity man will be equipped with two pairs of shoes, one for dry weather and the other for a wet field. Additional sheepskin coats and blankets also will be ready to guard against colds and stiffness when players are on the sidelines.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Minn., September 4—Five major opponents to be played on the home field in 1932, ranging from a newcomer to two traditional foes, will feature what is undoubtedly the most attractive home football schedule ever played by a University of Minnesota team.

Purdue, Nebraska, Northwestern, Mississippi and Michigan, each in turn will be engaged by the Gophers on Memorial Stadium field. Only two Conference opponents, Iowa and Wisconsin will be played away from home next season. South Dakota State will open the eight weeks' campaign, October 1.

Home fans will see two favorites, Purdue and Nebraska, return to the schedule, and one stranger in the Mississippi team. Purdue played at the Stadium last in 1928. The Boilermakers were defeated 15 to 0, although the same team won the Big Ten title a year later.

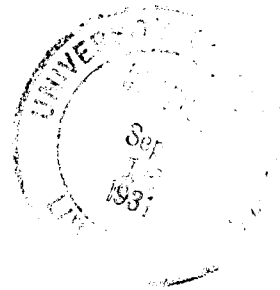
Nebraska comes back to the Gopher schedule after an absence of 13 years. The two teams met last in 1919 when they battled to a 6-6 tie on old Northrop field.

The Cornhuskers were favorite opponents of the late Dr. H. L. Williams' teams. Rivalry was keen between the two institutions in those days. Beginning their series in 1900, the two rivals have played 13 contests. Minnesota won eight, Nebraska three, and two contests ended in ties.

Following the Nebraska game the Gophers will go to Iowa City for a contest with the Hawkeyes and a week later they will tackle Northwestern at the Stadium. Mississippi will come to Minneapolis, November 5, for the first time and the traditional Wisconsin contest at Madison, November 12, will be next.

Rounding out a perfect home schedule Michigan will play the Gophers, November 19, in the annual battle for the Little Brown Jug. Seldom in recent years has the jug been in Minnesota's possession but all of the struggles for it have been hard fought. And some of the greatest contests of the long series have been on Minnesota's field.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Sept. 16—Necessity of a flying start for the 1931 campaign is expected to bring scrimmage to the University of Minnesota football squad three days after opening practise. Last year competitive drill began the fifth day of practise but Fritz Crisler has promised the squad that "scrimmage will start considerably earlier" this season.

Four games in three weeks, one of them a 2,200 mile trip to the Pacific Coast, makes necessary an even faster start than in 1930. One week from Saturday Minnesota will play a doubleheader against North Dakota Agricultural College and Ripon.

Little time was wasted in preliminaries as the 80 candidates assembled for the first day's practise. After a few minutes of limbering up, falling on the ball and hitting the tackling dummy, the squad was divided into groups and the serious work began. All 17 lettermen reported for practise.

As a whole the squad appears large and rugged. In weight it ranges from the scant 143 pounds of George Champlin, a quarterback candidate from Cresco, Iowa, to the 225 pounds of Howard Kroll, young giant from International Falls. Kroll is a veteran tackle candidate.

Ends who were assigned to the first string squad the opening day were Mervin Dillner, Al Krezowski, Earl Nelson, Brad Robinson, Hal Anderson, Harry Hall, Walt Ohde and Jake Ohlsen. Dillner, Krezowski, Nelson, Anderson and Ohlsen are lettermen from last year.

Robinson, despite the fact that he did not play much last season, is regarded as a leading end prospect. He is tall, rangy and weighs about 183 pounds. Harry Hall, a backfield man in 1930, has been shifted to end in an effort to further bolster this department. Ohde is the leading graduate from the freshman squad.

Kenneth Gay, Harold Haiden , George Kakela and Allen Teeter have been placed at tackles. Gay and Haiden played at guard and end respectively, the former being on the reserves in 1930 and the latter being a sophomore. Kakela and Teeter were guards.

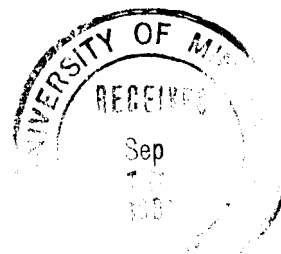
Marshall Wells and Pat Boland, regular tackles weighed in at 204 pounds and 217 pounds respectively, both being heavier than last season. Other guard candidates reporting were Dean Boyce, Howard Kroll and Ray Willahan.

Eight guards headed by Captain Clarence Munn and Bob Reihsen were assigned to the first squad. Four centers including Lloyd Stein, Roy Oen, Morris Greenberg and Lee Markham are candidates for this position. Stein and Oen, the latter a sophomore, are expected to stage a close race for the post.

Juentin Burdick, Walt Hass, Sam Swartz, Walt Mork and Gerry Griffin appear to be leading halfback candidates. Quarterbacks reporting were My Ubl, George Champlin, John Hass, Ken MacDougall, and Pete Somers.

Three rugged fullbacks, Jack Manders, Lloyd Hribar, and Rudy Tometz were taken in hand by the coaches the first two days. Manders weighing 200 pounds, was the varsity fullback last season and is expected to be back at that position again.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Sept. 17 Putting a 16 pound shot and kicking a 16 ounce football apparently are vastly different exercises but Clarence Munn, captain and star punter on the University of Minnesota football team believes that a certain similarity between the two has helped in his kicking. Munn was one of the greatest punters in the country in 1930.

Explaining his theory, Munn says that the same set of leg muscles are used in both sports. The crouching spring off the right leg in putting the shot is a great developer of the muscles along the back of the leg. These same muscles give the leg the final snap at the moment of impact in punting. Munn believes that this snap plus co-ordination, rhythm and power are the essentials of good kicking.

As a freshman the Minnesota captain was only a fair punter. As a first year track athlete his efforts were confined mainly to sprinting. In his sophomore year 45 yards was near his limit as a punter. During that same year he confined his track efforts to shot putting, breaking the existing Minnesota record with the 16 pound weight. In 1930 he won the Big Ten shotput title.

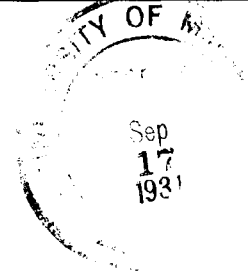
Last football season Munn averaged 40 yards on 47 punts, including two blocked kicks by Northwestern and Michigan. His 47 tries covered 1,854 yards or more than a mile of ground.

Against Stanford he averaged 43.3 yards and against South Dakota State in six tries he netted 48.9 yards. Two kicks against South Dakota University averaged 55.5 yards. Seven of the Minnesota punter's long spirals travelled between 50 and 65 yards from the scrimmage line during 1930. Two of them sailed out 67 and 68 yards. Few fans who saw the Minnesota-Stanford contest will forget the long punt that travelled 64 yards from deep in Gopher territory.

Last season Minnesota ends had difficulty in covering their leader's mighty kicks, fast backs sometimes returning them for many yards before being brought down.

Experimenting in his daily practise this summer Mann discovered that by holding the ball closer or higher he could gain more height to his punts without much sacrifice in distance, thus giving his ends time to get under them. During his practise hours he seldom tried for distance but has kept constantly kicking at a mark to develop accuracy.

Sports Letter



Linneapolis, Sept. 12. Freshmen football candidates at the University of Minnesota will be assured of the most complete training facilities ever provided when they report to Coach George Tuttle at the beginning of the fall term, Sept. 28.

Two regulation gridirons will be available for the first year athletes and a completely equipped training quarters will be at their disposal in the freshman locker room. This locker room was completed last fall. Addition of a fourth gridiron on Northrop Field will enable the varsity and reserves to use two fields while the freshmen occupy the remaining two.

Training equipment will include several heat lamps, a therapeutic baker and other electrical appliances of modern training methods. Several men can be taken care of at the same time. Hitherto all freshmen awaited their turn in the varsity training room after practise.

Trainers under the direction of Dave Woodward, varsity trainer, will treat the kinks, bumps and bruises sustained by the freshmen athletes in their first contacts with the turf of historic Northrop Field.

All freshmen who report for practise will be allowed to remain out for the entire season in pursuance with the policy established by Coach Fritz Crisler last year. No squad cuts will be made although the squad will be divided into a first string, or varsity squad and a freshman reserve group. Any man may remain out for practise as long as he reports at least three times a week.

It is Crisler's belief that every year under the squad cutting policy some fine prospects have been lost by dropping good men who have been slow to develop. Freshmen need time to accustom themselves to their new surroundings both in the class room and on the athletic field, he explained.

For this reason many prospective varsity athletes do not begin to demonstrate their ability until toward the middle or latter part of the season. By that time, under previously existing conditions, many of them had been dropped from the squad.

Note to Sports Editors:



This biographical material has been prepared as an aid to you in following Minnesota's football games this fall. Brief sketches of the 44 men who are considered possibilities for the 1931 Minnesota football team follow. Seventeen of the group are lettermen, 11 being linemen. Eleven sophomores are in the group, the rest of the squad being composed of 1930 reserves, most of whom are juniors.

ENDS

Mervin Dillner, Duluth, left end, height, 6' 2", weight 187, age 21. A 1930 letterman, Dillner is a junior in school. He is a good punter and may succeed Clarence Munn in this capacity next year.

Al Krezowski, Minneapolis, left end, height 6' 2" weight 192. Krezowski is a 1930 letterman and is beginning his second season of 'Big Ten' competition.

Earl (Whitey) Nelson, Minneapolis, left end, Height 6' weight 180. Unheard of at the beginning of the 1930 season he developed rapidly to play some fine games at end last fall. He is entering his second year of competition and is a letterman.

Brad Robinson, Baraboo, Wisc., left end. Height 6' $1\frac{1}{2}$ ", weight 186. Robby was a reserve end in 1930. A natural athlete, rangy and fairly fast, he is considered one of the best prospects on the squad. He is a basketball letterman, although he did not win a varsity award in football.

Harold Anderson, Owatonna, right end. Height 6' 1", weight 180. Anderson is a two year letterman. Handicapped by a bad knee last year he was not at his best. Experienced and dependable. He is expected to play this fall.

Harry Hall, Little Falls, right end. Height 6', weight 172. Hall was a reserve quarterback in 1930, being shifted to end this fall where his speed may aid considerably.

Walter Ohde, St. Louis Park, right end. Height 5' 11", weight 165. Ohde is a sophomore and an outstanding freshman end in 1930.

Jake Ohlsen, Luverne, right end. Height 5' $10\frac{1}{3}$ ", weight 178. Ohlsen is a senior and the fifth letterman among the ends. He is regarded as one of the best all-around end candidates on the squad.

Al Teeter, Minneapolis, right end. Height 6', weight 194. Teeter has played two seasons as center and guard being shifted to end this fall. He is fairly fast and extremely rugged. Heavyweight boxing champion at Minnesota.

TACKLES

Kenneth Gay, Moose Lake, left tackle. Height 5' 11", weight 198. A reserve guard in 1930 he has been given considerable attention at tackle this fall. Appears to be steady and a fighter. Youngest of three Gay brothers of Gopher athletic fame. Chet, was a guard in 1923 and Clayton played football and basketball from 1927-29. Kenneth is a catcher in baseball also.

Harold Haiden, La Crosse, Wisc., left tackle. Height 6', weight 193. Leading freshman end prospect 1930. Shifted to tackle this fall. Possesses speed and shiftiness.

George Kakela, Eveleth, left tackle. Height 5' 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", weight 192. Younger brother of Wayne Kakela, varsity line 1927-29. Kakela is playing his first varsity competition this fall.

Marshall Wells, Minneapolis, left tackle. Height 6' 1", weight 206. Letterman and regular tackle 1930. Considered by Coach Crisler as one of the most "improved players on the squad" in spring practise. Wells is a junior.

Pat Boland, Duluth, right tackle. Height 6' 1", weight 216. Regular tackle and letterman 1930 as a sophomore. He is expected to hold down the regular right tackle berth again this season.

Dean Boyce, Mankato, right tackle. Height 6', weight 200. Boyce was a reserve tackle in 1930.

Howard Kroll, International Falls, right tackle. Height 6' 3", weight 225. Kroll has been a member of the reserves for two years. He is the largest man on the squad, possesses a beautiful physique and may come through this year. He is a hammerthrower in track.

Ray Willahan, Sisseton, S. D., right tackle. Height 6' 1", weight 192. Willahan is a sophomore and is regarded as a comer.

GUARDS

Ellsworth Harpole, Kansas City, Mo., left guard. Height 5' 8", weight 175. Harpole, a negro, was a reserve guard in 1930. He is showing great improvement this fall.

Bill Jantzen, White Bear, left guard. Height 5' 9", weight 190. A sophomore who is seeing considerable action in scrimmage.

Clarence Munn, Minneapolis, left guard. Height 5' 10", weight 215. Munn is captain of the Minnesota team this fall. He was elected as All-Conference punter guard in 1930 and is regarded as one of the greatest punters ever seen at Minnesota. Munn can run or pass as well as kick and is a good interferer. His punts averaged 40 yards on 47 attempts last season including two blocked kicks. He is a senior and has played at fullback, halfback, tackle and guard during his career. Conference shotput titleholder in track.

Clare Peschken, Minneapolis, left guard. Height 5' 10", weight 195. Peschken is a fair prospect and is developing into a placekicker this fall.

Jim Dennerly, Aitken, right guard. Height 5' 9", weight 157. The third lightest man on the squad, Dennerly makes up in speed, determination and blocking ability what he lacks in weight. Best game against Michigan last year as a substitute. Reserves 1930. Dennerly is a junior and is showing improvement this fall.

Sulo Koski, International Falls, right guard. Height 5' 11", weight 190. Koski has been on the reserves for two seasons. He is rugged fighter who will see much action this season.

Art Meyers, Minneapolis, right guard. Height 5' 10", weight 195. Meyers is a sophomore.

Bob Reihsen, Benson, right guard. Height 5' 11" weight 196. Reihsen is playing his final season having won two letters at guard. He does most of the placekicking and kicking off for Minnesota. Reihsen is a steady, dependable veteran.

CENTERS

Morris Greenberg, Minneapolis, Height 5' 10", weight 175. Greenberg was a member of the 1930 squad as a reserve center. He is a junior.

Lloyd Gerischer, St. Paul, Height 6' 2", weight 197. Sophomore and former St. Paul Central player. Inexperienced as yet, but regarded as having great possibilities.

Roy Oen, Thief River Falls. Height 5' 11", weight 172. Oen is playing his first season at Minnesota and may give Lloyd Stein, varsity 1930, keen competition for center. Although light, he is aggressive, a good tackler and passes well.

Lloyd Stein, Two Harbors. Height 6', weight 195. Stein was a regular center last year. A good passer, steady and strong defensively, he is favored to retain his post this season.

QUARTERBACKS

George Champlin, Cresco, Ia. Height 5' 5", weight 143. Champlin is a sophomore and the lightest man on the squad. He is a shifty, tricky runner and tackles and blocks well for his size.

John Hass, St. Paul. Height 5' 9", weight 163. Hass is a senior. 1930 track captain he has a mark of .09:6 for the 100 yard dash. Reserves in 1930. He is much improved this year as an all around football player and is expected to show well.

Kenneth (PeeWee) MacDougall, Ishpeming, Mich. Height 5' 7", weight 150. MacDougall is extremely elusive and fast. As a sophomore last season he did some great running. Probably his best run of the season was against Northwestern when he ran about 50 yards to score. His desperate tackling against Stanford also was outstanding.

Pete Somers, International Falls. Height 5' 10", weight 165. Somers, red haired veteran, of two seasons has been running the team well during scrimmage. He played his first season under Dr. Spears and starred in his first game against Northwestern with his passing. He is an accurate passer, can kick and run. His experience will make him valuable this fall. Letterman in 1929-30.

My Ubl, Minneapolis, Height 6', weight 175. Ubl is a sophomore and may play regularly this season. He played on the championship South High, Minneapolis team in 1929. Good passer and carries a ball well.

HALFBACKS

Frank Alexander, Glenwood, left halfback. Height 5' 10" weight 168. Alexander excels in blocking. He was a member of the 1930 reserves and is a junior.

Quentin Burdick, Williston, N. D., left halfback. Height 5' 11", weight 192. Burdick is the son of Usher Burdick, end on the famous Minnesota team of 1903. He is playing his last season, having played in 1928 and 1929 for Dr. Spears. He was out last season because of an operation. Burdick is perhaps the best blocker on the squad and possesses great drive. Out of practise because of an attack of appendicitis he appears to be coming back strong. He won his letter in 1928 but did not play enough to win it in 1929 because of injuries.

Gerald Griffin, Devils Lake, N. D., left halfback. Height 5' 10", weight 170. Reserve back for two seasons.

Walt Mork, Minneapolis, left halfback. Height 5' 8", weight 160. Mork, former Marshall High star, is a sophomore and is a hard hitter for his weight. He is a good blocker and pass receiver.

Walt Hass, St. Paul, right halfback. Height 5' 11", weight 167. Hass played regularly last season, his first, and ran the team part of the time. He is fast and is expected to play regularly this season.

George (Porky) McPartlin, Bemidji, right halfback. Height 5' 11", weight 173. McPartlin is a sophomore. He is a rugged, spirited player and holds the University light heavyweight boxing championship.

Sam Swartz, Minneapolis, right halfback. Height 6', weight 172. Swartz began his first season last year with no freshman training. He has improved rapidly and is to play considerably this season.

Russ Willis, Minneapolis, right halfback. Height 5' 10", weight 165. Sophomore.

FULLBACKS

Lloyd Hribar, Nashwauk, height 5' 11", weight 185. Hribar is a hard hitter, tackles and blocks well. Sophomore.

Jack Manders, Milbank, S. D. Height 6', weight 200. Manders was rated as one of the hardest hitters in the conference last season as a sophomore. He is in excellent condition and ready for opposing lines this fall.

Sports Letter

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Minneapolis, Sept. — A wide open fight for all positions, save possibly one, marks the football situation at the University of Minnesota as the Gopher squad prepares for the opening of the 1931 season against North Dakota Aggies and Ripon Saturday.

Ends who can cover kicks, at least four tackles of conference calibre out of the eight 200 pound candidates trying for the positions, and a capable quarterback must be found before Minnesota is ready for its' conference campaign. With the exception of Captain Clarence Munn at left guard, every position is being hotly contested.

Bradbury Robinson, rangy and fast, may break through to win one of the end berths. A sure pair of hands and natural athletic ability have marked his progress thus far. Harold Anderson, experienced and dependable, with two seasons of competition behind him is another choice. Four other lettermen in addition to Anderson are very much in the competition thus far. Jake Ohlsen, Al Krezowski, Earl Nelson and Mervin Dillner are the quartet of letter winning ends from 1930.

Shifted from guard to end, Allen Teeter, veteran lineman, is performing well at his new post although he has much to learn about the niceties of end play. Walter Ohde is another candidate who must be reckoned with. He is a sophomore.

Pat Boland, weight 215 pounds, appears to be the first team tackle on one side of the line. Marshall Wells played on the opposite side of the line last year but both must be backed by capable reserves in order to carry on. Kenneth Gay, a former guard, has been shifted to tackle and he appears capable of giving the veterans a hard fight. George Kakela and Harold Haiden, sophomores, are also in the running, with Dean Boyce, Howard Kroll and Ray Willahan, close behind,

Competition among the quarterbacks appears to be centered around the veteran Pete Somers and sophomore Myron Ubl as the opening of the season approaches. Both men can pass, kick or run and both have been calling signals in scrimmage. Somers, with his greater experience, seems to have a slight edge on Ubl thus far. Somers displayed nice generalship in last Saturday's long scrimmage and turned in a nice all-around game.

Walter Hass and George Champlin appear as other strong choices. Hass, fast and experienced, doubtless will get into the majority of contests this fall and 143 pound Champlin, although a sophomore, also may see action more than once.

The return to scrimmage this week of Quentin Burdick and Lloyd Hribar will improve the backfield situation considerably. Burdick, apparently recovered from an attack of appendicitis, is favored for a halfback post with his weight and blocking ability. Hribar, sophomore fullback, will be needed also because of his blocking and defensive ability.

According to Coach Fritz Crisler, the center trio of the Gopher line will be up to the conference average with Captain Mann as the outstanding figure on the line. With Stein at center, the trio will average about 200 pounds, if Reihsen is at the right guard post.

Minnesota can put a line averaging over 190 on the field with a backfield of 180 pounds if the heavier prospects on the squad come through. Saturday's double header will give Crisler a chance to watch his entire squad in action.

North Dakota State and Ripon, both with veteran teams, will provide the Gophers with plenty of opposition in the season's opener.

Sports Letter

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Minneapolis, Sept. 30.—The University of Minnesota football team will play host to one inter-sectional visitor when Oklahoma A & M College plays at the Stadium Saturday and will in turn assume the visiting role with a 2200 mile trip to Stanford the following week.

This Saturday Coach Lynn Waldorf and his Oklahoma A & M College football squad will make the 1,000 mile journey from Stillwater, Oklahoma, to Minneapolis for the first of the two inter-sectional games.

Although little is known of the Oklahoma team, Minnesota scouts have reported it to be a fast, heavy team of veterans. Last season when the Southern team invaded the Big Ten, it tied Indiana 7-7 and defeated Iowa 6-0. Practically the same team will face the Gophers Saturday. The Oklahomans won their opening contests with ease this season and Minnesota will have to be ready for 60 minutes of real football this weekend.

The last time the Oklahoma team played ^{at} the Stadium was in 1927. Playing against one of Minnesota's greatest teams, the Southerners, who had won the Missouri Valley title the previous year, lost by a score of 40 to 0.

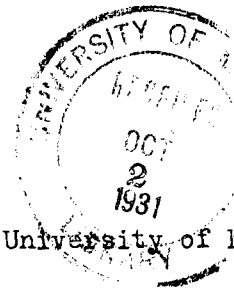
Immediately following the Oklahoma game, the Minnesota squad, 33 strong, will entrain for Palo Alto, Calif., for the first long inter-sectional trip a Gopher team ever has made.

The team will travel to Omaha, Neb., where a short stop will be made Sunday morning. The players will be taken for a short walk and given a chance to attend church services.

Monday morning a stop will be made at Ogden, Utah, while Coach Crisler puts the squad through a short workout at the university stadium there. The squad is due to arrive at Oakland Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock. Daily workouts are scheduled from Tuesday until the day of the game.

Immediately following the contest the Gophers will leave Palo Alto for Portland, Oregon, returning over the northern route and arriving in Minneapolis, Tuesday evening, October 13.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Sept. ~~30~~ The vaunted weight of the University of Minnesota football team underwent a reduction this week when Coach Fritz Crisler moved two of the smallest linemen ever to play on a Gopher team up to the varsity preparatory to the Oklahoma A & M game, Saturday.

Jim Dennerly, 159 pound guard, and Roy Oen, 165 pound center, both of whom played exceptionally well in the opening doubleheader, have been shifted to the first string line in an effort to bring it to full strength for the game with the Southern team.

Promotion of these two men to the varsity has reduced the weight of the heavy Minnesota line by 70 pounds, but it is expected that the added speed, charge and blocking ability of this pair of midget linemen will offset the loss in poundage.

Oen is but a few pounds lighter than George MacKinnon, former lightweight center from 1925 to 1927, and now assistant coach at Minnesota.

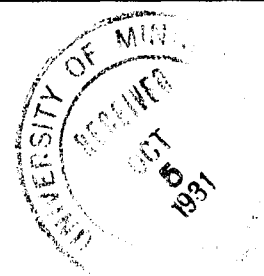
Dennerly's 159 pounds is by far the lightest weight ever found in a guard position under any Minnesota coach. His lack of weight is offset by his speed and grim determination.

Another name in the first team lineup against Oklahoma is expected to be that of Quentin Burdick, halfback. Weighing 184 pounds and a veteran of two year's experience, Burdick's exceptional blocking ability will be useful on the offense while his deadly tackling will aid on defense.

Winning his letter in 1928, Burdick excelled as a blocking back. In 1929 he was out of most of the major games due to an injury and did not play in 1930.

Following a successful operation and a long siege of training he reported in great condition this fall only to be taken ill with appendicitis two weeks ago. Since his recovery he has demonstrated his ability last week and has been moved up to a varsity halfback position.

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA FOOTBALL TEAM



NUMBER	NAME	POSITION	HEIGHT	WEIGHT	AGE	COMPETITION	HOME
20	Leonard Swanbeck	C	5'11"	173	22	1	Minneapolis
21	*Kenneth MacDougall	QB	5'7"	149	22	2	Ishpeming, Mich
22	George Champlin	QB	5'6"	143	20	1	Cresco, Ia.
23	Walter Mork	LHB	5'9"	163	21	1	Minneapolis
24	John Hass	RHB	5'9½"	162	24	1	St. Paul
25	Morris Greenberg	C	5'9"	172	22	2	Minneapolis
26	Walt Ohde	RE	5'10"	164	20	1	Bound
27	*Walter Hass	RHB	5'11"	163	22	2	St. Paul
28	Jim Dennerly	RG	5'8"	159	21	2	Aitken
29	George McPartlin	FB	5'10"	176	21	1	Bemidji
30	*Pete Somers	QB	5'11"	164	21	3	International Falls
31	Russ Willis	RHB	5'10½"	163	20	1	Deer River
32	John Ronning	LE	5'11"	174	20	1	Minneapolis
33	*Quentin Burdick	LHB	5'11"	186	23	3	Williston, N. D.
34	Roy Oen	C	5'11"	165	20	1	ThiefRiverFalls
35	Rudy Tometz	FB	5'10"	177	20	2	Biwabik
36	Frank Alexander	QB	5'10"	170	23	2	Glenwood
37	*Hal Anderson	RE	6'2"	178	21	3	Owatonna
38	*Sam Swartz	RHB	6'1"	172	21	2	Minneapolis
39	Bill Collins	FB	6'	170	20	1	Hastings, N.Y.
40	*Jake Ohlson	RE	5'10"	175	22	2	Luverne
41	Gerald Griffin	LHB	5'9½"	169	21	2	Devils Lake, N.D.
42	Lloyd Hribar	FB	5'11"	181	20	1	Nashwauk
43	Ellsworth Harpole	LG	5'9"	168	21	2	Kansas City, Mo.
44	Myron Ubl	QB	6'	172	20	1	Minneapolis
45	*Earl Nelson	LE	5'11½"	175	21	2	Minneapolis
46	Art Meyers	RG	5'11"	192	22	1	Minneapolis
47	*Mervin Dillner	LE	6'2"	185	21	2	Duluth
48	Herman Peschken	LG	5'10"	190	20	1	Minneapolis
49	*Bob Reihsen	RG	5'11"	196	21	3	Benson
50	George Kakela	LT	5'11"	187	21	1	Eveleth
51	Brad Robinson	LE	6'1½"	181	19	2	Baraboo, Wisc.
52	Lloyd Gerischer	C	6'2"	197	20	1	St. Paul
53	Kenneth Gay	LT	6'11"	194	21	2	Moose Lake
54	Harry Hall	RE	6'	171	21	2	Little Falls
55	Ray Willahan	RT	6'1"	188	20	1	Sisseton, S. D.
56	Harold Haiden	LT	6'	185	20	2	LaCrosse, Wisc.
57	Sulo Koski	RT	6'	187	21	2	International Falls
58	*Lloyd Stein	C	5'11½"	194	23	3	Two Harbors
60	Bill Jantzen	LG	5'10"	184	20	1	White Bear
61	Dean Boyce	RT	6'1"	197	22	2	Mankato
63	*Clarence Munn, Capt.	LG	5'10½"	217	23	3	Minneapolis
64	*Marshall Wells	LT	6'1½"	202	20	2	Minneapolis
65	*Al Krezowski	LE	6'2"	192	23	2	Minneapolis
66	*Jack Manders	FB	6'	205	22	2	Milbank, S. D.
67	*Allen Teeter	RE	6'	187	23	3	Minneapolis
68	Howard Kroll	RT	6'3"	225	22	3	International Falls
69	*Pat Boland	RT	6'1"	215	23	2	Duluth

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Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Oct. 6--Crosscountry prospects at the University of Minnesota are brighter this fall than they have been for several seasons with two outstanding lettermen back and a large squad of 1930 reserves and promising sophomores available.

Captain John Currell of Clarkfield, who was one of the fastest distance men in the Conference in 1930 and Ted Rasmussen, a two year veteran who placed well up on the Big Ten meet last year are the two runners around which Coach Sherm Finger will build his squad this season. Rasmussen who also runs the mile on the track team is from Minneapolis.

Of last year's reserves Dwight Duncan, Sioux Falls, S. D., and Paul Searles, New Brighton, both of whom won minor awards in 1930 also are back and Erhart Bremer, an outstanding upperclassman of two seasons ago, also is available. Bremer ran in class meets at the University Farm in 1929 but did not report for the varsity.

Roland Schaar, Wallie Rasmussen and Bob McWaters and Kenneth Fjelsted are other reserves returning. All of these men are from Minneapolis. Paul Semple, also, of the 1930 squad, has an examination to pass before he will be available.

Two sophomores who as freshmen consistently pushed the varsity squad in trial runs last year will be ready for the opening meet. Henry Lundy of Kansas City, Mo., and Ralph Gaebe, an easy striding runner from Goodhue, are a pair of distance men who are expected to be members of the varsity in their first year of competition. Albert Savage, Karl Ziegler, Ed Berglund and Howard Balderstone also are sophomores who may push the varsity men for regular places. Balderstone comes from Brandon while the rest are from Minneapolis.

The Gopher runners will open their season against North Dakota Agricultural College on the River Road course on October 17. Two Conference opponents, Iowa and Wisconsin will race over the home course, October 17 and 24, respectively. An open date, November 14, will be followed by the Conference meet at Iowa City on November 21.

Sports Letter

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Minneapolis, October 7—When 152 pound Jim Dennerly reported as a tackle candidate at the University of Minnesota two years ago, he was told that he was too light for a lineman and advised to try for a backfield position.

Today, weighing but six pounds more, Dennerly is first string right guard on the Minnesota team which meets Stanford at Palo Alto, Cal., Saturday.

Despite the advice of the coaches Dennerly insisted that he was a lineman and as a third string freshman tackle impressed Dave MacMillan with his speed and tackling ability. MacMillan, varsity basketball coach, was assisting with first year football candidates.

Failing to impress the midget lineman with the idea of a backfield position, MacMillan advised a shift to guard. Dennerly soon fitted into his new position and rapidly became an outstanding lineman on the freshman squad.

Weighing 156 pounds at the beginning of the 1930 season, Dennerly was not used much until the final game of the year against Michigan. Sent in by Coach Fritz Crisler as a substitute he played one of the best games turned in by a lineman at Minnesota last season. His grim determination, speed and blocking ability more than offset his lack of weight. Dennerly, however, did not play enough to win his letter in 1930, but received a minor football award.

Starting the present season, it soon became apparent that the diminutive guard was going to be a hard man to keep off the first team.

Playing well in the opening games of the season, Dennerly was in the starting lineup for the first time against Oklahoma A & M last week. His play was such that he has been kept at regular right guard. Dennerly is by far the lightest guard ever to play at Minnesota.

As a high school lineman, he was captain of the Aitken high school team. Throughout his prep school career an elder brother who played regular halfback on a state college eleven several seasons ago, attempted to make a backfield man out of him but Jim had his heart set on a line position at Minnesota.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, October 20 Seven hundred fathers are expected to be present at Memorial Stadium when the University of Minnesota football team plays Iowa as a feature of the annual Dad's Day program, Saturday. This will be the first time an Iowa team has played at the Stadium since 1927.

The game will mark the twenty-fifth time the Gophers and Hawkeyes have met on the gridiron since 1891, when Minnesota opened the long series with a victory, 42 to 4. The Gophers held the upper hand in the series until 1918 when Iowa began a run of five consecutive victories which was not broken until the final game on old Northrop Field, in 1923.

Iowa defeated Minnesota by close scores in 1928-29, both victories being featured by the wild running of Oren Pape, star Iowa halfback. The teams did not play in 1930.

With no game scheduled last week the Gophers went through a long workout in the form of a regulation game in which practically every man on the squad took part. Only four exceptions were made and these because of injuries.

Brad Robinson, regular end, has been troubled with a bruised ankle since the Stanford contest and was kept out of Saturday's scrimmage. Along with him was Quentin Burdick, star blocker, who was injured in the Oklahoma A and M game. Sulo Koski and Harold Hadden, linemen, also watched scrimmage from the sidelines with slight injuries.

Excepting Burdick, every man is expected to be in condition for the Iowa game. If Burdick does not start in his regular blocking back post, My Ubl or Sam Swartz, doubtless will start.

Husky Jack Manders will be in the fullback position against the Hawkeyes with Lloyd Hribar, 185 pound sophomore, ready to relieve him. Pete Somers, Kenny MacDougall and George Champlin will be ready for the quarterback assignment with Walt Hass likely to start at right half.

Robinson and Teeter at ends, Wells and Boland, tackles, Captain Lunn and Dennerly, guards, with Oen at center will complete the first string lineup.

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Minneapolis, Oct. -- Preliminary basketball practise at the University of Minnesota began this week under the direction of Coach Dave MacMillan. Workouts are scheduled for three days a week. Forty-five candidates are reporting.

Six of the seven lettermen available for the 1931-32 team are working out. Captain Mike Cielusak heads the list with Virgil Licht, Cliff Sommer, Ralph Engebretson, Glen Bethel and Joe Nowatny also reporting. Brad Robinson will be available at the end of the football season.

Daily practise will not begin until after November 1, when the Gophers will begin work for the early season schedule which opens December 5, against North Dakota Agricultural College at Fargo, N. D.

SPORTS LETTER



Minneapolis, October 21 Three former Iowans will help the Minnesota football team in its efforts to turn back the Hawkeyes when the two teams meet in Memorial Stadium Saturday.

Walter and John Hass, formerly of Holstein and George Champlin of Cresco are the trio of native Iowans who will figure in Gopher plans to halt the two year run of Hawkeye victories over Minnesota.

The Hass brothers are halfbacks while Champlin, a 143 pound midget, is a sophomore quarterback who doubtless will see action against the team from his home state. These three players contain most of the speed on the Gopher squad.

John Hass of Big Ten sprint fame is perhaps the fastest running back in the Conference while his brother Walt and little Champlin are among the speediest backs on the Gopher squad.

Champlin, despite his five feet, six inches and 140 odd pounds, is making a strong bid for a first team position in his sophomore year and he is expected to hold down a regular position before his career is over. He couples speed and elusiveness with a fiery spirit and amazing drive which does much to offset his size handicap.

Still another former Iowan will be ready to turn back the Hawkeye invaders Saturday but not in a football way. John Currell, Minnesota's crosscountry captain, whose home is now at Clarkfield, Minn., formerly lived in Bristow, Iowa, where he first became interested in running.

Currell will lead a strong squad of Gopher runners against Iowa Saturday morning in a four mile race. With Mike Seiler and Ted Rasmussen, both lettermen, and several outstanding sophomores Coach Sherm Finger's athletes are awaiting the opening of the Conference season.

Incidentally Currell's father was a well-known distance runner throughout Iowa 25 years ago.

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Oct. 27.—Once judged too small to play Big Ten football, Little Kenny MacDougall, 150 pound Minnesota quarterback again served notice against Iowa last week that he will bear close watching by future Gopher opponents.

MacDougall played good football last season but his showing against Iowa was remarkable. Playing 25 minutes he scored two touchdowns, three passes, one for a score and received four tosses from My Uhl for gains totaling 70 yards. His scoring runs were 14 and 88 yards respectively. MacDougall also gained 57 yards from scrimmage to bring his total yardage to 215 for the afternoon.

When he scored on the kickoff he made one of the longest runs made at Minnesota since John Levi of the Haskell Indians raced a kickoff 85 yards to score against the Gophers in 1923.

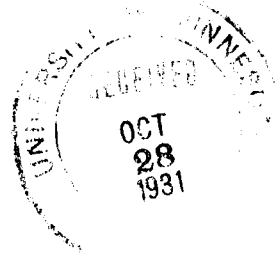
While MacDougall's gains were impressive, the showing of My Uhl, sophomore halfback also was outstanding. Starting the season as a quarterback and rated as a fine forward passer he was suddenly converted into a blocking back when Quentin Burdick was injured. Against Stanford he played his new position well and his blocking Saturday was a big factor in the Gopher gains. His passing, with MacDougall and Robinson, taking the throws, was fast and exact.

Minneapolis, Oct.—The University of Minnesota crosscountry team will try for its second Conference win when it meets Wisconsin's strong squad of runners in a four mile race on the River Road Saturday morning.

Easily defeating Iowa last week with Captain John Currell and Henry Mundy tying for first place the Gophers will enter the Wisconsin meet with their best opportunity for winning in many years.

Following the Badger race the Gophers meet Northwestern at Evanston, Nov. 7.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, October 27 Seven years ago last summer Dr. B. N. Robinson wrote to his friend, the late Knute Rockne, asking if he might send his son Brad, Jr., now regular Minnesota end, to the Rockne summer camp in Northern Wisconsin.

Young Brad stood almost six feet tall and weighed less than 130 pounds. His rapid growth had affected his health to the extent of making it necessary for him to remain out of high school for a year. A summer in the woods under Rockne's guidance would aid a great deal in building up his son's health, Dr. Robinson believed.

Part of the program of the camp consisted in kicking and passing a football and teaching a few fundamentals of the game, such as would not be too strenuous for a growing lad. Thus Brad got his first real taste of athletics.

When he returned in the fall to Baraboo, Wisconsin, where he attended high school, Brad weighed 160 pounds and received his father's permission to play football. The following season Robinson was a factor in his team's play in winning the Southern Wisconsin high school title. He did most of the forward passing with his friend Virgil Licht, guard on the 1931 Minnesota basketball team, receiving his tosses.

When Robinson came to Minnesota he played end on the freshman first eleven and also made the basketball squad. As a sophomore he did not quite hit his stride in football but gained a letter in basketball.

This season, just seven years after his illness, Robinson is playing regular end on the Minnesota team. He stands six feet two inches tall and weighs 190 pounds. And his father may watch him play against Wisconsin Saturday if he can arrange to leave his practise at St. Louis, Michigan for the game.

Incidentally Dr. Robinson was somewhat of a football player himself. As a halfback at St. Louis University years ago, he played on the team that won the Mid-Western championship. He was one of the first players to throw a forward pass in the West.

• Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Nov. 4--When Clarence Munn, Minnesota's triple threat guard drops back to punt instead of run or pass, his kicks usually average somewhat less than they did last season, yet coaches consider him a greater kicker than he was in 1930.

While his all-around play has been such this season that his great punting especially in the Wisconsin game, has not stood out quite as clearly as it did in 1930, Munn's kicking is a principal factor both offensively and defensively for Minnesota.

In 1930 Munn averaged 40 yards in 47 tries including two blocked kicks. His drives were mostly long and low giving his ends little time to get under them. A summer of practise in which the Gopher leader strove for height and accuracy, rather than distance has cut down his average to 36 yards for kicks thus far this season. In 47 attempts this year 29 of his kicks have been unreturnable. These kicks have gone either out of bounds, rolled over the goal line, or have been high enough to allow the ends to tackle the receiver in his tracks.

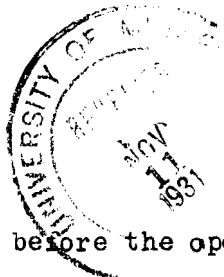
Against North Dakota State Munn kicked the ball nine times for 323 yards. Three of these kicks were placed out of bounds or rolled across the goal line. Oklahoma A & M receivers found six of his seven punts could not be returned.

Minnesota kicked ten times against Stanford for 354 yards. Six of these kicks could not be returned. The longest return of punts in that game was 15 yards. The average return for those kicks run back was seven yards.

In ten punts against Iowa Munn averaged 35 yards but nine of his kicks were out of bounds, the Hawkeyes returning one for five yards. Against Wisconsin last week the Gopher captain punted eleven times. Five of his punts sailed out of bounds or into the end zone. One kick was run back 18 yards for the longest return made against the Gophers this season.

Munn has had no kicks blocked this season.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Nov 4 With three weeks remaining before the opening of basketball season against North Dakota State, Coach Dave MacMillan of the University of Minnesota is engaged in a task which has become routine with him for several seasons, that of finding a center.

Last season MacMillan shifted big Don Bondy from guard to fill the position. This year his only experienced candidate is Glenn Bethel, who was a reserve center in 1930-31. Bethel, standing six feet, three inches tall, was a letterman last year.

The conclusion of football season will bring MacMillan another letterman who will doubtless be tried at center. Brad Robinson, regular left end for the Gophers was a letterman last season, playing at guard and at center. He will not be ready for the early season games, however. Robinson stands well above six feet and weighs 190 pounds.

Only two sophomore candidates are trying for center this season. Elmer Lindfors, a former Minneapolis high school player and Jim Hegg, are the only two sophomores with center aspirations. Hegg, while lacking the height of the other two candidates, is an excellent shot and possesses plenty of speed.

Of the seven lettermen who will be available this season the group contains only one forward from last season. Cliff Sommer, a slender reserve forward, is back and Joe Nowotny, out with illness last year, appears to be in fine shape this year.

The Gophers may open the season with a pair of sophomore forwards if Wells Wright and Walter Sohacki, maintain the pace which they set as freshmen last year.

Both players are tall and rangy, weighing about 170 pounds, and both have demonstrated that they can shoot and appear to fit in well with MacMillan's passing game. Weight comes from Appleton, Minn., while Sohacki played at Columbia Heights high school.

Captain Mike Cielusak and Virgil Licht at guards will assure the Gophers of two of the best defensive men in the Conference. Ralph Engebretson, letterwinner in 1931, is another guard who will bolster this department, while Brad Robinson also will be available if MacMillan does not use him at center.

Myles Mace and Fred Rogers are the outstanding sophomore guards. Mace starred in high school at Montevideo, Minn. Rogers' home is Lake Hubert.

The Gophers will play North Dakota State at Fargo, N. D., December 5, to dedicate the Bison's new gymnasium.

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Minneapolis, Nov. 19. A squad of 35 Minnesota football players will board a train for Ann Arbor Thursday night for the express purpose of defeating Michigan on Ferry Field Saturday and upsetting the famed Michigan jinx over the Gophers.

Since 1893 when Minnesota won the opening contest of the long series with Michigan, the two teams have played 20 times. Minnesota has won three of these contests, in 1893, in 1919 and again in 1927. The two teams fought out a famous 6-6 tie in 1903 to found the tradition of the Little Brown Jug, now missing according to reports from Michigan.

Two weeks of rest for the Minnesota regulars has put the squad in fine physical condition for the Michigan game. The Gopher reserve strength was given much attention during this period, playing almost the entire Cornell game last week.

Led both offensively and defensively by Captain Clarence Munn at left guard, Minnesota will be ready for the greatest effort of the season Saturday afternoon. That their best efforts will be needed is shown by the fact that Michigan has a team which has improved with each game this season. Equipped with a strong running game and with a passer such as Harry Newman available, the Wolverines will be ready to meet Minnesota both on the ground and in the air.

Munn also will find a worthy opponent when it comes to punting in Jack Heston, who averaged 40 yards last week against Michigan State on a wet field.

Marshall Wells, regular right tackle, who played only a short time against Wisconsin and Northwestern is expected to be ready for active duty Saturday.

As the Michigan trip has been officially designated as the annual student trip the Minnesota band will go to Ann Arbor. It is also expected that a sizable group of students will follow the team to Michigan.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Nov. 17. Seventeen Big Ten football players will close their careers at Memorial Stadium Saturday when Minnesota plays Ohio State in the post season game for charity.

The game, featuring the departure of nine Gophers and eight Ohio players, will be a crucial one for both teams. Minnesota will be striving to stay in the first division with Ohio State fighting for a possible tie for top honors in the Big Ten.

Chief among the departing Minnesota players will be Captain Clarence Mann. For three seasons Mann has figured prominently in Gopher football campaigns. Playing at guard during his last two seasons Mann has become widely known for his versatility.

A great lineman, the Gopher leader also has been one of the nation's leading punters as well as a ball-carrier of ability. His capacity for leadership has made him, in addition to his great playing, one of the greatest captains in Minnesota gridiron history.

Another fine lineman, Allen Teeter, Gopher right end, will finish his career Saturday. Starting as a center and guard, Teeter was shifted to end this season and became one of the leading men in the Big Ten at his position. Last year he was used principally as a reserve center.

Lloyd Stein, who played his greatest game against Michigan last week, also will end his career against Ohio. Bob Reihsen, right guard; Harold Anderson and Al Krezowski, veteran ends are others of the line who will finish their competition in the charity contest. Jake Ohlsen, who played both at end and guard, also will play his last game for Minnesota.

Pete Somers, veteran Gopher quarterback, whose fine play this season has made him outstanding will match ability with Carl Cramer, a sophomore, in his final game as a Gopher. Somers began his career with the Northwestern game in 1929.

Quentin Burdick, sturdy Minnesota halfback, will end his varsity career on the sidelines. Burdick suffered an injury early in the season which has kept him out of major games this year.

For Ohio Captain Stuart Holcomb, halfback, will lead his mates into action for the last time. Two powerful tackles, Robert Haubrich and William Bell, also will end their careers. Eugene Kile, a guard, and Joe Benis, quarterback, also will be lost for next year. Howard Rabenstein at end and Kenneth Cochran, reserve center complete the list of seniors who will play.

SPORTS LETTER

Minneapolis, Dec. 1—Overshadowed thus far by the lateness of the 1931 football season the University of Minnesota basketball team will step into the limelight Saturday to open its schedule against North Dakota State at Fargo, N.D.

The game will feature the dedication of the new State gymnasium and also will mark the first time in several years that a Minnesota team has opened the season away from home.

Center, the position which has been the chief worry of Coach Dave MacMillan, not only through the early season practise, but for several years, will be occupied by Glenn Bethel. Bethel stands six feet, three inches tall and weighs 175 pounds. He was used principally as a reserve center in 1931.

Wells Wright, a six foot sophomore weighing 168 pounds, will be at one of the forward positions against the North Dakotans. Wright, a former All-State high school player from Appleton, is regarded as a fine prospect by Coach Mac Millan. He is a smooth floor player and possesses considerable shooting ability.

At the other forward either the veteran Cliff Sommer or Walt Sochacki, a sophomore will start. Sommer, one of the most accurate shooting players on the squad, is handicapped by his lack of weight. Standing nearly six feet tall, the slender forward weighs slightly more than 150 pounds.

Sochacki, a rugged youngster, weighs 177 pounds and possesses great stamina. Coach MacMillan believes that he may be used in an "iron man" role this season. The former Columbia Heights player is a good jumper, a fair shot and possesses defensive talent. These assets, MacMillan believes, may be combined in Sochacki to make him a strong reserve on the squad for every position.

First string guards will be Captain Mike Cielusak and Virgil Licht, who proved to be high class defensive men in the 1931 Big Ten race. Ralph Engebretson, stocky reserve guard also is back. Engebretson, who won his letter

last season, was shifted to forward early this year, but is back again at his favorite post. Kyles Mace, a sophomore from Montevideo, also will add to the strength of this department. Rangy and fast, Mace is expected to develop into a capable performer with experience.

Coach Dave MacMillan will leave Thursday for the Big Ten coaches meeting in Chicago but will make a flying trip to Fargo, arriving there Saturday morning to meet his team. The squad will leave Minneapolis Friday night.

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Minneapolis, ^{Dec 3}~~Nov~~ --Six veterans and a number of promising sophomore recruits will brighten swimming prospects at the University of Minnesota when the season opens next month.

Coach Niels Thorpe, starting his tenth season at Minnesota, has a large squad working out daily at the Armory pool and results of weekly time trials are beginning to indicate who will form the Gopher varsity this year.

Graduation of Captain Lowell Marsh, conference and national inter-collegiate backstroke champion, is the biggest loss to the Gopher squad. This loss may be somewhat offset by the addition of Harry Paavola, sophomore, to the squad.

Paavola, former national interscholastic backstroke champion from Hibbing, has shown remarkable speed and form in the early season time trials.

Captain Tom Quail, who swims the 100 and 220 yard events, heads the veterans. With him at these distances will be Rudy Niemi and Aatos Huhtala. Eddie Farrell will be available for the 440 yard swim again along with Wallace Lang, another junior. Fritz Krueger, another husky veteran who did ^{first} his conference swimming last year, will be the chief man in the breast stroke.

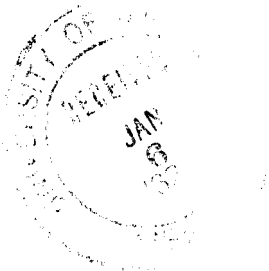
Loss of Walter Nappa, great Gopher diver of last season, is causing Coach Niels Thorpe considerable worry. Nappa graduated last June leaving the Gophers without an experienced diver. Billy Blaisdell, last year's sophomore star, will not be eligible for the coming season. Duane Eames of Minneapolis will be the principal athlete in the diving event. Eames is a sophomore who gave some fine diving exhibitions as a freshman last year.

In addition to Paavola in the backstroke the Gophers will have four other athletes on the squad who have made names for themselves in state high school competition. Two of these athletes hail from Virginia. They are Charles Ketola, former state 40 yard champion and Mel Person, who held similar honors in the breast stroke,

Wilbur Andre and Max Moulton, a pair of sophomores from the Twin Cities are expected to aid the Gophers in their title quest this year. Andre, former St. Paul Central star, held the state breast-stroke title and has turned in some nice performances this fall. Moulton held the Minneapolis city backstroke title while at Central High.

Freddy Leicht, who did his prep school swimming at Shattuck Military Academy, will be available for the 100 and 220. Three other promising athletes who are expected to be available are Len Rush in the breast stroke event; Ordway Swennes and Ted Anderson in the 100 and 220 are other outstanding prospects.

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NOTE TO SPORTS EDITORS:

Following are short biographical sketches of the basketball players who will represent the University of Minnesota in the 1932 Big Ten campaign. Six of the players, Captain Mike Cielusak, Virgil Licht, Glenn Bethel, Cliff Sommer, Ralph Engebretson and Brad Robinson are lettermen.

Chief losses in personnel from last year are Captain Harry Schoening, Earl Loose and Don Bondy. Schoening and Loose were a pair of high scoring forwards while Bondy was first string center.

Six of the first eight men on the 1932 squad are over six feet tall, Captain Cielusak and Ralph Engebretson, guard, being the only two players under this height. Glenn Bethel, center, standing better than six feet, three inches tall is the rangiest member of the squad.

Captain Mike Cielusak (pronounced See-loo-sak) was one of the outstanding guards in the Conference last season and he is expected to have an even bigger year in 1932. Cielusak is a rugged, driving type of guard who is at his best against hard competition. He weighs 175 pounds, ten pounds more than last season, and apparently is stronger and faster than ever with the additional weight. Cielusak is 23 years old and is a senior in the College of Education. He is a product of Edison High, Minneapolis, where he won nine letters in football, basketball and track. Baseball is his only other sport at Minnesota.

Virgil F. (Heavy) Licht (pronounced Light) again will be Cielusak's running mate at guard. Standing six feet one inch tall and weighing 175 pounds, Licht led his mates in scoring during the early season games. Remarkably fast and shifty and a clever floor player, he appears destined for a great season. Licht is a junior and hails from Baraboo, Wisconsin, where he starred as a high school athlete. He is 20 years old and is registered in the College of Education.

Glenn Bethel was a reserve center last year. The graduation of Don Bondy left a heavy burden on his shoulders but he has proved his ability in early games this year. Standing six feet, three inches tall and weighing 176 pounds, he has been a main cog in the Gopher attack this season. He is a fine passer and good shot and feeds the ball well to his mates under the basket. Bethel comes from Bemidji and has won two letters in basketball at Minnesota. He is 20 years old and is taking a business course.

Clifford C. (Cliff) Sommer, forward, came to Minnesota with no high school experience. Standing six feet tall and weighing 130 pounds Sommer began playing basketball in a Y.L.C.A. league to develop himself physically. As a freshman at Minnesota he exhibited such ability as to come under the eye of Coach Dave McClintan. He has been used more or less in a pinch hitting role thus far but appears to be a regular this season. Weighing 145 pounds, he handles himself well despite his lack of weight and is one of the best shot on the squad. Sommer is a senior in the School of Business Administration and is 23 years old.

Wells J. Wright, a rangy sophomore from Appleton, likely will hold down the other forward berth this season. Wright stands six feet, two inches tall and weighs 166 pounds. As a high school player he gained statewide recognition and gave an excellent account of himself as a freshman last season. He appears to be a cool, heady player, and although he has not been a consistently high scoring player thus far, he is expected to get his shooting eye before the season gets far along. Wright is 19 years old.

Ralph Engebretson, stocky guard, won his letter last year. He is fast and a good ball handler. As a high school player at Eau Claire, Wisc., he was one of the high scoring forwards in the state but has not been a consistent scorer at Minnesota. He is five feet, nine inches tall and weighs 165 pounds and is 22 years old. Engebretson is taking a Physical Education course and is a senior.

Bradbury Robinson, end on the Gopher football team last fall, has been handicapped thus far by the lateness of the gridiron season and by illness. Coach MacMillan used him as a center and guard last season but has been trying him at forward this year. Robinson is better than six feet two inches tall, weighs 188 pounds and handles himself well. He is expected to give a good account of himself in later games this season. Robinson hails from Baraboo, Wis., where he was a team-mate of Virgil Licht, both in basketball and football. He is 20 yrs. old.

Walter (Red) Sochacki (pronounced So-hah-ky) is another sophomore prospect. Standing six feet tall, he weighs 175 pounds. He is a great jumper and can be used as a center in case of necessity. Sochacki, rugged and strong, has a good eye for the basket but lacks experience and polish. MacMillan has been using him as a forward or center. He comes from Columbia Heights where he was an outstanding high school player.

Myles L. Mace is a sophomore guard. He comes from Montevideo and likely will find himself in a regular berth next year. Mace is six feet tall, weighs 165 pounds and with a year of seasoning is expected to show up well in 1933. He is 19 years old.

Vernon Anderson, forward, comes from Cambridge, Illinois. He is a junior, stands five feet, 10 inches tall and weighs 168 pounds. He did not play last year.

Albin G. Krezowski, a football end last fall, is a center. He stands better than six feet, two inches tall and weighs 192 pounds. He is 23 years old and a senior in education. He gained his high school experience at Edison High, Minneapolis.

Fred Rogers, sophomore forward, stands six feet tall and weighs 162 pounds. He gained his high school experience at Wichita, Kansas. Rogers is fast and a good floor player.

Minnesota finished the 1931 season in a triple tie for second place with Michigan and Purdue. Thus far this season the Gophers have played the following games:

North Dakota Aggies	18	Minnesota	31
Oklahoma A & M	27	Minnesota	40
Cornell	20	Minnesota	41
Nebraska	24	Minnesota	32
Carleton	14	Minnesota	19
South Dakota U	24	Minnesota	50

The Conference schedule:

Jan. 9	Chicago at Chicago	Feb. 15	Illinois at Urbana
Jan. 11	Michigan at Ann Arbor	Feb. 20	Wisconsin at Minneapolis
Jan. 16	Indiana at Minneapolis	Feb. 27	Illinois at Minneapolis
Jan. 23	Michigan at Minneapolis	Mar. 5	Iowa at Iowa City
Feb. 8	Iowa at Minneapolis	Mar. 7	Wisconsin at Madison
Feb. 13	Indiana at Bloomington		

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Jan. 13—Headed by several outstanding veterans, 75 track candidates at the University of Minnesota are preparing for a busy indoor campaign this winter, and four of them at least, have their eyes on another goal still months away, the Olympic Tryouts.

Cam Hackle, captain and star Gopher high jumper, heads the group of veterans. With a mark of six feet, four inches indoors in this event and a tie for ^{the} Conference indoor championship to his credit, Hackle is expected to make a strong bid for top honors again this year. Paul Bliss, a promising sophomore and Ray Therien, veteran, are two other outstanding jumpers on the squad. Bliss is a former Minneapolis high school star.

Clarence Munn, All-American football guard, starting his final season in the best condition of his career is expected to have his greatest year in the shotput. Weighing 218 pounds, but two pounds over his best weight in football, Munn has been working out for several weeks with the shot. Approaching dangerously close to 48 feet indoors last year, Coach Sherm Finger expects him to surpass this mark this winter. His outdoor mark is 48 feet 8½ inches. Mervin Dillner and Cliff Hauge, both members of last year's team also are available.

Elton Hess, a veteran from the 1929 when he teamed with George Otterness in the pole vault to clear thirteen feet, six inches is back at the University and will complete his competition this year after a two year layoff. Hess will assure Minnesota of considerable strength in an event which has cost the Gophers many points in dual competition during the last few seasons.

Howard Mithun, sophomore athlete from Buffalo, Minn. will be the other principal competitor for the Gophers in this event. Mithun has shown great improvement over his freshman days and is expected to add further strength in this event.

Morris Segal, who began his competition as a high jumper, after setting a state record in high school at Eveleth will confine his efforts to the broad jump this year.

Walter Hass and Harold Thornton will do the bulk of the sprinting for the Gophers this winter. Loss of John Hass, former sprint star, now training for the Olympic trials on the Pacific Coast, has made this event a problem. Walt Hass, younger brother of John and football captain-elect, ran on the outdoor team last spring.

Al Adams, a rangy youth from Minneapolis, is the best of the quarter mile candidates thus far. In the half mile Lloyd Gustafson, converted hurdler, appears to be the best of the field, with Ernie Seiler, leading 880 man last year, being moved up to the two mile.

Ted Rasmussen, veteran miler, Al Moore, Paul Ziegler, and Dick Herrick will give the Gophers a strong group of distance men. John Currell, Ernie Seiler and Paul Semple will form a trio of the best two milers, Minnesota has had in several years.

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Jan. 16. Starting his eleventh year as swimming coach at the University of Minnesota, Niels Thorpe believes that his 1932 squad is the greatest potential team he has ever coached.

"We will be stronger in every event, with the exception of diving than we have been in years" is the opinion of Thorpe. "Minnesota should have its best team this year but the competition in the Big Ten will be unusually keen. Northwestern has the best team in its history while Michigan also has one of its greatest team and Iowa is unusually strong. I would not be surprised to see Northwestern, Michigan and either Minnesota or Iowa finish one, two, three in the National Collegiates. It should be a great season in the Middle West."

Four men constitute the nucleus around which Thorpe is building his team. Captain Tom Quail and Ed Farrell in the 100 yard swim and Wallace Lang in the 440 and Fritz Krueger in the breast stroke are the quartet of veterans.

Quail, who comes from Hayward, Wisconsin, entered Minnesota with no high school experience, swimming only a side stroke. He has developed into one of the fastest 100 and 220 man on the squad. The 100 yard swim also will have Charles Ketola of Virginia, former state high school sprint champion, Bernard Nauth, Ed Farrell and Eddie Goslin. Farrell swam the 440 last year but his speed and power caused Thorpe to shift him this season. The 220 will have Quail, Farrell and Freddy Leicht. Leicht is a former Shattuck Military Academy star.

Wallace Lang, Ordway Swennes, Forest Gustafson, Leicht and possibly Ed Farrell comprise the group from which the 440 representatives will be picked. Lang and Swennes appear to be the most likely possibilities.

To swim the breast stroke there will be the veteran Fritz Krueger with three speedy sophomores to support him. Wilbur Andre and Len Rush, a pair of Minneapolis boys and Mel Person, a fine prospect from Virginia, are the new athletes in this event.

Harry Paavola, a tall, powerful youngster from Hibbing, will be the principal Gopher contender in the backstroke. Former national interscholastic backstroke champion, Paavola has come dangerously close to the Armory pool record in practise. A recent illness has handicapped him somewhat but he is regaining his strength and speed.

Graduation of Walt Nappa, Gopher diving star for two seasons, and the fact that Billy Blaisdell, letterman last year did not return to school, leaves the Gophers without an experienced diver. Duane Eames, another former Shattuck swimmer, and Fred Leicht are probabilities for this event.

The 400 yard relay team will be picked from a group containing Leicht, Farrell, Ketola, Quail, Nauth and Ralph Rosene. The first four are the most likely combination. The best medley combination at present is composed of Ketola, Andre and Paavola.

Minnesota will open the Big Ten season at home in the Armory pool this year, facing Northwestern first on February 13. This meet will give the Gophers the most exacting test of the year as Northwestern is said to have one of the best college teams in many years.

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Jan. 22—Their first Big Ten meet, against Chicago, little more than two weeks away the University of Minnesota wrestling squad of 23 men is preparing for a schedule which will keep them on the road for three out of four conference matches this season.

Following the Chicago meet at Chicago, February 6, the Gophers meet Iowa, February 13, Illinois at home the next week and then engage Wisconsin at Madison for the last match of the season.

Coach Blaine McKusick is concentrating on the 23 wrestlers in the eight standard weight classes who will make up his team this winter. His assistant and freshman coach, Steve Easter, former Big Ten lightweight champion, is in charge of the remainder of the 85 men out for the sport.

As Minnesota is practically the only state in the Big Ten which has no interscholastic wrestling, much of Easter's time is given to mass instruction in fundamentals to freshman candidates, most of whom have had no previous experience.

Despite the defeat by Cornell last week McKusick expects to place a strong team on the mat for conference competition. It is expected that the entire squad will be much further advanced by the time of the Chicago meet.

Clare Peschken and Phil Stern are fighting it out in the 115 pound class. Both have had previous experience last year although neither is a letterman. Erwin Draheim in the 125 pound class competed but once last season, winning his match in the Iowa State Teachers' meet. He lost an over-time match last week.

Charley Chambers, a veteran of two years ago, is a leading candidate in the 135 pound class. Sam Segal, Carroll Schaar, Martin Pearson and Irving Moore are other candidates competing for first place in this class.

Milton Mattson, Mark Maun and Nick Kurzek are leaders in the 145 pound division with Mattson likely to represent the Gophers in conference meets.

Ernie Palmer, a sophomore who won his first match against Cornell last week appears to be the 155 pound choice while Captain Jack Wasson and Roy Wagner are the leading 165 pound wrestlers. Wasson is one of the two lettermen on the squad.

Eric Ahlstrand, a rangy 175 man, is the other letterman and the best man of his weight on the squad. Sulo Koski, former Gopher football guard, has taken off some weight and may press Ahlstrand closely before the season progresses much further.

A pair of 220 pounders are leading heavyweight prospects. Howard Kroll, giant football tackle, showed considerable aggressiveness in winning his match against Cornell last week. Martin Nogaard, weighing 233 pounds, is a newcomer who may develop into a first class wrestler.

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Jan. 22—A trio of sophomores, all of whom gained wide recognition in state basketball circles, will have considerable to do with the success of Minnesota's basketball season this year.

It is true that the Gophers possess a pair of outstanding guards in Captain Mike Cielusak and Virgil Licht and a good center in Glenn Bethel. These men, however, are veterans, experienced and dependable, so Dave MacMillan devotes a large share of his time during practise to three newcomers, Walter Sochacki, Wells Wright and Hyles Mace. These three likely will be the Gopher mainstays for the two years following the 1932 season.

Sochacki, rugged, redheaded and a tireless worker, occupies much of MacMillan's attention each day. Constant drilling and teaching are beginning to show results with the husky Columbia Heights youth.

Naturally a good shot, Sochacki, as a small boy, began plugging away at an iron hoop in his back yard. Using a makeshift ball, he spent most of his time looping shots through this improvised basket. When there were errands to be run or chores to be done his mother knew just where to find him. It was never far from his home made court.

As a high school player he further developed his shooting ability at Columbia Heights, spending much of his spare time in the high school gymnasium. Possessing a pair of remarkably strong and springy legs, he became regular center for his team and gained considerable recognition for his shooting and jumping ability being one of the high point men in his league.

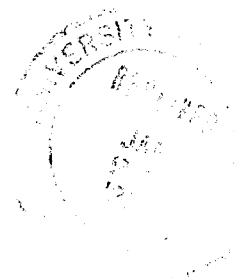
Entering Minnesota Sochacki received his preliminary training from George Tuttle, who is in charge of freshmen, and George Otterness, assistant varsity coach. He developed steadily but did not appear quite

ready in early season games this year. Against Chicago he was scoreless, starting his first conference game. Two nights later, he scored 11 points to lead his mates against Michigan and last week he came through with nine against Indiana. His great jumping ability may cause him to be shifted to center before his career is completed.

Wells Wright, forward, and Myles Mace, guard, played against each other for two seasons in high school. Both were selected as members of their All-District team in 1929. Wright was a sensation at Appleton high school, playing in the state tournament and attracting considerable attention. Standing six feet, two inches tall and weighing 165 pounds, he is a fine floor player but has not been hitting the basket to the best of his ability. Coach MacMillan regards him as a fine prospect.

Perhaps the fastest man on the squad is Mace. Breaking like a flash, he also is a hard player for a forward to get away from. Despite the pair of veteran guards whom Minnesota possesses this season Mace is seeing considerable service. At Montevideo in his high school days, he captained his team and played two seasons of football as a halfback. Mace is more than six feet tall and weighs 162 pounds.

SPORTS LETTER



Minneapolis, Jan. ~~28~~ Ten years ago, when Frank Pond, present Minnesota hockey coach, was helping to organize the sport at the Gopher institution, four boys who were to be members of his team a decade later were becoming acquainted with each other through a common interest in ice sports. These four were Alex MacInnis, Andy Toth, Ben Constantine and John Suomi, all of Eveleth, Minn.

Hockey was taking northern Minnesota by storm at that time. Eveleth had four large rinks and a number of organized teams. A city team, junior college and high school teams and numerous aggregations representing small amateur leagues within the town, made hockey a leading sport.

During the winter months the boys of Eveleth lived and dreamed hockey and the older players were their heroes. Names of such players as the famous Ching Johnson, his brother Ade, Billy Hill and Des Jardiens were bywords, for all of these players competed at Eveleth. This intense interest in hockey held the quartet of future Gophers as they chased about the ice armed with cast off sticks or "shinny" clubs.

Starting at the age of eleven, all four boys became members of the same "kid" team in a midget league which was sponsored by business men of the city. Three of the boys had their own skates, but Andy Toth youngest and smallest member of the group had no skates. As a small member of a large family, he was not considered old enough to have a pair of skates which he soon would outgrow anyway.

His aptitude for the game, however, had attracted several of the older players, among them being Ching and Ade Johnson. Ade finally located an old pair of his own skates and gave them to the diminutive Toth. These, of course, were several sizes too large for the boy, but being a resourceful youngster, he soon found a way out of this difficulty.

Toth discovered that the shoes to which the skates were attached were large enough to fit over his own boots and that by wadding paper into the toes of the skate shoes they could be made to fit snugly.

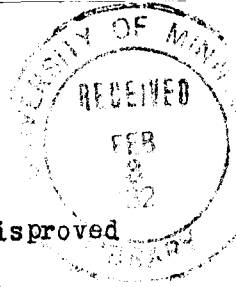
Thus fitted out he began his hockey career in earnest. These skates served him until he could purchase a pair which fit and he soon attracted attention by his ability rather than by the oversize skates. Through grade school and high school the boys played together. Cliff Thompson, former Minnesota player and teammate of Frank Pond, on the first Gopher hockey team in the conference, coached them for a time in high school and later for a season at Eveleth Junior College.

During their high school careers Toth, MacInnis and Suomi formed one forward line while Constantine, Sam Phillips, later with Kansas City and Eveleth and Billy De Paul now playing with Buffalo, composed another set.

Following their high school and junior college competition the boys entered Minnesota. Constantine and Suomi, both played regularly last season, while Toth and MacInnis began their competition this year. All four players now are enrolled in the law school at Minnesota.

Toth and MacInnis usually play in the same forward line together as they have since high school days. Toth is regarded by coaches as one of the best collegiate hockey players in the west. Constantine plays at center usually while Suomi has been moved to defense in college.

SPORTS LETTER



Minneapolis, Feb. ³—The old adage that "they never come back" may be disproved by Elton Hess, University of Minnesota pole vaulter, who is trying for a place on the Gopher track team this winter. If Hess recovers the form which he possessed in 1929, when he vaulted 13 feet, five inches, he may be an Olympic possibility. Incidentally, Hess later cleared 13 feet 9 inches in an exhibition.

Of course, Hess still is a comparative youngster, even athletically speaking, being only 24 years old. During the past year he has done little or no track work, spending all of his time managing a dairy farm near Ortonville, Minn. Thus Sherm Finger was a greatly surprised track coach when he watched Hess clear almost 13 feet on his initial trial this winter.

Hess is a natural athlete, however, possessing a splendid physique, and playing any game involving physical skill well. As a high school player he won letters in baseball, basketball, football, and track. He began his career at Ortonville, vaulting nine feet and won a basketball letter. A year later, moving to Plover, Iowa, he played baseball and basketball and competed in track.

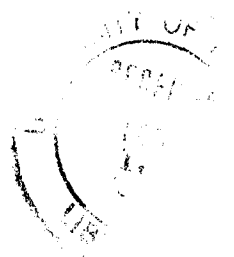
As a senior at Minneapolis Central High, he played halfback on an undefeated team. With him were Duke Johnson, later a Gopher tackle and track athlete; Don Martin, Ripon football captain and Ken McNurlen, who led Carleton. Hess still holds the Central vault record of 11 feet 9 inches, and placed in four events in the state high school track meet in his senior year.

The Gopher vaulter is an excellent gymnast, having taken up this sport to aid his vaulting. Possessing great arm and shoulder strength Hess is a fine performer on the horizontal and parallel bars and is a good tumbler.

Although he is a creditable sprinter he does not depend as much on speed as in arching his body over the cross bar. He does not "shoot" at the bar, but uses this arch in clearing it. Gymnastics have given him excellent control of his body in the air.

At Minnesota Hess won numerals in basketball and track but decided to concentrate on the pole vault. As a result either he or George Otterness won or tied for first place in every dual meet for two seasons. Otterness, former star Gopher athlete, now is assistant basketball and track coach at Minnesota. Tying for first with Droegemuller of Northwestern in the 1928 Drake Relays Hess also took fourth in the national intercollegiates. Against Michigan in 1929, he made his best competitive mark of 13 feet, five inches.

SPORTS LETTER



Minneapolis, Feb. 13. Primed for the season's hardest test in their opening Big Ten meet, the University of Minnesota swimming team will play host to Northwestern's crack squad of swimmers at the Armory pool, Saturday night.

Pool records in almost every event will be threatened Saturday with a new world's record in the 400 yard relay not an improbability judging by the previous times of the two relay quartets. Matching strokes with the Wildcat group of Wilcox, Highland, Wilson and Troup, Minnesota will have Ketola, Farrell, Leicht and Captain Quail. The present record of 3:36.4 is held by Yale.

Wilcox, Highland and Bob Kerber, a trio of sophomore stars, all of whom were interscholastic champions, doubtless will cause Minnesota trouble.

Wilbur Andre of the Gophers and Kerber will meet in the breast stroke event in what may be a record event. Both men are sophomores and both are rated as coming stars.

Harry Paavola, a big Hibbing youngster, will face his first Big Ten competition against an old rival in Murphy of Northwestern, whom he beat in the National interscholastic meet in Chicago two years ago. Paavola defeated Murphy in winning the national interscholastic championship in 1930. Thor Anderson, another Gopher sophomore will be entered in the backstroke with Paavola.

Wallace Lang will be the principal opposition from Minnesota against Captain Wilson and Wilcox of Northwestern in the 440 yard event. Wilcox is one of the fastest men in the country at this distance.

A water polo team will represent Minnesota against the Wildcats for the first time in Gopher swimming history. The team will be composed of Charles Ketola, Wallace Lang, Captain Quail, Fritz Krueger, Al Eller, Mel Person with Thor Anderson and Ordway Swennes as alternates.

Minnesota will meet Iowa at Iowa City, February 20 and Michigan at Ann Arbor, February 27 for the only two remaining meets of the season.

SPORTS LETTER

Minneapolis, Feb. 14. Realization of a boyhood ambition---to play basketball at Minnesota---has brought an invaluable lesson in poise and self-confidence to Glenn Bethel, center on the University of Minnesota basketball team.

Bethel, whose steady, dependable play at the pivot position this year has been an outstanding feature of the present Gopher season, believes that basketball has taught him two things which always will remain with him. One of these things is the control of his temper and the other, development of self-confidence.

As a small boy Bethel loved basketball. He followed faithfully newspaper accounts of Minnesota's games, knew all about the players, and made them his idols. In the backyard of his home at Bemidji, he erected a basket and spent many hours in impromptu scrimmages with neighborhood playmates or in practising by himself. He determined to play the game at Minnesota when he grew older.

Reaching the seventh grade in school, he stood nearly six feet tall. It was at this time that he received his first instruction in the game, from Buck Robbins, Bemidji high school coach, who saw possibilities in the rangy youth. As a high school player Bethel completed his career under Robbins.

When he entered Minnesota, Glenn stood six feet, three inches in height and weighed about 160 pounds. He was rather awkward on the basketball floor at this time and extremely conscious of his height. Impatient, eager to master the game which he liked best of all, he often became irritated, fouled frequently, and thus handicapped himself. As a sophomore he played enough to make a letter.

Last season he played brilliant basketball at times but was inconsistent to such a degree that he failed to make a letter. A tendency to play wildly under pressure often minimized his value to the team.

Determined to overcome his handicaps, Bethel reported to Coach Dave MacMillan for practise last fall in excellent physical condition. Everyone agreed that the center position would be the weak spot on the Minnesota team and few thought that Bethel would come through to fill the gap.

Starting the season Bethel handled the center duties smartly and coolly in the opening games. Each succeeding contest found him steadier and more confident. When the games became more difficult and the team swung into the Conference schedule Bethel improved steadily. A year ago he might have played wildly under pressure but this season he has become more effective both in his floor game and under the basket. He is second to Virgil Licht, guard, in scoring for the Gophers. Several days ago, Dave MacMillan remarked after the day's practise that he had quit worrying about center as long as Bethel was available.

Dave is a great coach. He teaches a fellow a lot of basketball and his players always are all for him---but there are some things one has to prove himself, especially self control and confidence in one's self and in his team-mates, says Bethel.

Incidentally the big center now weighs more than 175 pounds and stands slightly over six feet, three inches tall. His favorite sport, next to basketball, is baseball and he plays a nice game at first base. Bethel is a senior in the School of Business Administration.

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Feb. 17 Five University of Minnesota athletic teams will compete against teams from four Big Ten institutions Saturday in what is scheduled to be the biggest weekend of the year on the Gopher sports calendar. Three of these opponents will be engaged on home fields by Minnesota while two Gopher teams will seek victory against Iowa at Iowa City.

The home sports program will open at the old Armory at 1:30 p.m. when Coach Ralph Piper sends his gymnasts against the strong Chicago team, Big Ten champions for two consecutive years. Minnesota finished third in the past two seasons but the margin this year is expected to be much narrower in all events.

Several Olympic possibilities will be seen in this meet. For Chicago, Everett Olson and George Wright, main factors in Chicago's defeat of Ohio State last week, are the main candidates. Olson was Big Ten all-around champion last season. Both men are being drilled in Olympic exercises for the coming tryouts. The Gopher tumbling team, composed of Gilbert Unzel and Bob Hill of St. Paul and Stanley Simons of New Ulm, are expected to try out for the Olympic squad and will be strong candidates. This trio won the conference tumbling title last year.

Wrestlers will face Illini in the first conference home meet of the season. After losing to Iowa last week the Gophers are preparing to open the home stand with a victory. In the heavier weights, Howard Kroll, Eric Ahlstrand and Curt Raddick will face the Illini.

A shift in the lighter weights seems certain. Phil Stern in the 118 pound class likely will remain as the representative in this division as will Erwin Draheim in the featherweight group. Lightweight and welterweight classes are uncertain with Ernie Palmer the middleweight choice.

Evening activities will take place in the Field House where the Minnesota basketball team will attempt to make it three straight victories over Wisconsin. The Gophers won both games last year, and following two defeats last week, are preparing to recover their stride at the expense of the Badgers.

With Glenn Bethel and Virgil Licht virtually recovered from the illness which has handicapped them in the last three games, the Gopher starting lineup probably will contain Captain Mike Cielusak and Licht at guards; Bethel at center and Brad Robinson and Cliff Sommer, forwards. This will be the next to the final home contest for the Gophers. Following the Illinois game next week they will take to the road for the remaining two contests.

Trackmen invading Iowa City will be headed by Captain Cam Hackle, high jump star, Tommy Thompson, sprinter; Elton Hess, pole vaulter; Clarence Munn, shotput; Charley Scheifley, hurdles are expected to be the chief Gopher performers. Ted Rasmussen and John Carrell in the mile and Ernest Seiler in the two mile are other principal point winning possibilities.

Captain Tom Quail, Charles Ketola and Ed Farrell in the shorter distances will be in the van of the swimming delegation travelling to Iowa City. Harry Paavola, backstroke; Fritz Kruger and Wilbur Andre in the breast stroke and Wallace Lang in the 440 are the chief performers for the Gophers in their respective events. The strong showing which Minnesota made against Northwestern last week will have to be duplicated to win from the Hawkeyes, who are rated near Northwestern and Michigan this year.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Feb. 22 Four University of Minnesota basketball players will make their final appearance in the Field House Saturday night when the Gophers play Illinois in the last home contest of the season. The quartet of seniors who will end their careers this year are Captain Mike Cielusak, Glenn Bethel, Cliff Sommer and Ralph Engebretson.

Cielusak has been one of the outstanding guards in the Big Ten for two seasons. Usually assigned to the high scoring forward on the opposing team, Cielusak always has been responsible for at least a temporary slump in his opponent's scoring record meanwhile counting points for his own team and playing a brilliant defensive game. Against Michigan, Indiana, Chicago and Iowa he has been unusually effective this year. Cielusak's only other sport is baseball. He expects to graduate from the College of Education this spring.

Glenn Bethel started the season at center. Last year he was on the sidelines much of the time. As a sophomore he earned his letter but failed to repeat in 1931. When the 1932 season began critics believed that center would be the weak spot on the Minnesota team. Starting brilliantly, however, Bethel exceeded all expectations and came through to fill his position in a highly satisfactory manner. A few weeks ago, Dave McMillan, commenting on his team, said that he had quit worrying about center soon after the season started.

Cliff Sommer, slender veteran, never weighing more than 142 pounds is another Gopher who will end his career at home Saturday. Veteran of three Big Ten campaigns, Sommer has shown courage and skill in overcoming his weight handicap. He was too frail to play in high school but the game has given him an amazing amount of wiry strength and stamina for one of his slender build.

A fine shot and an exponent of team play, Sommer has been the chief pinch hitter for the Gophers throughout his career. His coolness and speed often have been deciding factors in close games. Both Sommer and Bethel will graduate from the School of Business Administration in the spring.

Stocky Ralph Engebretson, letterman and guard last year, is the fourth senior who finishes his playing career this season. Dependable as a relief guard for Minnesota's strong pair of defensive men, Cielusak and Virgil Licht, he has performed well in many games during the past two years. Engebretson, like Cielusak, expects to graduate from the College of Education and will teach and coach upon finishing his course at Minnesota.

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, March—Following their thrilling meet with Wisconsin last week in which they were defeated by the narrow margin of the final relay race Minnesota track athletes are preparing for another test Saturday in a five way meet with Indiana, Northwestern, Chicago and Purdue, at Chicago.

Conference rules this year allow only 12 men to make indoor track trips and the chief task of Coach Sherman Finger throughout the week will be to select the dozen who will produce the strongest combination.

Four men are almost certain to be chosen. Elton Hess, whose record breaking leap of 13 feet eight inches in the pole vault thrilled the crowd at the Wisconsin meet, is undoubtedly one of the leading vaulters in the Conference. Cam Hackle, Gopher captain, also is certain to compete in the high jump. He was second to Captain Shaw of Wisconsin, Saturday, but managed to clear six feet, two inches. Clarence Lunn tossed the 16 pound shot more than 48 feet against Iowa and 46 against Wisconsin and in the five way meet will be working toward the indoor championship.

John Currell, winner of both the mile and two mile against Iowa, and of the latter event against Wisconsin, will be a problem for Coach Finger this week. It is hardly expected that he will run both events at Chicago and the question will be which race he will have the better chance in.

Walt Hess and Harold Thompson will run the dashes and Charley Scheifley probably will be the Gopher hurdler.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, March. ~~2~~An invitation to participate in the fourth annual Minnesota Relays at the University of Minnesota, April 2, was sent today to 250 Northwest high schools and colleges.

Sherman W. Finger, track coach at Minnesota and director of the meet, announced that a program of 20 events, including relay races, the high jump, 60 yard dash, low hurdles, dashes, pole vault and shot put. In the individual events the same program will be followed in both the high school and college classes.

Special relays for the various high school conferences in Minnesota will be run, consisting mostly of half mile races in which each man runs 220 yards. There will be a medley relay for Minneapolis high schools in addition to the standard half mile event.

Prep schools and St. Paul high schools will perform in separate groups while some of the other divisions will contain schools from the Iron Range, lake district, southern and western Minnesota.

College and university classes will be restricted to two divisions this year. Formerly races were run between teams of the various college conferences. This year the distinction will be between schools using freshmen in competition and those having the three year rule.

Events in these two classes will consist of two relays, the mile and a medley relay. In the University class the medley will consist of the 440, half mile, three-quarter mile and mile. The college mile will start with a 440 yard run followed by a pair of runners each travelling 220 yards. The anchor men will run the half mile.

Other events will be a mile relay for Minnesota junior colleges and relays for clubs and fraternities. In the high school classes trials will be held in the morning. Finals in each event will be run at night.

Bronze gophers for winning relay teams and gold, silver and bronze medals for individual event winners will be given as prizes.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Mar. 30 Deprived of its annual spring training trip to the South by the Big Ten rule, which, in the interest of economy forbids conference teams from making the journey this year, the University of Minnesota baseball squad is getting its early practise in the Field House. Coach Frank McCormick is hopeful, however, of getting the athletes out on the varsity diamond next week.

Necessarily limited in their practise by the indoor quarters, the Gophers spent the spring vacation working out in the Field House every afternoon. Three or four hours practise daily has put the squad in excellent physical condition. Each day Coach McCormick put the group of some 60 players through a strenuous drill of batting, fielding and base running.

Losses through ineligibility and other causes are the lightest in several seasons this spring and with the advent of warmer weather the Gophers will be able to begin outdoor practise for their first games with Iowa State at Minneapolis, April 22-23.

Three outstanding veterans head the Gopher pitching staff this season. Walfrid Mattson, husky right handed pitcher from St. Paul, heads the list. Mattson was the hero of a no-hit, no-run game against Wisconsin last season and turned in several other neat pitching performances. Ed Burke, another righthander, and Roy Shelso are the other two experienced pitchers on the squad. Shelso is a southpaw.

Lyle Warren, a sophomore right hand pitcher from Lead, S. D., is the leading prospect from the 1931 freshman group. Warren, while inexperienced in Big Ten competition, has shown enough ability to justify Coach McCormick's hope that he will be ready for his regular turn on the mound before the end of the season. Brad Robinson, the football and basketball

star, also is trying out for the Gopher staff. Robinson, throwing right-handed, possesses a great pitching arm but lacks the necessary experience, to be of value at present.

Gus Wick, a sophomore catcher, appears to be leading backstop in the group of athletes trying for this position. He also is a good hitter. Bob Shannon, reserve catcher last year, also is available.

A change in the infield may move Mickey Ascher from third to second base with John Scanlan holding down third. Ascher, a letterman from two years ago, is experienced and has considerable batting ability. Ken Mac Dougal is another outstanding candidate for second. He is a fine fielder but is not as experienced as Ascher. Scanlan is a sophomore but seems capable of holding down third. Captain Dave Beauchaine will be at short-stop and Kenneth Gay will be on first base.

Vernon Anderson is the leading outfield prospect on the squad. Anderson, a member of the Gopher basketball squad, is fast, fields well and looks like a good hitter. Bernie Hennig and Marsh Ryman are two veterans who may hold down berths this spring.

A freshman squad with an unusually large number of good prospects will provide practise competition for the varsity as soon as the weather permits outside practise.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, April 7-Determined to carry on from where they left off, with a third place in the Western Conference indoor meet a few weeks ago, the Minnesota track team is preparing for some keen outdoor competition this spring. The schedule will include six meets, three of which are dual engagements. In addition to the Kansas and Drake relays, April 23, and April 29-30, respectively, Minnesota will meet Northwestern, Iowa and Wisconsin. It will also take part in the Conference meet.

Handicapped thus far in their outdoor efforts by bad weather, the Gophers are hoping to take their first workout of the year on the Stadium track, Saturday. A crew of workmen has been working on the cinder path the past two days.

Judging by indoor performances and by the men who will be available for the added events of the outdoor program the 1932 Minnesota squad will be the best balanced team in years. Captain Cam Hackle, high jumper; Hal Thompson and Walt Hass, sprinters; Clarence Munn, Big Ten shot put champion; Charley Scheifley, Elton Hess and John Currell assure the Gophers of plenty of possible first place winners in dual competition.

Scheifley will run both the high and low hurdles with Bob Walerius and Bob Savage also available. Both Walerius and Savage are sophomores from Minneapolis. Hess has done 13 feet, eight inches indoors in the pole vault and has an outdoor mark, set two years ago, of nearly 13 feet, ten inches. Howard Hithun, a sophomore from Buffalo, is fast developing into a capable vaulter and these two should give Minnesota great strength in their event.

John Currell, who runs both the mile and two mile, and Ted Rasmussen, miler, will be the leading distance men. Ernie Seiler, Erhardt Bremer and Paul Semple are other distance men of experience who will be available for the long runs. Walter Rasmussen will be the chief Gopher half miler.

Quarter milers will be Henry Bettendorf, Ed Lanto, Al Adams, George Middlebrook and Clint Stacke. Bettendorf appears to be the fastest in the group. Walt Hass, 1932 football captain, may be used in the 440 if necessary. Hass ran some creditable quarters last spring but doubtless will be used with Thompton, latest Gopher spring sensation, in the 100 and 220 yard dashes. Both athletes may also compete in the broad jump.

Munn and Mervin Dillner, another football veteran, will compete in both the shot and discus for the Gophers. Munn also threw the javelin last spring but with Don Constans, Ray Burge and Bill Deutsche available this year, the All-American will confine his efforts to the shot and discus. Spencer Holle, veteran, will be the Gopher hammer thrower.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, April 15. Nine men, all of whom are so evenly matched that weeks of indoor practise have failed to provide a suitable ranking, will make up the tennis squad at the University of Minnesota this spring.

"So evenly matched is our squad that should any player among the first nine be slightly off his game any one of the other eight could beat him," says Phil Brain, Gopher tennis coach.

As only four men, instead of the usual six, will be allowed to compete on a team this season, Brain's problem is a difficult one. A four man rule was adopted at the Big Ten athletic directors' meeting last winter in the interests of economy.

Three of the nine players mentioned by the Minnesota coach are lettermen from last year. They are Charles Britzius, Rochester; Martin Stessin of St. Paul and Douglas Johnston, Minneapolis.

Britzius, although a junior, will lead the team as successor to Henry Yutzy, 1931 captain. As a sophomore last year he was twice a victor in the early rounds of the Big Ten tournament, losing finally to Scott Rexinger of Chicago, ultimate champion, in the quarter finals. With Yutzy he reached the semifinals in the doubles. Stessin, a junior, and Johnston, a member of the senior class, both were mainstays of the team last year.

Others on the first group who are eligible for competition are Paul Scherer, Minneapolis; Marvin Schpok of Aberdeen, S. D.; Merle Parent, Bill Collins and Richard and Robert Tudor.

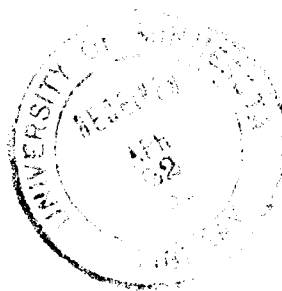
Parent, who comes from Sioux City, Ia., suffered a knee injury in practise early in the week which may keep him off the court for several

days. Collins, a member of the Gopher football squad, comes from Hastings-on-the-Hudson, N. Y. The Tudor twins, a pair of rangy youngsters from St. Paul, gained their early experience playing at Central High.

Confined to the Field House thus far this year by cold weather the Gopher tennis players will begin outdoor practise near the end of the week. Carleton college will furnish the first opposition for Minnesota at Minneapolis, April 26. The following week Minnesota will play a return match at Northfield.

Wisconsin will furnish the only Big Ten competition at home, May 7. They will then meet Northwestern and Iowa, May 13 and 14, respectively. The conference meet will be held at Northwestern, May 20-21.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, April 22nd—Eager for their first taste of intercollegiate competition this season the University of Minnesota baseball team is ready for its' opening series of the year with Iowa State college, Friday and Saturday.

Coming to Minneapolis with a reputation for high grade baseball carried over from previous seasons the Ames squad is expected to prove a thorough test for the Gophers in their first competitive start.

Practise during the final week before the official opening of the season has resulted in several changes in the Minnesota lineup. It is certain that several combinations will be tried out in the two game series, however, in order to present the strongest possible lineup for the Big Ten season.

Coach Frank G. McCormick has announced that he intends to start Walfrid Mattson, leading Gopher righthanded pitcher, in the opening game Friday. Mattson, a St. Paul boy, was the hero of a no-hit, no-run game against Wisconsin last year. He has been coming along nicely during the practise season and is expected to have his best year during 1932.

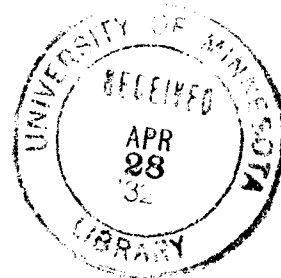
Behind the plate Friday will be Bill Finley, recruit catcher from St. Paul. Finley, a hustling peppery player, has shown great improvement during the past two weeks and may draw the regular catching assignment during the coming season.

The Gopher infield appears to be strong again this year although two new men will be at second and third base. Ken Gay will be at first base with Mickey Ascher at second. Ascher a veteran of two years ago, formerly played at third base. He did not play last season because of illness.

Dave Beauchaine, captain of the Gophers will be at shortstop with John Scanlon, sophomore, on third base. Vernon Anderson will be in left field with Marshall Ryman in center and Bernard Hennig in right field. Both Ryman and Hennig are veterans. Anderson, member of the Gopher basketball squad, is regarded as the best sophomore outfielder in several seasons at Minnesota.

Ed Burke probably will do the pitching in Saturday's game with Lyle Warren and Marvin Shelso in reserve. Burke alternated between the mound and first base last season but will be used to pitch exclusively this year. Warren is a sophomore pitcher from Lead, S. D., who appears to be an outstanding prospect. Shelso is the only lefthanded pitcher on the squad. He is a junior from Minneapolis.

Following the Iowa State series the Gophers will meet Carleton college Tuesday and then will journey to Lafayette, Indiana, where they will play a two game series with Purdue, April 29-30.



Minneapolis, April²⁸--Characterized by steadily improved execution of fundamentals, development of several varsity newcomers and a pleasing style of offense, spring football practise at Minnesota has just passed the half-way mark. Spring drill will end May 19, with a game between two picked squads in Memorial Stadium.

Blocking and tackling have occupied an important position on the spring football program. Coach Bernie Bierman insists that members of the squad be letter-perfect in this phase of the game and he has been paying much attention to its' development.

Backfield material appears to be plentiful this spring, the chief problem of the coaches being the development of a capable line. The loss of Clarence Munn, All-American guard; Lloyd Stein, center and Pat Boland, tackle, has left the Gopher line with three important positions to be filled. George Hauser, now Minnesota line coach, has been giving all line candidates a thorough test for these positions.

Chief among the promising backfield candidates from the freshman ranks are Francis Lund, 185 pound halfback from Rice Lake, Wisc.; and Carl Tengler, a fullback from Minneapolis. Lund has been displaying great drive in his ball carrying and is learning his other assignments rapidly. Tengler, weighing 194 pounds, is a fullback who hits the line hard and who appears to be a strong defensive player.

Ervin Burg, star freshman back, who is recovering from an operation, is running signals each day but has not been used in scrimmage as yet.

Among the veterans, Jack Manders, and diminutive George Champlin have been consistently outstanding in scrimmage. Manders' line smashing and the twisting dashes of Champlin have been features of both Saturday games to date.

Myron Ubl, Sam Swartz, Walt Mork and Gerry Griffin are other veterans reporting regularly. Captain Walt Hass and Ken McDougall, half-backs, are out for track and baseball, respectively.

Brad Robinson, regular last season, is the chief candidate among the ends. Opposite him on the first team is Al Pappas, rangy International Falls youth. Bob Tenner, weighing 186 pounds, a youth who did not report for freshman football, has been making a favorable impression at end also. Tenner is a Minneapolis youth. Milford Gillett, John Ronning and Walt Ohde, reserve ends last season also are reporting regularly.

Marshall Wells, Ray Willahan, Phil Sperry, tackles; Roy Oen, center; Bill Jantzen and Art Myers, guards; are veteran linemen receiving instruction every day.

Among the outstanding newcomers are Louis Gerischer and Phil Bengston, a pair of 200 pound tackles from St. Paul. Gerischer, formerly a center candidate, is a powerful youth but has a great deal to learn about his new position. Bengston, fast and active, also needs considerable seasoning.

Stanley Lundgren, Spence Wagnild and Les Knudsen are three guards of ability among the sophomore candidates for the coming season. Lundgren and Wagnild are Minneapolis boys while Knudsen comes from Albert Lea. Woodrow Nold, Milwaukee, Wisc. is a likely center candidate.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, May 6- Harold Thomson, Minnesota's newest sprint star, will have a twofold chance to redeem himself when the Gophers meet Northwestern at Memorial Stadium, Saturday, in the first of their two home track meets this spring.

Thomson, who recently ran the 100 yard dash at the Kansas Relays in the fast time of .09:7 seconds on a muddy track, amazed experts by failing to qualify for the 100 yard event at the Drake Relays. He was eliminated in his heat, finishing third, with two men qualifying.

Against Northwestern the Minnesota sprinter will run both the 100 and 220 yard dashes. Thus he will have an opportunity to prove that his speedy race at Kansas was no mere flash and also to see what he can do over the longer distance. As Thomson never has competed in the 220 yard race in Big Ten competition, both he and Sherm Finger, head coach, are anxious for the test.

The wiry Gopher runner apparently is ideally suited for the longer race. He possesses a smooth stride, powerful arm action and has great stamina. Coach Finger will watch him carefully in this event Saturday and the way he runs it may have considerable bearing on the distance which he will concentrate upon for the Olympic tryouts.

Thomson, an outstanding athlete in his high school days at Montevideo, Minn. won letters in football, basketball and track. His twisting, touchdown runs made him an outstanding halfback in western Minnesota football circles. As a junior he placed second in the 220 yard dash at the state meet.

As a Gopher freshman he frequently forced John Hass to his utmost over the 60 and 100 yard distances. Hass, Gopher captain last year, was one of the leading conference sprinters for two seasons.

Thomton first attracted public attention this winter by forcing Don Renwick of Michigan to equal the world's record of 6.2 seconds for the 60 yard dash to beat him. He has consistently run this distance in 6.3 seconds, 1/10 of a second from the world mark.

The Gopher sprinter loves to run and possesses an ideal competitive temperament. He is an easy-going, goodnatured chap until he comes to the mark. Then he is a tense bundle of nervous energy. Consistency has been the most marked trait of his career thus far, the Drake meet, being his first setback.



Minneapolis, May 12—Opportunity to demonstrate what they have learned this spring under the coaching of Bernie Bierman will be given 75 candidates for the 1932 Minnesota football team when the Maroon and Gold squads play their annual spring game at Memorial Stadium, May 19. The contest will conclude six weeks of successful outdoor practise and will provide a final chance for candidates to prove themselves before the season opens next September.

Led by two outstanding veterans, Captain Walter Hass of the Maroons and Jack Manders, driving fullback, and Gold leader, the strength of the two groups has been apportioned as equally as possible. The two groups have been working as units for the past two weeks.

Both teams will have weight, speed, experience and power with the Maroons perhaps a little stronger in the line and the Golds having a heavier backfield. Both will have their quota of sophomores. Outstanding rivals for the quarterback position, Myron Ubl for the Golds and George Champlin for the Maroons, will direct the strategy.

The ranks of the Gold team will contain a starting backfield composed of Manders at fullback, Ubl at quarter, Sam Swartz and Gerry Griffin, halves. Besides this quartet Bill Proffit, Buffalo, N. Y., a 200 pound fullback; Erwin Burg, Milwaukee, Wis., and Roger Sutherland of Grandy, Minn. will be available. Burg was an outstanding halfback last fall but has been recovering from an injury this spring.

Ends will be Brad Robinson, also named alternate captain, and probably Al Pappas, freshman from International Falls. John Ronning, a veteran, and Glen Barnum, freshman, will be a strong pair of alternates. Ronning is a Minneapolis boy, while Barnum comes from Glencoe.

A pair of 195 pound tackles, Phil Bengston, St. Paul, and Phil Sperry, Western Springs, Ill., will give the Golds two capable tackles. Bengston is a freshman while Sperry was a reserve last year. Art Meyers and Stan Lundgren probably will start at guards. Both are from Minneapolis, Meyers a veteran, and Lundgren having had no Big Ten experience. Roy Oen, letterman, and Woodrow Nold, freshman from Milwaukee, Wis., will alternate at the center position.

The Maroons will depend upon Carl Tengler and Lloyd Hribar to offset the heavy plunging of Manders. Both excell at backing up a line while Tengler is second only to Manders on the squad as a line bucker. Captain Hass and Frank Lund, 180 pound freshman from Rice Lake, Wisc., will be at the halves. Champlin and Louis Goodman, Minneapolis, will call signals.

Bob Tenner and Milford Gillett, both of Minneapolis, will start at ends. Tenner has had no varsity experience while Gillett was a reserve in 1931. Morvin Dillner, letterman, now a member of the track squad, Win Barnes, husky freshman from Brainerd and Walt Ohde of Mound are others likely to see action.

Tackles probably will be Marshall Wells, and Roy Willahan, veterans from last year with Louis Gerischer and Les Knudtson also available. Gerischer, a 210 pound reserve from St. Paul and Knudtson, a freshman from Albert Lea, have made a good impression this spring. Bill Jantzen, letterman and Charley Myers are the leading Maroon guards. Both come from White Bear. Spencer Wagnild, former Minneapolis South High star, will be at center for the Maroons.

The game will give Minnesota fans not only a chance to look over next fall's prospects but also will give them their first opportunity to see how the much discussed new rules will work out as a regular set of officials will officiate the contest.

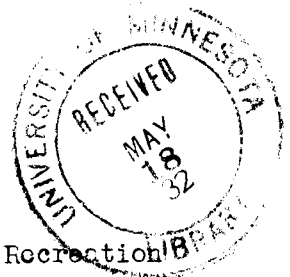
Minneapolis, May-²Facing an opportunity to win the Big Ten golf championship when they play host to conference golfers at Recreation Field, May 20-21, the University of Minnesota golf team is eagerly awaiting the title test over their home course.

The Gophers will have their best opportunity to win top honors since Lester Bolstad led them to the title in 1929. Last year the Minnesota quartet took third place in the championship meet over the University of Michigan course, finishing behind Illinois and Michigan. With the exception of Bill Fowler, last year's captain, the Gopher four will be a veteran group in tournament play this year.

Ed Bolstad, younger brother of Les, was third in the individual standings last year and his two veteran team-mates, Earl Larson and Cliff Bloom finished fourteenth and eighteenth, respectively. John Mason, a sophomore will be the fourth member of the Minnesota team in the conference meet this year.

Title play will begin with a morning round of 18 holes May 20. A second round in the afternoon will complete the first day's play of 36 holes. The second day's play also will consist of 36 holes to complete the 72 hole grind.

Most of the squads are expected to arrive Thursday to play practise rounds over the Gopher course. A meeting of the coaches will be held on Thursday also.



Sports Letter

Minneapolis, May 18 - Some twoscore Western golfers will gather at Recreation Field, University of Minnesota golf course, Thursday, to study the peculiarities of the Gopher links preparatory to matching their skill in the Big Ten tournament, Friday and Saturday.

Starting 72 holes of medal play Friday morning, the contestants will play 36 holes on the first day, with the remaining holes to be played Saturday.

Chief contenders in the 1932 title quest will be Illinois, Ohio State, Michigan and Minnesota. Illinois, winner of the conference crown for two successive years, will have Scotty Reston and Robert Crowe as its chief individual threats in its title defense.

Ohio State, with an earlier victory over Illinois to its credit this season, will have John Florio, runnerup to Martin of Illinois last year, as its chief mainstay. Michigan and Minnesota, likewise, will be represented by strong teams. Captain Jack Lenfestey, John Howard, Ed Rayton and John Fischer will be the Wolverine four. Lenfestey and Howard both placed in the first ten last year.

Minnesota, which won third place in 1931, will have its best chance to win the championship since 1929. Playing over their home course the Gopher team composed of Edgar Bolstad, Earl Larson, Cliff Bloom and John Mason will constitute a strong title threat. Bolstad, brother of Lester Bolstad, Captain of the Minnesota Championship team of 1929, is No. 1 for the Gophers.

Charles Van Epps, Iowa's sophomore star, is expected to be a principal contender for individual honors. Van Epps defeated Captain Robert Bohnen, Chicago, in an early season match and in five matches he has scored 13 points as against two for his opponents. Captain Bill Bassett of Purdue, Fred Damaske, Northwestern; C. E. Harrell, Indiana and Bob Bohnen of Chicago will be among the strong individual entries at Recreation Field.

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, May 12~~1~~ The first real demonstration of Minnesota's 1932 football prospects will be given Thursday when two picked teams will play their annual spring game at Memorial Stadium to conclude six weeks of outdoor practise under Bernie Bierman the new Minnesota coach.

Captain Walter Hass will lead the "Maroon" team against the "Golds" captained by Jack Manders, fullback. The two squads, even^{ly} divided as to strength, have been working as units for three weeks. Both will be at top strength for the game.

With Captain Hass at one halfback post, Frank Lund, a husky freshman prospect, at the other, and Carl Tengler playing fullback, the Maroons will have a strong running combination. George Champlin, the diminutive reserve quarter of 1932, will call signals for the Maroons while Lloyd Friber will be ready to alternate with Tengler at fullback.

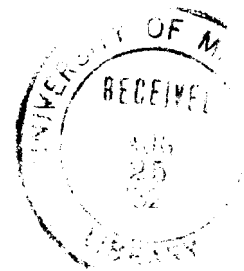
Opposing this quartet the "Golds" will have Manders at fullback. With him will be My Ubl at quarterback and two veterans, Gerry Griffin and Sam Swartz at the halves. Led by Manders' crashing play, this combination will possess a maximum amount of drive to batter the Maroon line.

Two experienced tackles will be on the line for the Maroons, Marshall Wells and Ray Willahan, a pair of 200 pound athletes, holding these positions. A reserve from 1931, Louis Gerischer and a newcomer in Leslie Knudtson will be their relief men. Bill Jantzen, a letterman, and Charley Myers will be guards. Myers is a freshman. Bob Tenner and Milford Gillett will be at the ends with Walt Okde and Win Barnes as alternates. Tenner and Barnes will be sophomores in the fall.

Brad Robinson and Al Papas will be "Gold" ends. Robinson was an outstanding conference end last season while Papas is a freshman.

Tackles will be Phil Bengston and Phil Sperry. Bengston, a freshman is regarded as an outstanding line candidate while Sperry, a reserve last fall, has shown vast improvement this spring. Art Meyers and Stan Lundgren will start at guards, flanking the veteran Roy Oen at center. John Gatchell, Western conference official will referee the game. Other officials probably will be selected from the athletic department staff.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Minn. August - The influence of a pioneer of midwestern football, the late Dr. Harry L. Williams of Minnesota, will be felt again in the Western Conference this fall, for two of the three new coaches at conference institutions, Bernie Bierman at Minnesota and Ossie Solem at Iowa, were students of the celebrated Gopher strategist.

This situation guarantees that the old traditions of Big Ten football will carry on, for two of Dr. Williams contemporaries in the founding of those traditions, A. A. Stagg of Chicago and Fielding H. Yost of Michigan, are still active in Western Conference circles.

Dr. Williams came to Minnesota from Yale in 1900 and during the next 23 years he made football history in the middle west. His most notable contribution to the game was the "Minnesota Shift" which his teams first used in 1909. During his stay at Minnesota Dr. Williams' teams won or shared eight conference championships and a keen rivalry existed between Minnesota and the teams coached by Stagg and Yost.

Bierman led Dr. Williams last championship team in 1915. He was named All-Western halfback that year and upon his graduation was awarded the Western Conference medal for proficiency in scholarship and athletics. Following his graduation his coaching career took him to the University of Montana, Tulane University, Mississippi A & M, and back to Tulane again. While at Tulane his teams won 36 games, lost nine and tied two over a five year period. His 1931 team played the University of Southern California for the national championship.

Returning to his Alma Mater 17 years after his graduation Bierman will have as chief assistants two team-mates from the Minnesota championship squad of 1915. George Hauser, tackle, and Bert Baston, who played end, will aid him. Hauser will coach the line and Baston, an All-American in 1916

will instruct the ends.

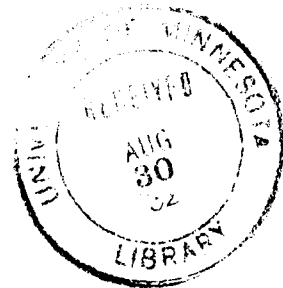
Solem, who competed for Minnesota a few years previous to Bierman, played tackle and end. He comes to Iowa from Drake University where his teams won 61 per cent of their games, including three undisputed Missouri Valley championships and one tie for that honor.

The pupils of Dr. Williams will receive a thorough test in their first season of Western Conference competition. Both will also send their teams against each other Oct. 22, when Minnesota meets Iowa at the latter's Homecoming.

Minnesota's major opponents will be Purdue, Nebraska, Iowa, Northwestern, Mississippi, Wisconsin and Michigan. Iowa and Wisconsin will be the only teams the Gophers will meet away from home. Iowa plays Wisconsin, Indiana, Minnesota, George Washington, Nebraska, Purdue and Northwestern as its chief opponents.

In meeting Wisconsin, both of these former Minnesota athletes will be matching strategy against the third newcomer in the conference in 1932, Dr. C. W. Spears. Dr. Spears, however, is not strictly a newcomer in the Big Ten, having coached at Minnesota for five years before going to the University of Oregon in 1930.

Sports Letter
Immediate release



Minneapolis, Minn., Aug. 30 The experience of veterans matched against the eager determination of sophomores, with the more mature athletes holding the edge, will feature the competition for places on the 1932 University of Minnesota football team.

When Bernie Bierman calls the squad together the morning of Sept. 15, the veterans will predominate in the struggle for positions in six, and possibly seven, places on the first team. Sophomore talent will make its strongest bid in the remaining positions.

Seventeen lettermen, 16 of whom were members of the 1931 squad, are listed among the returning veterans. Nine members of last year's squad who earned their "M's" have finished competition and new men must be developed to take their places.

Lettermen lost from the 1931 squad are Clarence Munn, All-American guard; Pete Somers, quarterback; Pat Boland and Howard Kroll, tackles; Lloyd Stein, center; Allen Teeter, Al Krezowski, Earl Nelson and Harold V. Anderson, ends.

Returning lettermen include eight backs and nine linemen. The back-field men are Captain Walter Hass, Myron Ubl, Jack Manders, Sam Swartz, Kenneth MacDougall, Gerald Griffin, Lloyd Hribar and George Champlin.

Letter winners from the line who will be available are Roy Oen, center; Elmer Apmann, Sudo Koski, James Dennerly and Ellsworth Harpole, guards; Marshall Wolls and Kenneth Gay, tackles; Brad Robinson and Mervin Dillner, ends.

Bierman's chief problem, as he begins his first season as coach at Minnesota, will be the development of a quarterback, another center capable of sharing the position with 168 pound Roy Oen, and some hard-charging

reserve tackles.

Loss of Pete Somers, 1931 quarterback, makes the problem of developing a field general an acute one. Here, veteran candidates will have a decided edge with My Ubl and Little George Champlin as chief candidates. Erwin Burg, a sophomore from Milwaukee, Wis., is the strongest prospect among the newcomers.

Jack Manders, entering his senior year, is the leading fullback among five who are out for the post. Lloyd Hribar earned a letter at fullback along with Manders last year but the remaining three candidates are sophomores. They are Carl Tongler, Minneapolis; Bill Proffit, Buffalo, N. Y., and Frank Larson of Duluth. Some of these athletes may be shifted to the line to bolster weak points.

A quartet of halfbacks with two years of experience will be available at Minnesota this fall. Captain Hass, Gerry Griffin, Kenneth MacDougall and Sam Swartz form this group which will figure prominently in the gopher attack. A trio of 1931 reserve backs, Walter Mork, Russ Willis and George McPartlin will add to the experienced strength of the squad.

Of the newcomers, Francis Lund, a 170 pound halfback from Rice Lake, Wis., is expected to make a strong bid for a regular berth this fall. As a freshman Lund showed enough ability to merit serious consideration as a regular in his first season of Big Ten competition. Dick Kohler and Carol Stenson are two other sophomore backs who have shown promise. Both are Minneapolis Boys.

A rangy group of nine end candidates will greet Eierman and the coach who will have immediate charge of them--Bert Baston. Brad Robinson and Mervin Dillner are the leading experienced players in the group with Walt Ohde, John Ronning and Milford Gillett of the reserves supplementing them.

Al Papas, a six footer from International Falls, is regarded as the best prospect among the new men. Close behind him are Bob Tenner and Gerry Sincok of Minneapolis.

Marshall Wells has held down a regular tackle position for ^{two} years and is likely to cinch it again, but at the opposite post a lively struggle may develop. Kenneth Gay, Ray Willahan and Bob Wiley are experienced but a pair of newcomers, Phil Bengston of St. Paul and Phil Sperry of Western Springs, Ill., may take over the berth. Both are fast for 200 pound athletes and both have shown more than average ability as freshmen.

Elmer Apmann and Sulo Koski appear to be the best of the guards. Apmann, who returned to the University last winter after a year's absence has had two seasons of competition, one under Dr. C. W. Spears, now at Wisconsin, and one under Fritz Crisler. Koski also has had two years of experience.

Jim Dannerly and Ellsworth Harpole are two more lettermen guards and Bill Jantzen and Stan Lundgren will likely see service also. Jantzen made a minor letter in 1931 while Lundgren is a 215 pound sophomore.

The problem at center will be partially solved by Roy Oen, who alternated with Lloyd Stein last season. As Oen is a slender chap, weighing less than 170 pounds, Bierman is anxious to find a player to relieve him occasionally. Woodrow Nold and Spence Wagnild, two sophomores and Louis Gerischer a tall line candidate from last year's squad are the chief possibilities.

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 1— Making his first official statement regarding the 1932 football season, Bernie Bierman, University of Minnesota coach, warns Gopher adherents against too much optimism this fall.

"There is a great deal of work to be done. We're facing a tough schedule and we'll be going through the early part of it with a green line" Bierman points out.

"In playing Purdue, Northwestern and Michigan, we'll be meeting three teams that tied for the 1931 Big Ten championship. Nebraska, Iowa and Wisconsin also are expected to be much stronger this year.

"The Purdue game, coming Oct. 8, gives us a little more than three weeks to prepare for one of the hardest games of the season. Before that time we've got to find linemen capable of replacing the four regulars who were graduated from last season's line and some strong reserves to back them up."

The development of one of the backfield candidates into a quarterback is another problem which Bierman refers to as a "pressing question."

"I cannot emphasize too strongly the necessity of starting at top speed, Sept. 15. It is absolutely essential that every candidate be in first class physical condition," he said. "If everyone reports in shape it will be a great help. From all reports I have received this summer all of the boys are working hard to get into condition.

"I have been greatly impressed with the spirit shown by the boys at Minnesota. We had a fine spring practise and although I have not seen all of the veterans in action they have impressed me as a clean cut, conscientious group of athletes.

"If we hold our heads up and keep plugging away, we'll get there. Although we'll be forced to develop slowly we should improve with each game and once we get to rolling, November should find us at our best."

Bierman's office in the old Minnesota Armory is beginning to take on an air of suppressed excitement. Frequently some husky youth, sun bronzed from a summer out of doors, will drop in for a chat with the coach. Letters from other candidates all profess an eagerness for the season to begin. Even calm Bernie, veteran of many football seasons, is beginning to show signs of restlessness.



Sports Letter
Immediate release

Minneapolis, Minn. Sept. 7--The opening step of the 1932 football campaign at the University of Minnesota will be made Monday when Coach Bernie Bierman calls his coaching staff together for the first meeting of the season.

The Gopher coach will outline the work for the first two weeks and various problems relative to the coming season will be discussed. The entire varsity staff, consisting of George Hauser, line coach; Lowell "Red" Lawson, backfield, and Bert Baston, ends, will attend the meeting.

Freshman coaches George Tuttle, Sig Harris, George MacKinnon and the newest addition to the Minnesota coaching staff, Clarence Munn, also will be on hand.

For the first time since 1928, when Minnesota defeated Purdue, Sports Letter 15-0, the Gophers this year will meet a strong team using the Notre Dame system. Purdue, under the coaching of Noble Kizer, former Notre Dame star of the days of the "Four Horsemen" uses a modification of the system taught by the late Knute Rockne.

Minneapolis, Minn. Sept. --The opening step of the 1932 football campaign at the University of Minnesota will be made Monday when Coach Bernie Bierman calls his coaching staff together for the first meeting of the season. None of the members of the 1932 Gopher squad have faced these tactics in a major game although the older players had an opportunity to study it first hand in 1930 against South Dakota State and against North Dakota State in 1931.

The Gopher coach will outline the work for the first two weeks and various problems relative to the coming season will be discussed. The entire varsity staff, consisting of George Hauser, line coach; Lowell "Red" Lawson, backfield, and Bert Baston, ends, will attend the meeting. The South Dakotans will meet Minnesota in the opening game, Oct. 1, thus giving the squad a chance to look over a somewhat similar type of play to that used by Purdue when they face the Boilermakers a week later.

Freshman coaches George Tuttle, Sig Harris, George MacKinnon and the newest addition to the Minnesota coaching staff, Clarence Munn, also will be on hand. Two other more or less unfamiliar styles of offensive and defensive tactics will be met by Minnesota this fall in games with Nebraska and Iowa.

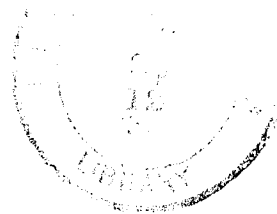
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The Gophers have not played Nebraska since 1919 but the 1932 Cornhuskers are said to have a fast, heavy team composed mostly of experienced players.

Iowa, under Ossie Solem, will be using a system which the Gophers have not faced before. The present Minnesota athletes are more or less familiar with the other styles of play which they will encounter during the 1932 season.

Last season they faced the double wing back formations, which Northwestern and Mississippi will use, in three important games. All of the players have had some experience with Michigan's style, either in actual games or in practise but Wisconsin may provide something different although a few of the older members of the squad have had some experience under Dr. Spears. It is understood, however, that Spears has changed his style of play somewhat from that which he used at Minnesota from 1925 through 1929.

Sports Letter
Immediate release



Minneapolis, Minn., Sept. 12. The hardest scrimmaging of the entire season will be given the University of Minnesota football team during the first two weeks of practise, according to Bernie Bierman, Gopher coach, who is busy preparing for the start of the 1932 campaign.

"The boys had better report in condition Sept. 15, because we'll start scrimmage just as soon as possible and keep at it hard and long until the first game. That first two weeks is mighty important. It often makes or breaks a football team. If a team can't reach a reasonable point in its development by the first game chances are it will not get far" says Bierman.

"We've got more to do at Minnesota this year than we'll have next year or the season after. I am not yet familiar with the ability of many of the players and they are not yet familiar with our system.

"Of course, we can't start scrimmaging the first day this season. We'd be risking accidents to try it before the players have had time to learn their assignments on the plays. But we will start off with dummy scrimmage and by the fifth day we'll have regulation scrimmage and lots of it. Another season or two when the sophomores coming up are acquainted with the system we'll start right off with it." Thus the Minnesota coach sums up the opening of practise.

Blocking and tackling will be emphasized, particularly during the first few days of the two weeks drill. According to Bierman's plans, lengthy work-outs on the tackling dummy are scheduled. Much of the time also will be devoted to running signals and learning the plays with dummy scrimmage occupying a part of each afternoon session.

The development of the line will be Bierman's chief concern during the opening weeks of practise. Four regulars, including an All-American guard, have been lost from the line through graduation. Under ordinary conditions this situation would present quite a problem.

This season, however, will present an added difficulty. An entirely new system of line play, differing greatly from that used last season, will be taught to the Gophers by Bierman and line coach George Hauser.

Minnesota linemen will be instructed in the aggressive tactics which Bierman taught at Tulane University during the past five years. This change in the style of play will tend to retard the rapid development of the team during the first half of the season when Minnesota plays Purdue, Nebraska and Iowa, all strong opponents.

Sports Letter
Immediate Release

Minneapolis, Minn.--Sept 15 "We've got to develop more speed both in the line and the backfield. In spring practise we didn't have the quick charge that is necessary to play first class football. That's one of the principal things we'll have to work for during the first two weeks" says Bernie Bierman, University of Minnesota football coach as the Big Ten season opens.

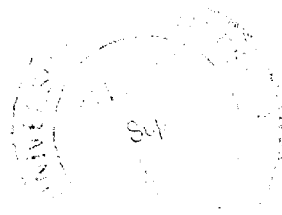
In keeping with these remarks, Bierman has shaped his early season practise program to fit the needs of the athletes. The first few days of practise will be devoted to fundamentals, blocking and tackling, the running of plays and the type of work which will keep the players constantly charging and moving at high speed.

Departing from his usual custom when at Tulane, Bierman has not ordered scrimmage until the fifth day of practise. In former years his teams often had their first taste of scrimmage on the first or second day of the season.

When the Gophers do start scrimmaging, however, their coach has promised them plenty of it. During the first two weeks of the season two sessions a day will be held. The morning period begins at 9 o'clock and the afternoon session starts at 3:30. Four practise gridirons are available for the Minnesota candidates on old Northrop Field and only newspaper men and those spectators with passes are permitted to watch the squad as it prepares for its first two games, with South Dakota State and Purdue.

George Hauser directs the work of the linemen, with Bert Baston in charge of the ends. Backfield men are instructed by Lowell Dawson with Bierman supervising the work of the entire group.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Minn. Sept. 22nd Walter Hass, University of Minnesota football captain, is the second brother of the Hass family to lead a Gopher athletic team in two years.

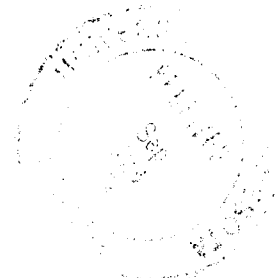
The Minnesota captain, who ran on the track team led by his older brother John, in 1931, is the leading candidate for quarterback on the Gopher squad this fall. For two seasons Hass has served as a halfback or a blocking back on Minnesota teams and this fall he is likely to assume the duties of field general as well.

A slender chap, 5' 11" tall and weighing 165 pounds, Hass is one of the hardest tacklers on the Minnesota squad. His blocking ability also is exceptional and it has kept him from a ball carrying role although he is perhaps the fastest man among the entire group of candidates.

This year, however, Bernie Bierman, who likes speed on his teams, may give Hass a chance at carrying the ball and if the Gopher leader gets loose in an open field it will take a speedy defense to bring him down.

Hass is the fifth in a family of six brothers, all of whom are athletes. All of them except the youngest have earned letters in college athletics. Walt's fraternity is Delta Tau Delta, and he is a senior in the College of Science, Literature and Arts.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Sept. 22—Certain defeat faces two of the three teams that tied for the 1931 Western Conference football championship on the second Saturday of the season this fall.

That date, Oct. 8, will find two of them, Northwestern and Michigan, facing each other at Ann Arbor, and the third, Purdue, playing Minnesota at Minneapolis.

The Minnesota-Purdue game at Minneapolis will be a thorough test for both teams. If Purdue defeats Minnesota it will be in stride for later conference games with Wisconsin, Northwestern, Chicago, Iowa and Indiana.

Should Minnesota upset the dangerous Boilermakers it may prove an extremely difficult opponent for the remaining members of the 1931 championship trio, both of whom are on the Gopher schedule.

Northwestern must face Michigan, Illinois and Purdue before coming to Minneapolis Oct. 29, and then be ready for Ohio State and Notre Dame on the following Saturdays. Minnesota plays Nebraska and Iowa following the Purdue game and if the Boilermakers are defeated when they come to Minneapolis, Minnesota would go into the Northwestern game with a fair chance of winning.

If the Gophers are beaten by Purdue, Bernie Bierman's prediction that "Minnesota will not be at its best until November" may mean that Wisconsin and Michigan will find Minnesota to be their most dangerous rival.

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Sept. 24. A decision made on the football practice field four years ago by Elmer Appman may set at rest at least one of Bernie Bierman's coaching worries at Minnesota this fall.

Appman, a blocking back on Dr. C. W. Spears 1928 squad at Minnesota early in the season, believed that he would see little action that year because of the number of outstanding candidates for that position. He was anxious to play and after looking over the situation he decided that his best chance lay at guard.

After thinking over the situation for several days Appman asked the coach if he might change positions. Spears consented and immediately began to teach him the essentials of guard play. Rugged, a willing mixer and possessed of enough speed to pull out of the line for interference, Appman was successful from the start in his new position. With George Gibson, one of the greatest of all Minnesota's guards as his running mate he developed rapidly and earned a letter.

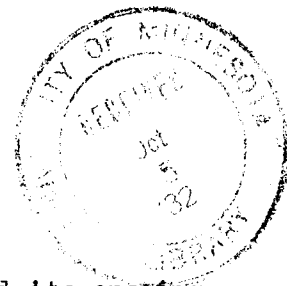
Financial difficulties kept Appman out of the University in 1929 but he returned in 1930. This time, however, a year's layoff and the necessity of part time work held him back, but he earned his letter at guard again. It was necessary for him to drop out of the University in 1931 again but he worked at manual labor with the idea of returning this fall for his final season of football.

After months of work and training, almost ready to return, Appman became ill with an intestinal ailment which necessitated an operation. Despite this setback he returned for the first day of practice and has been holding down the left guard position vacated by Clarence Munn's graduation. Judging by his early season play he is ready for his best year regardless of the setback which he suffered.

Appman began his career at St. Cloud high school where he played every position but center. As a freshman at Minnesota he played tackle but was shifted to blocking back. He weighs 192 pounds and stands 5 feet 9½ inches tall.

With Appman and Sulo Koski, another veteran, playing in top form, and two other lettermen, Jim Donnerly and Ellsworth Harpole available, Bierman's worries in this department will be considerably lightened as the season opens.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Oct. 5. Despite the fact that Minnesota played its opening football game of the season last week, Gopher fans will see their "team" in action for the first time this year against Purdue at Memorial Stadium, Saturday.

It was the Gopher squad rather than a first team that faced South Dakota State in the opening game, for 27 of the 40 athletes who drew varsity uniforms for the game saw a total of 660 minutes of service, several of them being in the game two or three times.

Minnesota, hardly up to average opening season form against South Dakota, will be forced to jump to mid season form in the space of one short week, to hold any hope of stemming the powerful, smooth-functioning Purdue team.

Just what combination Bernie Bierman will select to accomplish this change after his first glimpse at the squad in actual competition is not yet known. It is almost certain, however, that four of the 11 players who were in the starting lineup in the opening game will start against Purdue, and a fifth, who did not get in until the second half, also will be on the field for the kickoff.

These five players Roy Oen, center; Marshall Wells at tackle; Brad Robinson at end; Francis Lund, driving sophomore halfback and Jack Manders, fullback, will form the basis of the team which Minnesota will send against conference opponents this season.

Oen, despite his light weight is a steady, dependable player, while Robinson showed in the opening game that he has lost none of his pass grabbing ability. Wells will be ready against Purdue and Lund, starting his first conference game, will assume the Gopher backfield of plenty of speed and drive.

Manders, who has been incapacitated with injuries during the latter part of the practise season, is fit again and will be ready for the big assignment against Purdue.

Walter Hass and Erwin Burg will share the quarterback assignment while Sam Swartz and George Champlin likely will be at the halfback post opposite Lund.

With Paul Moss, Purdue end, sending his long punts down the field, Minnesota will be hard pressed for a kicker and the punting duties may fall to Mervin Fillner, who will share the left end berth with Al Papas, a sophomore.

Kenneth "Tutch" Gay, will be at the tackle opposite Wells most of the time but Phil Bengtson, a 200 pound sophomore may play part of the game. At the guards, likely will be Milton Bruhn, practically unheard of on the squad two weeks ago. Bruhn came through with a rush to start in the opening game and there is a strong possibility that he will start against Purdue. With him will be Sulo Koski, with Elmer Apmann, Jim Dennerly and Stan Lundgren available.

Minneapolis, Oct. 4. Minnesota's 1932 crosscountry team, with five lettermen back, began training this week for its first meet of the season with North Dakota Aggies, Oct. 15.

John Currell, veteran distance runner, will head the Gopher harriers for the second straight season this fall. Currell, who has ranked with the leaders among Western Conference crosscountry runners for two years will have four of his 1931 team-mates with him again. They are Ernest Seiler, Carrol Gustafson, Erhardt Bremer and Dick Herrick, all lettermen from last season.

The Gophers lost only one veteran by graduation, Ted Rasmussen, a sturdy runner, who served as a regular for three seasons. Paul Semple and Bud Mundy are two other veterans who did not return to school this fall.

Among the new men who are showing promise in the daily workouts are Bradley Laird, Bill Tatan, Ed Dvorachek, Ray Swartout and John O'Neill. Of the experienced athletes on the squad who did not win letters last season, Francis Moore, Wally Rasmussen, Bill Zeigler and Rollie Schaar are the outstanding candidates this year.

Coach Sherrn Finger has scheduled meets with Iowa at Iowa City, Oct. 22; Wisconsin at Madison, Nov. 12 thus far. Another home meet in addition to the North Dakota meet will be scheduled before the conference at Purdue, Nov. 19.

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Oct. 6.—The old search for a player who can kick a football far down the field is on again at Minnesota.

Down through the years, almost since the beginning of Gopher football, the search for a punter has been halted only temporarily by such athletes as Ralph Capron, Clark Shaughnessy, "Pudge" Wyman, Ray Eklund, and more recently, by Clarence Munn.

Now Bernie Bierman, Minnesota coach, is seeking a kicker again and he is needed immediately, for Purdue has a punter in Paul Moss, who is unexcelled in the Western Conference. Against Kansas Aggies last week Moss sent several of his long kicks out of bounds well inside the 10 yard line and this type of punting seems to be a habit with him, judging by his record last year.

The loss of Myron Ubl through illness has complicated the punting situation at Minnesota as the Gopher halfback was developing into a first class kicker. Following the South Dakota State game the search for a punter to replace him this season began more intensely than ever.

Francis Lund, sophomore halfback, and his class mate, Milton Bruhn, who came up from the reserves this fall to make the varsity, are two youths on whom Bierman is depending to solve the problem. Marvin Dillner, end, and Jack Manders, fullback, are two others who have been doing considerable punting in practise.

None, thus far, however, have shone anything like the distance accuracy and consistency of Clarence Munn, whose great kicking was a great aid to the Gophers last season.

Regardless of the outcome of the game against Purdue's powerful Boiler-makers, the search for a punter will continue as Minnesota cannot afford to give ground in kicking exchanges against such opponents as Iowa, Northwestern, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Oct. 14. A stocky, smiling, redheaded chap named Gerald Griffin who has been a reserve backfield man for two years will start his second major game as quarterback for Minnesota against Nebraska, Saturday.

Griffin, who apparently has answered Bernie Bierman's plea for a quarterback, handled his first assignment against Purdue's strong team in a manner that won unanimous approval of coaches, players and fans alike.

If he comes through his second test as staunchly as he did his first, it is certain that Bierman's search for a quarterback is ended.

Griffin comes from Devils Lake, N. D., also the home of Fred Hovde, great Gopher field general and a Rhodes Scholar of a few seasons back who is now a member of the Minnesota faculty. When the latter was starring as a quarterback on the Devils Lake high school team, Griffin was attending grade school, a sincere admirer of Hovde.

In high school Griffin gained statewide recognition as a fullback and he distinguished himself likewise as a basketball player and track man.

Entering Minnesota as a freshman Griffin did not distinguish himself particularly, and as a sophomore in 1930 he did not win his letter, although he never missed a single practise. He earned his first letter as a junior in 1931, getting into a number of games chiefly as a substitute back. His one great accomplishment was blocking, which he could do solidly and efficiently with his 175 pounds.

In his search for a quarterback this fall Bierman tried most of the backs on the Gopher squad and gradually he decided on Griffin. The redheaded youth could block, he was intelligent and learned quickly and he seemed to be cool under fire.

Bierman decided to use him against Purdue, one of the toughest tests that an inexperienced quarterback could face. Griffin stepped into the breach and filled it, much to the surprise of all but those who know him intimately.

"Gerry has always been a quiet chap until he gets in a pinch. That red hair should have been a warning", was the way a team-mate put it.

Minneapolis, Oct.--Minnesota will present its strongest lineup against Nebraska Saturday when the two teams renew the old Gopher-Cornhusker series which was traditional from 1900 until 1919, under the football coaching regime of the late Dr. H. L. Williams.

"Nebraska has a rugged, hardhitting team, with two fine backs in Sauer and Masterson" Sig Harris, veteran Gopher scout reported to the Minnesota coaching staff after he had watched the Nebraska-Iowa State game last week.

With this in mind, Minnesota has been tuning up for a hard game against the Cornhuskers and the coaches have been busy polishing off many of the rough spots that were evident in the Purdue game.

The Gopher backfield probably will remain the same with Gerry Griffin at quarter, Captain Walt Hass and Francis Lund at the halves and Jack Manders at fullback. Lund, the sophomore, who equalled the kicking of Paul Moss, Purdue's great punter last week, will do the kicking for the Gophers.

In the line Bob Tenner and Al Papas will share one of the end positions while the veteran Brad Robinson will hold down the other post. Tackles will be Kenneth Gay and Marshall Wells and the guards likely will be rugged Milton Bruhn and probably Elmer Apmann. Roy Oen will start at center.

Saturday's game will make the fifteenth meeting between teams representing the two institutions. Minnesota has won 10 games, lost 2 and two games have been tied. In the last meeting between the teams in 1919, the game ended in a 6-6 tie.



Minneapolis, Oct. 21.—With football interest at its highest pitch it may seem too early to think about basketball, but Dave MacMillan, Gopher coach, ordered practice to start Monday, Oct. 31st, although he will be busy with freshman football candidates for several weeks yet.

George Otterness, former Gopher star and more recently assistant coach to MacMillan, will take charge of the squad of 40 candidates until the end of football season.

The Gopher varsity will have as its nucleus five lettermen and two reserves from 1931-32. Captain Brad Robinson, now playing end on the Minnesota football team; Virgil Licht, Myles Mace, Wells Wright and Walter Sochacki are the five "M" men. Vernon Anderson and Al Vojtisek are the reserve veterans.

Minnesota's pre-conference schedule includes the usual five games. The Gophers will play Nebraska twice; South Dakota University; Pittsburgh and Grinnell before opening the Western Conference season against Purdue, January 7.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Oct. 31—Minnesota tacklers must be alert on the kickoff when they play Mississippi as a feature of the Dad's Day program at Memorial Stadium, Saturday, or they may find themselves behind at the outset game, for the Southerners have two halfbacks who make a specialty of returning kicks for touchdowns.

Jack Burke and Kirk Haynes, the two Mississippi regular backs, are listed in the official football guide under the principal scoring plays of 1931 with runs of 199 and 104 yards, respectively for the longest returned kickoffs of the year.

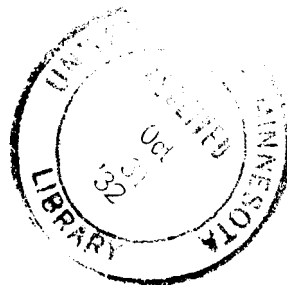
Burke, a slim, agile youth weighing 155 pounds, and a sophomore last season was a consistent long gainer and he has been racing along in stride this season. His record run last fall was against Alabama. Haynes, a 170 pound senior, did his great dash against Marquette for his team's only points in a 13-6 defeat by Marquette.

Both of these players have contributed touchdowns from long runs on several other occasions and have been dangerous to opponents all season.

Two other players who have been playing topnotch football for "Ol' Miss" are Captain Eze Trapp, one of the best guards in the Southern Conference, and Earl Hutson, a big fullback.

Under the coaching of Ed Walker, former Stanford player, the Mississippi team has shown steady improvement this season and last week they gave Auburn an uncomfortable time finally losing 14-7. Auburn defeated Tulane the week previous to upset the Green Wave for its first defeat since 1929.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Oct. 31. Twenty-six players who participated in the exciting Minnesota-Northwestern football game of 1931 will be ready to renew their rivalry when the two teams take the field for the Gopher Homecoming game at Memorial Stadium at 2 p. m., Saturday.

Fourteen members of the 1932 Minnesota squad and a dozen members of the present Wildcat squad saw service in the hardfought game which was won by Northwestern last year.

Chief among the Minnesota players who will face Northwestern again Saturday are Captain Walter Hass, Jack Manders, Brad Robinson, Kenneth Gay and Marshall Wells. These five players were in the starting lineup a year ago. It was the fleet running of Captain Hass and the heavy plunging of Manders at fullback that accounted for the first two touchdowns of the game for Minnesota behind a charging line in which Robinson, Gay and Wells were factors.

Other members of the present Gopher squad who played against Northwestern were Roy Oen, center; Sulo Koski, Ellsworth Harpole and Art Meyers, guards; Mervin Dillner, end; Gerry Griffin, quarterback; George Champlin, and Sam Swartz, halfbacks.

For Northwestern, Captain Ernest "Pug" Rentner will face Minnesota for a third time Saturday. His passing and running were big factors in the 1930 Gopher-Wildcat game and last year it was his flashing runs which defeated Minnesota in the second half.

Oliver Olson, punting and passing fullback, is another Wildcat who has faced Minnesota before. George Potter, Jackie Sullivan, James Jindrich and Roy Augustson are other backfield veterans of competition against the

Gophers. In the line Dick Fencil and Ed Manske, ends; Bill Riley, tackle; Harold Weldin and Paul McDonald, centers and George Dilley, guard, are other players who took part in last year's game.

Minnesota will watch Rentner and Olson when the teams face each other Saturday for it was these two players who contributed much to the great comeback the Wildcats made last year to overcome the early Gopher lead.

Bernie Bierman probably will start Brad Robinson and either Frank Larson or Bob Tenner at ends; Ken Gay and Marshall Wells, tackles; Milton Bruhn and Elmer Apmann, guards, and Roy Oen, center, in the line. In the backfield likely will be Captain Hass and Francis Lund at the halves; Gerry Griffin, quarter, and Jack Mandors, fullback.

Northwestern's probable lineup will be Dick Fencil and Ed Manske, ends; Kenneth Zuver and Bill Riley, tackles; Cliff Kinder and George Dilley, guards; Paul McDonald, center; Al Kawal, quarter; Capt. Rentner and George Potter, halves and Olson, fullback.

Minneapolis, Oct.--Minnesota's crosscountry team, victorious in their first meet against Iowa will meet the strong Carleton College team as feature of the Gopher Homecoming celebration, Saturday. Captain John Currell finished first against Iowa, with his mates Dick Herrick, Ernie Seiler, Carroll Gustafson and Erhardt Bremer, close behind in a tie for second. The strong showing of the Gophers in the Iowa meet makes them favorites over the Carleton runners in the coming meet.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Nov. 11. Like the migration of a warring tribe into enemy territory, the Clan of the Gopher, estimated to be 5,000 strong, will invade the stronghold of Wisconsin's Badgers to renew their ancient football rivalry at Madison, Saturday.

Unlike the long weary march of invaders of old, however, the Minnesotans will descend overnight on Wisconsin. At least five special trains, several busses, numerous cars and even a few airplanes will carry this modern Gopher host to the camp of its friendly rivals.

According to ticket sales officials, this migration following the football team, probably will be the second largest in the history of Minnesota football and the largest of a Minnesota-Wisconsin series.

Only the Michigan game of 1927 which Minnesota won, 13-7, at Ann Arbor attracted more persons from Gopher regions. That game is estimated to have drawn 7,000 fans from Minnesota. The 1930 Gopher-Badger game drew slightly more than 4,000 fans.

A total of 3,800 tickets were mailed out to Minnesota fans last week and according to L. L. Schroeder, ticket sales manager, investigation has revealed that practically the entire allotment will be used by bona fide Gopher fans. Since that time tickets have been selling at the rate of approximately 100 per day until there are less than 500 left of the total of 5,000 tickets sent to Minnesota.

The Minnesota team, 33 strong, will leave for Wisconsin Thursday at 9:15 p. m. They will be given a sendoff by the student body earlier in the evening on the University campus. The football squad will be accompanied by the undefeated crosscountry team which will race Wisconsin Saturday morning.

A Minnesota band of 98 pieces will leave for Madison Friday night. The band will give an exhibition between halves at the game demonstrating a series of new drill formations which it has been working on for several weeks. Most of the rooters will leave Friday afternoon for Madison. Several private planes will leave Minneapolis Saturday morning, expecting to arrive about 1 p. m. or an hour before game time.

Saturday's game will mark the forty-second meeting between Minnesota and Wisconsin, two of the oldest rivals in the Mid West. The Gophers have won 22 of the 41 games played, lost 14 and tied five. Minnesota won last year's game by exactly the same score that lost the 1930 game to Wisconsin on the 1930 Gopher invasion, 14-0.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Nov. 15. The business of settling an old rivalry and determining the location of the Little Brown Jug for another year will occupy the football teams of Minnesota and Michigan Saturday afternoon at Memorial Stadium. The game will mark the twenty-third meeting of the two teams in a series that began in 1892.

Big moments for Minnesota in the Michigan series have been rather far apart as far as victories go. After an auspicious start in 1892 and 1893 with two victories the next bright spot did not appear until 1903, when the famed 6-6 tie was played on old Northrop Field.

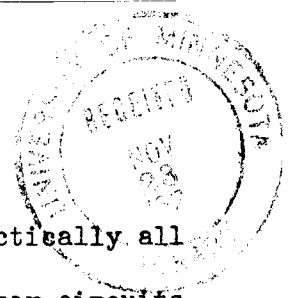
Incidentally, a member of the present Gopher coaching staff Sig Harris, was one of the heroes of that game and this week will hold the most intense interest of the whole season for him. It was Harris, who weighed less than 150 pounds, whose tackling stopped the mighty charges of Willie Heston time and again as the great Michigan player broke through the Gopher defense.

The next two games were played in 1909 and 1910 and both were won by Michigan. The year 1919 marks the next bright spot for Minnesota when Arnie Oss and his mates ran wild to win 34 to 6. It was not until 1927 that the Gophers were able to cheer again. This game played at Ann Arbor ended with Minnesots victors, 13-7.

In the past three games Michigan has scored only 20 points but the Gophers have been able to cross the opposing goal line but once, in 1929.

With this background for Saturday's game Minnesota will not need much keying up to be at its best. A slight letdown usually follows a game of the calibre of the Wisconsin contest last week but the strength of Michigan and the koeness of the rivalry between the Gopher and the Wolverine will rule against the possibility of any such happening. Minnesota came through the hard-fought Badger game in good physical condition despite the intensity with which the contest was played and the players will drive hard to end the season in the blaze of glory that would crown their efforts should the strong, tricky Michigan team be defeated.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Nov. 23. Facing a schedule that includes practically all topnotch Western Conference teams as well as three leaders in other circuits, the University of Minnesota basketball team is working at high speed for its opening game against South Dakota University, December 3.

Gopher conference opponents will be Purdue, Ohio State, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Northwestern. Non-conference leaders that will appear at the Field House are Pittsburgh, Nebraska and Carleton.

Last year the Gophers won 15 of 18 games to tie for second place in the conference race for the second consecutive season. Of that team Captain Mike Cielusak, regular guard and Ralph Engebretson, a highly capable substitute, have completed their competition and so have Glen Bethel, center, and Cliff Sommer, forward.

The lettermen who will make up this year's team are Captain Brad Robinson, Wells Wright and Walter Sochacki, forwards; and Virgil Licht and Myles Mace, guards.

Two other veterans of last year's squad are Vernon Anderson and Albert Vojtisek. Both of these athletes played in several games last year as guards.

Four sophomores who are facing their first competition this winter stand out from the crop of last year's freshmen graduates.

Gordon Norman, a six foot, four inch center is one of these candidates, with whom Dave MacMillan is spending a great deal of time. Norman, who weighs nearly 190 pounds, may be the answer to MacMillan's annual plea for a natural center. The 18 year old Rochester youth is green and unseasoned, but handles the ball smoothly and appears to be learning fast.

Jimmy O'Connor, a wiry six footer from Lawler, Ia., is another sophomore who has been showing up well. O'Connor is a wiry chap with plenty of speed and drive packed into his 170 pound frame.

Mal Eiken, a member of the 1932 football squad, will join MacMillan's squad along with Captain Robinson this week. Eiken, a rangy chap, is a guard candidate. He comes from Caledonia.

Ralph Mitby, a former member of the South High Minneapolis team, is another outstanding guard candidate but his lack of weight and height may prove a severe handicap. Mitby is five feet, nine inches tall and weighs about 140 pounds.

The Gopher schedule consists of 18 games, 12 of which are conference games. It is as follows:

- Dec. 3 - South Dakota U at Minneapolis
- Dec. 10 - Grinnell College at Minneapolis
- Dec. 17 - Pittsburgh at Minneapolis
- Dec. 23 - Nebraska at Minneapolis
- Jan. 3 - Nebraska at Lincoln
- Jan. 7 - Purdue at Minneapolis
- Jan. 14 - Ohio State at Columbus
- Jan. 16 - Purdue at Minneapolis
- Jan. 23 - Michigan at Minneapolis
- Feb. 4 - Ohio State at Minneapolis
- Feb. 6 - Carleton at Minneapolis
- Feb. 11 - Indiana at Bloomington
- Feb. 13 - Northwestern at Evanston
- Feb. 18 - Illinois at Minneapolis
- Feb. 20 - Indiana at Minneapolis
- Feb. 25 - Illinois at Urbana
- Feb. 27 - Michigan at Ann Arbor
- Mar. 4 - Northwestern at Minneapolis

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Dec. 7. Certain of conference competition now that four games have been scheduled with Michigan, the University of Minnesota hockey team will begin training this week in quest of its seventh Big Ten title since 1922. Meanwhile Coach Frank Pond is seeking several practise games to lead up to the Michigan series and to the four non-conference games that have been arranged with the University of North Dakota.

While several members of the 1932 Gopher championship team will be missing this season, a strong group of sophomores assure Minnesota of a team of somewhere near last year's calibre.

Chief among the returning lettermen are Phil LaBatte and Howard Carlsen, a pair of rugged defense men. George Clausen and Howard Jones, both experienced goalies will be back in the nets for Minnesota to strengthen the Gopher defense.

Two lettermen from two years ago, Fred Gould and Bucky Johnson, a center and wing, respectively, will report again this week. With Clyde Russ, veteran of last year's team also available, Coach Pond will have at least the nucleus of a strong offense to work with.

The principal newcomers who will report are John Erschul, Ellsworth Crockett and John McGlone, a trio of athletes whom Pond may mould into forwards. Spencer Wagnild, a rugged center from the Gopher football squad and former South High Minneapolis, hockey star, will be one of the chief defense prospects among the newcomers. Les Malkerson, L. Heitmiller and Ernie Nordland are three more sophomores who are expected to contribute materially to the Minnesota offensive play.

Following are the Minnesota schedules which were arranged at the meeting of Western Conference coaches in Chicago last week:

Hockey:

Four tentative home and home dates with North Dakota University

Jan. 20-21 - Michigan here
Feb. 24-25 - Michigan there

Wrestling:

Jan 14 - Illinois there
Tentative - Chicago here
March 10-11 - Conference meet at Illinois

Swimming:

March 10 - Northwestern at Northwestern
March 11 - Chicago there
March 17-18 - Conference meet at Chicago

Gym and Fencing:

Feb. 3 - Iowa here
Feb. 18 - Chicago there
March 17-18 - Conference meet at Chicago

Track:

Feb. 25 - Iowa here
March 4 - Wisconsin there
April 29 - Drake Relays
May 13 - Iowa there
May 27 - Wisconsin There
May 19-20 - Conference at Northwestern

Tennis:

April 15 - Iowa here
May 18-19-20 - Conference at Illinois

Baseball:

April 28-29 - Iowa here
May 5-6 - Wisconsin there
May 12-13 - Chicago there
May 19-20 - Northwestern here

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, ^{Dec} Nov. 2. A Minnesota basketball team of lettermen may face South Dakota University when the Gophers open their 18 game schedule at the Field House Saturday night.

This situation will be an unusual one at Minnesota as during the past few years at least one or two new men have broken into the starting lineup for the Gophers at the beginning of the season.

Last year Wells Wright and Walter Sochacki were the principal newcomers to break into the lineup in the opening games with Myles Mace as an able reserve guard.

Two years ago Virgil Licht was the newcomer to hold down a regular berth from the start of the season. This year Gordon Norman, a six foot four inch center, Jim O'Connor, a rangy forward, and Mal Eiken, a guard, are the three outstanding sophomores on the squad, but none of them is far enough advanced to hold down a regular berth.

Norman has been handicapped by illness the past two weeks and it is likely that he will remain on the sidelines. Although O'Connor and Eiken will be ready for relief work, it is unlikely that either will start.

Captain Brad Robinson and Walt Sochacki probably will be at the forward positions against South Dakota, with Wright at center. Guards will be Virgil Licht and either Myles Mace or Vernon Anderson. If Mace starts the Gophers will be a team of lettermen. Anderson was a reserve guard last season. It is likely that Coach Dave MacMillan will keep this quintet intact throughout the season if it functions smoothly in the early games.

The five lettermen range from six feet to six feet, two inches in height and weigh from 165 to 188 pounds.

Basketball Prospects:

Lettermen:

Name	Pos.	Height	Weight	Class	Age	Home
Bradbury N. Robinson, Capt.	F	6'2"	188	'33	21	Baraboo, Wis
Virgil F. Licht (Light)	G	6'½"	175	'33	22	Baraboo, Wis
Walter Sochacki (So-hah-ky)	F	6'	175	'34	21	Columbia Heights
Wells J. Wright	C	6'	170	'34	20	Appleton
Myles L. Mace	G	6'2"	167	'34	20	Montevideo

Reserves from 1932:

Vernon Anderson	G	5'11"	178	'33	21	Cambridge, Ill.
Albert Vojtisek (Vo-ti-sek)	G	6'2"	165	'34	20	Waconia

Outstanding Sophomores:

Jimmy O'Connor	F	6'	170	'35	19	Lawler, Ia.
Malcolm Eiken	G	6'	163	'35	19	Caledonia
Gordon Norman	C	6'4"	183	'35/	18	Rochester
Ralph Mitby	G	5'9"	140	'35	18	Minneapolis

Regulars Lost from 1932:

Capt. Mike Cielusak; Ralph J. Engebretson, Glenn Bethel, Cliff Sommer.

Cielusak and Engebretson were guards, Bethel, regular center and Sommer regular forward.

Robinson and Virgil Light led the Gophers in scoring in 1931-32. Minnesota won 15 of 18 games played last year, no conference team defeating them twice. The Gophers lost one game to each Michigan, Indiana and Illinois. They scored 523 points to their opponents 419 in all games. Minnesota finished in second place for the second consecutive season in 1932.

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Dec. 17 A mark of 101 points scored in their two opening games behind them the Minnesota basketball team is pointing toward the contest with Pittsburgh Saturday night, the first of two intersectional opponents to face the Gophers in the Field House this month. Nebraska will play Minnesota, Dec. 23, to represent the Missouri Valley conference.

In the Pitt Panthers, Minnesota will face a clever, rangy team of six foot athletes, who are almost an exact physical match for the Gophers. Led by Captain Don Smith, forward, who is six feet tall, the Pitt players range in height from Bill Hughes, forward, who is five feet, 11 inches tall to Claire Gribbs, center, who is six feet, two inches in height. Both guards, Don McCamant and Russ Ochsenhirt, are over six feet tall. Minnesota ranges in height from Vernon Anderson, five feet, 11 inches tall to Brad Robinson, six feet, two inches tall.

The game will also represent two interesting and outstanding styles of play coached by two of the greatest basketball coaches in the country, Dave MacMillan of Minnesota and Dr. H. C. Carlson of Pittsburgh. The Gophers using the same tactics MacMillan has taught since he began coaching at Minnesota, will get their first opportunity to face the slower breaking, longer shooting Eastern type of game coached by the famed Pittsburgh teacher.

Pittsburgh defeated Georgetown to open its season 32-18. Friday night the Panthers will open their Mid-West trip by playing Northwestern.

High scoring in the first two games at the Field House caused a general search through Gopher record books, and a perusal of the basketball results of the past 35 years has shown that no Minnesota team since Dr. L. J.

Cooke's 1,000 percent 1919 team has rolled up such a scoring mark in two consecutive games. The championship team of that year counted 118 points in two straight victories, scoring 68 points in the second contest to set an alltime Gopher scoring mark.

While the Gophers have not yet acquired the smooth passing and defensive strength that has characterized their play of the past two seasons under Dave MacMillan, the pleasing thing about their offensive game has been the distribution of the shooting.

Among the five regulars who were in most of the time during the games against South Dakota University and Grinnell, Brad Robinson scored 25 points to lead his mates. Wells Wright, center, is one point behind him with Vernon Anderson and Virgil Licht guards scoring 20 and 17 points respectively. Walt Sochacki, Robinson's running mate at forward has counted 12 points, Ralph Mitby, diminutive sophomore forward, has been the only reserve player to break into the scoring. He netted one field goal against Grinnell.