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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

LETTER ON ATHLETICS

COLD WEATHER SPORTS GO

FULL CLIP AT MINNESOTA

Basketball, Hockey and Swimming Teams Start  
Seasons in Next Few Days.

Minneapolis, Jan.----Three conference basketball games in the next week and the opening of the hockey and swimming seasons are combining to push University of Minnesota winter season sports out into the full current. Following Tuesday's opening basketball game against Wisconsin, Minnesota will take a trip to Indiana and Illinois for conference games on the 9th and 11th respectively.

Meanwhile Coach Niels Thorpe is grooming his swimming organization for an opening performance in the Minnesota state amateur championship meet at the Minneapolis Athletic club on January 12, after which his team has dates with the Minneapolis Y.M.C.A. on Jan. 15, three meets in Eveleth, Virginia and Hibbing, Jan 21, 22 and 23, meets with the St. Paul "Y" and St. Paul Athletic club on Jan. 29 and Feb. 5, and then the conference season. This will be Chicago at Minneapolis, Feb. 13, Minnesota at Iowa, Feb. 19, Minnesota at Wisconsin, Feb. 27 and Northwestern at Minneapolis, March 6. The conference meet will be at Ann Arbor, March 12 and 13.

The Northwestern Interscholastic swimming championship event has been set for March 5 and 6 in the Minnesota tank. A dozen or so Minnesota schools are expected to enter strong teams.

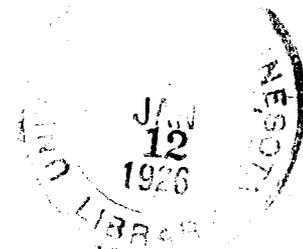
The hold hockey has taken on the sport lovers of Minnesota is reflected strongly in the increased interest this year at Minnesota, where Coach Emil Iverson has a first squad of more than 20 crack players from among whom to select the sixes he will send against conference and non-conference opponents. Loss of Wilcken a crack goalie, due to ineligibility, has been a blow to the team, but Iverson has an

excellent second bet in Allison, and supporters of the team hope that it will not be materially weakened.

"Watch the men shoot baskets from fouls" is the forecast Harold T. Taylor, head basketball coach, has issued as the ~~the~~ conference floor season approaches. Last year Minnesota lost three important games because the team failed from the foul line after outscoring strong opponents from scrimmage. The games lost to Iowa, Northwestern were notable instances of this. Coach Taylor has been devoting an unusual amount of effort to priming the foul line shooting of his men.

At the same time this phase of the work has not been permitted to check active work in scrimmage and shooting from the floor. Minnesota has this year at least four scorers of more than usual cleverness, they being Captain Ray Rasey, Mollie Nyland, the towering center, Herb Wolden, and Eldon Mason, the wiry guard who gives every appearance of having won himself a permanent spot in the lineup.

"We are going into our first three conference battles as the underdogs, and that is the position in which a team fights hardest," Taylor said as he left to take the squad to Madison for the opening shot of the Minnesota and also of the entire conference season. "Meeting teams like Wisconsin, Indiana and Illinois, which almost always rate near the top in conference basketball, is certain to reveal whether our team has the stuff this year or not. We'll know a whole lot more about things after January ~~thirty-first~~ 11th than we do now."



## WRESTLING BOOMS AT "U"

### AS STRENUOUS SCHEDULE NEARS

Conference Meet of Last Year Seems to  
Have drawn Student Interest

Minneapolis, Jan.---A tremendous impetus to interest in wrestling was given at Minnesota by the holding of the Conference wrestling, fencing and gymnastic tournament there a year ago according to Blaine McKusick, wrestling coach, who has more than 60 strong candidates out this season. Completion of splendid new wrestling quarters under the Stadium in a space that has been walled off with concrete, heated, lighted, and equipped with four wrestling wings, has been a further incentive for potential wrestlers to turn out.

Final trials for the wrestling squad will be held ~~Saturday~~ Saturday, Jan. 16th, when three men in each class from 115 pounds up to heavyweight, 185 pounds and more, will be selected as the regular squad for 1926.

Most of the Minnesota wrestlers of a year ago, a squad which finished fourth among 16 entries in the big Minnesota meet, have been lost by graduation. Despite the greenness of his material Coach McKusick predicts a successful year in the mat game as many of his candidates show unusual promise.

Chief weakness seems to lie in the heavyweight division. Football players this year have been turning to basketball and track rather than to wrestling. A general call to the student body urging them to supplement the heavyweight division of the wrestling squad has been sent out through The Daily and posted in the gymnasium. Results of the call will be seen at the time of the January 16th tryouts.

The first match of the season will be with the Illinois squad at Minneapolis on January 23rd.

INDOOR "OUTDOOR" FIELD  
BUILT UNDER "U" STADIUM  
Track Coach Invents Hay Barrier For  
Use of Javeline Hurlers

Minneapolis, Jan.—That a little imagination can conquer climate has been shown at the University of Minnesota, where Sierman Finger, track coach, has planned and completed indoor training facilities under the stadium seats that provide for practice in nearly every outdoor track and field sport, hammer throwing alone excepted. It will add months to the practice season in cold weather.

Under two sections of seats the ramps by which spectators enter and leave the stadium have been cut away, to be replaced by temporary ramps when they are needed, and in the large space so provided there is ample room for practice in high jumping, pole vaulting, broad jumping and shot putting.

The chief obstacle was encountered when Coach Finger tried to devise a means of throwing the javeline and discuss in such a relatively restricted area. To overcome this trouble he has piled tons of baled hay high against the inside of one wall and has marked it to show the elevations at which the discuss or javeline should be hurled ~~with~~ to attain the best distances. Now the spear and the heavy quoit can be hurled with might and main, only to stick in or bounce back from the mighty ramparts of good Minnesota swamp hay. Expert coaches can tell from the height of the place where the missile strikes whether or not the throw would have been a good one if completed. As both events depend chiefly upon form, which is achieved by the act of throwing rather than the mere completion of the throw, the arrangement gives abundant opportunity for practice of the proper kind.

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A 440 yard track has already been completed under the stands, and with it a 220 yard loop, walled off with boards so that runners can not possibly bump into the supporting posts beneath the stands. Fisher plans to have the physics department install a bell that will ring at stated intervals so that men ~~xxx~~ using these tracks can time their own speed when no coaches are immediately at hand. Special heating and ventilating machinery has been installed to complete the effect of outdoor spring work.

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"U" BASKET OUTFIT

MEETS CHICAGO NEXT

Game in Armory Jan. 27th Presents

chance to Get in Running

Minneapolis, Jan. <sup>20</sup>--- After taking three straight defeats, the University of Minnesota basketball team is at work with its full energy in preparation for its next match, that with the hard-guarding University of Chicago five on Wednesday, January 27, less than a week away. Chicago has been hard for all its opponents this year and has lost only to Iowa, having beaten the league leading Wisconsin quint in one of the season's stiffest games. All of its opponents have been held to low scores.

Minnesota has one man, Rasey, among the western conference high ~~XXXX~~ scorers, the Gopher captain ranking eighth with eight baskets from the floor scored in conference games. Rangy Herb Wolden, center for Minnesota, would probably have been among the leaders had he been able to play in all games.

The Chicago contest will give Minnesota a last chance to start a rally that might yet place it among the contenders for conference honors. If it loses and takes a ranking of four defeats with no victories, its chance for finishing in the first division as it did a year ago in Coach Taylor's first year will be slim.

The Chicago battle will be Minnesota's first home conference game. It will be played on the Kenwood Armory floor, Minnesota is expected to start with its full strength, Rasey and Wheeler or Nydahl as forwards, Wolden at center, and Wright & Mason as guards, with Gay, Tuttle and other capables ready to be rushed in if the regulars waver.

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## GOPHER GRAPPLERS

### READY FOR ILLINOIS

Strenuous Mat Season Will Open

At Home on Saturday

Coach Blaine McKusick has chosen the Minnesota wrestlers who will face Illinois in the year's first match, Saturday night, ~~Jan.~~ Jan. 23 at the University Armory, and Coach Paul Prehn of the Illini has sent on his list of grapplers.

Illinois has two veterans on the team, Captain Geis, middleweight and Hek. Kenney, lightweight, who was captain a year ago. Minnesota's veterans are Steve Easter, 135 pounds, and Don Kopplin, heavyweight.

The contests on the Armory mats will be as follows; Heavyweight, Kopplin, Minnesota versus Shively or Muegge, Illinois; 175 pounds, Louis Tiller, Minnesota, versus Humphrey or Reitsch, Illinois; 158 pounds, Ernest Krueger, Minnesota, versus Geis or Buesey, Illinois; 145 pounds, Harold Pederson, Minnesota, versus Breen or Vonombosch, Illinois; 135 Steve Easter, Minnesota, versus Kenney, Illinois; 125 pounds, Frank King, Minnesota, versus Soga, Law or Siegal, Illinois; 115 pounds Bruce Church, Minnesota, versus Thacker or Stengel, Illinois.

Soga of Illinois is a Japanese student of engineering at that University. Shively and Muegge, the heavyweights, were prominent members of the Illinois football teams of 1924 and last autumn.

Following the Illinois meet Minnesota will have meets with Chicago at Chicago, February 6; Iowa at Iowa city, February 13, Wisconsin at Minneapolis, February 20, Nebraska at Minneapolis, February 27; eastern division opponents March 6, and the Big Ten meet at Purdue on March 13th.

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PHYSICAL EDUCATORS  
WILL VISIT MINNESOTA

Mid-West Society Selects University  
as Place of 1926 Meeting

Minneapolis, January 27<sup>?</sup> --- Workers in all types of physical education will gather at the University of Minnesota and in downtown Minneapolis March 11 to 13 for the annual convention of the Mid-West Society of Physical Education, which embraces the territory of the entire Mississippi Valley from Pittsburgh to Denver. More than 1,000 delegates and workers are expected to attend it has been announced by the president, Dr. J. Anna Norris. Dr. Norris is head of the department of physical education for women at the University of Minnesota.

Section meetings dealing with a score or more of the different phases of physical education and a series of group demonstrations showing methods in classes for women, girls, boys and men will be outstanding events on the program. There also will be a large number of general meetings. W. R. Smith, director of intra-mural athletics at Minnesota is chairman of general arrangements. President L. D. Coffman will be the principal speaker at the informal noon luncheon on the first day of the convention.

Primitive gymnastics, Danish gymnastics, folk dancing, pageants, gymnastic dancing recreative group games, social games, highly organized games and clog dancing will be among the subjects demonstrated on the last day. The demonstrations will take place in the Women's gymnasium on the main campus/

Reduced fares to the convention have been promised on the certificate basis, affording a reduction in the return fare provided a sufficient number attend and bring with them certificates of ticket purchase.

The annual Northwest Gymnastic Meet will be held in the University Armory in connection with the convention on its last day.

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MINNESOTA ATHLETES  
WIN STUDENT HONORS  
RASEY, ASCHER AND MORRIS CHOSEN AS  
"REPRESENTATIVE MINNESOTANS"  
GIRL ATHLETE NAMED

Minneapolis, February-----Ray Rasey, captain of the Minnesota basketball team, Hermmn Ascher, captain of the 1925 football team and a star baseball player, and Charles Morris, substitute end on the 1924 and 1925 football teams are among eleven men students at the University of Minnesota who have been chosen by popular student vote as "representative Minnesotans,"

One girl athlete, Jeanette Wallen, was among ten young women chosen as representative campus figures. Miss Wallen has been president of the Women's Athletic Association and has played on the girls' baseball, basketball, and hockey teams. Her home is in Minneapolis.

Rasey is a baseball player as well as captain of the basketball team. Ascher is credited with three sports, having played basketball in 1923 as well as football and baseball in all three years when he was eligible.

Morris is the most versatile of the athletic letter men, his activities having included student dramatics, student publications, management of the senior circus and membership in the committee that arranges the annual junior ball.



SPECIAL "U" COURSE

CURES FLAT FEET & CHESTS

Emil Iverson Directs Class in Gym.

Called Corrective Gymnastics

Approximately 100 University of Minnesota students who are unable for physical reasons to participate in intra-mural athletics or drill have been assigned to a special class under Emil W. Iverson, cross-country and hockey coach, whose job with them is to cure broken arches, faulty postures, curvatures, and similar disabilities.

Iverson has had a long record of success in work of this kind at athletic clubs with which he has been connected in Chicago and elsewhere prior to his coming to Minnesota.

Walking across the floor and back without stepping off a painted line or walking around the gymnasium floor carefully stepping on painted footprints that have been placed there to make the student place his foot in just the proper manner are among the methods he uses in correcting defective arches.

Students are assigned to the class by the University Health Service which gives each entering student a thorough physical examination whether he enters as a freshman or for graduate work. If the Health Service physicians think the student should not indulge in athletics or take the prescribed course in drill he is sent into the class in corrective and orthopedic gymnastics as "Ivy's" course is officially designated.

"We may not turn out any football captains in this course, but we do manage to add a tremendous lot to the health and happiness of handicapped students is Iverson's comment on this phase of his work.

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HOME GAMES BRIGHTEN

GOPHER BASKET PROSPECTS

Team That Has Been Losing Away From  
Home Wins All On Own Floor

Minneapolis, Feb.----Having won both of its home games and lost all of its road games, the University of Minnesota basketball settles down this week to a prospect of "better days" inasmuch as four of its next five games will be staged on the home floor.

Minnesota plays Indiana at Minneapolis on February 20, then goes to Chicago March 3 for the last game of the year away from home. Returning from Chicago, they will play at home against Wisconsin on March 5, Illinois on March 8 and Iowa on March 13, the home game with the Hawkeyes ending the season.

If the record of all home games as wins and all foreign games as losses continues the Gophers will end the year with a 500 average. At all events the prospect is tremendously better than it would be if the games away from home were still to come and the home games had been lost.

Addition of Clayton Gay of Moose Lake, Minn. to the Minnesota Basketball team has been an improvement of the first order. Coach Taylor picked Gay from among many sophomore competitors and found in him a potential star who has been making things brisk for the opposition in every game. With Nydahl, McKinnon and Smith as Sophomore running mates, Gay promises to provide the nucleus for a strong 1927 team. Gay is a brother of Chet Gay, the 1924 football lineman.

The Gopher' crushing 28 to 17 victory over Michigan Monday night was their school's first athletic success of the year against the Wolverines, who did them up in football and took the first basketball game.

Chicago seems to be Minnesota's pet dish this winter, Gopher teams having downed the Maroons to date in basketball, swimming and wrestling. Iowa, on the other hand, has taken revenge for its overwhelming defeat in football by pinning Minnesota matmen to the floor and beating the Gopher basketball team.

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"U" WILL HOLD SCHOOL

FOR COACHES MARCH 30,31.

Fifth Annual conference of athletic teachers  
announced by Director Luehring

Minneapolis, Feb. --- For the fifth consecutive year the department of physical education and athletics at the University of Minnesota will offer Minnesota coaches and athletic directors, free of charge, a three day intensive training school and demonstration during the annual Spring Athletic Conference in the Armory March 30 and 31 and April 1. The three dates come in the middle of spring vacation week in the Minnesota public schools. Between 60 and 70 coaches and directors attended the fourth conference last year and an attendance 30 percent larger is expected this year by Director F. W. Luehring.

Football will be taught by Dr. Clarence W. Spears, track by Coach Sherman Finger, basketball by H. T. Taylor and Dr. L. J. Cooke, baseball by Major Lee Watrous and L. F. Keller, swimming by Niels Thorpe, and officiating by W. R. Smith, Mr. Keller head of the training course for directors, will have oversight of the school. There will be an athletic seminar, for general discussions, conducted by Director Fred Luehring, and a course of lectures on athletic training by Dr. Cooke.

Eligibility, amateurism, sportsmanship and the like will be considered in the seminar course and there will be a series of daily noon luncheons devoted to athletic discussions. Classes will be conducted from 8.30 to 12.30 each morning and in the afternoon from 2.30 to 5.30.

Coaches and directors who plan to attend are asked to send announcement of that fact to Director Luehring, Armory, University of Minnesota, in the immediate future so that arrangements may be made on a suitable scale.

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NEW GRID. COACH SIGNED:

"U" BASEBALL BEGINS

"Potsy" Clark Will Take Over Backfield

To Help Dr. Spears at Minn.

Minneapolis, Feb.----Under the driving influence of two coaches who turned ~~out~~ out championship football teams in 1923, Dr. Spears at West Virginia for his district and "Potsy" Clark at Kansas University for the Missouri Valley Conference, Minnesota football will have every chance to rise to new heights next fall. Rooters from many groups, including the alumni, have been expressing satisfaction over the recent appointment of Clark, former Illinois star, as assistant to Dr. Spears and coach of the Gopher backfield.

Though the main campaign remains half a year away Spears is already making preparations for his spring practice, with which he expects to get busy as soon as the snow is gone and the ground reasonably firm. As the basketball, hockey, and swimming seasons show signs of fading away for another year undergraduate interest is turning steadily back to football, greatest of collegiate sports, which will divide spring attention with baseball and track.

Under the army rule which permits an officer to remain away from service with troops for four years only, Major Lee R Watrous, baseball coach, will be transferred to Hawaii next June, and at the end of the spring campaign now beginning Clark will also take up the job of head baseball coach, which Watrous will leave.

Major Watrous plans to leave for the South with his Minnesota baseball squad about March 19. The Gophers will play Texas A. & M., Texas University, Southern Methodist and other college teams which have a strong reputation in baseball and which will give the Minnesotans a chance to work against teams well advanced as a



result of the earlier season. On the way back games will be played with the University of Oklahoma, and the Oklahoma Agricultural College, among others.

George "Potsy" Clark, the new assistant football coach, has had a great record as an athlete and coach. At the University of Illinois he was quarterback on the championship teams of 1914 and 1915 and the following two springs, 1915 and 1916, he played on the Illini's camp. baseball outfits. He has coached at Michigan Agricultural College and at K.U., turning out tip top teams.

During the war Clark as a second lieutenant played on a number of bang-up service outfits, including the Camp Funston championship football team of the 89th division, which subsequently carried away the A E F football championship. He also has done a large amount of teaching in coaching schools and summer schools for athletic directors. Clark turned out one championship team for the Missouri Valley during his four year stay at Kansas.

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## GOPHERS WINNING

### 2 CHAMPIONSHIPS

#### Minnesota Swimming and Hockey Teams Promise to End Season In Top

Minneapolis. March----With two championships, swimming and hockey, seemingly in easy grasp, Minnesota teams will have as high a percentage of conference bests as any other university in the Big Ten. Joined with the fact that the Gophers came with in a game of winning the football championship, and with a strong baseball team in the offing to do battle with all comers, the athletic season looks better than it might if one viewed only the basketball statistics.

Coach Niels Thorpe, whose teams have been in the running for championships or second place every year since he came to Minnesota seems now to be on the way to a clear slate for his second title in five years, the first having been won in 1922. The Gopher tank men have not lost a meet this year.

Northwestern, which has won from Minnesota by close scores for three years past, is the main hurdle remaining before the conference swimming meet at Michigan. Minnesota's chances of downing Northwestern seem stronger this year than ever before partly because of the loss of Howell, the Purple star who was dropped from Northwestern for marrying an undergraduate.

In the Wisconsin meet a week ago Thorpe's men took every first but one. Max Moody, with intense speed in the short dashes, Micky Carter, fancy diver, the Hill brothers, Jim and Sam, both sterling swimmers, together with Captain Richter, Clark Barnacle, Luke, Bjornberg, and Bennett make up one of the strongest collegiate swimming teams the western conference has yet produced.

To win the Hockey championship Minnesota has now only to beat Wisconsin, which held Emil Iverson's men to two tie games when the teams met at Madison a month ago. The return engagement is soon to be staged in Minneapolis, and a Minnesota win will assure them the conference lead.



GOPHERS, ON TOP IN

TWO SPORTS, RATE 667

Swimming and Hockey Championships Find

Warm Welcome on Minnesota Campus

Minneapolis, March-----University of Minnesota teams in three principal winter sports, basketball, swimming, and hockey, emerged with a percentage of .667 in games won and with a pair of championships.

Here is the rating.

	PLAYED	TIED	WON	LOST	%
Basketball	12	0	5	7	
Hockey (Champs)	8	3	5	0	
Swimming (Champs)	5	0	5	0	
Total	25	3	15	7	.667

In dual conference wrestling matches prior to the conference meet the Gophers won two and lost two, also winning a second and third place in the final conference meet.

Minnesota's clean sweep of the field in conference swimming included dual meet defeats of Northwestern, Chicago, Iowa and Wisconsin, and a victory over representatives of the other universities, including Michigan, in the conference meet at Ann Arbor last Saturday.

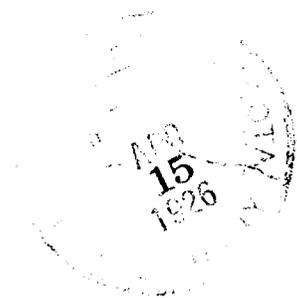
Hockey victories were three over Michigan and two over Wisconsin, One game with Michigan was tied at Ann Arbor as were both of the first two games with Wisconsin, played at Madison, Neither of the other conference teams in hockey was able, however, to seize a game from Emil Iverson's men.

Minnesota took both of its basketball games from one opponent, Chicago,

and lost both games played with Iowa and Indiana. With the other opponents, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Northwestern the Gophers split even on the season. In view of the fact that four of the season's first five games were defeats and four of the last seven, victories, rooters on the campus are feeling considerable better about the season than they expected to in its earlier stages. Coach Harold Taylor will lose three dependables as the season closes, including Captain Ray Rasey, eighth best scorer in the conference. The others are Herb Wolden, center, and Roger Wheeler, who has played basketball for three years. Nydahl, Gay, Mason and Smith are among the men who will return to form a nucleus of the squad a year hence.

Niels Thorpe has again done what is expected of him by turning out a championship and unbeaten western conference swimming squad. With five firsts in conference competition against all the other swimming teams, the Minnesotans demonstrated a superiority that was not to be bickered over. Most of the best men on the tank team will return to college a year hence, giving the Gophers a strong advantage for the 1927 season as seen from this distance in advance.

Minnesota won but one championship a year ago, gymnastics. With their stellar men graduated the gymnastic and wrestling teams were unable to maintain the pace of 1925 when they met conference opposition at Purdue a week ago.



MANY STARS AT WORK

ON "U" ATHLETIC FIELDS

Spring Football Practice Turnout Said

To be the Largest on Record

Minneapolis, April---That men who are athletes by nature are likely to be adept in more than one branch of sport is shown ~~xx~~ by a glance at the football, baseball, and track squads which are now settling down to serious outdoor work on University of Minnesota practice fields.

Captain Pete Guzy of the baseball team is also a football player, Captain Roger Wheeler of the Football team is also a member of the basketball team and Captail ~~Bill~~ Gruenhagen of the track team is also a halfback in football season.

Eldon Mason, second baseman on the baseball team is a member of both the football and basketball teams and a "three-letter" man in 'varsity sports. Herman Ascher, an infielder on the baseball team, was captain of last fall's football team, on which he played halfback.

Paul Bunker and Gordon Fisher, weight men on the track squad, were also members of the 1925 football squad and played in several games. Bill O'Shields of the track squad was a member of the football squad during most of last season and Bob Peplaw, one of the fastest football players wearing a Minnesota ~~football~~ uniform, would easily be a star member of the track squad if he turned out for that sport. MacKinnon, a lineman in football was a substitute center and forward during the basketball season and Leif Strand, who looks pretty good in the freshmen football material, is expected to cop a place as center with the 1926-'27 basketball array.

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This list does not cover all the names of Minnesota men with versatile athletic ability, but it goes far towards proving the claim of most veteran coaches that a man is first of all an ~~athletic~~ athlete, after which training and concentration can make that man into a player in one sport or another. Given enough real ~~ix~~ athletes, a coach can make a squad who will perform in any sport according to the idea of most men who devote their time to athletic affairs.

Dr. Clarence W. Spears has not only set a new record in early starting on a rigid program of spring football practice, but has one of the largest spring practice squads that ever ~~turned~~ turned out at Minnesota, probably the largest. He has already advanced the men to the point where light scrimmage is on the program.

During spring practice there is no freshman squad, the past year's freshmen having been advanced to the first squad. This gives an opportunity for all the coaching talent to be concentrated on a single group and the relative advantages of the various men begin to stand out plainly in a relatively short time.

Minnesota's big football objectives for next fall are the Wisconsin game, which will decide a three years tie, the twin Michigan games in the sensational double header scheduled by Spears and Yost, and the second Notre Dame game. Minnesota also will play Iowa at Iowa City and will endeavor to maintain the superiority shown in last autumn's victory at 33-0.

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IVERSON, HOCKEY COACH,

TO STAY AT MINNESOTA

Track, Rifle, and Baseball Teams Engage  
In Busy Week of Play

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Minneapolis, April 23:--Announcement by Emil Iverson, coach of Minnesota's conference champion hockey team that he would remain at the university despite attractive offers from commercial skating interests was enthusiastically greeted on the campus today. Iverson said at the same time that he has received an invitation to take the Minnesota team east next winter to play at the dedication of a new Yale rink and that Dartmouth, Princeton and Harvard have also approached him for games in case the team goes east.

His main idea in remaining, however, is that he has a hockey squad coming up which will not only win the championship but will have a first class chance to be chosen for the next Olympic games.

Sherman Finger, Minnesota's track coach, left Minneapolis today for Des Moines with a group of athletes whom he will enter in the Drake Relay games. Included in the group were the three point winners of the Kansas relays, Vincent Hubbard, who ran second in the 3,000 meter event; Bill Gruenhagen, who ran fourth in the 100, and Fred Just, whose points came in the high jump. The mile relay team, which ran fourth at Kansas, also made the trip. Its members are Morrison, Scarborough, Bingen and Bernhagen.

Minnesota scored two other athletic successes this week, winning second place in the national "Shoulder to shoulder" rifle tournament and downing Carleton 8 to 6 in the seasons first baseball game. A feature of the Carleton-Minnesota contest was the heavy hitting by both sides. In the first inning the first three Gophers at bat knocked out triples.

three Gophers at bat all knocked out triples.

Lieutenant M. J. Conway, rifle coach, took his men to Brooklyn for the intercollegiate rifle match, in which only the University of Washington was able to better the record of the Gophers.

The Minnesota riflemen also completed firing in the Hearst trophy match recently, although results have not yet been announced. Minnesota has won the Hearst match for two successive years and a victory this time will give them permanent possession of the trophy.

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"U" WILL PUBLISH

AN ATHLETIC REVIEW

Minneapolis, April.--For the first time in the history of athletics at the University of Minnesota that department will issue this spring an athletic review of the type put out by other Western Conference universities, summing up the records of the past season and describing the institution's athletic facilities. The review will appear as the April issue of "Minnesota Chats", the University of Minnesota magazine, and will be ready for distribution early in May. It will go to the regular mailing list for that magazine and a limited number of additional copies will be available for free distribution.

The athletic review number of Minnesota Chats will outline the main activities in physical education as well as in athletics and will describe courses in physical education offered in the forthcoming summer sessions as well as during the winter terms of the university. The game records of all athletic teams, together with current schedules, the names of squad members, captains, letter winners, managers and the like be included in its material. Pictures of all teams will be printed.

Architects plans for the prospective field house at Minnesota would have been included in the issue had that project progressed to the point where these were available. The university is acquiring the necessary ground and has begun the fund from which the structure will be built, but as yet the actual plans have not been approved on paper. The field house is to be built across University avenue from the Stadium, with which it will be connected by a tunnel. This will obviate the need for reproducing in the field house the training, dressing, shower

bath. locked and team tooms that have already been provided in the space beneath the Stadium.

Minnesota's 1926 baseball team, with two victories in its pocket and no ~~defeat~~ defeats against it since its return from the spring training trip into the south will line up against the veteran Iowa nine on the college diamond in Iowa City Saturday with the hope of attaching another conference victory to go with the 3 to 1 defeat which it administered to Northwestern on Northrop Field last Saturday.

Anderson, Minnesota's veteran pitcher, who held Northwestern to a single tally in the conference opener seems to be working at the top of his form this year and his ability will make up in part for the probable loss from the mound of Captain Pete Guzy. Guzy's shoulder, injured in football practice, may keep him from pitching this season, but his experience and ability are being utilized at first base, which also gives him plenty of chance to show his power at the bat. Johnny Stark, the sophomore shortstop has worked beautifully into the infield combination of veterans, which includes Herman Ascher, last year's football captain at third base and Eldon Mason, captain-elect of the basketball team, at second.

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## "U" INTERSCHOLASTICS

SET FOR 22d OF MAY

High School Athletes From 30 Cities

Will Compete in Stadium

Minneapolis, May 3---Between 400 and 500 athletes from Minnesota high schools are expected to take part in the seventeenth annual Interscholastic Track and Field Meet to be conducted by the University of Minnesota in the Stadium on Saturday, May 22d. The meet is under the auspices of the Minnesota State High School Athletic Association. Students who participate will be guests at the dual track meet between University of Chicago and University of Minnesota teams on the same day and will be entertained at a banquet in the evening.

Numbers assigned to participating athletes last year ran to 524 and contestants came from Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth, Albert Lea, Alexandria, Annandale, Arlington, Aurora, Austin, Benson, Biwabik, Blue Earth, Buffalo, Buhl, Chatfield, Chisholm, Eveleth, Faribault, Glencoe, Coleraine, Hibbing, Hopkins, Lansboro, Luverne, Madison, Mankato, Maple Lake, Marshall, Montevideo, Mora, Northfield, Rochester, St. Cloud, Wayzata, Willmar, Winona, Renville, and Hastings.

In years past a large number of athletes who showed well in the spring interscholastics have later developed into prominent university athletes, and the department, including Coach Sherman Finger are looking forward to the discovery of some star athletic talent during the day's events.

The meet also gives high and prep. school athletes an unusual opportunity to watch the way in which the Big Ten athletes perform in the various events, which amounts to an invaluable object lesson in form.

Entries should be in the hands of W.R. Smith, director of intramural athletics, University of Minnesota Armory, not later than Wednesday, May 12th.

Sheet Two.

## Luehring Helps Draw

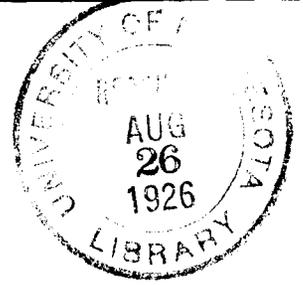
### National Hockey Rules

Representatives of six regions in which hockey is a prominent college sport met in New York last week, representing the National ~~Collegiate~~ Collegiate Athletic Association, to codify a uniform and nationwide set of hockey rules from the rules of six existing associations. F.W.Luehring, director of athletics at the University of Minnesota, was the western representative and representative of the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association.

Rules under which Canadian, eastern, New England and western hockey teams have been playing were worked over into a new code which each representative took home with him for further study before the final recommendation for adoption is made.

An official hockey guide may also be published by the hockey rules committee of the N.C.A.A. and it is likely that an approved list of officials to work in intercollegiate hockey games will be drawn up.

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U. FOOTBALL TICKET  
APPLICATIONS GO OUT

Season Books May be Ordered Up to September 20;

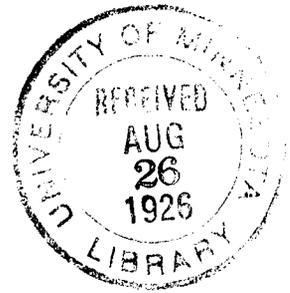
Five Home Games This Fall

Minneapolis, August.--King Football crept back into the University of Minnesota Stadium last Sunday and let out a great bellow which scattered 16,000 sets of application blanks to the four quarters of the state, giving the recipients their usual opportunity to subscribe in advance for seats at any or all of this year's five home games. All persons with a paid-to-date Stadium subscription received special priority privileges. The mailing list of 16,000 is approximately five times what it was three years ago when the advance order system was begun.

Minnesota's five home games will be warm ones, including North Dakota on October 2, Notre Dame the next week, October 9, Wabash on October 23, Butler on November 13, and Michigan in the season's wind-up and the second game of the double-header on November 20.

If Minnesota and Michigan go into the season's final game with equal chances for the championship, as they did a year ago, that contest will be one of the greatest sports events the West has ever seen. More will be known about that when the first game of the double-header has been played at Ann Arbor on the 16th of October, the third game of the Minnesota season. The Gophers will go into the game after a hard battle against Notre Dame the week before.

Season ducats for the Minnesota home games will bring \$9. this year, Kenneth Wells, assistant ticket manager has announced. Only two home games, Notre Dame and Michigan will command the top price of \$2.50 for individual seats. Others will be \$1. and \$1.50. Advance orders by an individual can command



only six tickets for the two big games. No limit is established for other home games. Three of the season's big games, the first with Michigan and those with Wisconsin and Iowa will be away from home; Minnesota meets Wisconsin on October 30 and Iowa the next week, November 6.

Dr. L. J. Cooke, Minnesota ticket manager, has ruled that applications for season books may be received up to September 20th. Advance applications for tickets to individual games will be received as follows; North Dakota, until September 20; Notre Dame, until September 20; Wabash, until October 4; Butler, October 25, and Michigan, November 1. Applications on the non-priority basis will be received one week later for all games but the one against North Dak.

Twenty cents for postage and registry fee must be included with tickets ordered to be mailed out. In all groups, orders are filled within the group in the order of their receipt.

Persons who wish to obtain seats together must send in their applications pinned together, as there is no other way of bringing that about. All tickets will be mailed out one week in advance of the date of a game and not sooner.

All communications should be addressed, "Football Ticket Manager, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota."

Dr. C. W. Spears has already mailed out his annual letter calling back for early practice on September 15th those players who are expected to be the best material this fall. From then for nearly three weeks the men will have a chance to practice both morning and afternoon, so that by the opening of classes on September 27th, a team will have begun to take shape.

Sports Letter  
University of Minnesota  
News Service



Minneapolis, September 2;—That the northern trio of Western Conference football teams, Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin will hold the limelight as the football season advances is indicated by a survey of advance prospects obtained direct from western gridiron headquarters this week. In Wisconsin and Michigan, Minnesota is faced with two of the best prospective teams ever developed at those institutions, both to be met in October. Notre Dame, Minnesota's third big opponent in the season's first month is expected to be 50 percent better than it was a year ago.

Although Wisconsin has lost Leo Harmon and McAndrews, the pair who forward passed the Badgers to a tie against Minnesota in the Stadium a year ago, Doyle Harmon is back as captain and with him are an aggregation of fast men who are expected to learn George Little's forward Passing attack in a way that will menace every opponent of the fall. Michigan's wonder team of a year ago can be depended upon to gain ground in large gobs whenever a dry field offers opportunity to the famous Bennie to Bennie passes performed by Friedman and Osterbaan. Only a very small nucleus of the 1925 team has been lost by Yost.

Minnesota fans consider it fortunate that the teams which will be strongest in the conference face the Gophers in battles this fall. Iowa is the only exception as regards early season prospects, but loss of many reliables may spur the Iowans on to develop a surprise team. The Hawkeyes are a bunch that must never be taken for granted.

Minnesota \* athletes have been urged to stop smoking and begin going to bed early at least two weeks before the practice season begins on September



15th. Careful habits, plenty of outdoor exercise and regular meals are included in the regime which all are supposed to have been following when they show up at the Stadium dressing rooms two weeks from yesterday.

Advance orders for season and single game tickets have been coming in at a surprising rate according to Kenneth Wells, the assistant ticket manager, who has asked an additional mention of the fact that season ticket sales will end on September 20th and that priority sales for the Notre Dame game will also end that day. Non-priority advance sales for Notre Dame will be continued until September 27th. In each group all applications will be filled in the order of their receipt.

Minnesota football fans who are also duckhunters will have a release from worry this fall, as they will not have to decide whether to go to the game or the lake when the season opens on September 15th. The football game on the following day is at Ann Arbor, Michigan, giving the stay-at-homes a chance to shoot, while those who are ardent enough fans to make the Ann Arbor trip probably wouldn't chase ducks in any case.

Reports from Grand Forks indicate that the Flickertails will bring down the strongest team in their history when they go against Minnesota in the season opener, October 2. North Dakota as an opponent has always been respected and feared by Minnesota, and it is revealing no secret to say that in most years some of the strongest players on the Flickertails come from the Red River Valley of this state and could probably win places on the "home team."

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Sports Letter



**"U" FIELD HOUSE PLAN**

**TO GO BEFORE REGENTS**

**Structure Will Include Permanent**

**Basketball Floor With 17,780 seats**

Minneapolis, Sept.—Regents of the University of Minnesota will be asked at their meeting September 22 to request the state architect, C.H. Johnston, to draw plans for the new field house which is the next step in the program looking toward complete athletic facilities at Minnesota. It will be built from athletic earnings.

Temporary plans that have been drawn would work out to a cost of \$670,000 but the university will spend only \$500,000 at this time. Comptroller W.T. Middlebrook will suggest that plans for the complete structure be drawn, modified so that five 30 foot sections of the main hall can be left off pending the time when funds may be available to carry out the whole scheme.

The plan that will go before the board of regents calls for a structure 460 feet long, 234 feet wide, and 100 feet high at the highest point in the roof. The part that will contain the basketball floor will be surrounded by horse-shoe tiers of seats, with balconies, affording a seating capacity of 17,780.

An entrance annex facing on Oak street S.E. will contain offices, lockers, showers, toilets and the lobby and stairs. Immediately behind this section the main floor, with basketball and tennis courts, will be constructed. Beyond the basketball floor will be a large, enclosed field. This field, however will have to be reduced by 150 feet if the structure is to come within the present finance program. The rear wall, however, will be of temporary construction so that it can be removed at low cost to permit the eventual construction of five more 30 foot bays.

bringing the field to a size that will permit its use by baseball or football squads in inclement weather.

The heating arrangement will be such that the basketball section can be brought to a temperature of 50 degrees F, and the rest to 40 degrees. A canvas drop between the two sections will regulate the difference in temperature.

If plans come within the estimates that have been fixed by the University administration Minnesota will have a field house that will bring it nearer to equality with other western conference institutions in provision for indoor athletics.

The site selected for the field house is just across University avenue from the Memorial Stadium.



SPORTS EDITORS

Enclosed is a tentative list of Minnesota's 1926 football squad which you may wish to keep for reference during the present season. It is accurate and includes all players whose prominence can be foreseen at this time of the year. Numbers have not been issued as yet to the players and are not included.

T. E. STEWARD

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MINNESOTA FOOTBALL STATISTICS 1926

Name	Position	Class	Year in Football	Home	Weight
Roger Wheeler	end	'27	third	Mpls	175
Leonard Walsh	guard	'28	second	Superior, Wis	178
George Tuttle	end	'28	second	Mpls	178
Malvin Nydahl	half	'28	second	Mpls	160
Wm Karinski	guard	'28	second	Duluth	188
Albert Maeder	tackle	'28	second	Mpls	175
Wm Meili	tackle	'28	second	Mpls	205
Herrnan Drill	tackle	'27	second	Mankato	196
Mitchell Gary	tackle	'28	second	Marshall	209
Tom Withrow	center	'28	first	Int'l Falls	178
Wendell Bredernus	guard	'28	first	Mpls	206
Joe Gordon	half	'27	third	Mpls	164
Neil Hyde	tackle	'28	second	Great Falls Montana	180
Glenn Borgendale	half	'27	third	Montevideo	168
Arthur Mulvey	center	'27	third	Stillwater	181
George Matchan	half	'27	third	Mpls	176
Harold Almquist	quarter	'28	second	Mpls	165
Clarence Arendsee	half	'28	second	Aberdeen, S.D.	180
Herbert Joesting	fullback	'28	second	Owatonna	183
Wm O'Shields	half	'28	second	Rochester	175
Robert Peplaw	half	'27	third	Mpls	165
Eldon Mason	quarter	'27	third	Mpls	158
Harold Hanson	guard	'28	second	Stewart	182
George MacKinnon	center	'28	second	Durango, Col.	173
Donald Kopplin	end	'28	second	Regina, Sask.	176

Name	Position	Class	Year in Football	Home	Weight
Henry Eliason	guard	'27	third	Hovland	180
Paul Bunker	guard	'27	third	Grantsburg, Wis.	181
Newton Doyle	end	'27	third	Mpls	170
Robert Williams	end	'27	third	Mpls	163
Arthur Cooper	end	'27	second	Pierre, S.D.	158
Dave Burlingame	end	'27	third	Duluth	176
George Ledfors	half	'27	second	Toledo, Ohio	155
Donald McQuoid	end	'28	third	Crosby	182
John Stark	half	'28	second	Crosby	166
Stanley Rakke	guard	'28	third	Chicago, Ill.	172
John O'Brien	end	'28	second	Mpls	167
Richard Kerr	half	'27	second	Mpls	160
Clayton Gay	end	'29	first	Moose Lake	175
Henry Gierok	end	'27	first	Little Falls	168
Donald Riddell	Half	'29	first	Virginia	176
Kenneth Haycraft	tackle	'28	second	Wayzata	170
Robert Fulton	tackle	'28	second	Madison	191
John Riggs	half	'29	first	Mpls	176
Andrew Geer	half	'29	first	Crookston	180
Harold Barnhart	half	'29	first	Pasco, Wash.	179
Anton Hulstrand	center	'29	first	Hibbing	190
Leif Strand	center	'29	first	Two Harbors	192
Lewis Tiffany	half	'28	second	St. Paul	169
Fred Hovde	half	'29	first	Devils Lake, N.D.	155
Lawrence Johnson	guard	'29	first	Mpls	190
Sheldon Johnson	guard	'29	first	Mpls	198

Name	Position	Class	Year in football	Home	Weight
Elton Hess	tackle	'28	second	Cresco, Iowa	185
William Fust	half	'29	first	Mpls	155
Kenneth Brps	end	'29	first	Mpls	160
Leslie Cooper	center	'29	first	Pierre, S.D.	165

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THE COACHING STAFF 1926

Dr. Clarence W. Spears	Head Coach
George Clark	Assistant
Sig Harris	Assistant
Edward Lynch	Assistant
Louis Gross	Assistant
Sherman W. Finger	Freshman Coach
Merton Dunnigan	Assistant

## MINNESOTA COACHES

### ALL STARRED IN PLAY

No man on Dr. Spears Staff Who Is Not  
a Past Notable of the Gridiron

Minneapolis, Sept.--Every man on the University of Minnesota coaching staff has heard the football field resound with cheers for his exploits back in the happy undergraduate days of the past. Although Dr. Clarence W. Spears and his assistants have mastered a huge body of football theory, each one of them has also the solid background of actual experience and the memory of difficult situations successfully met. These are important necessities in coaching.

In his playing days as a lineman at Dartmouth, Dr. Spears won All-American honors. George "Potsy" Clark, his first assistant, scintillated at Illinois as one of the memorable predecessors of Red Grange in the Blue and Gold backfield. Sig Harris, who will direct the destinies of the scrubs, was a Minnesota quarterback whom no true follower of the Maroon and Gold will ever forget.

Sherman Finger, trackcoach and headcoach of the freshmen in football stands out in the annals of Western Conference football as the Chicago fullback on the teams piloted to victory by the great Walter Eckersall. Merton Dunnigan ~~also~~ also a freshman coach, was a strong lineman on Minnesota teams of the past decade, while Vernon Williams, assistant dean of men, who will also help with the freshman coaching was center and captain at Minnesota just after the end of the world war.

Most recent among the Minnesota players, both in period of play and in addition to the squad, is Louis Gross, Minnesota's fighting tackle of 1922, '23, '24. Gross will work with Finger as a freshman coach. His exploits against Minnesota's hardest rivals, Michigan, Iowa and Wisconsin, and his work in the Illinois game of

1924, when the Gophers stopped Grange, have been highlights.

Ed Lynch, who will help Dr. Spears with his ends this fall, is a former star end at Dartmouth, where he learned his football under Spears' tutelage. As a player Lynch was among the best, and as a coach, he helped turn out the great Dartmouth eleven which last year was admittedly the strongest in the country.

Dr. Spears has established strict rules governing ~~play~~ practice this fall. Admission of spectators is to be by ticket only, passes to be obtained from headquarters. The headcoach will also require regular and enthusiastic attendance at practice by the players themselves. Last spring he announced that men who failed to turn out for spring practice would be severely handicapped in the struggle for positions this year.

This has been made necessary by the speed with which the Minnesota schedule develops this year, with Notre Dame coming to Minneapolis on October 9, Dad's Day, the second game of the season, and the Gophers tauring to Ann Arbor the following week to meet a Michigan team which Yost has predicted will be the strongest in Ann Arbor's history.

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BIG YEAR LOOKED FOR  
IN "U" CROSS-COUNTRY

Conference Meet of Five-Mile Runners Will  
Be at Minnesota November 20

Minneapolis, Sept. 18. -- A prediction that cross-country running will be a bigger sport at Minnesota this fall than ever before, due in part to the scheduling of the Western Conference Cross-Country meet at Minnesota on Nov. 20, day of the Michigan football game, was made today by F.W. Luehring, director of athletics.

Emil W. Iverson, cross-country and hockey coach, returned from a summer vacation and after a conference with Mr. Luehring announced that the Gopher harriers would meet Marquette in Minneapolis on either October 2 or October 9, Ames at Minneapolis October 16; Wisconsin at Madison October 30; Iowa at Iowa City November 6.

The second Minnesota Interscholastic cross country meet will be held at Minnesota on Saturday morning, November 13th, the day of the Butler football game. Last year about 150 runners from Minnesota high schools attended and took part in the state meet, and Coach Iverson expects the number to pass 200 at the second meet.

Captain Vincent Hubbard and Joe Wexman are the two lettermen whom Iverson is welcoming back for this year's team, although three other regulars of last year, Wilson Katter, Don Gordon and Tom Bernhagen, will also return.

Among the promising freshman prospects are Francisco Gonzales, the Filipino athlete, Marcus Andrew, Ted Chalgren, Lester Etter, Byron Hall and John Howland, the two Little Falls athletes, H. Karting, "RED" Reusse, and Carl Soderstrom.

"Ivy" expects Wisconsin to have the hardest team to beat among the Big Ten squads. The Badgers won the title last year, and this year they will be represented by approximately the same organization.

Iverson, who refused a handsome offer from a Milwaukee skating club to return to Minnesota, will again coach hockey this year and also will conduct the classed in orthopedic gymnastics for about 150 students assigned to that work by the ~~the~~ University Student Health Service.



ATHLETIC DIRECTORS

SAY FANS MUST BEHAVE

Joint Letter of Big Ten Chiefs Calls  
on Spectators to Play Fair

Minneapolis, September 27;--Athletic directors of the ten Western Conference universities have issued a joint letter calling on fans to keep their part of football as clean and sincere as the players keep theirs.

Gambling, ticket scalping and violation of the prohibition laws must be banished from football, at least in the conference, the letter declares. Football, it goes on, must be freed from the criticism that has been levelled against it on these scores, and that will still be levelled against it if they continue, whether the wrong doers are students or, as is oftener the case, non-student rooters.

"Intercollegiate football has been criticised considerably in recent years because of evils incident to the tremendous public interest in the sport," the joint letter states. "Football in the Western Conference, as well as football elsewhere, has recently been subjected to attack".

"More specifically, objection has been taken to making big college football games the occasion for mass violation of the prohibition laws, for gambling and betting on the games, and for ticket scalping. These lapses seem to be most evident at "Homecoming" and other important contests involving the travel of considerable numbers of followers of one or both teams.

"Whether he realizes it or not, the purchaser of a ticket to a college football game in a real sense is a participant in the sport. And while he does not don a uniform and run with the ball, he nevertheless, distinctly helps to mould the character of the game, for better or worse.

"It goes almost without saying that no genuinely loyal follower of Western Conference football would consciously do anything to injure the prestige it has rightfully enjoyed, and the Conference, on its part, is anxious to do everything in its power to maintain the high standards it has set, and to improve them where possible.

"Appeal is being made, therefore, by the ten Directors of Athletics on behalf of the Western Conference and all that it stands for that the hundreds of thousands of loyal followers of its football and other sports will see their opportunity to help keep intercollegiate athletics on the highest possible plane. Such support of high character from students, alumni, and the public is just as essential to intercollegiate athletics as is honorable and sportsmanlike conduct on the playing field."

The letter is signed by P.E. Belting, Iowa; Z.G. Clevenger, Indians; George Huff, Illinois; N. A. Kellogg, Purdue; Fred W. Luehring, Minnesota; George Little, Wisconsin; A. A. Stagg, Chicago; L. W. St. John, Ohio; K. L. Wilson, Northwestern; Fielding H. Yost, Michigan.

MINNESOTA'S SUBS

WILL MAKE OR BREAK TEAM

Backfield Has Plenty of Reserve Material;

Line Contest Is Closer Yet

Minneapolis, September 3<sup>o</sup> -- Because a football team is only as good as its substitutes, many of whom usually play at least a third of any game, Dr. Spears has been doing fast work this year with a group of young men whose names may not, like Abou Bed Adem's, lead all the rest, but who must be depended upon to save many a game.

Elimination for the time being of Shorty Almqvist brings into the limelight the speedy Bob Peplaw, fastest man on the Minnesota squad, who seems to be in line this year for plenty of work. Injury to Don Riddell, another backfield man, has led to the temporary promotion of Jack O'Briem to a halfback position. And with these men another group of sterling players, including Mally Nydahl, Andy Geer, Doc Matchan, and Joe Gordon are playing in the second string backfield and giving the regulars all they bargain for in every practise.

Knoerr, a heavy and aggressive fullback of whom little has been heard heretofore seems to have caught the eye of the good doctor. Knoerr is getting plenty of chance to show what he has as one of the substitutes for the massive Herb Joesting.

At end also, Dr. Spears is developing in Leonard Walsh and Clayton Gay a fast pair of helpers to Captain Roger Wheeler and George Tuttle, the South high school pair who did most of the heavy work a year ago.

The situation is far less clear in the line than in the backfield, for the alleged second string linemen are pressing the first team so hard that only a seer could determine who had the call. Meili and Strand are battling it out for right guard, Johnson and Maeder for left tackle, Hulstrand and Mulvey for center, and so on throughout the squad. A mammoth sophomore bearing the name of Ukkelberg has also

ucked his way into prominence in line play, while the unslender Brederus is on hand as a constant threat to other players in the center of the line.

It all boils down to the fact that the only personnel one can predict for any of the Minnesota games this fall are the officials. These are chosen by the conference a year before the season starts and there can be no doubt about them.

Gopher fans will be interested to note that the famous Walter Eckersall, who was in bad odor at Minnesota during the late regime of Bill Spaulding, has been reinstated in the good graces of Minnesota rooters and will officiate in both the Notre Dame and Michigan contests, the two biggest home games of the year. Ek's differences with Bill were largely a personal matter and there is now no record of what they arose from.



SEASON DEPENDS NOW ON

MINNESOTA'S BACKFIELD

Line Locks Strong, But Early Season

Dope on Backs is Deceptive

Minneapolis, October 7;--Will Minnesota's backfield meet the test?

This is the query that football-wise persons may well be asking themselves as the crucial games of the season approach.

Minnesota's line has potentialities of tremendous strength and is likely to develop into a memorable one. Both defensively and offensively, the Gopher line is gradually revealing its true power, indicating that the happenings of a year ago at Michigan could not easily be repeated.

Minnesota's backfield has speed, brains and generalship. This can be admitted. The question is, has it the sheer strength to batter its way to a Big Ten championship? And the answer to that question must be written in a series of mammoth question marks.

Minnesota's backfield contains some strong men, Joesting and Arendson for example. It contains some fleet men, such as Peplaw and Nydahl. In O'Brien and Barnhart it has another pair of sterling average backs. Then there is Riddell, still an enigma, who was prevented by injuries from taking part in the season's opening game, and Geer and Matchan.

Barring Joesting, this group of players looks like a swell little backfield that can be counted on to run up the score against teams that the line can brush out of the way. But what will it be capable of against such lines and ends as Wisconsin and Michigan are certain to throw into the fray?

Football fans may well get over the habit of looking at every new back-

field combination in the season's opener and thinking Minnesota has the title sewed up because three of five or even seven good backs show ability to gain through line holes half a mile wide. This has led to too many unhappy endings of Minnesota football seasons in the past. A good back can make five yards a clip against a minor team, but it takes a superlative one to do anything like that against matched competition.

Minnesota will go into the Notre Dame game with practically its full strength and without the handicap of injuries, especially if Don Riddell recovers from his hurts. Notre Dame has the advance reputation of being at least equal to the best conference competition Minnesota will meet this year, and it looks as though the season could more or less be judged on the outcome of this contest. If Minnesota holds the Irish on reasonably even terms it may probably be rated as the equal of other conference teams, Michigan and Wisconsin being excepted. These teams are still unknown quantities, with all the probabilities on the side of greater rather than less power than one has been led to expect.

At all events, Saturday will be a noble day in the history of Minnesota football and the fathers of students who come down to Dad's Day may look forward to seeing a historic gridiron struggle.

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Sports Letter

MINNESOTA PLAYERS  
VERSATILE IN SPORTS



Many Play Baseball, Basketball or Go  
in for Track as Well as Football

Minneapolis, October 12—While Minnesota's opponents of Saturday announce that they have men from 48 states on their football squad, the Minnesota first string lineup will probably include no more than two men who are not native Minnesotans and of these two Dutch Arendsee comes from a point only a few miles from the western border of the state. He is "Dutch" Arendsee, who hails from Aberdeen, So. Dakota.

The diminutive "Pasco" Barnhart, who comes from a town of that name in the state of Washington is the other Minnesotan likely to start who comes from outside the borders of the state. Pasco is so fast that distance makes no difference to him in any case, so it is not surprising that he started on the West coast and ended up in the Middle West.

One member of the team, Mally Nydahl, is a three-sport man. Nydahl has won letters in both basketball and baseball, and this year he seems on his way to win the coveted football "M". Last year he fell just short of enough playing time in major games to win this letter.

Captain Wheeler and George Tuttle, Minnesota's sturdy ends, are also two letter men in sports, as both have won the emblem in basketball, while Leif Strand, sophomore guard, who will be eligible for basketball for the first time this winter, gives indications of development into a first class center on that team. Johnson, Minnesota's left tackle, who stands six feet seven and weighs more than 200 pounds is another basketball probability.

Peplaw, a ten second man, combines track athletics with his football prowess and it is likely that several of the huskies of this year's squad will develop into weight men for Sherman Fingers track squad. Two of last year's squad who are not out for football this year, Drill and Bunker, were also members of the track team.

Sports Letter

AIR DEFENSE DRILL

TO COUNT FOR GOPHERS

Practise Against Passes, Which Irish

Did Not Use, Will Help vs, Michigan



Minneapolis, October---Long hours of defensive drill against the forward pass, which went for naught against Notre Dame because the Irish didn't throw them, will have their value this week-end for Minnesota when the Gophers meet Michigan at Ann Arbor. The two Bennies and Flora may sound like a vaudeville team, but they are wholly conversant with their petroleum when it comes to forward passes.

Dr. Spears is continuing his defensive drill against the pass this week, just as he did a week ago, and for the same reason that a deep-sea diver usually puts on a helmet and air hose. In other words, obvious. Predictions are dangerous but if the long and short heaves of the Ann Arbor star go over Minnesota as readily as the Irish backs occasionally got around end, it will cause a big surprise among Gopher followers.

Minnesota has been practicing since September 15th for the Michigan, not the Notre Dame, game. It goes into that game sadly weakened as a result of its meeting with the Irish, but not as a team that will ~~not~~ be unable to give everything it has to hold its own. Reports from Ann Arbor say the same thing, however, Michigan has been bending all its efforts toward the meeting with Minnesota, so Dr. Spears can not hope for an advantage there. The Wolverines have also played much easier early season games than have the Gophers.

Barnhart and Hanson, two of the doctor's strongest men, one in the line and one in the backfield, seem to be lost for Saturday. This is not as might be wished, for neither can be spared in the least. Their absence will make both an offensive and a defensive difference.

Captain Wheeler shone as the star of Minnesota in the first crucial game and his work in practice this week, especially on the defensive, is again stamping him as an outstanding performer. Herb. Foesting, who played the entire game against the Irish, also came through in good condition.

Reports emanating from Wisconsin, which will provide Minnesota's opposition at Madison in the second conference game of the season on October 30, indicate that Little has developed an unusually strong and fast outfit and one that the Gophers will have to extend themselves to beat. Then Iowa will be around our necks.

Dr. Spears is making the best of this week's three practice days, polishing the new plays for use against Michigan and sending his squad against a strong freshman team that has been equipped with Yost plays. The outfit will leave Thursday for Ann Arbor.

EARLY BLOOMING SEASON

MAKES GOPHERS ALL VETS.

Minnesota Team is Most Experienced in U.S.

After Notre Dame & Michigan Games

Minneapolis, Minnesota, October-- Minnesota, entering the second phase of its 1926 football season, may rightly be considered the most experienced football team in the United States for its age, having met the Notre Dame Irish and Yost's Michigan Wolverines on successive Saturdays.

You probably wouldn't know the old team now as the one that played North Dakota away back there when the Stadium turf was still uncrushed. It has seen life. Yeah Bo, it has lived.

Fans who were misled into thinking quite the contrary--that it had died--when Michigan began throwing long passes and resurrecting the Statue of Liberty, were jolted during the second half into a realization that those performances were merely the last of the Minnesota growing pains. The team that represents the Gopher institution from now on will have a right to wear long pants if it prefers them, and every single member will shave.

After meeting Wabash on the coming Saturday, this outfit of newly registered voters can no longer be held down to the home lot, but will bust out towards Madison, Wisconsin on one Saturday and towards Iowa City (Ia.) the next. Wabash is coming up from its native riverbanks with a fast and rather heavy team that has been cutting a wide swathe through all the colleges, normals and things that produce the well-known Indiana culture and writing impulse. The Hoosiers promise to give Minnesota a real battle, thought hardly as stiff a one as the national collection of adopted Hoosiers who came up from South Bend here not so long ago.

Dr. Spears is reported to be chuckling into a theoretical beard over the performances turned in at Ann Arbor by his "Substitutes", to wit, Kenneth

Haycraft, Neil "Tiny" Hyde, George Mac Kinnon and Doc Matchan. It was Matchan's first chance to show as a 'Varsity player the famous plunging game he used to used to demonstrate on the West High School team, while Haycraft showed that a person can be just as good a football player if he comes from Wayzata, by the waters of Minnetonka, as he could if he were born near Lake Superior or Hudson's Bay. Hyde and Mac Kinnon had their baptism of fire last year and are not really new players.

It was MacKinnon who toppled the bulky Griffin of Iowa in last year's game and made possible large gains through the line. Hyde, who has seemed assured of a first-string berth this year, underwent a fairly serious operation late in the summer and has just been rounding into condition for play. This tall pine of the upper Missouri seems to have been turned into a promising bludgeon for future shindigs.

Minnesota players will give close attention to classes this week, having missed all 'writin' & 'rithmetic' since last Wednesday when, as one is supposed to remark, they were "entrained" for the state that made the gasoline industry not only famous but profitable. But there is a rumour that Dr. Spears has invited them to appear for practise daily at 4:30 p.m. R.S.V.P.P.D.Q.

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GOPHERS GIVEN EDGE OVER

CARDINALS FOR SATURDAY

Minnesota and Wisconsin to Resume Second

Longest Annual Series in all Footballdom

Minneapolis, October ~~26~~—Minnesota and Wisconsin will resume Saturday the second longest uninterrupted series of annual football games in the world. Only the Harvard-Yale series has maintained a longer unbroken record than have Gopher and Badger out here in the western plains. Minnesota is supposed to have the edge this year, but Wisconsin has not been beaten by Minnesota team since 1919. First, for three years, the Badgers downed the Minnesota team of the terrible doldrums era of Gopher football. In 1923 and 1924 Minnesota was picked to win and was tied by Wisconsin. Again last year Minnesota outplayed the Cardinals from the starting whistle until the fourth quarter began. Then the Harmons, Burrus, and Cameron began making themselves plentiful on the near and far ends of passes and George Little, Wisconsin's bright and shiny new coachman, went home with a 12 to 12 tie.

Minnesota is terribly serious about this Wisconsin battle of 1926. Not since the Williams-Bahr-Taft combination put the fear of Indians into the Gophers has a Wisconsin outfit looked as formidable from Memorial Stadium as does the 1926 Wisconsin team. Its bouncing victory over Indians is taken as an omen of danger at Minneapolis.

Minnesota will be without the services of at least two regulars, Leif Strand and Fuzzy Riddell, but will have a good assortment of line and backfield material on hand. Matchan, Peplaw, O'Brien and Arendsee are expected to make up in fight and speed for the loss of Riddell, and even if Bernhart is not in condition to play, Almquist, Peplaw and Joesting may be depended on to carry the Maroon and Gold fairly high under the rockets' red glare.

Last week's prediction in this letter, that Minnesota had been made into

a mature football team by its gruelling experience against Notre Dame and Michigan seemed to be borne out by performances against the Little Giants of Wabash. Dr. Spears job now is to hold the men in the galloping, bit-shaking condition of October 23rd for the big conference games of October 30 ~~and~~ with the Cardinals and November 6 with Iowa.

From here Minnesota looks like a better team than either Wisconsin or Iowa, and with confidence restored they should win both games.

Several thousand student rooters have booked railway passage for Madison and Camp Randall to see this week's fracas. Special representatives of the University will go on the trip, representing Anne Dudley Blitz, dean of women, and E.E. Nicholson, dean of men, to see that there is nothing unseemly in student deportment. Barring rain other hundreds will make the trip to Madison by automobile. Special trains are reported to be rushing popcorn and peanuts into the old college town by Lake Mendota and frantic fixers are preparing heaped up gallons of chocolate goo.

## SPORTS LETTER

### FIFTH OF "U" PROSPECTS

#### WIN SETTERS IN SPORTS

Report of Athletic Board Shows That

1145 Men Had Training Last

Year---96 Games played.

Minneapolis, October<sup>30</sup>--Of every five men who were candidates for 'varsity athletic teams at the University of Minnesota last year, one man won the coveted "M" that is the symbol of first team membership. This is one of many surprising facts about Minnesota athletics contained in the annual report of the senate committee on intercollegiate athletics.

A total of 1145 men received training for various athletic teams in 1925-1926, including freshmen. Five hundred and twenty men were 'varsity candidates and 103 "M"s were awarded. An additional 124 class numerals were awarded, showing that some insignia of competition went to more than half as many men as were candidates for varsity teams.

Of 96 intercollegiate contests in all the various sports last year, Minnesota won 48, tied five and lost 43. The best Gopher records were made in swimming, in which ten of ten contests were won, hockey, in which, of 17 contests, 15 were won and two tied, and football, with five victories, a tie and two defeats in eight games. This accounts for thirty victories and two ties. Minnesota won five baseball games out of 21; seven basketball games out of 17; and one gymnastic meet out of three, getting third ranking in the conference due to success in the final all-conference meet. A green wrestling team won two contests and tied one out of seven. In track, tennis and cross-country, but one contest in four was won by the Minnesota entries.

Track, with 280 candidates, drew the largest number of athletes. Football was second with a total of 225 candidates, of whom 75 were varsity and 150, freshman. Basketball drew 207 candidates, 40 varsity and 167, freshman. Baseball had 146, of whom 50 were out for the varsity and 97 for the freshman team. There were 115 men playing hockey, 99 in cross-country running, 140 in wrestling, 50 out for swimming, 25 for

gymnastics and 65 for tennis.

The senate committee's report also includes a statement of the conference resolution opposing the huge student migrations from one college campus to another at times when the football team is playing away from home. This resolution reads as follows:

First--that they will not ask for blocks of tickets for games which are played so far away that it would be impossible for students to leave for the game after 4 p.m. Friday and still reach the neighboring Stadium in time for the contest.

Second--They have resolved to discourage all students from leaving the campus to attend games held at any distance and to do what they can to reduce the hazards of travel by discouraging students from attending by means of irregular methods of travel."

The conference also adopted a resolution against undue publicity for athletic teams, especially publicity of the type that stresses the performances of stars rather than the general benefits of throughgoing physical education.

#### HIGH SCHOOLS HARRIERS

#### BID TO "U" FOR NOV. 6

The University of Minnesota will be host on Nov. 6th, day of the Butler football game, to the cross-country athletes of all Minnesota high schools in the third annual State Interscholastic Cross Country meet. F.W. Luchring, director of athletics, has announced that blanks are going forward to high schools in all parts of Minnesota. He expects a record entry.

Minnesota will also entertain this year the cross-country runners of all conference institutions and some others in the annual Western Conference Cross-Country meet on Nov. 20th. This is the last day of the football season and the day of the Minnesota-Michigan football game. It will also be Homecoming Day of the Minnesota campus.

Minnesota has never before entertained the cross country meet. Headcoach Emil W. Iverson is working on plans by which he hopes to make the meet one of the most successful ever held. The Minnesota course has recently been relaid out by engineers.

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## GOPHERS HOPE TO ROUTE

### HOODOO OF IOWA'S FIELD

Both Teams Have Won at Home During Past

Four Games of Famous Series

Minneapolis, November 4; Fed up with the idea of being the peanuts at Iowa's homecoming Minnesota's football team will leave for Iowa City Thursday night determined to eliminate every mistake that cost them ground against Wisconsin and at the same time to spring a new trick or two.

Back in the mystic year of 1918 Iowa, under its former coach, Howard Jones began hanging the Indian sign on Minnesota's team, and while Minnesota has brushed the token aside in 1923 and 1925 at Minneapolis, it has managed to adhere when the teams met in Iowa City in 1920, 1922 and 1924.

The fact that Iowa has lost to both Illinois and Ohio State is nothing to make the Gophers unduly confident, Minnesota having lost to Michigan, which may prove to be no better a team than is Ohio.

Saturday's battle at Wisconsin may have been the dawn of a new era in Minnesota football. Nowhere in the records is it shown that an earlier Minnesota team could throw an entire new line into a battle that was still to be won. This is a very different thing, by the way, from throwing in substitute linemen when a game has been safely salted. Minnesota's line that ended the game was really a second first-string line rather than a second string line at all. Part of the credit for Mydahl's sensational run must go to it, especially to Bill Kaminski, who put out the last threatening Badger back.

Statistics show that in the last 240 minutes of football between Wisconsin and Minnesota, which is to say the games of 1923, 1924, 1925 and 1926, Minnesota has made 35 points and Wisconsin 29. Including the three ties, it might be considered a mammoth 240 minute game, with Minnesota finally edging through on the

long end of a 35 to 29 score.

While Minnesota doubts that Iowa's Cowboy Kutsch will perform against her as either Leland Parkin or Gordon Locke have done in the past, none of the finishing touches that are necessary before every conference game will be omitted between now and Saturday. There are too many ways of losing a football game for Dr. Spears to take any chances. He fears the Iowa passing attack, especially, since it succeeded in registering against the much-vaunted squad from Ohio State.

Bob Peplaw is out for practice this week, but is in poor condition, and may be unable to start against the Hawkeyes. Peplaw had to withstand several terrific tackles in the Wisconsin game, especially in the third quarter.

Iowa meets Minnesota after enjoying a breathing spell last Saturday in a game with Carroll college while the Gophers were fighting Wisconsin. This, also, should tell in the course of the game. All in all, there is plenty of reasons why Captain Wheeler's team should avoid overconfidence.

If there is any bright spot in the Gopher schedule it is the fact that Michigan has to meet Wisconsin and Ohio State on successive Saturdays just prior to the second Minnesota-Michigan game at Minneapolis, November 20th. Minnesota will play Butler in the next to the last game, November 13th, and should win without undue effort.



## GOPHERS HAVE WON LAST

### GAME FROM ALL BUT YOST

Records Show Most Recent Contests With Other

Eight "Big Ten" Teams Were Victories

Minneapolis, November, 9---How thoroughly Minnesota is re-established as a first rater in Western Conference football is shown by a search of the records which reveals that of all conference only Michigan can boast that it won from the Gophers in the last game between the two schools.

Including this year's victories over Wisconsin and Iowa, Minnesota has been victorious in its most recent contests with all the others, including Northwestern, Illinois, Chicago, Indiana, Ohio State, and Purdue.

Minnesota's last game against Illinois, on November 15, 1924 was a Gopher victory by the score of 20 to 7 in the contest in which Clarence Shutte stole the thunder of Red Grange and dashed through the Illini for three touchdowns.

Minnesota last played Northwestern on November 3, 1923 and won from them by the impressive score of 34 to 14, revenging the tie of the year before, when a fumble as Minnesota was going over for a second touchdown had been converted into 100 yard run for a purple score.

The last time that Minnesota and Indiana met was on October 14th, 1922, in Bill Spaulding's first conference game. Minnesota spilled the Indiana players on old Northrop Field to the tune of 20 to 0. That same fall also saw the most recent meeting between Minnesota and Ohio State. The Wilcemen were more or less helpless against the Gophers, and although Minnesota has little scoring power against the heavy Ohio State line, the Gophers won by a 9 to 0 count.

The last contest between Chicago and Minnesota was that in which the team of 1917 wiped out Stagg's team of that year with a score of 33 to 0.

Minnesota romped over Michigan in 1919, Arnie Oss's great year, but has never since been able to hold Yost's team and has lost seven straight to Michigan

never since been able to hold Yost's teams and has lost seven straight to Michigan including the first game of this year's double header.

Minnesota's last game with Purdue, far back in conference history was a victory.

If Dr. Spears' team can win from Michigan in the second game of this year's double header, the Homecoming contest in the Stadium on November 20, it will be the only team in the conference that can boast a clean slate in most recent games against other conference teams. Michigan's record in this regard would be marred only by the fluky 3 to 0 loss to Northwestern in a sea of mud last year, but it was a defeat, nevertheless.

And to the above record Minnesota adds the fact that she challenged every conference team at the coaches' meeting last fall and was turned down by every coach there except ~~its~~ three old, tried and true competitors, Iowa, Wisconsin and Michigan.

If the same situation existed in the pugilistic world, Minnesota would today be the runner up to Michigan for the championship/ But then, as far as that goes, that's about what Minnesota is anyway, barring a defeat of Michigan by the daughty Ohio Staters a week hence. So what of it ?

Well, at least this-- the conference is in duty bound to furnish Dr. Spears with at least one more conference opponent for the season of 1927.

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GOPHERS SPURN TITLE  
OF "THUNDERING HERD"

Team is a Unit, Not Composed of Star  
Icemen, Rough-Riders and Stevedores

Minneapolis, November 9.---The athletic department of the University of Minnesota today came out with a flat denial of the charge made by Wisconsin and Iowa sports writers that Minnesota's football team is a "thundering head."

To this charge the Minnesota department succinctly answers, "Bull".

The only basis for the "thundering head" charge seems to have been the likelihood that the Gophers would be roped by Cowboy Kutsch. They weren't.

Not only is there no resemblance between the Minnesota team and an acre of stampeding buffaloes, but the team is also lacking in ~~icemen~~<sup>icemen</sup> firemen, locomotive engineers and stevedores. There aren't even any good poets on the team, such as Dartmouth's "Death Dooley", who spends his spare time getting married and writing more or less Greek epics.

There isn't even a soda jerker on the Minnesota team, though several of the boys have been heard to whisper "high or low?" when motorists drive into certain twin city filling stations during the summer-time.

The last bona-fide cowboy to play on the Gopher team was Conrad Cooper, first string center in '23, '24, and '25, who came from an honest to goodness ranch in South Dakota. Nearest thing to it now is Sherm. Finger, freshman coach, who actually dropped his lariat and chaps away back there to go down to Chicago and play fullback with Eckersall. Sherm is also a product of the Black Hills.

"Minnesota is a good team, and it may deserve a nickname, but it doesn't deserve to go under a weather-beaten movie title that was worn out by other teams more than two years ago," is the way members of the athletic department feel about this "thundering head" business.

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"U" LOOKS FOR BIGGEST

DAY IN GRID, HISTORY

Minnesota-Michigan Clash on Saturday To Be

Scene of Vivid Color

Minneapolis, November 17.--Every ounce of concentrated football ability possessed by the Minnesota squad and coaching staff will be brought to bear this week on the problem of preparing for and beating Michigan.

Saturday is certain to be one of the greatest days in all Minnesota athletic history, combining as it does Homecoming, A Minnesota-Michigan game that is attracting national interest, and the Western Conference Cross-Country championship meet.

Among the attendant festivities will be an alumni dinner in the Minnesota Union Friday night, November 19th, at which representatives of every Minnesota team will be present.

Among the speakers will be Howard T. Abbott, Duluth corporation attorney, who captained the first University of Minnesota football team and after playing two years at Minnesota went to Ann Arbor and played two years for Michigan. Judge William C. Leary of the Hennepin County district court, another star and captain on early Minnesota teams, is chairman of the committee that is rallying the former greats.

Saturday's battle has been a sellout as far as seats are concerned, since 9 a.m. Monday morning when the last 4,000 tickets went on sale. The number of seats that may be obtained hereafter will depend on the number of temporary bleachers the athletic department finds it possible to erect.

The Little Brown Jug, the Minnesota and Michigan bands, a big delegation from the Minnesota American Legion, thousands upon thousands of alumni, a cheering section packed to the last possible larynx, cheer leaders, songsters, stunts between halves by the Student Homecoming committee and the dedication of a Memorial flagstaff

presented by last year's graduating engineers will all combine to make the scene colorful and exciting.

Students have been concocting their strange, characteristic cries in preparation for the game, one of which runs;—

"In God we trust,  
But watch Herb bust"

This refers, naturally enough to Herbert Joesting of Owatonna, variously known by a number of nicknames, on whom Minnesota is depending for some heavy smashes at the Michigan line.

Every Minnesota veteran will be in condition to take part in the Michigan game and the entire first string line and backfield will take the field at the opening kickoff.

Michigan has gotten the jump on Minnesota in the earliest moments of so many past games that every effort will be made to prevent such an occurrence this week.

Unless the weather changes sharply either a heavy or a badly frozen field is indicated, but condition of the field is not expected to give any marked advantage to either team, as Michigan has a plunging game all her own, to offset Minnesota's charges, and Dr. Spears has been working with all his might to perfect the Gopher passing game that went so nicely against Iowa.

Sports writers from all parts of the country, including men in all the Big Ten capitals will be on hand for the game and a considerable number of Minnesota newspaper men from outside the Twin Cities have signified an intention to be there. Governor Christianson, President Snyder of the Board of regents, President Coffman, and other notables of the board will attend in a body and occupy seats in the president's box.

Saturday's contest will bring to a fitting end the career of several Minnesota players, including Captain Roger Wheeler, right end, Neil Hyde, left tackle, Doc. Matchan, halfback, Arthur Mulvey, center, and Jack O'Brien, also a back. Most of the other regulars and substitutes have one or two more years in which to add to Minnesota's football ~~xxx~~ accomplishments.



GOPHERS LOSE FEW, BUT

LEEN WHO GO ARE OF BEST

Wheeler, Peplaw and Hyde Will All Be

Hard to Replace in Lineup

Minneapolis, November 24—Although Minnesota loses but three first string players this year, Roger Wheeler, Bob Peplaw, and Neil Hyde, that trio is one that will be sadly missed and long remembered on Gopher football fields.

Captain Wheeler's record has been especially remarkable, in that he has taken part in every Minnesota game since he became eligible as a sophomore and has never been incapacitated by injury nor on the questionable list because of studies. He brought a great final year to a close by preventing any gain around his end by Michigan. Captain Wheeler's last year also found him the only man to score against Notre Dame, at least up to this time, by the touchdown route. On October 9, at Minneapolis he gathered in the forward pass that enabled him to complete a 40 yard gain behind the Irish goal.

Bob Peplaw, touted as a speed demon when he came up from the freshman squad three years ago, was hampered by injuries during his sophomore year, showed to much better advantage as a junior, and this year justified all the fine things that had ever been predicted for him. Peplaw joined Joosting among the half dozen highest scorers in Western Conference football. Time and again throughout the season he circled the ends of opposing teams, big and little, for long gains, outstepping some of the fastest defensive backs in the west. Minnesota will find it hard to replace a man of Peplaw's speed.

Neil Hyde, the Montana cowboy (with apologies to Nick Kutsch), is another man it is hard to lose. Hyde has played but two years at Minnesota. When he recovered from a tonsil operation after the football season was several weeks old, his assistance at left tackle contributed as much as any other one thing to the way in which the Minnesota team suddenly found itself and began going great guns. If

If such a thing is possible, Hyde is both strong for his size and big for his strength and he has the fighting heart that makes a football player something more than merely good.

Other players whom Dr. Spears will lose by graduation include George Tuttle who played many good games as a first string end, George Matchan, an able line-plunger who was kept in the shadow by Joesting's unusual talents, Jack O'Brien, the only man on the Minnesota squad who ever ran for the Legislature, Arthur Malvey, center candidate, and Joe Gordon, halfback. Bob Williams, end candidate, is also a senior this year. He has played but two years of football, as he was ineligible at the opening of the fall quarter of his sophomore year.

James Paige, faculty representative, F.W. Luchring, director of athletics, and Dr. C.W. Spears will spend this week-end in Chicago at the coaches and faculty representatives meetings at which the schedule for the coming season will be rounded into shape. Minnesota expects to increase its number of conference games by at least one, and has left an open challenge in past years on the doorsteps of such institutions as Illinois, Chicago, Indiana, Purdue, and Northwestern. Last year none of these schools would take notice of the child's howling and Minnesota was allowed to play only with the neighborhood children from Michigan, Wisconsin, and Iowa. But the Doctor would like to take on at least one of those rough little rascals from across the railroad tracks and is busily thinking up insults to see if he can infuriate them into combat.

Minnesota will have at least two big home games next year with Iowa and Wisconsin, and will likely play Michigan at Ann Arbor. The third of the three contract games with Notre Dame will be played at South Bend, the first two having been at Minneapolis.

A year ago Mr. Paige thought that Stagg might accept a Minnesota challenge for 1927, but just now Northwestern seems to be the more likely rival, although rumor has it that Thistlewaite is still likely to break his Indiana double-header with some other rival than the Gophers.

GOPHER FLOOR TEAMS

WILL GET NEW HOME

Present Season to be Last Without  
Field House on Campus

Minneapolis, December. ~~L~~The Minnesota basketball season now opening is the last in which the Gophers will be "homeless", inasmuch as the new \$500,000 Field House will almost certainly be ready for use by the time the next season rolls around. This year's schedule will be played on the Kenwood Armory floor. The Field House will have a seating capacity of 17,800 seats, part permanent and part temporary and will be more than anything else, a home for basketball, although it also will contain administrative offices and space for indoor track and baseball practice.

The rotating schedule, much desired in football, is a fact in Western Conference basketball, with the result that schedule making is a matter of only a few moments. Minnesota, however, will play a schedule this year from which two "natural rivals", ~~and~~ Iowa and Wisconsin, will be missing. This is merely because the rotation forces these teams off for 1926 in favor of Michigan, Purdue, Northwestern, Indiana, Illinois, and Ohio State. Chicago is the third conference team that Minnesota will not meet.

The rotating schedule has been highly satisfactory, according to Coach Harold Taylor, despite occasional lapses in series with true rivals. Over a period of years it brings all teams together and gives relatively accurate ratings in conference competition.

The home conference season will open on Jan. 3 against Illinois, followed by Michigan at Minneapolis Jan. 8 and Indiana at Minneapolis Jan. 10. Other home games will be : Ohio, Jan 29, Northwestern, Feb. 12, and Purdue, March 5. The Gophers will play each of the six opponents on their own floors as well as at home, making 12 conference contests in all.

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## SPORTS LETTER

### MINNESOTA - MANITOBA

#### HOCKEY MATCH PLANNED

#### Iverson Calls Rink Men at "U" to Start Season's Practice

Minneapolis, December 8;--Minus five first string players and letterman from last season's championship squad, Minnesota's hockey players have reported to Coach Emil Iverson in preparation for a schedule of six conference games and a number of preliminaries.

Captain Phil Scott is the only man regularly in the first string lineup to return, though Iverson has four other lettermen from last year's reserves on whom to depend in building a new team. These are Melvin Gustafson, Carl Wilcken, Jack Conway, and Ken Bros.

Two football men are on the ice squad, Bros and Lloyd Westin, both substitutes among Dr. Spears' cohorts. Westin is a sophomore, but Bros has played before.

More players have turned out for hockey this fall than ever before and Iverson has about 75 contestants for berths on the intercollegiate team, together with an array of 125 freshman hockey players. He is pessimistic, however, regarding prospects for developing another championship outfit such as carried the maroon and gold to the top a year ago.

Among the better men who are coming up as eligible from last year's freshman squad Coach Iverson names Hussey, Hawes, Tilton, Beyers, and Britts, the last a Duluth boy with a good deal of high school experiences.

Minnesota will probably play the University of Manitoba in an international hockey match at Minneapolis early in January. There will be a four game series with Wisconsin and the same with Michigan, two games being played on each home rink with both schools.

A. H. Fee, former Wisconsin hockey player, now a dentistry student at Minnesota, has volunteered to coach the freshman for the second successive year.

BIG SIXTY ARE NAILED  
TO SOLVE BIG TEN TANGLE

Committee Including Presidents and Regents  
to Meet in Chicago Next Month

Minneapolis, December—The University of Minnesota expects to have a full representation at the meeting of the Committee of Sixty in Chicago next month at which an effort is to be made to unsnarl all the tangles in Western Conference athletics, including the harassing schedule problem. Plans for the meeting were announced in Chicago by Major John L. Griffith, athletic commissioner of the conference.

Major Griffith's letter indicates that the meeting will be the most important in the history of the conference, in which view it is known that the presidents of most of the conference universities agree with him.

Hidden in the story and not yet announced is the possibility that even the schedules worked out in Chicago at the coaches meeting in November may be revised by <sup>the</sup> ~~that~~ general conference in January. It will be attended by the presidents, presidents of the boards of regents, faculty representatives, alumni representatives, directors and coaches of all institutions in the western conference.

A thing which is certain is that the existing annual conflicts in schedule arrangements, the occasional hostilities and recriminations that have sometimes accompanied schedule meetings will be done away with for a long time to come if the Big Sixty work out their plans in the way many of them are hoping to do.

Whether or not the meeting means that Western Conference athletics, is really peeping into the lair of the famous "giant," Faculty Control", can be determined only by the outcome of the meeting, but it is obvious, with so many interests represented, that no single group will be in control of the bigger committee.

Major Griffith's announcement of the meeting says that matters to be discussed will include the following:

"1. Is the conference a playing league? The conference was originally constituted for the purpose of establishing eligibility rules common to all of the institutions which make up the conference and for the purpose of establishing athletic standards. A great many of the alumni and the public are insisting, however, that the conference should determine championships each year, and with that in mind are contending that schedules should be arranged for that purpose.

"2. Schedules. The questions of rotating schedules, simultaneous home and home games, long term contracts, and intersectional games will be discussed.

"3. Equality of competition. It is necessary that two teams competing in a game shall observe one code of playing rules, so the conference authorities are agreed in the interests of equal and fair competition that it is further necessary that the ten conference universities respect uniformity in the matters which pertain to playing conditions 'off the field.' For instance, the directors will request the presidents, faculty representatives, the alumni and the others to assist them in reaching a uniform agreement which shall affect the ten universities alike in the matter of remission of tuition, if there be any such, the granting of scholarships, loan funds, the activities of alumni secretaries, and so forth. The directors believe that, while there is very little proselyting and illegitimate recruiting on the part of the conference universities, yet there has been no prescribed uniform standard binding all the universities alike in the past."

It is probable that the meeting will not take place until Dr. C.W. Spears, Minnesota coach, is in shape to attend. He is at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota recovering from a major operation.

"U" DENIES REPORTED

STADIUM ENLARGEMENT

Lushring Says Field House Project Is Enough  
for Present Time

Minneapolis, December 22; "The University of Minnesota has no intention of enlarging its stadium in the near future, nor any plans as yet for an ultimate enlargement". This denial of recent stories that Minnesota's stadium would be expanded to have a capacity of 72,000 was issued today by F. W. Lushring, director of Athletics. The stadium has been filled but twice in its three years of existence, for the Michigan and Notre Dame games of the past autumn. The University administration fails to see any "crisis" in the present situation.

Principal among the reasons why Minnesota is not planning to add to its stadium is the fact that plans are now in the making for the construction of a large and complete field house. Original plans called for a structure costing about \$650,000 but athletic finances were found not to warrant a start on quite so expensive a building, with the consequence that the field house will be held down to a total cost in the neighborhood of \$500,000. With this retrenchment likely, it becomes apparent that plans for enlarging the stadium must wait, probably for some years.

Because recent action of the Minneapolis city council will make it necessary to cut 14 feet off the front of the field house as it was originally projected, it is likely that the regents will consider building the entire depth of the building now, rather than putting in a temporary rear wall and later finishing the entire house. Building the entire shell of the building at a single time would also effect important economies, especially in structural steel and in saving the cost of a temporary rear wall. This matter will be decided at an early meeting of the board. The state architect has recommended that the university do as much as possible at one time in the interest of rather important building economies.

The fact that Minnesota's basketball team appears to be off to a flying start on a successful season makes the field house of more than ordinary interest at present, as the house will be, above all else, a home for the basketball team. This sport easily ranks next to football in the interest it arouses in the student body and the public. It also ranks high in intercollegiate importance.

Coach Taylor will have a floor surrounded by 17,800 seats when the field house has been finished, as compared with about 2400 seats in the old university armory. The difficulty of attending games in the university armory became so great that people stopped going to the games because of the likelihood of disappointment. With the transfer of play to the Kenwood armory downtown, attendance has again increased, but the players suffer a handicap in the lack of a home floor.

Construction of a new swimming pool in the field house has been deferred for a year or two due to the greatly added cost that would be entailed.

Sports Letter

MINNEAPOLIS HONORS

GOPHER TEAM & SQUAD

Municipal Banquet for Spears & Co.  
Is Scheduled for Jan. 5

Mpls., Dec. 29: One of the most remarkable compliments ever paid to any coach or team in western football will be expressed Wednesday night, January 5, when the Minneapolis City council will be host at a dinner in honor of the University of Minnesota's 1926 eleven and its coach, Dr. Clarence W. Spears.

The team and squad, coaching staff, athletic department members, and all members of the University community who are helping in the organization and administration of athletics at Minnesota will be guests, and a public ticket sale is being conducted.

Governor Theodore Christianson of Minnesota, Mayor Leach of Minneapolis, Mayor Hodgson of St. Paul, President L. D. Goffman of the University, Hon. Fred B. Snyder, chairman of the board of regents, W. H. Eustis, a benefactor of the University, and "Pudge" Heffelfinger, the famous Yale star, who makes his home in Minneapolis, will be the speakers. Representatives of the council will be Alderman W. A. Currie, a member of the University class of '79 and Alderman M. U. S. Kjorlaug, a graduate of Minnesota's law school.

The menu has been printed in Football teams. It will provide:

Spears Cocktail

Regulars

Substitutes

Filet of Joesting

Fresh Ends

Guards, Jardiniere

Tackles Mignon

Wheeler Sherbert

Minnesota Shift Ice Cream

Quarterback Cake

Fullback Coffee

More than 900 reservations have been made for the banquet.

The date has been set at a time when it is expected Coach Spears will have recovered sufficiently from his recent operation to be able to attend. He is still at the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minn., recovering from an operation for gall stones, the disease which gave him so much trouble during most of the recent football season.

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## "U" HOCKEY SEASON

OPENS JANUARY 14TH

### Basketball Team Drops Opener to Illinois

#### But Promises Marked Improvement

Minneapolis, Jan. 7; Minnesota's intercollegiate hockey players, midwestern champions in 1925-26, lost nearly a week of outdoor practise at a critical time due to the sloppy condition of the ice during the January thaw that set in the day before New Years. Coach Emil Iverson is working hard with his men, however, in preparation for the season's first games, a brace of contests with Wisconsin at Madison, January 14 and 15. Built on the nucleus of last year's team, Wisconsin is said to have a fast moving aggregation and Iverson has his men on their toes, hoping to keep up the whirling pace that took them through last season unbeaten.

Undismayed by the loss of the season's first conference basketball game, Captain Mason and Harold Taylor, headcoach, are at work this week pointing the team to meet Michigan tomorrow night, Saturday, in the Kenwood Armory, Minneapolis.

Weakness in locating the basket cost the Gophers the opening contest with Illinois, a failure that has lost basketball games many times before. Hard luck pursued Taylor's men on many of their shots, and on others it seemed to be poor shooting as much as anything else. There is plenty of basketball ability on the squad, however, and before the season is many games older, Minnesota is expected to hit a pace that will win. That the men played much poorer basketball against Illini than they had against non-conference opponents indicated that there may have been a touch of buck fever present.

The Gophers' banquet as guests of the Minneapolis City Council Wednesday night went off with a bang, when the municipality entertained the 1926 football squad and all members of the University staff who had a hand in making the season

a success. Between 800 and 900 Linneapolitans attended, something like 750 tickets having been put on public sale. It was the first time in the University's history that a football team has aroused interest sufficient to lead to a citywide entertainment.

Dr. C. W. Spears expressed pleasure that the entertainment should have taken place after the season was well closed rather than during it. A year ago a banquet to the team just prior to its departure for Ann Arbor to play Michigan was held responsible in part for the showing made by the team in that contest.

CALLS SWIMMING BEST  
SPORT FOR MINNESOTANS

University Athletic Director Finds That  
Most Students Can Swim

Minneapolis, January---Three quarters of the men students who attend the University of Minnesota know how to swim when they reach the campus, thanks to the widespread popularity of the beaches of the State of Ten Thousand lakes. Out of nearly 1200 tests given to new students a year ago, only about 325 resulted in failures according to statistics prepared by Niels Thorpe for the annual report of F. W. Luehring, director of athletics at the University. The test requires that the student swim twice the length of the university swimming pool.

Mr. Luehring, a member of the national rules committee governing inter-collegiate swimming, and chairman of the committee last year, praises water sports as among the most healthful of all, and especially suited to Minnesota.

"Aquatic physical education, such as may be offered in swimming pools, is particularly suited to the needs of undergraduates while in college," he says, "and also for later life. It is especially fitting for citizens of Minnesota, our abundant lakes offering splendid opportunities for outdoor aquatic activities.

"Most of the physical education activities which are conducted on land have been worked out in parallel form for the water. Because of this, as well as its lifelong utility and its availability indoors during all seasons of the year at comparatively low cost, this form of physical education is highly desirable and needs more encouragement."

Although the initial cost of a swimming pool is large, the sport requires almost no equipment and the pool lasts as long as anyone wants to use it.

Freshman gymnastics is a subject required of all students at Minnesota but those who are fitted to take part in special or intercollegiate freshman athletics are permitted to substitute athletics for gym. with the result that large numbers take the sports rather than the regular gymnasium work.

Mr. Luehring's report shows that last year 60 substituted baseball, 148 basketball, 34 cross-country running, 42 bowling, 115 football, 9 gymnastics, 46 hockey, 616 swimming, 61 tennis, 162 track athletics and 46 wrestling, while 2,843 took physical education.

Last year also saw the completion of a splendid new room under the Stadium for the use of Emil Iverson's classes in orthopedic and corrective gymnastics, to which 216 men students were assigned by the University Health Service after physical examination. Nine advanced leaders who are specializing in physical education were assigned to assist Mr. Iverson with these large classes. Cases treated ranged from results of appendicitis, high blood pressure and defective hearts to flat feet, postural defects and arrested growth.

Possibilities of greatly enlarging many phases of Minnesota's athletic work will be offered by the completion of the new field house which will probably be begun next spring.

## Sports Letter

### SAYS "SKULL-FIGHTING"

#### WILL DEVELOP STARS

#### Strand of Minnesota Describes Honorable Scandinavian Melee System

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan.--- Leif Strand, Minnesota's over-sized basketball and football star, is a three-sport man, but has no chance to compete in his third sport because no one else in the Western Conference knows anything about it.

Strand claims proficiency in the ancient and honorable Scandinavian sport of "skull-fighting".

This is a quiet little game in which the participants, after becoming fiercely angry at one another, glare steadily for about ten seconds, draw in their necks, and then shoot out their heads like a couple of pistons.

"Thwack" and another Viking has bit his lip.

According to Strand's quaint story, skull-fighting is the traditional manner of settling differences between Scandinavian seaman, especially among the Norwegians and the Danes. In this, Emil Iverson, Minnesota's cross-country and hockey coach, bears him out. Both tell of witnessing many bloody skull fights among former Scandinavian sailors in this country, and Ivy, who had his physical education training in the Danish national schools, remembers seeing some lusty bouts in the old country.

It seems that when skull meets skull, it's just a matter of which dome is the thicker, but that a gude skull blow on the nose, lip or temple, deftly done with the blonde dome of the second, hostile, or other skull-fighter is as good as Dempsey's right in Jess Willard's midriff.

Skull-fighting, says Leif, is hedged about by the nicest of ethics and regulations. For example, there is no use of the hands whatever, except

in the wiping away of blood, which is permitted. Glaring with the eyes is done; also panting and groaning with the general vocal apparatus. The striking, however is confined to the head, which must be attached to the neck and used in a straight-forward manner.

To date, Strand has refused to give an exemplification of skull-fighting for two reasons. In the first place, he can find no one to skull-fight, and it is contrary to the rules of the sport to attack a telephone pole or steel and concrete building.

Secondly, Strand is taking astronomy and fears he might get all mixed up in his stars, thus flunking and becoming ineligible for the important matters of basketball and football.

He has promised, however, that if anyone really wants to find out about skull-fighting he will tell them about it.

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GOPHERS SEEK VICTORIES

ON FOREIGN COURTS

Basketball Team is Off for Ohio and  
Michigan Games

Minneapolis, Jan. 23--Bent on improving a season's record that is written wholly in red ink to date, Minnesota's basketball team is on its way to Columbus, Ohio, where it will meet the strong Ohio State five on Saturday night, after which it will make Ann Arbor for a return game with Michigan, Monday, January 24th.

Ohio and Michigan are rated among the strongest teams in the conference and as opponents who should defeat Minnesota on the season's showing to date were it not for the Gopher's disconcerting habit of going badly for a few weeks and then turning around to burn up the league.

Whether this strange, annual reversal of form will take place this winter remains to be seen. The two games over the present week end will just about determine the status of the season for Minnesota.

Despite its lowly station with four games "unwon" Minnesota boasts the second highest scorer in the conference. George Otterness with 12 field goals and eight points from the foul line, a total of 32 points, is led only by Cummins of Purdue, shown by the records to have scored 46. Mally N. Dahl is also among the first ten conference scorers with a total of 22 points, including seven field goals and eight hot drops after fouls.

Following the present trip, Minnesota will meet Ohio State in Minneapolis January 29, will journey to Illinois and Indiana on February 5 and 7, and will wind up the season with a brace of games against Northwestern, at home February 12, and at Evanston February 26, plus a game with Purdue in Minneapolis March 5. Eight of the 12 scheduled games remain to be played, including the two that will be ticked off this Saturday and Monday.

MINNESOTA TRACK

PROSPECTS BRIGHTEN

Coach Finger is Selecting Men for Big

Illinois Indoor Relays

Minneapolis, Feb. 4—Prospects for the track season of 1927 are materially brighter at Minnesota than they seemed when the 1926 season closed, according to Coach Sherman Finger. Return to school of Bill Hawker, a star in the pole vault, and the rapid development of a number of new men, among them especially George Otterness, the all-around star from Willmar, indicate that Minnesota will have a team to be reckoned with by the time the cinder paths and jumping pits have dried out next spring.

Finger is now selecting the team he will send to the Illinois indoor relay meet this month, which is almost certain to include Captain Ted Scarborough, Henry Morrison, Harold Binger and Tom Berhhagen as members of the mile relay team, Vincent Hubbard and Don Gordon to run in the four mile relay, Hawker and probably Marshall Growley in the pole vault, Paul Bunker or Herman Drill in the shot-put and Bill O'Shields for the indoor dash at 75 yards.

Minnesota this year has six men, if all are eligible, who can run the mile anywhere between 4:24 and 4:40; according to Coach Finger. They are Orville Mathews, 4:24; Cyril North, 4:35; Joe Wexman, 4:34; Vincent Hubbard 4:36; Errol Anderson, 4:39, and Don Gordon, 4:42. From among this half dozen will be chosen a team that is almost sure to score in the four-mile relay at the big indoor meet at Urbana, and the same men are likely to give an excellent account of themselves in outdoor competition later in the year.

Some of the new men whom Coach Finger expects to make a good showing this year are Francis Rhea, whose versatility should enable him to place in the dashes, high jump and broad jump; George Otterness, also a participant in several events, including the pole vault, high jump, broad jump and high hurdles, J. McCoy, broad jumper; Ted Catlin, quarter mile and broad jump; Ted Chalgren, quarter and half mile; Ewald Lundgren high and broad jumps, and Sam Jacobs, hurdles Elton Hess is another man who is expected to add to Minnesota's strength in the vault event.

If Finger sends a man to Illinois to take part in the all-around event it will probably be Geroge Otterness, the basketball player, who has done 12 feet in the pole vault; six feet one in the high jump; 22 feet in the broad jump and has run the high hurdles in 15:2. Few athletes in the Big Ten can even approach the average of these marks in four such outstanding events.



FIELD HOUSE TO BE

FINISHED IN AUTUMN

Dr. Spears Calls on Football Men to

Begin Conditioning At Once

Mpls., Feb. 17 Minnesota's new field house will be ready in time for the opening of the 1927 basketball season. It may be started within a month.

Coming on the heels of one of the most disastrous basketball seasons in Minnesota history, the announcement holds out hope for far better conditions of play and stronger basketball interest next year.

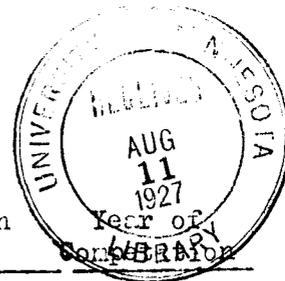
Director Fred Luehring, announcing the final plans, pointed out that no university funds will be used for the field house other than those obtainable from athletic income. Net football receipts for the past fall were in the neighborhood of \$240,000 according to a compilation by Conrad Seitz, university bursar, and while more than \$100,000 of this will be needed to finance football and make up athletic department deficits in other sports, it will add a neat sum towards defraying the cost of the new building. Gains in subsequent years will be used to pay for the rest.

Meanwhile impetus towards the 1927 football season has been received with the call by Dr. Clarence W. Spears for the football men to begin conditioning themselves. The doctor recommends squash racquets and handball as good exercise between now and the time after spring vacation when gridiron aspirants may begin working out of doors. The turnout will include the stars of last autumn's freshman squad.

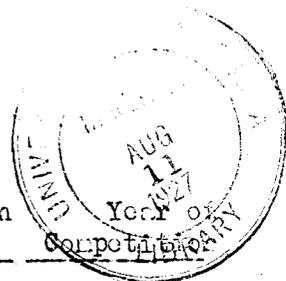
Soon after spring practice begins, it is expected, announcement of the staff of assistant coaches will be made by the head coach. Patsy Clark is certain to be chief assistant again, but there may be some shifting in the remainder of the personnel, it has been indicated.

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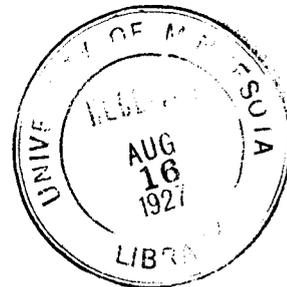
CANDIDATES FOR 1927 FOOTBALL TEAM



Name	Age	Weight	Previous Experience	Home Town	Position	Rank
Adair, Ken	24	190	Cedar Rapids H.S.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Center	1st
Almquist, Harold	24	158	Mpls. East H.S.	Minneapolis, Minn	Quarterback	3rd
Arendsee, Clarence	23	190	Aberdeen S.D., H.S.	Aberdeen, S.D.	Fullback	3rd
Barnhart, Harold	20	175	Pasco H.S.	Pasco, Wash.	Halfback	3rd
Blustin, Shalloy	22	165	Mpls, North	Minneapolis, Minn	End	2nd
Boardman, Fred	20	190	Shattuck School	Minneapolis, Minn	Guard	1st
Bredemus, Wendell	22	220	Mpls, East H.S.	Minneapolis, Minn	Center	2nd
Burdick, Quentin	19	190	Williston, H.S.	Williston, N.D.	Fullback	1st
Callender, H.C.	20	160	St. Paul Central	St. Paul, Minn	Halfback	1st
Copeland, Chester	19	190	Mpls., East H.S.	Minneapolis, Minn	Fullback	1st
Danberg, Al.	25	190	Eveleth H.S.	Eveleth, Minn	Halfback	1st
Enlein, Harold	21	206	Sioux City H.S.	Sioux City, Iowa	Tackle	1st
Gay, Clayton	22	165	Moose Lake H.S.	Moose Lake, Minn	End	2nd
Gary, Mitchell	29	205	Marshall H.S.	Marshall, Minn	Tackle	3rd
Geer, Andrew	20	185	Crookston H.S.	Crookston, Minn	Halfback	2nd
Gibson, George	20	190	Medford Okla. H.S.	Medford, Okla	Guard	2nd
Hanson, Harold	23	185	Stewart H.S.	Stewart, Minn	Guard	3rd
Harris, Lewis	24	160	Mankato H.S.	Mankato, Minn	End	1st
Haycraft, Ken	20	180	no H.S. Experience	Weyzata, Minn	Left End	2nd
Hovde, Fred	21	160	Devils Lake H.S.	Devils Lake, No. Dak.	Quarterback	2nd
Joesting, Herb.	22	191	Owatonna H.S.	Owatonna, Minn	Fullback	3rd
Johnson, Lawrence	20	210	Mpls. Central	Minneapolis, Minn	Tackle	2nd
Johnson, Lloyd	22	175	Alexandria H.S.	Alexandria, Minn	Center	1st



Name	Age	Weight	Previous Experience	Home Town	Position	Year of Competition
Johnson, H.H.	21	180	Morris H.S.	Morris, Minn	Endback	1st
Johnson, Wm S.	22	180	Willmar H.S.	Willmar, Minn	End	1st
Kakela, Wayne	23	220	Eveleth H.S.	Eveleth, Minn	Center	1st
Kaminski, Wm	22	206	Donfield H.S.	Duluth, Minn	Guard	3rd
Uckelberg, Edgar	21	190	Battle Lake H.S.	Battle Lake, Minn	Tackle	2nd
Knoerr, Darrel	27	190	Brownton H.S.	Brownton, Minn	Fullback	2nd
MacKinnon, Geo.	21	160	Durango H.S.	Durango, Colo	Center	3rd
McNeese, John	19	175	Fargo H.S.	Fargo N.D.	Tackle	1st
Maeder, Al.	23	190	Hpls East H.S.	Minneapolis, Minn	Tackle	3rd
Matchan, Geo.	25	170	West High	Minneapolis, Minn	Halfback	3rd
Heili, Wm	25	206	Hpls., West	Minneapolis, Minn	Tackle	3rd
Halvey, Arthur	24	190	Stillwater H.S.	Stillwater, Minn	Center	3rd
Nagurski, Bronko	20	216	Benidji H.S.	Benidji, Minn	End, Tackle	1st
Nydahl, Melvin	21	175	Hpls. South	Minneapolis, Minn	Quarter	3rd
Oster, Al.	22	190	No. H.S.	Minneapolis, Minn	End	1st
Pharmer, C.A.	19	185	Gonzaga H.S.	Spokane, Wash.	Halfback	1st
Pulkrabek, Les.	20	190	Glencoe H.S.	Glencoe, Minn	Tackle	1st
Riddel, Donald	23	180	Virginia H.S.	Virginia, Minn	Halfback	2nd
Tanner, Robert	20	180	Hpls. Marshall	Minneapolis, Minn	End	1st
Tust, Raymond	22	150	Winona H.S.	Winona, Minn	Quarterback	1st
Walsh, Leonard	24	185	Cathedral H.S.	Duluth, Minn	Guard	3rd
Westin, Lloyd	22	180	Duluth Central	Duluth, Minn	Fullback	2nd



## MINNESOTA MAILS

### GRID. APPLICATIONS

Statement on Games, Priorities, and Mail

Orders is Given to Public

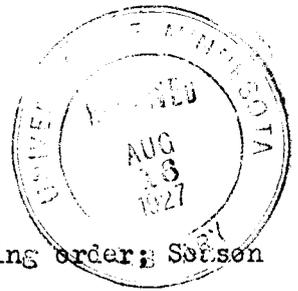
Minneapolis, Aug.---More than 17,000 application blanks for Minnesota's seven football games of the season of 1927 went into the mail this week addressed to persons who have sent in mail orders in past years, and thousands more are available to all who write in and ask for them. The applications were mailed by Leslie Schroeder, assistant ticket manager, who should be addressed at the football ticket office, University of Minnesota.

Season tickets will cost \$10. this year, the individual games prices having been set as follows; North Dakota, Oct. 1, \$1.; Oklahoma Aggies, Oct. 8, \$2. Indiana, at Bloomington, Oct. 15, \$2.75; Iowa (Homecoming), Oct. 22, \$2.50; Wisconsin (Dad's Day) Oct. 29, \$2.50; Notre Dame (at South Dend) Nov. 5, \$3.00; Drake, Nov. 12, \$2.; Michigan (at Ann Arbor) Nov. 19, \$3. Box seats, \$4.

That Minnesota has adhered to its policy of keeping prices reasonable is shown by the fact that each of its games away from home will cost spectators more than even the big home games. The Minnesota top has been kept at \$2.50, while Indiana gets \$2.75 and \$3. for box seats, Notre Dame \$3, and Michigan, \$3 and \$4 for box seats. Iowa also charges \$3 when its big games are played at home, and sometimes \$3.50.

Mail orders will close on the following dates; For North Dakota, Sept. 19; Oklahoma, Sept. 26; Indiana, Oct. 3; Iowa, Oct. 10; Wisconsin, Oct. 17; Notre Dame, Oct. 24; Drake, Oct 31, and Michigan, Nov. 7.

Priority schedules have been kept the same this year as last except that all priority will be abolished on orders received after September 19th. That is the date on which season ticket sales will close, and priority will be given only



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on orders received by Sept., 19. Orders will be filled in the following order: Season priority, season non-priority, individual game priority, individual game non-priority. In other words all season ticket seats will be given preference over the priority selections for individual games. The best possible seats in each classification will be used to fill mail orders. The balance of the seats will be placed on sale to the public during the week before each game.

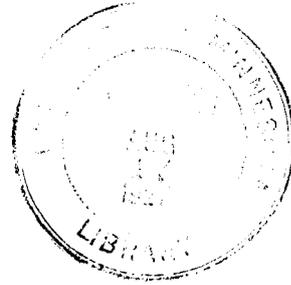
When an order for individual seats at more than one game is sent in separate checks covering the seats for each game should be mailed. Twenty cents to cover the postage and registry fees must accompany each mail order, but stamped and self-addressed envelopes should not be sent. Separate orders cannot be placed together unless they are securely pinned together when mailed to the ticket office.

All checks should be made payable simply to the University of Minnesota.

Three of the home games are with ancient and honorable Minnesota rivals, North Dakota, Iowa, and Wisconsin. To the two latter have been assigned the places of honor on the home schedule. Homecoming and Dad's Day, North Dakota has opened the Minnesota home schedule interestingly for many years past. Drake and the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College have two of the strong teams in the Missouri Valley Conference and seem certain to offer splendid opposition to Dr. Spear's team, better, in all likelihood, than last year's games except the biggest ones.

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Sports Letter. University of Minnesota.



Minneapolis, Aug. 17:- Dr. Spears, Minnesota's famous headcoach of football, is still a sizeable person although statistics show that last year he lost 1045 pounds---of football material, that being the total weight of six first string players of whom five graduated and one left school. But, the statistics show, 8318 pounds of equally good material will return to the campus in September.

If the average football team weighs approximately one ton, which it does, taking the average player at 175 pounds and multiplying him by eleven to give 1925 pounds, one can see, without counting the players, that the Minnesota coach will have the equivalent of four teams, some pretty good, some pretty bad, from which he expects to assemble one team that is at least fair.

With this as a basis for guessing, one may turn to the list of candidates and see how accurate the estimate is, because there are exactly 45 names, just four teams and one over. Somewhere in the list there is at least one man who will not be out when the gong clangs, so the official guesser gives himself one hundred and sits down to the applause of his own throbbing heart.

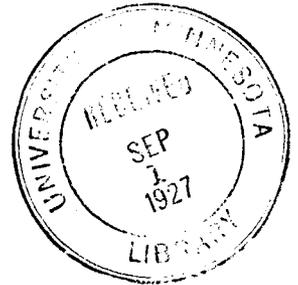
Five visiting teams which will meet Minnesota on its home gridiron this year are to have the pleasure of playing on the best field ever provided at Minneapolis for a fall schedule. The stadium grass, now three summers old, has taken hold this summer with new enthusiasm and done itself proud. Caretakers are predicting that it will be perfect by the time the first game, that with North Dakota is called on Saturday, October 1, Other games on the schedule will be with Oklahoma Aggies, October 8, Iowa, October 22, Wisconsin, October 29, and Drake, November 12.

Minnesota seems to be pretty well off in at least one position. Including Herb Joesting, captain and All-American star, Minnesota has seven men 1

listed as fullbacks. This should provide a touching amount of line-cracking in the course of any full-time game. When Joesting is unable to gain against a line, Dr. Spears may resort to the following: Arendsee, Clarence; Burdick, Quentin; Copeland, Chester; Johnson, M.L.; Knoerr, Darrel; or Westin, Loyd. With the exception of Arendsee, who will be a senior, all of these young men have two, and in some cases, three years to play with Minnesota. Even if four of the seven develop sagging tendencies or a wide-open break the Gophers seem to be in pretty fair shape at the peak of the backfield triangle.

This month Dr. Spears is conducting a coaching school and summer camp in the vicinity of Cass Lake. He will return about September 1, to make preparations for the resumption of football practice September 15th.

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GOPHER FOOTBALL

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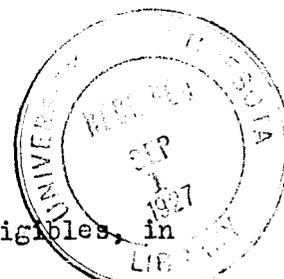
Many Lettermen Back -- Ends and Center Position

Will Cause Early-Season Concern

Minneapolis, Sept. 2--Just two weeks remain before the opening in all its grandeur of the 1927 football season at Minnesota, the third under the auspices of Dr. Clarence W. Spears as headcoach, and the first and only season under the captaincy of Minnesota's unanimous-choice, All-American fullback, Herbert Joesting of Owatonna.

In many ways Minnesota's approaching season will be unique. It will be the last Minnesota-Michigan game for two years. Under the round-robin schedules drawn up by the athletic directors last fall, Minnesota and Michigan will not play in 1928, but will play again in 1929, at Minneapolis. This year also will mark resumption of relations with Indiana, interrupted since 1922, and will see the last of three games with Notre Dame which were contracted for by Bill Spaulding, who left, however, before any of the three had been played. Minnesota and Notre Dame may or may not reach an agreement to continue the series after this fall.

The season looks unusual, also, in the return of so many experienced lettermen. Without basing on this fact any claim of astounding prospects or chances at Championships, the truth remains that Minnesota is pretty well heeled with material apart from the ends, the center of the line, and the lightness of the backfield, Joesting apart. Ken. Haycraft has turned in some pretty playing at his end, but no running mate has been developed to succeed Captain Roger Wheeler. Minnesota could use an Eklund, about now, not to say a Baston. Ek. was a natural athlete and a great end, whose like at that position has not been seen since his graduation.

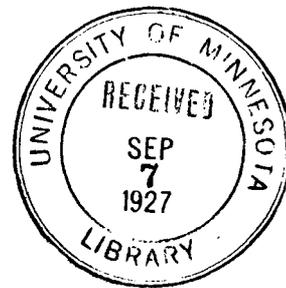


Six candidates for end are on the early season list of eligibles, in addition to Haycraft. Blustin and Clayton Gay, are juniors who tried for the position a year ago and did well, although they could not supplant Wheeler and Haycraft. William Johnson, Lewis Harris, Al Oster and Bob Tanner are sophomores listed as ends. Among these six Dr. Spears hoped to develop at least a pair of first-string men.

Center is another position which will bother the Doctor. Minnesota has had some splendid centers, and then again, some that were not so splendid. Cooper, leading candidate for several years, was fine when in condition, but was often laid open. Following his graduation, the position was taken over last year by Tony Hultstrand, who will not be back. Wendell Bredermas, Minnesota's behemoth, George McKinnon, the battling Scot, and Arthur Mulvey of Stillwater are among the veteran candidates. Add to these Ken Adair, Wayne Kakela and Lloyd Johnson, sophomores, and the eye has been cast upon the center material for 1927. Any of these boys will do. The question is, which will do supremely well, "do" in the manner that will win crucial games? This must be answered as the season advances.

As to the backfield--it is light. Dr. Spears has several heavy full-backs, including the best known full back in the land, but Shorty Almquist, Barney Barnhart, and Mally Nydahl are all light players, hardly above the midget class. Far from being a discredit to them, this statement is the highest possible compliment, in view of their magnificent work a year ago. If they can stand the gaff in the big games of 1927 they will roll up some impressive scores for Minnesota, especially if luck breaks right and Almquist is not kicked in the face in more than two or three major games. When unconscious he is practically worthless as a ball-carrier.

This, in part is the way matters will stand when mid-September comes, two weeks hence and Coach Spears sounds the whistle for the opening practice on the fifteenth. About two weeks later, Oct. 1, the team will play its first game, with North Dakota, in the Memorial Stadium.



SPEARS BROADCASTS

FOR MISSING PLAYERS

Bergman, New assistant coach, beat Army  
for Notre Dame back in 1915

Minneapolis, Sept. <sup>7</sup>—Lost, strayed, or stolen—between 25 and 30 good football players, all of whom are needed on the Minnesota campus the morning of Thursday, September 15th, when practice begins.

This is the flash bulletin just issued by Dr. Clarence Spears, Minnesota headcoach, who hastened to add that about thirty members of Minnesota's squad left without giving a summer address. As a consequence, although letters of summons to practice have gone out to 45 players, the other 30 will receive no notice unless they see it in the papers. Dr. Spears has humbly asked this cooperation from Minnesota dailies.

"I wanted to send every candidate a notice, but when I came to do so I found that a lot of men had left no address for the summer" the doctor explained. "But every man who was out for football last spring ought to be out there on September 15th. We've got work for every one of them, and we want them."

Sherman Finger, Minnesota's freshman football coach and track coach is lying ill at his home in South Dakota and may be unable to join the coaching forces of the university at the beginning of the season, it has become known. Last word from Finger was that he was improving, but was still a sick man. At the athletic office, however, plans are being laid on the assumption that the frosh coach will be in shape to go to work within a few weeks, possible at the outset of the year.

Meanwhile Dr. Spears has filled the vacancy on his coaching staff left by the resignation of Patsy Clark by securing the appointment of Arthur J. Bergman, star Notre Dame quarterback in 1915, 1916, and 1919. Bergman has been coaching at

at Dayton University for the past four or five years and leaves the Ohio community with a reputation that is worth acquiring.

Back in '15 when Bergman was playing his first year of 'varsity football Rockne's crew stacked up against the Army in a midseason game. The redoubtable Elmer Oliphant and everything was on the Army team and the battle was reasonably close, in fact 0-0 until the last few minutes of play. Then Dutch Bergman got the ball and wiggled through the entire Army team for a touchdown that won the game by a 6 to 0 score. That looked so good to the military authorities that he coached an army unit during '17 and '18, when he was in the army. In 1919 he went back to school, After graduation he coached for three years at the New Mexico Agricultural and Mechanical College, going from there to Dayton.

Doc. Spears says that as soon as he finds out what Bergman knows about football he expects him to be right, to be able of a help out on the practice field, especially in the development of that shifty, shiftless shift which conference teams have adopted for the coming autumn. Dr. Spears is preparing a new and highly strategic attack based on the theory that if you can gain ground when the backfield is not in motion, you're good.

Spears returned a week ago from the summer coaching camp which he and Patsy Clark conducted at Cass Lake. The camp was attended by between 40 and 50 high school and junior college coaches from the Middle west and was a success in every respect. One of its novel features was the use of houseboats as dormitories for the students, a number of old river boats having been obtained and pressed into service for sleeping quarters. The camp, situated a mile from the town of Cass Lake, will be repeated next summer.

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HOT BREEZES FAN

1927 GOPHER TEAM

Stadium Corn Crop Saved as Opponents

Hail Minnesota as Champion

Minneapolis, Sept. 19. The bigger a craft is, the more is its surface exposed to the wind, and Minnesota, entering the 1927 season with a promising football team is being hailed, here and there, as "coming champion", "best in the west" and other fruitful nicknames such as coaches are fond of applying to opponents to make it look better if they win and not so bad if they lose.

Dr. C. W. Spears, Minnesota coach, pooch-poochs the thought that Minnesota is the eleven to be watches for in the Western Conference, even though Glenn Thistlewaite, Wisconsin coach, has come to bat with an official statement to that effect. Minnesota barely nosed out Wisconsin last year, when the Badgers had a weaker team than they will have this and Minnesota was at the peak of its power with several veterans who have been lost by graduation and not replaced. Well-grounded reports from the Madison ball-yard say that there were between 75 and 100 of the finest kind of freshman out for football last fall, most of whom are available this year as sophomores for big game duty. Minnesota is counting the Wisconsin game as already bagged in the sureway that Washington has a chance to beat out the Yankees for the American League pennant.

The doctors big football squad has been going through "freshman week" on Northrop Field since Thursday, when fall practice officially began. All but a few of the Gopher notables wrenched their gear from Oscar Hanson and pranced out when the first whistle blew and those who have been delayed will put in an appearance within a few days.

Exactly two weeks and a day lie between the opening of practices and the season's first game, that with North Dakota on October 1 and there is no time to be lost, as the season will have been made or broken in less than a month from the opening date. Before the end of October Minnesota will have played three of its four conference games and four of its five home games. The Gophers meet Oklahoma at Minneapolis October 8; Indiana at Bloomington October 15; Iowa at Minneapolis October 22, and Wisconsin at Minneapolis October 29. Unless the season is a success by that time the remaining games with Drake, Notre Dame and Michigan, will be unable to retrieve it very much.

#### TICKET SALES SET RECORD

Minnesota sold more season books by early mail applications this year than it did during the entire autumn of 1926 according to a statement by Leslie Schroeder, assistant ticket manager. Something more than 5200 books carrying seats for all games were sold a year ago, exclusive of student books. This figure was passed on September 14th of this year, with more than two weeks and a half to go before the first game.

Student and faculty members applying for student books will again be photographed this year, according to the dictum of the ticket office. This does away with the transfer of student books, which go at a somewhat lower price than public books and also carry admission to other sports beside football.

Several factors are working in favor of larger attendance this fall, among them the fact the fact that most of the home games come in October when there is little likelihood that the weather will be unpleasantly cold. Interest in the Gopher team is now at a higher pitch than it has been at any time in the past ten years with the possible exception of the two weeks prior to the second Michigan game of last fall. Priorities close on Sept. 19th, but advance mail orders for all home games will be received until public sale for each game begins, a week before the date of play.



SPEARS ISSUES NUMBERS

TO SEVEN NEWCOMERS

First List of Playing Numbers Shows 27

Individuals Listed on First Squad

Minneapolis, Sept. 28—Just seven new men and 20 experienced veterans are included in the first list of 27 players to whom Dr. Spears has issued playing numbers at the University of Minnesota. More will be added to the list of official first-stringers as the season advances, but for the present these make up the total.

Veterans to whom numbers have been issued are Almquist, Barnhart, Blustin, Cooper, Gary, Gay, Gibson, Hanson, Hovde, Haycraft, Joesting, Lawrence Johnson, Kaminski, Knoerr, MacKinnon, Metchan, Nydahl, Riddell, Ukkelberg, Walsh and Haeder.

Official numbers go for the first time to the following:

Fred J. Boardman, who entered the University a year ago from Shattuck. Boardman weighs about 180, is reputed to be unusually strong, and is out for the position of guard.

Lloyd Johnson, a husky lad from Alexandria, Minnesota, where he made a fine record in high school football. Weighing around 185, Johnson is a candidate for the center position.

Wayne Kakela, who comes from Eveleth, on the Minnesota iron range, is a 200 pound player who promises to give them all a battle for the center position before the year is over.

Bronko Nagurski, another player who swings the pointer up into the vicinity of 200 pounds, comes from Bemidji, where men are men, and is being tried out at an end. Nagurski is one of the more promising new members of the squad.

C. Arthur Pharmer, whose freshman playing attracted a good deal of attention, came to Minnesota from Spokane, Washington; Pharmer weighs about 180 and is a candidate for the halfback position.

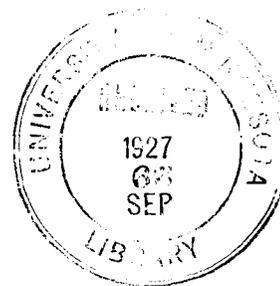
Leslie Pulkrabek, a husky young blonde from Glencoe, Minn. is another newcomer who promises to make a stir in line play. Pulkrabek is being tried at tackle and center. His weight is 186.

Robert Tanner, product of Marshall high school, Minneapolis, weighs nearly 180 and is one of the season's more promising end prospects. Tanner impressed many of the spectators who watched the freshman squad a year ago.

The list given above as veterans includes a number of men who were given their first chance a year ago, played a relatively few games, and will really have a chance to come before the public as "new" again this season. Among them may be mentioned Gay and Blustin, candidates for end, Cooper, who is out for the center position once held by his brother, Conrad; Ukkelberg, the big chap from Detroit Lakes who showed up so well at tackle a year ago, Knoerr, a plunging fullback who would be a star if Herb Joesting weren't on deck, and Hovde, whose work at quarterback has been clever and impressive, although he is classed as a light player.

Also "new" is the head assistant coach, Arthur J. Bergman, known as "Dutch" who made a name for himself in football at Notre Dame in 1915, 1916, and 1919, having been in the service in '17 and '18. Bergman made a snappy touchdown against the Army in 1915 and Notre Dame won, 6 to 0. After graduating he coached for two years at New Mexico A. and M. college, also finding time to shoot a few wild cats in the New Mexico hills. For three years past he has been headcoach at the University of Dayton, where he made a splendid record.

Sig Harris, Minnesota veteran, has taken charge of the freshman, in the absence of Sherman Finger, who is recovering from an operation at Rochester, Minn. Assisting Harris are Merton Dunnigan, former Minnesota lineman, and Vern Williams, who played center when a student at Minnesota and is now assistant dean of men in the office of Dean Edward E. Nicholson.



Minneapolis, Sept:30:--Ineligibility is laying a heavy hand on the Minnesota football team this year, according to Dr. Clarence W. Spears, headcoach, who points out that just 12 of the men who turned out for last year's huge freshman squad are now eligible as sophomores to take part in games. Not all of the remainder were lost by the ineligibility route, as some have quit school and others have left football field by the quituation route.

Chief among those whose marks now stand between them and a first squad uniform are Pharmer, the Washington state player who is said to be as clever a back as Minnesota has had in recent years, Raymond Tust, the Winona drop-kicker and quarterback, and Andy Geer, the elusive backfield man from Crookston.

Loss of these three, who had been counted on to give tone to the backfield reserves on the 1927 team, is throwing a tremendously heavy burden on the regular backs and will make it necessary for Minnesota to play a more conservative type of game than Dr. Spears would naturally choose.

Pharmer and Geer still have a chance to work off conditions before the season ends and both are trying to make the grade. Tust seems lost for the year, as is the veteran Clarence Arendsee, who left school when the academic line turned back his charges.

Starting against North Dakota Saturday Dr. Spears is expected to use Joesting, Almquist, Nydahl and Burnhart in the backfield; Haycraft and Nagurski at end; Kakela and Gary at tackles, Gibson and Hanson at guards and probably Mac Kinnon at center. During the first game a large number of substitutions will probably be made.

MINNESOTA TEAM HAS

MANY MEN FROM NORTH STATE

Nine Members of the 1927 Squad are From the  
Range or Nearby Towns

Minneapolis, Oct. 4:--With Kakela and Danberg of Eveleth, Kaminski of Duluth, Walsh of Superior, Wis., Riddell of Virginia, Westin of Duluth, Nagurski of Bemidji, Geer of Crookston and Gay of Moose Lake, Minnesota's 1927 football squad carries more than the usual number of husky men from the northern section of Minnesota and probably more than have ever before been on the squad at one time. Of the nine only two, Kaminski and Walsh, are playing their last year with Dr. Spears' team. Kakela, Nagurski and Danberg are sophomores, Riddell, Gay, Geer and Westin are playing their second year of 'varsity football.

Kakela has a real chance to make first string center, either this year or next, while Danberg, Riddell and Geer are all promising second-string backs with a splendid chance to graduate into first-string material. Danberg promises to develop into the best punter on the Minnesota team, and he is also improving his drop-kicking, although his blocked kick of last Saturday opened the way for North Dakota's long run for touchdown.

Nagurski and Gay, end candidates, are showing up well, Nagurski having been chosen by Coach Spears to start against North Dakota at right end, taking the place left vacant by the graduation of the 1926 captain, Roger Wheeler, Gay is a younger brother of Chet Gay who played such a strong game in the line several years ago.

Just at present Westin is battling it out with the big Dan Knoerr of Browntown, Minn., for the honor of playing understudy at fullback to Herb Joesting, Minnesota's All-American captain. In the opening game both displayed real drive and power to gain steadily through an opposing line.





## GOPHER-IOWA RECORDS

REVEAL A STANT-CFF

Since 1920 Each Team Has Won Three---Long  
Series Shows Minnesota Ahead

Minneapolis, Oct.20:---Saturday's game between Minnesota and Iowa will break the tie at three games each which these two rivals have played since 1920. Iowa won in 1921 by 41 to 7; in 1922, 28 to 14, and in 1924, 13 to 0. Minnesota has beaten the Iowans by 20 to 7 in 1923; 33 to 0 in 1925 and 41 to 0 in 1926. Spaulding had one win and two losses against Iowa. It. Spears has had two wins. In total scores since 1920 Minnesota has made 115 and Iowa 82. Each team has won twice on its home field and once away, last fall having been the first time Minnesota has beaten Iowa at Iowa City in more than 10 years.

In the series of 21 games that have been played since Iowa and Minnesota began meeting in football the Gophers have walked off with 15 victories to six for Iowa, all of the Iowa wins having come since the war. Under Howard Jones the Hawks tallied a series of five straight wins between 1918 and 1922.

But prior to 1918 no Iowa football team had either beaten or tied Minnesota. In fact Iowa had scored in only four games of the series that began in 1891 and was resumed in 1901. The Hawkeyes crashed over the Gopher goal line for four points in '91, for six in 1911, for seven in 1912 and for 13 in 1915, although Minnesota won all four of those games.

Iowa teams have held Minnesota scoreless but twice, winning 6 to 0 in 1918 and 13 to 0 in 1924. Otherwise Minnesota scores have ranged from 6 to as high as 67 in 1916, 56 in 1912, and 41 in 1926, last year's score having been the third highest in the series history. Minnesota has blanked Iowa 10 times.

Notwithstanding the figures, which indicate a historical superiority for Minnesota, there is nothing about this year's prospects that indicate an easy day for Minnesota. Coach Ingwersen has developed a complicated and efficient passing game that was shown when it scored easily against the strong Ohio State eleven. He has also congregated a heavy, fighting line, such as may be expected to stop many of the famous Gopher line plunges. All in all, the game looks like an even-Stephen from the vantage point of two days in advance, and if Iowa should give Minnesota the run-around it would not be exactly upsetting all precedent.

Ten year ago Iowa became a beam of thoroughly Big Ten caliber, and from that time on it has never been anything else. Dr. Spears believes Minnesota will be fortunate to win at all.

Weather records indicate that the finest football weather of the year may prevail over Memorial Stadium for the big Homecoming clash. If so, the crowds of alumni coming back for the day, the thousands of visiting Iowans, the student body and general audience are certain to see a battle they will never forget. All of Minnesota's prospects for a high rating in the 1927 conference standings depend on the outcome. Iowa, already beaten once, will be battling to regain a position of some strategic importance.



## GOPHERS FEAR BADGER

### AERIAL AND RUNNING GAME

Dr. Spears Knows What His Team Will Have

To Meet on Saturday

Minneapolis, Oct. 27th--Although Wisconsin gained almost 300 yards against Purdue by plunging and running, against only 30 by means of the two passes the Badgers completed, Minnesota is looking for a strong aerial game when the Dad's Day contest between Minnesota and Wisconsin takes place Saturday afternoon.

Wisconsin had Purdue in the ruck from the start, to judge from the game's statistics, and had no occasion to reveal the pass game it has built up between Rose, Crofoot, and Cameron. Dr. Spears is expecting a vicious scoring attack both on the ground and in the air when Glenn Thistlewaite's team invades Memorial Stadium.

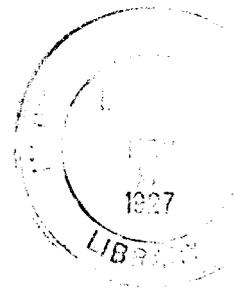
During three years past Minnesota has scored 35 points against Wisconsin while Wisconsin was scoring 29 against Minnesota. The 1923 game was 0 to 0, that in 1924, 7-7, and that in 1925, 12 to 12. Last fall in a queerly jumbled game in which Wisconsin was outscoring Minnesota while Minnesota outplayed Wisconsin, the score was 10 to 9 in favor of Wisconsin until a few moments before the final gun was fired, when Kelly Nydahl returned a punt for a touchdown and Minnesota won, 16 to 10.

Wisconsin usually gives Minnesota the hardest battle of the year considering its average relative strength in the Western Conference. In years when the Badgers come nowhere near to the title, they often battle the Gophers harder than the champions do. One reason for this is that the two institutions are as "natural rivals" as any in the conference and have played

the longest unbroken series of games, dating back to 1893 with but a single interruption.

More than 4,000 Wisconsin alumni and undergraduates have reserved seats for the Big game and, in addition, about 1,000 "Dad's" of Minnesota students have reserved seats in the special "Dad's Day" section. Both schools will have their bands in action, while "On, Wisconsin" vies with the new Minnesota March by Sousa in creating the thrilling enthusiasms of the "Battle of the Century".

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IRISH TREAT LOOKS

ON GOPHERS' HORIZON

Minnesota Will Play Third Game Against Notre  
Dame at South Bend Saturday

Minneapolis, November 1--:The coming week-end will see Minnesota completing its three-year contract with Notre Dame when Dr. Spears' fighting team meets the Rockne regiments at Notre Dame. It will be the first time a Minnesota team has ever played on the Notre Dame home field, but the second time the Gophers have had to invade Indiana this fall. Results of the first Indiana invasion were not so bright.

Minnesota's games against Notre Dame in the past two years have been two of the most thrilling in all Minnesota football history, although each has resulted in the same way, three touchdowns for the Irish to one for Minnesota. This year both universities have better teams than those that met in 1925 and 1926. Minnesota's improvement over 1926 will have to be very much greater than Notre Dame's if the Northmen are to come out on top, for Notre Dame was better a year ago.

National paddlers of football news say that the game Saturday will attract the greatest array of football experts, "By-line" writers and All-American pickers that will be gathered together this week. They and the thousands of others who go to the class of the football contests have already taken all of the 30,000 seats available in the Indiana town, and no one but a "One-eyed-Connolly" will stand the ghost of a chance of crashing the gate.

Minnesota will have to depend on its ends and tackles to win against the Irish, for it is to be doubted that even Collins and Niemiec can go through the Gopher line to victory. Each year the speedy Notre Dame backs Dahman and Flanagan, have been able to sweep around opposing teams, which does

~~that they play such a wide variety of plays, and are not only a good offensive team, but also a good defensive team. Rockne's tactics~~

does not by any means mean Minnesota only, and register touchdowns. Rockne starts these plays at unexpected times, his favorite strategy being to run the ends from the middle of the field, or even points well back in his own territory, from which scoring plays are not looked for. If the Gopher forwards can run these two antelopes to the sidelines Minnesota will have an outside chance to win.

Because Notre Dame is so much easier to reach than Minneapolis, the football experts of the east will probably journey to the game to get a glimpse of the mighty Herbert Joesting, who is expected to be in shape for his best effort of the year to date.

Pharmer and Barnhart, Minnesota's damaged backs, are making only a slow recovery, and that's no bear story. This leaves the Gophers without a kicker. As a result of this situation Minnesota revealed one of the finest substitutes for kicking in the Wisconsin game that has recently been seen on a football field. They hurried almost every Wisconsin kick to such an extent that it mattered little whether the Badger fullback could kick or not. He wasn't allowed to. If the Gopher punts had averaged 30 yards they would have been better than those of the opposition.

To date Minnesota has scored 52 more points than any other Western Conference team, Illinois, with 110 being next highest to the Spearman's 162. Defensively Illinois, Michigan, Chicago and Purdue have held opponents to fewer tallies than the 31 that have been registered against Minnesota.

For Tuesday Release

## MINNESOTA APPROACHES

### 13th MICHIGAN GAME

Minneapolis Nov. 8. A week from Saturday Minnesota will close its 1927 season at Ann Arbor, where Dr. Spear's team will play Michigan in Minnesota's 19th game with the Wolverines. It will be the last game with Michigan for two years, inasmuch as the three year schedule arranged last fall eliminates the annual Minnesota-Michigan game in 1928, Chicago having been placed on the Gopher schedule instead.

Minnesota beat Michigan in the first two games played between the rival universities, those of 1892 and 1893, and won again in 1919. The famous game of 1903 was a tie at 6 to 6, as everyone in Minnesota who is 30 years old remembers.

Despite the preponderance of Michigan victories, few of the games have gone into large scores, as the following table of results will show:

1892	Minnesota	14	Michigan	6
1893	Minnesota	34	Michigan	20
1895	Minnesota	0	Michigan	20
1896	Minnesota	4	Michigan	6
1897	Minnesota	6	Michigan	14
1902	Minnesota	6	Michigan	23
1903	Minnesota	6	Michigan	6
1909	Minnesota	6	Michigan	15
1910	Minnesota	0	Michigan	<del>xx</del> 6
1919	Minnesota	34	Michigan	7
1920	Minnesota	0	Michigan	3
1921	Minnesota	0	Michigan	38
1922	Minnesota	7	Michigan	16
1923	Minnesota	0	Michigan	10
1924	Minnesota	0	Michigan	13
1925	Minnesota	0	Michigan	35
1926 (1)	Minnesota	0	Michigan	20
1926 (2)	Minnesota	6	Michigan	7
1927	Minnesota	?	Michigan	?

Michigan has made 265 points to Minnesota's 118. Michigan has never been held scoreless. Minnesota has gone without scores in nine of the 18 games.

Minnesota's eagerness to beat Michigan is probably due less to any "natural Rivalry" between the two teams than to the fact that the Michigan series is the only one between Minnesota and a Western Conference team, or for that matter, any team, in which Minnesota is on the short end, over the long period of years. Minnesota is ahead on its series with Iowa, Wisconsin, Chicago, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio State, as well as with Northwestern and in the few games ever played with Purdue. So it is natural that there should be a general desire to tone up the anemic record against Yost's hordes.

Minnesota will play before the biggest crowd that ever saw a Minnesota team in action when it goes against Michigan. The new Michigan Stadium has a seating capacity in excess of 70,000 persons, probably 12,000 more than ever saw a home game in the Gopher Stadium.

Illinois, Ohio State and Michigan now have the stadia with the largest seating capacity and Minnesota has not been playing Illinois and Ohio State since the big new structures were erected. Michigan's present seating capacity was attained only this year. The Stadium was dedicated three weeks ago, when Osterbaan's passes to Gilbert scored three touchdowns for Michigan and enabled them to defeat the staters by 21 to 0.



## FALOUS GOPHERS PLAY

LAST HOLE GALE ON 12th

Saturday Will Give Fans Final Chance To See  
Joesting, Almquist, Nydahl, MacKinnon,  
Hanson, Gary, Walsh & Co.

Minneapolis, Nov. 9:- Minnesotans who wish to see Minnesota's greatest football team of recent years, possibly of all time, will have a last opportunity Saturday of this week, Nov. 12, when the Gophers meet Drake in Memorial Stadium. It will be the last home game of the "Great Sophomore Eleven" of 1925, now a senior eleven for the most part, led by Captain Herb. Joesting, the All-American plunging ace.

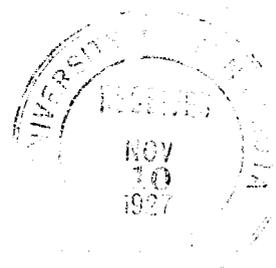
Best of all for those who wish to see the team is the fact that the Drake game, a non-conference contest, has had a relatively small advance sale. There remain thousands of splendid seats available in both the North and south stands of the Stadium.

Such stars as Almquist, Nydahl, Gary, Hatcher, MacKinnon, Kaminski, Maeder, Hanson, Hulvey and Walsh will make their last home appearance Saturday, as will Captain Joesting.

Color will be added to the event by a delegation from Owatonna which has sent word that something like 300 rooters, including a band, will be on hand to see the Thunderbolt or Battering Ram, as one chooses to call him, perform his big magic.

That Drake is a high class team is shown by the fact that Iowa State, which tied Illinois at 12 to 12, was able to beat the Bulldogs by only 7 to 0 Saturday when a long pass over the Drake goal line was completed for a touchdown in the final period. Comparative scores are not always reliable, but Illinois played pretty much the same team against Drake that beat Michigan and Iowa, both by 14 to 0.

Drake is also a new opponent for Minnesota. It is coached by Ossie Solen, one of the well-remembered star ends of Dr. H. L. Williams's day. Solen has been developing strong football teams at the Des Moines institution, and also has developed the Drake Relays into a national track event of the early spring.



## GOPHERS TO PLAY SIX

### BIG TEN TEAMS NEXT YEAR

Michigan and Notre Dame off Schedule But  
Purdue, Chicago, Wisconsin, Iowa,  
Northwestern & Indiana are on.

Minneapolis, Nov. 11. - With nine games as the greatest number any member of the Big Ten could play against conference opponents, after subtracting itself from the total number of possible foes, Minnesota is scheduled to meet six Western Conference opponents in the fall of 1928, equalling the record number of conference games that any one team has ever played.

When the three-year schedule for the conference was drawn up at Chicago a year ago Minnesota was given games for the next year with all teams except Michigan, Ohio State, and Illinois.

Minnesota's near and natural rivals, Wisconsin and Iowa, both played in Memorial Stadium this fall, and the Gophers will journey to Madison and Iowa City, respectively, next autumn to return the compliment. They will make a third trip to Chicago, where they will meet the Northwestern University team for the first time since the fall of 1923.

At home Minnesota will meet Indiana, with whom relations were renewed this fall, Chicago, which has been off the Minnesota slate for a decade, and Purdue, with which university Minnesota has not played football for something like 30 years.

Beginning in 1894 and continuing through 1897, Minnesota played four games against Purdue, winning two and losing two. Scores were 24 to 0 in favor of Minnesota in 1894; 4 to 16, Purdue in 1895; 14 to 0, Minnesota, in 1896 and 6 to 0, Purdue, in 1897. So the series is even and the tie will be broken by the 1928 contest.

The Chicago contest is one which will probably arouse keen interest among Minnesota fans, ~~the~~ due in part to the long history of stern competition between the two institutions.

Unless Minnesota develops an unusually powerful team next fall the schedule of six conference games is likely to go hard with the Gophers. It is certain that at least two or three of the six teams will "point" for Minnesota. Minnesota, however, will be spared the terrific grind of the last three years of "pointing" for both Michigan and Notre Dame in the same season.

Meanwhile, there's an exceptionally stiff game of football still on this year's schedule, and Minnesota will have to work plenty hard to win.

Sports Letter.

MINNESOTA WILL LOSE

ONE ENTIRE GRID TEAM

Graduates Include a Man at Every Post and An  
Extra Center for Good Measure



Minneapolis, Nov. 4~~7~~---By placing one of the graduating men at an end position, Minnesota can claim to be losing an entire football team, position for position, with one extra center thrown in for good measure. The lineup of this team, with Matchan at end, instead of his usual fullback position, would be as follows:

Left end	Matchan
Left tackle	Maeder
Left guard	Hanson
Center	MacKinnon or Hulvey
Right guard	Kaminski
Right tackle	Gary
Right end	Walsh
Quarterback	Almquist
Left half	Riddell
Right half	Nydahl
Fullback	Joesting

Anyone familiar with the gridiron abilities of the boys here named may decide for himself what this team could do. If Haycraft, Nagurski, and Gibson were substituted at left end, left tackle and right guard, it would be the Minnesota first team of the year, on which Walsh and Tanner have battled it out for the first honors at right end. Any western conference team would have just about as hard a time with Minnesota's graduating team as it would have with the "regulars".

In Shorty Almquist and Malvin Nydahl, Minnesota loses two players who have been before the Minneapolis public, at least, longer than any others on the team, or now in football, as both were stars during their high school careers, at East and South respectively, and through three years of varsity play.

Among the returning players from whom Dr. C. W. Spears will build up his 1928 eleven for its schedule of six conference games will be the following: ends, Haycraft, Tanner. Blustin and Bergquist; tackles, L. Johnson, Ukkleberg, Nagurski; guards, Gibson, Pulkrabek; centers, Kakela, Johnson; backfield men, Barnhart, Pharmer, Hovde, Damberg, Knoerr, Geer.

Just how many of these will be awarded letters by Dr. Spears is a matter of speculation until the "M" banquet takes place. But a good many of them have been regulars, or practically regulars throughout the season, among these being, as regulars Haycraft, Barnhart, Gibson, Tanner and Nagurski, and as near-regulars, Duke Johnson, the tall tackle, Pharmer, Hovde and Knoerr.

Seniors for next year on the Minnesota team, among whom the captaincy may fall, include in their number such splendid players as Haycraft, Barney, Gibson, Duke Johnson, and Knoerr.

Sports Letter.

MARK DOWN THESE THINGS

ON MINNESOTA'S RECORD  
Accomplishments of 1927 Football Team Will  
Shine Brightly in Sports History

Minneapolis, Nov. 23—There are at least a few things for which the 1927 Minnesota football team will always be remembered, and they may as well be named right here and now, for they include:

I. Undefeated record, with the team scoring more points and making more first downs than any other team in the conference.

II. Possession of high scoring individual player in the Western Conference, Harold (Shorty) Almquist.

III. Sensational tie with Notre Dame by a forward pass, Joesting to Walsh in the last minute of play.

IV. Membership on the team of one All-American, Herb Joesting, and at least two others, Harold Hanson and Shorty Almquist, generally conceded to have a splendid chance to rank as first or second string national choices by many.

V. First team to beat Michigan since 1919, and fourth to turn that trick since the series started.

VI. Unquestioned superiority, on comparative scores, over such teams as Navy, Pennsylvania, Carnegie Tech, Missouri and Columbia, deserving to be ranked in the first group with Yale, Illinois, Army, Notre Dame and California.

VII. Probably the finest All-Around football team ever developed at the University of Minnesota.

If this isn't enough to give the entire state of Minnesota something to shout about, would-be shouters had better turn to some other field than football.

"MUNSON CUP" TO STAND

IN MINNESOTA UNION

Little Brown Jug Will Be Where All May  
Take a Look at Its Beauty

Minneapolis, Nov. 23—The "Munson Cup", or Little Brown Jug, famous trophy of the Minnesota-Michigan football game, won this year by Minnesota for the first time since 1919, will be placed in the Minnesota Union, men's building on the University campus, where all and sundry may see the most famous "cup" in Western Conference football tradition.

Oscar Munson, custodian of equipment and "donor" of the cup, which he swiped from Michigan in 1903, thereby takes rank with Secretary of War, Dwight Davis, donor of the Davis Cup for international tennis competition, and other famous patrons of athletics.

The Munson Cup will not be placed in the trophy case until the score of the 1927 game has been engraved upon it with bright paint.

Some special arrangement to safeguard the priceless trophy will be made, according to Minton Anderson, manager of the Union Building. As a notable example of American porcelain of the "Bing" period, it is too valuable to go unwatched.

Sports Letter

Basketball.

"U" Basketeers Approach

Stiff Conference Season



Minneapolis, Dec. 30: With four pre-season games out of the way Dave McMillan's 1928 basketball team will spend the next week at intensive practice in preparation for a whirlwind Big Ten schedule of twelve games that will begin at home January 7 against an invading Iowa five. In successive weeks during the month Wisconsin, Chicago and Northwestern will be met, the schedule promising that Minnesota's standing for the year is likely to be indicated by the time these four strong opponents have been played.

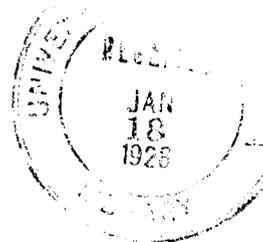
McMillan has introduced a style of play wholly new to Minnesota squad members, based on his successful experience with professional teams in the east and during several years at the University of Idaho. At the latter place his teams never finished below second place in the West Coast championship scramble, and three times emerged on top. Fundamental in McMillan's play is the principal of retaining possession of the ball as much as possible and making basket shots as safe as possible.

The 1928 team is led by the veteran Malvin Nydahl, three-sport man, with letters in football, baseball, and basketball. Other players who won an "M" last year are George McKinnon, also a guard; George Otterness, forward; John Stark, forward; Bob Tanner, guard; Clayton Gay, guard; and Walter Chapman, a forward. In addition to these the new coach is giving plenty of attention to such men as Ray Nelwon, the big center from St. Paul; Fred Hovde, football quarterback of Devil's Lake, N. D.; Glenn Williams, a center; Alfred Sundberg and Lester Bolstad, a shifty little forward, known for his having held the American public links golf championship.

Minnesota meets all members of the Western Conference except Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. The season will continue through March 10, winding up on that date with a home game against Purdue.

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Minnesota Basketball Data---1927-'28

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Letter-Name-Position-----Playing Number---Class

"M"	Malvin Nydahl, guard, Captain	8	1928
"M"	George MacKinnon, guard	6	1928
	Glenn Williams, center	7	1929
"M"	George Otterness, forward	10	1929
	Fred Hovde, forward	12	1929
"M"	John Stark, forward	11	1929
"M"	Bpb Tanner, guard	5	1930
	Ray Nelson, center	4	1930
"M"	Clayton Gay, guard	15	1928
"M"	Walter Chapman, forward	14	1928
	Lester Bolstad, forward		1929
	Alfred Sundberg, forward		1929

Head Coach -----David McMillan.

Assistant -----Guy Penwell.

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Minnesota Basketball Schedule

December 10, Cornell, here  
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December 23, Notre Dame, here  
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January 30, Northwestern, there  
February 4, Ohio State, here  
February 6, Iowa, there  
February 11, Wisconsin, there  
February 18, Northwestern, here  
February 22, Chicago, here  
February 25, Ohio State, there  
February 27, Purdue, there  
March 10, Purdue, here

Sports Letter



Minneapolis, Jan. ~~17~~—With two full weeks intervening between the Wisconsin game of last Saturday and the two game trip on which Chicago will be met at Chicago January 28 and Northwestern at Evanston January 30th, Minnesota's basketball team is endeavoring to reach a form that will make it as difficult an opponent for the star Purple five as for the lowly Maroons, who are conference tail-enders.

MacMillan seems to have hit what he considers a satisfactory grouping for the starting lineup, with Williams at center, Otterness and Johnny Stark as forwards and Captain Mally Nydahl and Fred Hovde playing the guard positions.

Both Wisconsin and Indiana have lost games since the Badgers took Minnesota's measure at Kenwood Armory, and Illinois as well has dropped out of the unbeaten class, leaving Purdue alone, after one game, able to boast 1,000 percent.

This indication of an even and exciting season, with any team likely to beat any other, greatly enhances the likelihood that Minnesota will make a good showing. The team, in its two conference games to date has given an account of itself that has brought the fans to the games like flies to a honey jar. More than 2,000 persons had to be refused admission to the Wisconsin game.

Judging by the performances of the team up to now it will have better than an even chance to beat both Chicago and Northwestern after two additional weeks of practice.

## Sports Letter

Minneapolis, Jan. ~~12~~<sup>13</sup>—Athletic Director F.W. Luehring has sent invitations to Dr. James Naismith "inventor of basketball", to Major Griffith, athletic commissioner of the conference, and the directors of athletics at all Big Ten Universities to attend and take part in the ceremonies attending the Field House opening the night of February 4. Minnesota will play Ohio State that night in the first game on the new floor.

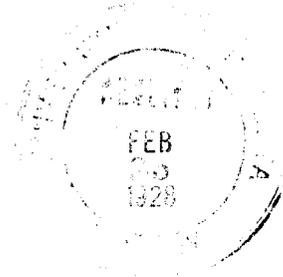
Providing Dr. Naismith attends, his part will be to toss up the ball for the first tip-off. Major John L. Griffith has been asked to make a short address on intercollegiate athletics, and especially basketball.

A turnout that will fill every one of the 14,000 seats in the new field house is expected for the occasion, and it will include members of the board of regents, state officials, visiting athletic directors, and scores of famous Minnesota athletes of the present and other days.

The Field House will provide a permanent home for basketball and ample space for baseball, track, and even indoor football practice.

It has been financed wholly from athletic funds and from a bond issue secured by prospective athletic earnings. A unique feature of the situation is that \$125,000 of the bond issue has been called for redemption from 1927 football earnings even before the structure is completed. This is believed to establish a record in the matter of successful retirement of a constructive security.

U of M. Sports Letter.



OTTERNESS, "U" TRACK STAR,

APPROACHES WORLD RECORDS

Willmar Lad's Performances in Pole Vault and  
High Hurdles Are Sensational

Minneapolis, Feb: ~~25~~ That Minnesota has a "Joesting" on its track team, an athlete with abilities that enable him to make record-approaching performances in two events as widely different as the pole vault and the 120 yard high hurdles, is a fact that has been little heralded, by comparison with the public attention received by such sports as football, hockey, and swimming.

George Otterness, junior student from Willmar, Minn., is the man who, almost single handed, is upholding Minnesota's banner on the cinder paths and soft earth pits of the springtime sport.

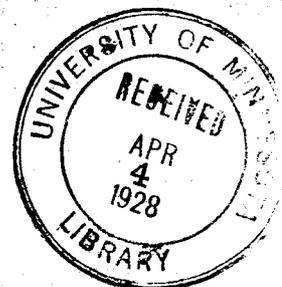
Not many years ago Otterness's performances of 13 feet in the pole vault and 15.1 seconds for the high hurdles, would have made him a track star talked of from coast to coast. Only a few years ago did pole vaulters begin to edge up from 12 feet six inches to 13 feet, and, although the record has mounted beyond Otterness's best, his performances are strictly stellar.

For perhaps ten years no one bettered the high hurdle mark of 15 seconds flat, a world's record, made by A. B. Shaw of Dartmouth, away back in 1908. Today the best time is about 14.8 seconds, a speed that is attained no more than once in several years, and then by the fleetest men ever to wear a track outfit. Otterness, with two years of competition remaining, has a splendid chance to break into the company of those immortals who have done better than anyone ever did before.

His 13 foot vaulting and remarkable speed over the high hurdles combine to stamp him as one of the greatest track athletes the Western Conference has known in years, and Sherman Finger, the Minnesota track coach, is giving George all the attention he can, in the hope of capturing both events in most of this year's track meets.

During the winter Otterness has been giving some of his time to basketball and has played a regular position on the team part of the time. He is now swinging into track practice, although he will still make the basketball trips.

Coach Finger is now working his squad preparatory to picking the men to be entered in the big Illinois relays, early in March. The personnel of the squad he will take is to be announced shortly.



**GOPHER TRACK ATHLETES**

**PREPARE FOR THE SEASON**

**Coach Finger Believes His 1928 Team Will Beat  
Performances of Recent Gopher Squads**

Minneapolis, April 5. With the Drake relays less than three weeks away, Sherman Finger, Minnesota track coach, is driving his men in practice with the hope of bettering Minnesota scoring in recent years.

Minnesota prospects are better than usual, Finger believes, basing his hope on the presence of such stars as George Otterness, next to Malvin Nydahl the premier all-around athlete on the Minnesota campus; Ted Catlin, the 440 man, Captain Arthur Laemmle, Minnesota leader and holder of the campus record in discus-throwing and Marshall Crowley, who teams with Otterness and Hess in the pole vault. The other event in which Otterness seems almost certain to score points is the high hurdles.

The first big track event at home will be a triangular meet between Wisconsin, Iowa and Minnesota in the Gopher Stadium on May 5. On May 12 Minnesota will compete against Michigan in a dual meet at Ann Arbor. Chicago will be entertained in a dual meet at Minneapolis May 19. Minnesota will enter a full team in the conference outdoor championship event at Northwestern on May 25 and 26 and will be represented in the national collegiate event at Chicago on June 6.

Ted Catlin, Ted Chalgren and John Bernhagen will be three of the men on Minnesota's relay team this year, with a fourth member still to be chosen. Catlin and Chalgren both do the 440 in about 50 flat.

Francis Rhea, who is good for better than 22 seconds in the 220 yard dash and John Gordon, an entry in the mile, are other men on whom Coach Finger is placing a good deal of reliance.

In the weight events Captain Laemmle, whose record in the discus stands at 138 feet, three inches, will have the assistance of Duke Johnson in the discus, George MacKinnon, football center, who hurls the javelin better than 180 feet, and Ed Ukkelberg, a hammer thrower.

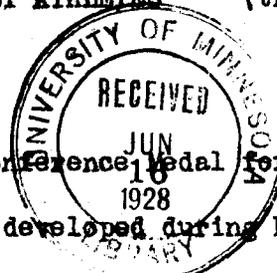
Elton Hess, an all-around athlete, does 13 feet in the pole vault, can high jump five feet ten inches and broad jump 22 feet, besides putting the shot more than 37 feet. He is expected to be a candidate for all-around events in spring relay carnivals.

NYDAHL ONE OF MINNESOTA'S GREATEST ATHLETES

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June 10/28  
Malvin J. Nydahl, winner of the 1928 Conference Medal for all-around athletic ability at the University of Minnesota, developed during his three years of competition into one of the greatest athletes in the annals of the Gopher school. Mally captained both the basketball and baseball teams during his senior year and performed sensationally as a half-back on the football team. He has signed a contract to try out for professional baseball with the Indianapolis club of the American Association. His real ambition, however, is to become a physician, and he is registered in the Medical School at Minnesota to complete his studies.



Nydahl went through his college athletic career without serious injury until it came to the last game but two in the spring baseball schedule. Sliding into second base in the second game of a double-header against the University of Chicago, he suffered a compound ankle fracture, from the effects of which he is still in the hospital.

Nydahl is a product of South High School, Minneapolis, which has given Minnesota many other star athletes, among recent ones being Captain Roger Wheeler of the 1927 football team and George Tuttle, for a time Wheeler's running mate at end.

Nydahl finds baseball the pleasantest of the college sports in which he has participated, although he is also fond of the others. He maintained a record of never having a condition in his studies and also was a campus leader in the Y. M. C. A. Partly due to parental objection he never joined a fraternity. "I would have joined one had I been from a home outside Minneapolis," he says. "As it was, I devoted so much time to athletics that I would seldom have seen my parents had there been fraternity obligations in addition to studies and teams."

Mally played in 107 intercollegiate athletic contests during three years.

Sports Release.



Minneapolis, Aug. 6:-With the passing of midsummer and the coming likelihood of shorter and cooler days, football interest is beginning to stir faintly in all "Big Ten" camps and sports writers are penning a few half-hearted lines on the approach of the autumnal hullabaloo.

Minnesota has made for itself what is probably the most difficult Conference schedule in the history of Gopher football, with six games against Big Ten opponents and two others. Ohio, Illinois and Michigan are the only institutions in the Western Conference who will not play against Dr. Spears' cohorts this fall. Minnesota will play, successively, Purdue, Chicago, Iowa, Northwestern, Indiana and Wisconsin, and if the result is not a satisfactory cross-section of relative football abilities, no one will be able to blame it on the schedule makers.

Creighton will open the season on October 6 at Memorial Stadium. Haskell Indians, playing in the Stadium November 17th will be the other non-conference opponents.

With the return of Chicago to battle against Minnesota after a decade during which no games have been played, the Homecoming Day game, October 20 will determine whether Clarence Spears the Stag or goes down beneath its hoofs and horns. A record crowd at the Homecoming game is a distinct possibility. Up to date Memorial Stadium's biggest crowd has been that of the Minnesota-Michigan game in 1926, when 58,500 turned out.

Purdue plays the first conference game in the Stadium on October 13, and the third at home will be that with Indiana on November 10.

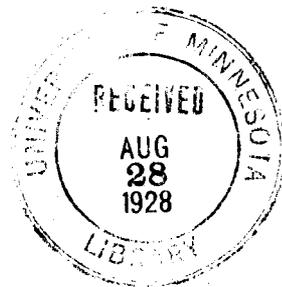
The Gophers will play Iowa at Iowa October 27th, Northwestern at Evanston November 3, and Wisconsin at Madison November 24, the season's last game.

In line with the policy of other Universities, Minnesota has scheduled a series of games for its "B" team, as follows: South Dakota Wesleyan on October 20 (Homecoming double-header); St. Thomas October 27; De Paul November 3; Notre Dame B team (South Bend) November 10, and South Dakota state college November 17th.

Admittance to "B" games will be included in the price of the season books.

Sports Letter.

"All Set" Soon to Be Word  
In Gopher Football Camp.



Minneapolis, August 28. "All set" is soon to be the word in Gopher football. Return of Chicago and the presence of unusually strong Purdue and Indiana teams on the Minnesota home schedule gives promise that the season of 1928, with six conference games, will be one of the most unusual in the annals. And Dr. Spears will have a nucleus of 10 letter men. It would take just one man more to make the "nucleus" a team.

Returning Gopher lettermen are Barnhart, Hovde and Pharmer in the backfield, Tanner, Haycraft, and Gay at ends, and Captain George Gibson, Nagurski, Kabela and Johnson in the line. With the exception of Fred Hovde, a shifty quarter or half, all of these men played regularly during the last season.

Dr. Spears will have a fair array of men from last year's varsity and freshman squads who give promise of ability. As backs he will have Lekselles, Brockmeier, Bardwell, Kirk, Riebeth, Burdick and Westphal. Among the possible centers are Berry, Fulbrabek, and Alvin Teeter. Emlein and Utkelberg will supplement Nagurski, Johnson and Kabela at the tackle posts, with Allen Teeter, Apman and Angvik as guards. Al Oster, Norgaard and Burquist provide promising additional material to guard the flanks. Knoerr may return to his fullback post, which he divided last fall with the plunging Joesting. Westin is another fullback.

In view of the loss of Joesting, Almquist, Nydahl, Hanson, MacKinnon, Gary, Riddell, Matchan, Maeder, Blustin and Walsh, all of whom completed competition with letters last November, it is difficult to say who will win a position in the Gopher lineup, or how the new men will compare with the old.

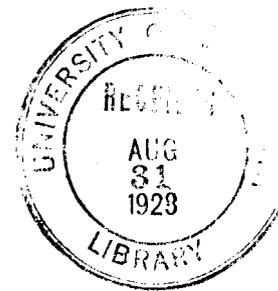
About as far as one can go is to say that most of the men mentioned have performed well enough on the practice field to have caught the eye of the coach and to have been used in important practise sessions.

Minnesota is facing one of her most difficult schedules, the only one in which she ever met six conference opponents. These will be, in order, Purdue, Chicago, Iowa, Northwestern, Indiana and Wisconsin. An opening game will be played with Creighton, and the Gophers will meet the Haskell Indians at Minneapolis between the Indiana game, November 10, and the closing game of the season, at Madison, November 24th. Illinois, Ohio and Michigan are the only Western Conference teams against which Minnesota will not appear.

No changes in the coaching staff have been announced, which would indicate that Dutch Bergman, Sig Harris and Louis Gross, together with Eddie Lynch, would again form the mainstays of the doctor's general headquarters staff.

Sports Letter.

University of Minnesota.



GOPHERS ANTICIPATE  
SPLENDID GRID SEASON

Many Stars Lost by Graduation, Others Arise;

Chicago Back on Schedule

Minneapolis, August 30: Reports from the Indiana and Purdue camps received at Minneapolis indicate that the two Hoosier colleges in the Western Conference will each send practically the strongest teams ever turned out by either when they meet Minnesota in the Stadium this fall. Indiana has been laying for the Gophers since last year to prove that the tie which robbed Minnesota of a championship was no fluke. Purdue, proud of its victory over Harvard and of the long legs of "Pest" Welch, expects to make Dr. Spears' team extremely uncomfortable.

Resumption of football relations with Amos Alonzo Stagg's famous team from the University of Chicago will come about on October 20, and the event has been recognized for its true importance by having Homecoming set on that day. Last year Chicago had a team from which little was expected and yet came through in a manner that astonished all critics.

These will be the three big home games on a Minnesota schedule that includes also Creighton and the Haskell Indians at Home. Creighton comes October 6, Purdue October 13, Chicago October 20, Indiana November 10 and the Indians November 17th. Minnesota plays Iowa, Northwestern and Wisconsin away.

According to Dr. L. J. Cook, ticket manager, season books are selling at a rate about 20 percent greater than a year ago.

Minnesota expects to have a team better than one would suppose who saw the departure of such greets as Joesting, Almquist, Gary, Nydahl, MacKinnon, Hanson, Walsh and Mitchan at the end of last year. For Dr. Spears always has some good men

coming along. This year such players as the redoubtable Bronko Nagurski, last year's ends, Haycraft and Tanner, Duke Johnson, Wayne Kakela, Edgar Ukkelberg and Les Pulkrabek in the line, Captain George Gibson, at guard, one of the best in the country, and in the backfield Barney Barhart, Arthur Pharmer, Fred Hovde, Andy Geer and Dutch Arendsee, who is slated to return after a year at work. Clayton Gay also will be back to bolster the ends.

In addition to these, Minnesota has perhaps a dozen men of promise are "coming up" from the freshmen. Time will tell about these. Undoubtedly, some will be good. Some will be "not so good", but Dr. Spears has the knowing eye, and they are the boys he has selected for excellence of performance in fall and spring practice.

Creation of a "B" team, with a schedule of four games at home and one away will place two double-headers on Minnesota's fall football schedule. South Dakota Wesleyan will play the "B" Gophers before the Chicago game. South Dakota State College will meet "the Bees" before the Haskell clash. When Minnesota plays Iowa away St. Thomas will play "the bees" and De Paul will appear against them the day their seniors are battling at Northwestern. Minnesota's B team will play Notre Dame's team of the same rating on the day Minnesota is playing Indiana in Memorial Stadium. This game will be played at South Bend and will be the junior team's only contest away from home.

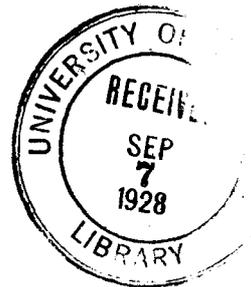
Sports Letter.

FIVE "IFs" ON TEAM

DR. SPEARS DECLARES

Three Positions in the Line and at Least

Two in Backfield Called Wide Open



Minneapolis, Sept-~~7~~ Five men with the same name will have places on the University of Minnesota football team this fall, Dr. C. W. Spears announced on his return from a coaching school he has conducted in West Virginia. The name is spelled "I F" and the doctor thinks Minnesota will have a fair team "if" candidates come through to fill five of the most important positions on the team, three in the line and two in the backfield.

"Last year's squad leaves us a couple of first string ends, a first string tackle, and a first string guard" the doctor said. "We have to find a right tackle, center, and left guard. If we develop these men, and find a couple of ball carriers to add to our backfield, we will have a fighting chance in that stiff schedule of six conference games that we are facing. Otherwise, Minnesota will be lucky to break even on its conference season".

Spears declared that Northwestern, Wisconsin, Purdue and Indiana are going to be about as tough as they come. And he is afraid of Iowa's 210 pound fullback from the Haskell Indian school.

"Minnesota needs big, fast backs more than anything else," the head-coach declared. "I don't know where they are coming from. Some of the candidates may develop into polished players, but with those I saw in spring practice it's about a toss up. They may come through and they may not. As I say, we are starting the season with Mr. If in five positions, and we may have to go right through with the same guy in the same position."

Dr. Spears and Dutch Bergman, his first assistant, turned up looking fit and ready after busy summers. Bergman worked in Ohio during the summer.

Dr. Spears conducted coaching schools in Oklahoma, Northern Minnesota and West Virginia, with the best attendance at the latter place.

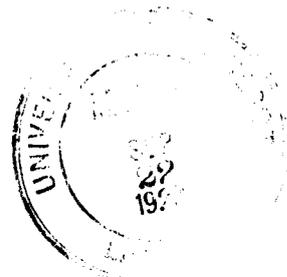
Northrop Field and the playing field in Memorial Stadium are in better condition than ever before and players quarters in the Stadium dressing room have been put in ship shape against the return of the players a week from Saturday.

Sports Letter.

GOPHERS MUST FIND  
NEW BALL CARRIERS

Men Whose Names Will Come Over the Radio

Still Remain To Be Chosen



Minneapolis, Sept ~~22~~—Minnesota's 1928 football team is certain to be unique in one respect. At this early point in the season no one is able to predict whose names will go down in history as those of the men who made the gains and carried the ball. In past years the opening of the season always found sure fire backs on hand--Martineau, Almquist, Joesting, Lidberg, Schutte--the list is long. This year just two men, Barnhart, whose best role is blocking, and Fred Hovde, seem likely to stand up as fairly sure of backfield berths.

The men who will circle the ends and plunge through the line will be developed from a collection comprising Win Brockmeyer of Mankato, Quentin Burdick of Williston, N. D., Ed Westphal of Long Prairie, Bob Bardwell of Minneapolis, Paul Kirk of East Grand Forks, Lloyd Westin of Duluth, Andy Geer of Crookston, and Dutch Arendsee of Aberdeen. It may be any one or any two, three or four of these men whose names will appear in the weekly list of Western Conference scorers. But not for years has a Minnesota backfield been as much of an unknown quantity.

The line, as far as first selection goes, seems fairly definite. Bob Tanner and Kenneth Haycraft will be at the ends, Wayne Kakela of Eveleth at center, Captain George Gibson and Les Pulkrabek at guards, and Edgar Ukkelberg of Battle Lake and Bronko Nagurski of International Falls at the tackle positions. Dr. Spears has seen all these performers do their stuff in past years and he has selected them with a view to strength and dependability. If any of them give out, he has a small amount of reserve material, including Duke Johnson, Angvik, Beard, Lloyd Johnson, the Teeter twins, Frykman and Berry and one or two others from whom to select men to fill the gaps. Except for Duke Johnson these are all green men on whom the coaches have little line.

Clayton Gay of Moose Lake, a letter man, Al Oster of Owatonna and Bob Bergquist of Minneapolis are the principal reserve ends.

Dr. Spears has announced the policy of "one practice a day--all day" for the period until classes begin a week from Monday. As a matter of fact there is plenty of time for lunch, but the spirit of the team is one of steady, grinding work.

Several conference teams have scheduled practice games for Saturday, September 29th, but Minnesota will not play a game until the following week, when Creighton will invade the stadium for the opening battle. A week later Purdue, conqueror of the 1927 Harvard and Indiana elevens, will meet Minnesota on the Gophers' home field.

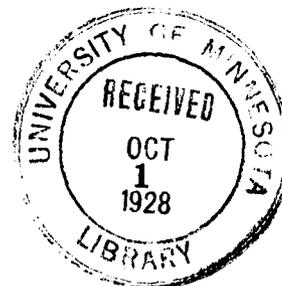
Sports Letter.

NAGURSKI, "BIG NAG"

HOLDS GRID SPOTLIGHT

Versatile Boy From International Falls Shows

Brilliantly At Fullback



Minneapolis, Oct. 1--- Bronko Nagurski, the "Big Nag" of Minnesota football promises to shift the state center of gridiron gravity from Owatonna, Herb Joesting's home town, to far-off International Falls, away up at the entrance to Lake of the Woods.

Following his performances last fall, first at end, then at tackle, where he played football of a supreme brand, Nagurski got into a little foot race with the other members of the squad this fall and outran the pack of them, only Fred Hovde, the fleet quarterback, being able to come in ahead of him.

Dr Spears pricked up his ears, raised his voice, and ordered the Nag to report next day disguised as a fullback, and in that position he has been playing ever since. His passing is not too good, but he can plow the line, block, and scamper. Once he has his hands on the ball he is an exceedingly hard person to do anything with, and is likely to persist for yards and yards after he should have been pulled down.

Central Minnesota is going to have something to say as against northern Minnesota on this fullback question, however, for big Ed Westphal, of Little Falls, Minn, is just about as earnest a candidate as the Bronk. Westphal is a bigger man than Nagurski, one, and sometimes one and a half pounds bigger, according to Dave Woodward's weight chart. Both range between 201 and 207, but the Nag never quite makes the latter weight. Westphal is only a sophomore, and has had less experience than Nagurski, but he is no negligible quantity. He would look good on any man's football team, and Minnesota is not so hot this year that a back of his caliber will not come in mighty handy now and again.

During the past week Dr Spears has been taking a few moments daily to look over the black-jersied freshman squad, said to be the largest, numerically, in Minnesota football history. The whole truth about this outfit can be told next week when freshman registration is over and the names of all candidates can be secured. How much real football material there may be on hand is still a question, but it is certain that a lot of stuffed suits have appeared on the field. So the next thing is to learn what sort of stuffing has been used.

It's on these boys that the future of Minnesota football must always depend. No other one thing is quite so important as the freshman squad.

The following list of those who will officiate at Minnesota's home football games this fall has been announced by Fred W Luehring, director of athletics:

Creighton: Referee, George F Simpson (Wisconsin); umpire, A Graham, (Michigan); field judge, John Getchell (St.Thomas); head linesman, Frank Haggerty, (Colby).

Purdue: Referee, Joe Magidsohn (Michigan); umpire, W D Knight (Dartmouth); field judge, M E Kearns (De Paul); head linesman, J J Lipp (Chicago).

Chicago: Referee, Joe Magidsohn (Michigan); umpire, W D Knight (Dartmouth); field judge, H B Hackett (Army); head linesman, R C Huston (Parsons).

Indiana: Referee, Frank Burch (Earlham); umpire, W J Monilaw (Drake); field judge, M P Ghee (Dartmouth); head linesman, C Dorticos (Maine).

Haskell: Referee, Don Henry (Kenyon); umpire, A Graham (Michigan); field judge, Geo F Simpson (Wisconsin); head linesman, Arlie Mucks (Wisconsin).

Sports Letter

"U" Freshman Squad

Largest On Record

Men From All Parts of State Eager  
For Spears Tutelage



Minneapolis, Oct. 2 - The following freshmen at the University of

Minnesota have turned out for football according to a list compiled by Sherman

W. Finger, chief freshman coach:

Backfield

Ray Beim of Minneapolis, Shattuck, quarterback; Luther Bergman, Princeton high, half; Glenn Carpenter, Tracy high, half; Kenneth Clifton, Owen, Wis., Eau Claire Teachers' college, half; Orison Colby, Blue Earth high, half; Bill Conter, St. Paul Cretin high and St. Thomas academy, half, end and guard; Mack Doane, St. Cloud Tech., half; E R Draheim, Olivia high, half; Ekdahl, Geneva high, Geneva, Ill., half; Donald Findlay, Mason City Junior college, Mason City Iowa, quarter and half; R G French, Minneapolis amateur football, half; John Glotta, Bessemer high, Bessemer, Mich., half; Gerald Griffin, Devils Lake high, Devils Lake, N. D., full; Hugo Gudahl, Howard high, Oldham, S. D., half and quarter; Walter Hass, St. Paul, Iowa State, half; Murray Head, Warren high, half; Alva Kalihen, Little Falls high, quarter.

H P Kaye, Perth College institute, Perth, Ont., half; Frank Keiver, Little Fork high, full; F P Krahmer, Fairmont, Shattuck, half and center; Fred la Roque, Half Point high, Half Point, Mont., half; Gilbert Lehrer, Stillwater high and Macalester college, half; Robert Love, Spring Valley high, half; Charles McNeil, Sandstone high, full; James Myers, Grafton high, Grafton, N. D., quarter; Arnold Olson, Virginia high, full; Robert Pinger, Minneapolis, Shattuck, half; Robert Rentrow, Farmington high, half; Harry Rougier, Osseo high, half; John Russkopf, St. Paul Central, half; Wilfred Sanford, Aitkin high, quarter; Leo Weewald, South St. Paul high, quarter; Wendell Shephard, Spring Valley high, quarter; Harold Simpson, Columbia Heights, high, half; Peter Sowers, International Falls high, half; John Stees, Mechanic Arts, full and guard; George Valento, Cretin high, quarter; Clarence Weber, North St. Paul high, half; Russell Willis, Deer River high, half, and Wilford Gillett, Edison, full.

LINEMEN

John Ellison, Brainerd high, center; George Ennen, De La Salle, end; Carl Erickson, St. Cloud Tech. center; Carroll Fallgather, New Hampton high, Cedar Falls Iowa, guard; Vernon Fisher, Red Wing high, tackle, guard and end; Newton Friedman, Minneapolis Washburn, guard; Leo Fenske, Bemidji high, guard; George Glennon, Minneapolis Central, end and half; Donald Golden, Leola high, Leola, S. D., end; Charles Glotta, Bessemer high, Bessemer, Mich., end; Don Harvlish, Hopkins high, guard; Robert Hayden, Oak Park high, Oak Park, Ill., center; Karl Hehl, Excelsior high, end; Ernest Hoofe, Willmar high, end; Clifford Hay, Hopkins high, center; Edgar Sce, Wayzata high, tackle; Allen Jackson, Phillips high, Phillips, Wis., tackle and full; O. A. Jenson, Minneapolis, University of South Dakota, guard; Walter Jessen, Bemidji high, tackle and half; Bruce Johnson, Excelsior high, end; Kenneth Johnson, Madison high, Madison, S. D., tackle; Earl Jones, Stillwater high, center, Clarence Kitze, Owen high, Owen, Wis. tackle.

Ernest Knuti, Aurora high, guard; Weston Kohlstedt, Minneapolis West, tackle; Sulo Koski, International Falls high, center; Orlando Kromer, Olivia high, tackle; Aloys Lampe of Minneapolis, Brittin high, Brittin, N. D., tackle; James Addy of Minneapolis, Shattuck, end; Ray Anderson, Minneapolis, end; Frank Battaglia

Minneapolis North, end; Ernst Beneke, Glencoe high, guard; Norbert Brinkhaus, Chaska high, tackle; Joe Culhoun, Albert Lea high, guard and end; Robert Cassidy, Faribault high, guard; Aaron Clifton, Owen, Wis., Ripon college, end; Stuart Davis, St. Paul, Campion academy, end; Donald Dwy, Sioux Falls high, end; James Dennerly, Aitkin high, tackle; Donald Douglas, Benson high, end and center; Don Egermayer, Des Moines, Iowa, Iowa State and Drake, center and end; Eugene Swanson Minneapolis West, guard; Sam Swartz, Minneapolis amateur football, end and half; Clyde Wagar, Pasco, high, Pasco, Wash., guard and tackle; Lawrence Lenartz, South St. Paul high, end; Stanford Lehmann, Zumbrota high, tackle.

Jack McCulloch, Minneapolis Marshall, end; Don McInerny, Minneapolis West, guard; Fred Mallory, Mechanic Arts, end and half; A C Mattson, St. Cloud, end; Matthew Maughan, Excelsior high, center and half; Duane Merritt, Minneapolis West, center; Joseph Meyer, Austin high, tackle; Dwight Miller, Minneapolis, Hollywood high and Stanford university, guard and tackle; Webster Miller, Stillwater high, end and half; R Mine, Rochester high, center; Henry M Mochning, Glencoe high, tackle; Hugh Morrison, Minneapolis Marshall, tackle and guard; Clarence Munn, Minneapolis North, tackle and full; J H Murphy, St. Louis Park, tackle and half; E W Nelson, Benson high end, center; Merle Newberg, Willmar high, guard and tackle; Louis O'Donnell, Slayton high, tackle; Edward Pelant, Minneapolis tackle and guard; R Paltou, Fargo high, end; Donald Price, Aitkin, end; Robert Reihsen, Benson high, tackle; Robert Ryder, Minneapolis Wosburn, guard.

Tully Sanders, Mahtomedi, St. Paul Central, guard; Jack Schoch, New Ulm high, end; Allyn Schoen, Ortonville high, end; Morris Segal, Eveleth high, end; Don Stern, St. Paul, guard; K J Stimson, Austin high, end and half; Edward Studer, Excelsior high, guard and tackle, and Orrin Styve, Albert Lea, White Bear high, guard.

#### Positions Unspecified

Merle Alley, Roseau; La Verne Borman, Freeman, S. D.; John Carlson, Wichita, Kan.; Manley Dale, Minneapolis; Willard Dressler, Minneapolis; Walter Swenson, Chicago City; Charles Thomas, Turton, S. D.; Wesley Vars, St. Paul; Irving Zipperman, St. Paul; Neil Lindhken, Minneapolis; Einar Martin, Roseau; Arthur Nelson, Minneapolis; James Nicholson, Minneapolis, and Joseph Nudell, Minneapolis.

Sports Letter.

HARDEST GAME OF YEAR

SAYS SPEARS OF PURDUE

Minnesota Coach Is Losing Sleep As Crucial  
Battle of Early Season Draws Near



Minneapolis, Oct 12 A big chapter in the history of Minnesota's 1928 season in the Western Conference will be written this week-end, when Minnesota meets the highly-touted Purdue eleven, conquerors last year of Harvard, Indiana and Northwestern.

It will be the first of six straight conference games for Dr. Spear's outfit, and probably will be the hardest of them with the exception of the closing game with Wisconsin.

Anticipating the tightest kind of a battle, the Minnesota coach is spending overtime on his line, which bent at crucial spots in the Creighton battle, and is sitting up the rest of the night trying to decide whether Bronko Nagurski is more important at fullback or at tackle. Apparently Doc. Spears will have to solve this by getting 11 Nagurskis on the team and letting them draw lots to see where to play. But the probability that Ed Westphal's eligibility troubles will be straightened out this week provides a ray of hope. If he comes out all right, he may fill the fullback post.

Purdue will send a heavy team against Minnesota. Its backfield star, Welch, weighs between 195 and 200 pounds, and other ball carriers, like Guthrie, Harneson, Miller and Cook are in the heavyweight class. Purdue also has a stoutish line. All in all, it is admittedly the best team that has ever been produced at Lafayette, home of teams traditionally "feared by Stagg".

James Phalen, Purdue coach, is generally believed to be staking a big share of his season's laurels on the Minnesota game, and to be whipping his men into line to make the supreme effort of the early season against the Gophers. Dr. Spears,

also, has not been saving his men in practice, but beyond the Purdue game he has a harder schedule than his opponent. Minnesota will meet Chicago in the Homecoming game a week hence, and then, successively, Iowa and Northwestern away from home, the highly touted Indiana team at Minneapolis on November 10, and Wisconsin November 24 in the finale. Between Indiana and Wisconsin will come the Haskell Indians, providing about as much "rest" as Dempsey had with Luis Angel Firpo.

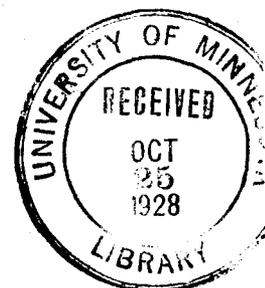
Captain George Gibson's broken hand is said to be about healed, and it is more than likely that he will be in the lineup against the Boilermakers.

Sports Letter.

SPEARS DRIVES GOPHERS

AS IOWA BATTLE NEARS

Three Recent Victories Over Hawks Have Made  
Ingwersen Team Infuriated



Minneapolis, Oct<sup>25</sup> - Can Minnesota maintain its three years record of holding Iowa scoreless and winning?

This is the big question on the campus today as Dr Spears drives his squad through final preparations for the "big push", which means the job of pushing back Mayes McLain, Iowa's powerful Indian fullback, and his swift teammates, Armil, Glasgow and Farroh.

Minnesota has scored 112 points against Iowa since Doc. Spears took charge, and the Old Gold and Black has yet to cross a goal line defended by one of the physician's teams.

Can the record continue?

Minnesota rooters are fully aware of one thing:- Minnesota has a far harder task before it this year than for four years past.

With Kakela, the husky center, and the capable blocking back, Timm, on the sidelines with charley horses, the squad is working to bring back team play with unaccustomed men in two positions.

Chief hope is brought to the Gopher rooters by the splendid performances against Chicago. After Nagurski, Hovde, Brockmeyer and Brownell had had a crack at the Maroons, slowly at first and then with more success, Westphal, Pharmer, Kirk and Bardwell went in. Their game looked weak against Chicago's passes, but when they got the ball they rushed it goalward with what seemed to be greater power than the first string men showed.

Minnesota still has four hard conference games, but there is no likelihood that they will try to "save" anything Saturday for future contests. The

Iowa contest will be the crucial one of the season, up to the late November date when Wisconsin is played. Unless Minnesota beats the Hawks, success against Northwestern and Indiana will have little meaning. Some team, probably Illinois, and possibly Iowa, is going through this conference season unbeaten. No team that has lost is going to get a tie for the conference championship.

Minnesota showed unquestionable improvement against Chicago in the second half, and was more of a team during the third period than it has been at any time this year. In Iowa City they will face a line that is no heavier than Chicago's, but probably is tougher. The game might be taken in stride by the Gophers were it not for the fact that Ingwerson expects his football future to stand or fall as the Minnesota game goes. This means it will be a football game raised to the third or fourth power, anybody's game until the last whistle blows.

Only one prediction need be hazarded. Sooner or later the Gophers running plays will work.

How well will Iowa's go? And where will Iowa's passes come out?

This is principal food for thought as the game approaches.

Minnesota Football Squad  
1928

No.	Name	Post	Wt	Home	Yr
22	Gordon	back	166	Mpls	1st
23	Haycraft, J.	end	165	Wayzata	1st
24	Brockmeyer	back	154	Mankato	1st
25	Brownell	back	174	Minneapolis	1st
26	Leksell	back	177	Ironwood, Mich.	1st
27	Gay	end	171	Moose Lake	3rd
28	Bardwell	back	158	Minneapolis	1st
29	Hovde	back	163	Devils Lake, N.D.	2nd
30	Champion	back	161	Dubuque, Ia.	1st
31	Timm	back	172	Arlington	1st
32	Westin	back	178	Duluth	2nd
33	Johnson, W.	end	163	Willmar	1st
36	Robertson, M.	back	183	Minneapolis	1st
37	Johnson, Lloyd	center	204	Alexandria	1st
38	Burdick	back	185	Williston, N.D.	1st
39	Fryckman	tackle	184	Minneapolis	1st
40	Norgaard	end	175	Valley City, N.D.	1st
41	Geer	center	180	Crookston	3rd
42	Berry	center	174	St. Paul	1st
43	Oster	end	185	Minneapolis	1st
44	Capt. Gibson	guard	190	Medford, Okla.	3rd
45	Haycraft, K.	end	175	Wayzata	3rd
46	Kirk	back	173	East Grand Forks	1st
47	Tanner	end	180	Minneapolis	2nd
49	Angvik	guard	181	Duluth	2nd
53	Hamman	end	174	Owatonna	1st
54	Pharmer	back	178	Spokane, Wash.	2nd
55	Kakela, W.	center	195	Eveleth	2nd
56	Appman	tackle, guard	181	Rice	1st
57	Pulkrabek	guard	184	Glencoe	2nd
58	Arendsee	back	181	Aberdeen, S.D.	3rd
60	Langenberg	tackle	189	Whittlesey, Wis.	1st
62	Gross	guard	192	Minneapolis	1st
63	Berghs	tackle	177	Owatonna	1st
65	Oja	tackle	180	Gilbert	1st
69	Emlein	tackle	190	Sioux City, Ia.	2nd
72	Nagurski	back	200	International Falls	2nd
73	Westphal	back	199	Little Falls	1st
77	Ukkelberg	tackle	194	Battle Lake	2nd
78	Johnson, Lawr.	tackle	199	Minneapolis	3rd

## Minnesota 1928 Football Squad

### Veterans (1927 Letter)

Name	Position	Class	Home Town	Year of Play	Weight
Gibson, Geo.	Capt. & guard	1929	Medford, Okla	3d	
Haycraft, Ken	End	1929	Wayzata	3d	
Nagurski, Bronco	Tackle	1930	Int. Falls	2d	
Barnhart, Harold	Half	1929	Pasco, Wash	3d	
Tanner, Bob	End	1930	Mpls	2d	
Hovde, Fred	Quarter	1930	Devils Lake	2d	
Pharmer, Art.	Half	1930	Seattle	2d	
Kakela, Wayne	Tackle	1930	Eveleth	2d	
Johnson, Lawr.	Tackle	1929	Mpls.	3d	
Gay Clayton	End	1929	Moose Lake	3d	

### Other Candidates

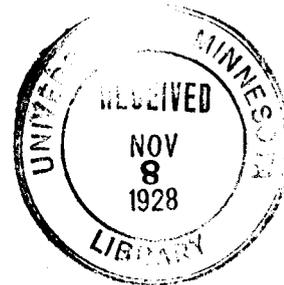
Enlein, Harold	Tackle	1931	Sioux City	2d	
Berry, Paul	Center	1931	St. Paul	1st	
Pulbrabek, Les.	Guard	1930	Glencoe	2d	
Ukkelberg, Ed.	Tackle	1930	Battle Lake	3d	
Brockmeier, Win.	Half	1931	Mankato	1st	
Burdick, Q.	Half	1931	Williston, N. D.	1st	
Bardwell, Bob.	Quarter	1931	Minneapolis	1st	
Kirk, Paul	Full	1931	East Grand Forks	1st	
Teeter, Allen	Guard	1931	Minneapolis	1st	
Teeter, Alvin	Center	1931	Minneapolis	1st	
Apman, Elmer	Guard	1931	Rice	1st	
Norgaard, Wallace	End	1931	Valley City, N. D.	1st	
Burquist, Bob	End	1930	Minneapolis	2d	
Westphal, Ed	Full	1931	Long Prairie	1st	
Pierce, Harmon	Quarter	1930	St. Paul	3d	
Oster, Al	End	1930	Minneapolis	1st	
Angvik, Arthur	Guard	1930	Duluth	2d	
Lakselles, Russ.	Half	1931	Ironwood, Mich.	1st	
Anderson, Hartvig	End	1931	Minneapolis	1st	
Berghe, Lorenz	Tackle	1931	Owatonna	1st	
Champion, Edgar,	Half	1931	Dubuque, Ia.	1st	
Arendsee, Clar.	Half	1929	Aberdeen	3d	
Geer, Andrew	Half	1929	Crookston	3d	
Johnson, Lloyd	Center	1930	Alexandria	2d	
Westin, Lloyd	Full	1930	Duluth	2d	
Engbretson, Ralph		1931	Eau Claire	1st	
Timm, Leroy	Half	1931	Arlington	1st	
Strong, Harlan	Manager	1929	Minneapolis		

### Coaches

Dr. C. W. Spears	Headcoach
Arthur J. Bergman	Assistant
Sig Harris	Assistant
Edward Lynch	Assistant
Louis Gross	Assistant

GOPHERS FACING FIFTH  
BIG TEN GAME IN A ROW

Season's Losses By Small Scores Indicates  
Close Matching of Teams



Minneapolis, Nov-~~2~~- The remarkably even matching of Western Conference teams during the present season, in which Minnesota has lost games 6 to 7 and 9 to 10, is indicated by a glance at the results, Saturday after Saturday. Michigan beat Illinois by three to nothing, Illinois beat Northwestern by six points to nothing, Indiana beat Michigan by six points to nothing, and Purdue and Wisconsin played a tie at 19 to 19.

So far as anyone can tell, just two plays, among the thousands that are executed in the course of a season, stand between Minnesota and the top rating which some reputable sports writers predicted for her when the season began. One of these was a cut back off tackle by the agile Mr. Pape of Iowa, and the other, the recovery of a bounding fumble by Calderwood of Northwestern. Each touchdown resulted in a victory, although there is no denying that the Purple team clearly earned the field goal which later established their scoring supremacy.

Such results as these, and plays like these, are what make football the noble game it is. Both teams usually have a fighting chance, from start to finish; and the unexpected may happen at any moment. The unexpected does happen, with frequency.

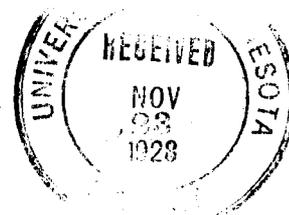
Minnesota is offering no alibis for its two conference defeats. All who follow football closely know exactly what happened, and how hard both teams fought in each contest. At the same time, it is true that Minnesota has been hounded by injuries more this year than in any season since 1923. Such damages as those sustained by Nagurski, Duke Johnson, Bob Tanner, Leroy Timm and Phil Gross not only slow down a team when the injured man is in the lineup, but

lessen its effectiveness through the use of substitutions. No matter how capable a substitute may be, his lack of constant practice in team play with his fellows reduces his usefulness. Minnesota substitutes go through drill each day, of course, with the second or third squad. But even this is less effective than playing beside the man with whom one must work when finally injected into a game.

Indiana will bring an exceptionally good team to Memorial Stadium this Saturday. It is a team with a heavy line and backs who are both fast and heavy. The Gophers are not due to "breeze" through this contest. In fact they stand relative to Indiana about where they stood relative to Northwestern when they took the field last week. On statistics they have the edge, but other conditions may enter in to govern. It is Minnesota's fifth conference game in a row.

University of Minnesota

Sports Letter.



By T E Steward

Minneapolis, Nov. 23: Can Minnesota's battered but game football team beat Wisconsin? This is the question on all lips as the 1928 Gophers, including six regulars who will never again wear the maroon and gold, start their incursion into Badger territory.

One who believed in such affairs as the law of averages, the tendency of the worm to turn, or the theory that "this can't keep up forever" will be inclined to look for a Minnesota win.

Unless Dr Spears' battered players prove actually to be in such bad physical condition that they are unable to put up a normal game of football, the Northmen should return from Camp Randall with another victory. And this seems likely despite the fact that Wisconsin has the momentum of a team with a long series of wins, and is also going to play on its home field.

Maybe its foolish optimism, but it is impossible not to feel that Minnesota's 1928 aggregation has some super football tucked away somewhere under its jerseys. If this is ever to appear, it must be in Madison on Saturday.

One would be foolish to assume that a team with the combined running and passing game the Badgers have developed would be unable to score. In fact two teams, Chicago and Indiana, have scored touchdowns against Minnesota this year by the forward pass route. And three teams, Iowa, Northwestern and Indiana have scored on long runs. So it is entirely probable that a team superior to any of those mentioned will run up something against the Gophers.

Minnesota, on the other hand, has yet to live up to what one must take to be its 1928 scoring ability. What member of the team who carries the

ball has done as much as he should---Fred Hovde barred? If there aren't some good hot touchdowns burning the heels of Win Brockmeyer, Paul Kirk and Art Pharmer, the writer's guess is wrong; yes, even awry.

Minnesota scored many more yards against Iowa than Wisconsin could tick off. It played as well Against Chicago as Wisconsin did, and it beat Purdue 15 to 0, while the best Wisconsin could get was a tie at 19 to 19. Comparative scores are worthless; admitted. But the comparative score at the end of the season decides the championship and gives one team nationwide fame, and another--silence.

Whoever wins Saturday, the game is sure to be played in good spirit, with both teams giving everything they have. This Wisconsin-Minnesota series is one of the finest in football history, unmarred by any dirty work or bitter feelings. It has been going on about as long as any series in the land. And long may it wave.



Gopher 1929 Schedule

Nearing Completion

Minneapolis, Nov~~24~~<sup>24</sup>:- The signing of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., to play in Memorial Stadium Saturday, October 12, completes Minnesota's 1929 Schedule with the exception of two dates, one of which will be the opener, on October 5. Minnesota will play Northwestern at Evanston on October 19th. The following week, October 26th, is still open, after which Minnesota will meet Indiana at Minneapolis, November 2; Iowa at Iowa City, November 9; Michigan at Minneapolis, November 16 and Wisconsin at Minneapolis, November 23.

Director Fred Luehring and Dr Spears are negotiating with several institutions in an effort to fill the open date in late October and add the fifth home game to the schedule.

Purdue, which Minnesota beat this year, was on the four year "revolving" schedule for one year only. Michigan, forced off last year by schedule exigencies, returns to an honored place. Chicago is off for 1929, but has been booked for a return engagement in 1930. Loss of Purdue and Chicago, and the addition of one team, Michigan, brings the Minnesota Western Conference schedule to five games instead of the too difficult six that were booked for 1928.

The home schedule, with Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin and Vanderbilt, an opening game, and possibly another, is the most attractive that has been offered to Minnesota football follower's in years.

TEN GOPHER PLAYERS

END PLAY THIS YEAR

Seven Regulars and Three Reserves Lost to  
Dr C W Spears for Season of '29



Minneapolis, Nov.26: Saturday's game wrote the last word on the football records of ten members of the Minnesota football squad who have played in games this year, seven of whom may be classed as regulars. These are Fred Hovde, Kenneth Haycraft, Lawrence "Duke" Johnson, Edgar Ukkelberg, George Gibson, Wayne Kakela and Clarence Arendsee, and from the reserves, Clayton Gay, Andy Geer and Malcolm Fryckman.

The men who are going come chiefly from the forward wall, there being two ends, Haycraft and Gay, three tackles, Johnson, Ukkelberg and Fryckman, a guard, Captain George Gibson, and two centers, Wayne Kakela and Andy Geer. Fred Hovde, brilliant Minnesota quarterback, and "Dutch" Arendsee, as dependable a substitute fullback as anyone needs, are the only backfield men lost.

This year's losses are only a little less severe than those of a year ago when completion of the playing period took out Joesting, Almquist, Nydahl, Matchan, Hanson, MacKinnon and Gary.

Regulars who will be back a year hence are Bob Tanner, end; Bronko Negurski, tackle; Elmer Appman, Bert Oja and Leslie Pulkrabek, guards; Lloyd Johnson, center; and in the backfield, Paul Kirk, Art Pharmer, Win Brockmeyer, Bill Brownell, Quentin Burdick and Leroy Timm. All these backfield men are now sophomores except Pharmer, who will have but one more year to play.

Capable substitutes who will return are Bob Bardwell, George Langenberg, Al Oster, Bill Hamman, Royal Hoefler, Lloyd Westin, Russ Leksell, Phil Gross, Lorenz Berghs, Harold Emlein, Wallace Nordgaard, Ed Champion and Paul Berry. While Letters have not yet been awarded, it seems likely that Minnesota will have at least ten letter men available when spring practice begins in April.

Sports Letter.



Minneapolis, Dec. 13---Twenty four members of the 1928 Minnesota football team, a record number, were awarded their letters at the annual football convocation in the University Armory today, while 51 members of the freshman football squad were awarded the privilege of wearing the numbers "1932", their class year, upon their sweaters. Two members of the cross-country team, Captain Ceylon North of Minneapolis and Errol Anderson of Ortonville won the coveted "M" for performance in that sport.

Headed by Captain George Gibson of Medford, Okla, the men who won the "M" in football were: Elmer Apmann, St. Cloud; Clarence Arendsee, Aberdeen, S. D.; Robert Bardwell, Minneapolis; Wm. K. Brownell, Minneapolis; Winfred O. Brockmeyer, Mankato; Quentin Burdick, Williston, N. D.; Harold Emlein, Sioux City, Iowa; Clayton Gay, Moose Lake; Kenneth Haycraft, Minneapolis; Fred Hovde, Devils Lake, N. D.; Lawrence E. Johnson, Minneapolis; Lloyd Johnson, Alexandria; Wayne Kakela, Eveleth; Paul Kirk, East Grand Forks; Bronko Nagurski, International Falls; Alton Oster, Minneapolis, Bert Oja, Gilbert; Leslie Pulkrabek, Glencoe; Charles A. Pharmer, Spokane, Washington; Robert Tanner, Minneapolis; LeRoy Timm, Arlington; Edgar Ukkelberg, Battle Lake; Harlan Strong, Student Manager, Minneapolis.

Freshman football men who won numerals were: James Addy, Minneapolis; John T. Barnes, Minneapolis; Frank V. Battaglia, Minneapolis; Ray Beim, Minneapolis; Ernst Beneke, Glencoe; Dean Boyce, Mankato; Tom K. Brown, Minneapolis; Harold Clausen, Albert Lea; Bill Conter, St. Paul; Manley Dale, Minneapolis; Mack W. Doane, Minneapolis; G. Ekdahl, Geneva, Illinois; Donald Findlay, Mason City, Iowa; Vernard F. Fisher, Cavalier, N. D.; Gerald Griffin, Minneapolis; John L. Gotta, Bessemer, Michigan; Milton Grimsrud, Appleton; Edgar Ice, Wayzata; Harold A. Johnson, Minneapolis;

Arthur Johnston, Minneapolis; Felix Kamroski, St. Cloud; Sulo Oliver Koski, International Falls; Walter T. Hass, St. Paul; F. P. Krahmer, Fairmont; Albin Krezeszowski, Minneapolis; Fred LaRoque, Wolf Point, Montana; Chas. Malchow, Minneapolis; A. C. Mattson, Moorhead; Matt Majnarich, Taona, Wisc; Duane Merritt, Minneapolis; Dwight O. Miller, Minneapolis; Hugh Morrison, Minneapolis; Clarence Munn, Minneapolis; Earl W. Nelson, Minneapolis; Arnold Olson, Virginia; George Piegras, Luverne; Robert Pinger, Minneapolis; R. V. Platou, Fargo, N. D.; Robert Reihsen, Benson; Tully Sanders, Mahtomedi; Jack L. Schoch, New Ulm; Allyn W. Schoen, Ortonville; Morris Segal, Eveleth; J. Peter Somers, International Falls; Lloyd Stein, Two Harbors; John Stees, St. Paul; Orrin Styve, Albert Lea; Arthur Verner, Peoria, Illinois; Clyde Wagar, Paseo, Washington; Paul Ziegelmaier, Minneapolis; Sam Swartz, Minneapolis.

Sports Feature.

ATHLETES WERE LIGHTY

LEN BACK IN 1900

Back in the not-so-very mystic period of 1900-'01, athletics at the University of Minnesota differed from those of today in more things than merely forward-passless, five-yard football, if records hanging on the walls of the Minnesota Union may be taken as authority.

The potato race, the "push-up" and the "pull-up" were then items of accomplishment towards which athletes strove and strong men yearned with all the passion of their staunch bosoms.

In that year the mysterious "push-up" was accomplished no less than 76 times by one R.W.Allis, whose feat is recorded in gilt on a heart shaped oaken tablet hanging on the walls of the Union refactory. Under this item it is recorded that the same gentlemen did the pull-up time and again until 51 in all had been ticked off. But in leg strength he yielded first place to N.P.B.Nelson, who achieved 661 kilos of same. In the stretch kick it was N.D.Lowry who won, his nimble toe reaching a point 7 feet and five inches above the solid earth. Mr. Allis, however, was the strong man of the University, his record showing 1940.9 points of strength, so that no one else's vigor needed to be recorded at all.

Apart from these notations of individual accomplishments, another oaken tablet shows the best records achieved in various sports, as follows: 50 yards dash 5:3 seconds; running high jump 5 feet 5 inches; shot-put 40 feet 7 inches; quarter mile potatoe race 1 min.49:2 seconds; goal throw, 8 goals; push-up 18 times; pull-up 28 times (page Mr. Allis); "three standing broad jumps" 29 ft 4 in; "fence vault" 6 ft 9 in; "running long dive" 16 ft 1 inch.

Most of these events have been dropped out of college athletic schedules. Of those retained, the records in the 50 yard dash and the shot-put would still be creditable performances.