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Minneapolis, January 11, 1937. "We have a squad largely composed of sophomores, but these sophomores show promise of developing into a better team than that of last season."

Thus does Coach David C. Bartelma frankly appraise the University of Minnesota's wrestling team prospects for the current season, his second as the coach of the Gopher mat squad.

Only three lettermen from the 1935-36 squad that won six matches and lost two will be available when the Minnesota team opens its non-conference season against the North Dakota university team in the field house on Monday night, January 11. They are Captain John Whitaker, who wrestles in the 175 pound class; Ross McCorquodale of Olivia, 118-pounder, and Norman Borlaug, who wrestled at 145-pounds last season.

All of the Minnesota home wrestling matches have been transferred to the field house this season with several of the meets, including the one with North Dakota, scheduled to take place immediately following home basketball games.

Sophomores vying for vacancies on the team have developed rapidly, and in several cases show promise of outclassing reserves on the squad. Most serious loss to the squad was Caifson Johnson who won the 175 pound championship in the conference meet last season.

In the 188-pound class the veteran McCorquodale is receiving plenty of competition for the number one position from Sam Infantino, a sophomore from Punxsutawney, Pa. A pair of sophomores are the contenders for the varsity berth in the 126 pound class. They are Earl Steidlör of Minneapolis, and

Blaine McKusick, Jr., also of Minneapolis. The latter is the son of the former wrestling coach at the university.

Robert Zabel, a reserve on last season's squad, is competing for the regular assignment at 135 pounds. He is a resident of Plainview. Opposing him is John Matton, Minneapolis sophomore. Three sophomores are after the 145 pound assignment along with the veteran Borlaug. They are Henning Swanson of Adams, Harold Heneman of Mason City, Iowa, and Dale Tromanhauser of Minneapolis,

Two sophomores are leading contenders at 155 pounds. They are Duane McConnell, of Vesta and Charles Worcester of McGregor.

Stan Hanson, veteran Minnesota center on the football teams of the last three seasons, will compete at 165 pounds this season after wrestling as a heavyweight last year. Ernest Baughman of Pine River is also a contender in this division.

With Captain Whitaker slated to wrestle in the 175 pound division, however, three wrestlers are competing. They are Clifton Gustafson of Gonvick, who competed in several matches last season; Joe Pazandak of Minneapolis, and Eldred Miller, big 225 pound reserve tackle on the football squad.

The schedule for the season is as follows:

At Home

- January 11 - North Dakota University (After Chicago Basketball Game)
- January 16 - Carleton College (3:00 p.m.)
- January 30 - Iowa State Teachers (3:00 p.m.)
- February 6 - Nebraska (After Ohio State Basketball Game)
- February 13 - Iowa State (3:00 p.m.)
- February 20 - Wisconsin (3:00 p.m.)
- February 27 - Iowa (After Wisconsin Basketball Game)

Away

- January 21 - Carleton at Northfield
- March 6 - Illinois at Urbana
- March 12 and 13 - Conference Meet at Chicago



Minneapolis, January ¹²---The University of Minnesota's busiest athletic season will get under way this week with more than 100 varsity athletes ready to participate in a round of athletic contests that will find six teams meeting 55 opponents at home and on foreign fields during January, February and March.

The Gopher hockey team will open the three months winter sports season on Friday and Saturday, January 8 and 9, when the Minnesota sextet will meet the Fairbanks-Dawson Polar Bears from Alaska. The puck team will play a total of 12 games during the next 90 days, eight of them being played at the Minneapolis Arena. Home games include two-game series with Manitoba on January 22 and 23, Michigan Tech on Feb. 5 and 6 and the University of Michigan on Feb. 26 and 27.

Minnesota will open its Western Conference basketball schedule at the field house January 11, meeting the Chicago Maroons. Eleven conference and one non-conference games will follow during the season, with the Gophers playing six contests at home and seven away. Home games include meetings with Ohio State on Feb. 6, Purdue on Feb. 8, Iowa, Feb. 22, Wisconsin, Feb. 27 and Northwestern on March 1.

Two feature events of unusual interest are on the Minnesota athletic calendar for March. The first will be the exhibition tennis match between Fred Perry, world's champion amateur, who recently joined the professional ranks, and Ellsworth Vines, world's professional champion. This match has been scheduled for the field house on March 16.

The National Intercollegiate Swimming Championships, bringing together

the nation's outstanding collegiate swimmers, has been scheduled for the Exhibition pool on the campus, March 26 and 27.

Although the intercollegiate swimming schedule does not get under way until February, Coach Niels Thorpe has had his squad working out all during the recent holiday vacation period. The swimmers will meet Nebraska at home, Feb. 12, followed by Northwestern on Feb. 19, and Iowa on March 6. The Gophers will participate in four meets on the road, including the conference meet at the University of Indiana.

With home wrestling meets scheduled for the field house this season, many of them will take place following basketball games. The first of these is scheduled for Monday, January 11, when the Gopher Wrestlers are scheduled to meet the North Dakota University team following the Minnesota-Chicago basketball game. Home meets are also scheduled with Carleton college on January 16, Iowa State Teachers college on January 30, Nebraska on February 6, Iowa State on February 13, Wisconsin on February 20 and Iowa on February 27.

Minnesota's gymnastic team, defending Big Ten champions this season, have scheduled four home meets. The first of these will be with the University of Illinois on January 16, followed by Chicago, February 6, the Northwest Gymnastic Society meet, February 20 and Iowa on February 27.

A pair of indoor track meets have been scheduled for the field house during February, with Minnesota scheduled to meet Iowa State on February 13 and the University of Iowa on March 6.



Minneapolis, January 20 When John Whitaker, captain of the University of Minnesota wrestling team, goes to the mat with a Gopher opponent he is carrying out his wrestling heritage.

While this inheritance isn't exactly lineal, it is authentic in every detail for the present Gopher captain has inherited the ability to wrestle, the captaincy of the Minnesota team and the chance to win the Big Ten 175-pound championship all from Caifson Johnson, captain of last year's team.

Three seasons ago, Whitaker didn't know a toe-hold from a half-Nelson. Today, he is a leading contender for the Western Conference championship in his weight division.

It was Johnson who was responsible for interesting his successor in the mat game. Both boys were enrolled at a summer R.O.T.C. camp several years ago and Johnson persuaded Whitaker to enter the camp wrestling tournament, because as the latter explains it, "there wasn't anybody else around at the same weight and Caif just had to wrestle."

Johnson won that first match easily but he saw possibilities in his novice opponent and the two went to work to improve themselves. Not until he was a sophomore at the university, however, did Whitaker join the Minnesota squad. Then he did two things: he studied the science of wrestling with the same determination that he did his medical textbooks and he applied the theory with practise.

In his first season of competition, Whitaker won a letter and placed third in the conference. Last season, wrestling at 165-pounds, he placed second in the conference meet, losing to Kielhorn of Iowa, who was the Big Ten and national A.A.U. champion.

"Logically and numerically I should win the title won by Johnson a year ago," he declares. "I've progressed a notch each year and this is my last season of competition."

It is the individuality, the chance for deception and the certainty that the best man will usually come out on top that interests the Gopher captain most in wrestling. He is a former swimming and track star at Cretin high school in St. Paul, but gave up those sports in favor of wrestling when he entered the University.

Although he appreciates scientific wrestling, he aims to throw his opponent in every match rather than wait for a time advantage decision or a draw.

Now in his second year in the Minnesota medical school, Whitaker declares he has no interest in the professional sport after his collegiate career is ended. "The professional bouts look interesting," he explains, "but I'm afraid it would hurt my medical reputation. After all, a fellow couldn't very well call himself Dr. John "Slugger" Whitaker, could he?"



Minneapolis, January ~~22~~—This is the story of little Johnny Kundla, who waited four long years to grow up and be a basketball player because an astute high school coach saw possibilities in the lad's feet.

The whole thing began several seasons ago when Weston Mitchell called his Minneapolis Central high school basketball squad together for its opening practise session. Among the prospective candidates was a slim, undersized kid who looked as if a strong wind would blow him away. That was Kundla.

Mitchell, who has been coaching for many a season, singled the boy out for special attention with the remark that "you look like you ought to grow up to be a basketball player. Just wait until you grow into those feet."

So Kundla, who is now an outstanding sophomore on the University of Minnesota basketball team, waited. He didn't play during his junior year, but between the close of that season and the start of the next he had grown six inches and had become a forward on the Central quintet. Even then, he was no ace on the court. He was just an ordinary high school basketball player.

For two years following his graduation from high school, Kundla forgot all about basketball except for an occasional game with some of his friends. Then someone interested him in attending the university and he enrolled as a freshman.

Coaches of the Minnesota yearling basketball squad reported that last season he was outstanding among the freshmen and varsity hopes were held out for him. This fall, Kundla was slated for a regular position on the Minnesota quintet. And then he had to wait some more. A broken bone in his foot necessitated a cast and a place on the sidelines.

From the middle of November to the first of January, Kundla sat on the sidelines and wondered whether it had done him any good to grow up. Then the cast came off and he got into the game against Kansas State.

Although he was only in action a few minutes, the Minneapolis sophomore dropped four field goals and a free throw. Against DePaul the next week end he tallied a total of 18 points although he was in action little more than half the game.

"I'm not that good," he protested after the DePaul game. "All those baskets in a bunch were just luck. I'll have plenty of off nights to make up for the good ones."

Against Chicago Monday night in his first conference game, Kundla was held to a solitary free throw, but he still is tied for third in scoring on the Minnesota squad despite the fact that he has been in only three games. The six foot, two inch forward has gained most of what he waited for. He has according to predictions grown up in perfect proportion to his feet and become an outstanding basketball player.

The Gopher scoring to date has been as follows:

	<u>Games</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>TP</u>
Addington, f	8	20	8	48
Manly, c	8	12	16	40
Kundla, f	3	11	6	28
Halverson, f	8	13	2	28
Seebach, g	7	10	6	26
Johnson, F	7	10	5	25
Rolek, G	8	9	4	22
DeLambert, f	7	6	4	16
Nash, g	5	6	2	14
Spear, f	6	3	2	8
Jones, c-g	4	3	1	7
Gustafson, c	4	2	2	6
Lillyblad, g	6	2	1	5



Minneapolis, January ~~24~~ The high spot of Niels Thorpe's career--and a pretty important high spot, too--is just around the corner, so to speak, but now that it is close at hand Niels is having a hard time getting excited about it. He's too busy training swimmers.

As far back as last spring, Niels circled a pair of March dates on the 1937 calendar that meant that he had achieved his highest ambition. He had gone East and come back with the National Intercollegiate Swimming meet for Minnesota. The collegiate swimming classic will be held in the Minnesota exhibition pool on March 26 and 27.

Now that the big event is but a few weeks away, Thorpe is too busy preparing his 1937 Minnesota swimming team for the season to begin getting excited about the big meet. Perhaps the reason for this is that he sees in the present Minnesota squad the chance to continue a long and successful Minnesota record in national intercollegiate swimming.

Since 1924 no less than 26 University of Minnesota swimmers have placed in the annual national championship meets and at least one member of the team has counted each year from 1924 through 1934. With eight lettermen back from a year ago and with two sophomores on the squad who were state high school champions in their respective events, Thorpe hopes to start in where his squad of a few seasons ago left off.

The dash events will have a particularly good representation, with two lettermen and a former state interscholastic champion on hand. The veterans are Rex Hudson of Duluth, who placed third in the Big Ten 50-yard dash at Minneapolis last season, and Andy Ackerman of Detroit, is a former Michigan high school title holder. Aiding this pair will be Ted Bloom, Hibbing

sophomore, who is a former Minnesota high school champion, and Charles Philip of Minneapolis.

Three lettermen will be back to swim the middle distances, including Captain Milan Johnston of Duluth, Bill Morris of Minneapolis, and Jim Brandt of St. Paul. Morris placed fourth in the 440-yard event in the 1936 Big Ten championships.

Jack Comstock of Minneapolis is a letter winner in the breast stroke and he will be aided by Harry Knight of Minneapolis. Phil Broderson, St. Paul junior, will compete for his second season in the back stroke. Two sophomores, Bob Moulton of Minneapolis, brother of the former Minnesota star in this event, and Carl Swanson of Minneapolis, will also be entries in this event. Lyman Brandt of St. Paul, a former state high school backstroke champion, will be one of Minnesota's chief hopes for points.

Three times Minnesota champion in diving, Leonard Klun of Ely will compete for the first time for the Gophers on the high and low board. Bill Ferris, letterman from Minneapolis, and Lloyd Marti of New Ulm complete the list of Minnesota divers.

The Gophers will meet the Minneapolis Y.M.C.A. in a pre-season meet in the university pool on January 28. The rest of the schedule is as follows:

February 12 Nebraska at Minneapolis (8:00 p.m.)
February 13 Wisconsin at Madison
February 19 Northwestern at Minneapolis (8:00 p.m.)
February 22 Illinois at Urbana
February 27 Michigan at Ann Arbor
March 6 Iowa at Minneapolis (8:00 p.m.)
March 12 and 13 Conference Meet at Indiana
March 26 National Intercollegiate Swimming Meet
(Afternoon and Evening)
March 27 National Intercollegiate Swimming Meet
(Afternoon and Evening)

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Minneapolis, February--Reversing the military contention that a strong offense is the best defense, the University of Minnesota basketball quintet will depend chiefly on the continuance of the strongest defensive record in the Western Conference when the Gophers go back into action against the top-ranking Ohio State and Purdue fives at the Minnesota Field House on Saturday, February 6, and Monday, February 9.

Thus far, in 10 games the Gophers, led by Marty Rolek, Dick Seebach, Spike Johnson and George Nash at the guards, have held the opposition to an average of 24.3 points per game. This defensive mark is better by five points than Ohio State, Purdue or Michigan, who have held opponents to a little over 29 points.

In the Buckeyes and the Boilermakers, however, Minnesota will face a difficult task in whittling down the 35 point offensive average of Ohio State and the 43 point offensive average of Purdue to fit the 24.3 figure. Particularly will the defenders of the Minnesota basket have their hands full with such scoring threats as Earle Thomas and Jim McDonald of the Buckeyes and Jewell Young and John Sines of Purdue. Young is the leading scorer in the conference at present with an average of 15 points per game in five games.

The best attendance in several seasons is expected for the all-important two-game series that may determine to a great extent the future course of the Gophers in this season's conference competition. With the season already approaching the halfway mark, Minnesota is aiming for at least one of the two games in order to keep its first division berth. There is little possibility however, that the all-time attendance mark of 13,732 set at the 1934 Minnesota-

Furdue game will be eclipsed Saturday or Monday.

With the defensive duties in capable hands, Coach Dave MacMillan is placing his hopes of victories with such basket-getters as Gordon Addington, John Kundla and Earl Halverson. The diminutive Addington leads the basket brigade to date with 61 points.

The Minnesota scoring is divided as follows:

	<u>Games</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>TP</u>
Addington, f	10	26	9	61
Manly, c	10	13	21	47
Kundla, f	5	18	9	45
Rolek, g	10	13	6	32
Seebach, g	9	13	6	32
Halverson, f	10	14	3	31
Johnson, g	8	10	5	25
Nash, g	7	7	2	16
LeLambert, f	7	6	4	16
Spear, f	7	3	2	8
Jones, c-f-g	6	3	1	7
Gustafson, c	4	2	2	6
Lillyblad, g-f	7	2	1	5

Addington also leads the Minnesota scoring in the three conference games to date, but Kundla moves up into second place over Bob Manly. The conference scoring is as follows:

	<u>Games</u>	<u>FG</u>	<u>FT</u>	<u>TP</u>
Addington, f	3	11	3	25
Kundla, f	3	7	4	18
Manly, c	3	1	8	10
Halverson, f	3	3	2	8
Rolek, g	3	4	2	10
Seebach, g	2	3	0	6
Nash, g	2	5	0	10

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Minneapolis, February---A prophet may be "without honor in his own country," but in at least one case he is not without honor in his own home town.

The Prophet in this case is the nimble-footed Gordon Addington, high scoring sophomore forward on the University of Minnesota basketball team. His three word prophesy, to wit: "Just you wait!" was delivered to skeptical schoolmates and boyhood chums at Wahkon, Minnesota upon the occasion of Addington's announcement that he guessed he'd go to the university and incidentally, perhaps play basketball there.

Although one of the best all-around athletes in the district, the diminutive Addington was labelled just a little over-ambitious by his intimates. "After all," they told him, "what chance has a little fellow like you?" Gordon allowed they might be right, but he went ahead with his plans.

Today, Addington has fulfilled his prophesy. He is a starting forward on the Gopher quintet and the squad's leading scorer with a total of 61 points scored in games to date. In Wahkon, up on the south shore of Lake Mille Lacs, the scoffers are now ready to apologize. In fact, they are saying, "I told you so" whenever the subject comes up, which is frequently.

Small and slightly built, the sophomore forward has none-the-less been the sparkplug of the Gopher offense and his sudden bursts of speed and his unerring shot have been valuable to the Minnesota squad.

Although he was unaware of it at the time, Addington began early to develop the speed and stamina that have won him a place in the Minnesota basketball picture.

"When we were kids on the farm, we used to run all day because there

was nothing much else to do," he explains. "We began playing basketball in the school gym when we were in the fifth grade."

For three years, Addington played forward on the Wahkon high school team, averaging 10 points a game during that period. In addition he was district champion in the hurdles and competed in the pole vault on the track team. During the summer he was a guide for fishing parties on the lake and did a little swimming, fishing and hunting on his own time.

From a 105-pound high school freshman, Gordon grew. Not much to be sure, but enough so that he now stands five feet, nine inches and weighs 150 pounds.

After a slow start this season, the Wahkon sophomore suddenly began to nimbly out-manuever his bigger opponents and dash in under the baskets for Minnesota scores. Against Northwestern at Evanston recently, he tallied a total of 12 points to tie Johnny Kundla for individual scoring honors.

Incidentally, Gordon points with pride to his nephew, Donovan Addington, now a senior at Drake University. Together, they formed one of the oddest combinations in basketball. The tall Donovan, a few years older than Gordon, played center for the Wahkon high team for three seasons along with Gordon.



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Minneapolis, February 24 "Wanted: Tall, angular young man with knack of getting in other people's way to become outstanding defensive basketball center of the Western Conference in spare time. Experience not essential."

Had Dave MacMillan, veteran coach of Minnesota's basketball team, inserted such an ad in the classified columns of the newspapers a few seasons ago, he undoubtedly would have run across Bob Manly. He was saved that necessity, however, because the young man in question appeared unexpectedly at an early Minnesota workout last season and made known his ability in person.

Today, the red-thatched St. Paul boy fits all of the above classifications. He holds no illusions concerning himself, but he does know his strong points on the basketball court. That perhaps is the reason he has become one of the five integral cogs in the Minnesota quintet.

"Basketball has always been a sideline with me," Manly admits. "It has been something to take up the slack moments. When I started playing basketball at Cretin high in St. Paul, the only reason I was on the team was because I consistently got in the other fellow's way."

Gradual improvement marked his play in high school, however, and in 1932, he and his Cretin teammates went to the National Catholic High School championship at Chicago. Chief cause of the improvement was the coaching of Gene Aldrich, now athletic director of St. Paul high schools, but Bob's brother, Charles, was also a factor.

"He was the team manager and my personal assistant coach," Bob explains. He kept telling me about all the things that were wrong with me and I figured that if even half of them were true, I must be pretty bad. So I tried to

improve and in my last year I was the squad's leading scorer. In those days I was probably the laziest player in basketball."

Coming to Minnesota, Manly did not go out for the freshman team, preferring to devote his time to the study of mechanical engineering. Last year as a sophomore he reported to MacMillan "because I was curious to see whether I could make the team."

His play as a sophomore caused no great furor, but this winter, almost from the first game, he began "getting in the other fellows way again" and the result was that some of the most dangerous scorers in the Big Ten found themselves blanked after an evening on the court with the Manly boy.

In addition, he has been playing a competent game in the center circle and has been getting his share of points. In five conference games, he ranked third among the Gopher scorers despite the fact that he made only three field goals. The rest of his points were made from the free throw line.

"I don't score so often, but I enjoy playing the type of basketball taught by Coach MacMillan," he says. "When the ball is passed around as often and as fast as we have passed it this season, it gives every man on the team the chance to participate in the play more. It also keeps us in better physical condition."



Minneapolis, February 21 Success is measured by inches where Dominic Krezowski is concerned.

Krezowski is the barrel-chested, big muscled Western Conference shot put champion both indoors and outdoors. And for three seasons he has been patiently perfecting his ability to toss the 16-pound metal ball a little further than the day before.

It takes stamina and patience to keep shooting for three years at a goal that keeps itself just out of reach. Perhaps that is why the Minnesota track captain is the equal champion that he is, for he has an abundance of both qualities.

First, the goal was 40 feet, and Dom worked on that one for a long time before he got the knack of getting the big ball out there. Strength was essential and he had that. But he had to learn that coordination and push are necessary to a top flight shot-putter.

"It seemed like it would never come and that I would always be throwing that apple wrong," he recollects. "Then, one day it came over me all of a sudden and I knew I was over the hump."

When Krezowski reported to the Minnesota track squad he found that Big Bill Freimuth was there ahead of him. Freimuth was the conference indoor title holder in 1935. He worked with Krezowski, giving him pointers, and when he became ill last spring, Dominic stepped into the breach and brought both weight crowns back to Minneapolis.

He was throwing the shot a lot further by that time. His indoor mark was made with a toss well over 47 feet and when the outdoor meet came along at Columbus, Ohio, Dominic won again with a toss of 48 feet, seven-eighths inches. Then he went on to the Central Intercollegiate at Milwaukee and won there by throwing the shot 51 feet, seven inches.

Those marks shattered all the old goals, so of course there was nothing for Krezowski to do this season but set up some new standards. He's figured out that 53 feet is the next stop and he's training with that in mind. That is considerably better than the distances made by several collegians in the recent Olympic games, so the 1940 games may see the Minnesota athlete competing in United States colors.

In the meantime, Dominic has several other goals that are more timely. Chief among these is to defeat his friendly rival, Sam Francis of Nebraska.



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Minneapolis, March 4--Minnesota's record-inviting Exhibition Pool will be the measuring rod for new world, national and Northwest records during the month of March, with the greatest array of swimming talent ever gathered in the Northwest competing in the United States No. 1 collegiate aquatic event, the National Intercollegiate championships.

As a prelude to the national championships later in the month, the pick of the northwest high school swimmers, including the champions of the state meet at Virginia last week, will compete in the Northwest Interscholastic meet at the university on Friday night and Saturday afternoon, March 5 and 6.

Leading the assembly of state and parochial high school swimmers will be Hibbing's famed "three aces" Warner Wiren, Glenn Coder and John Gillis, Werner set a new state interscholastic record of :24.7 seconds in the 50-yard free style and :54.5 in the 100-yard free style, while Coder set a new record of 1:08.5 in the 100-yard breast stroke.

Iowa's Western Conference swimming champions, led by Ray Walters, national intercollegiate and Big Ten champion in the 50-yard free style and Big Ten 100-yard free style title holder, will invade the Minnesota pool on Saturday night, March 6, for a dual meet with Minnesota.

World's champions and Olympic stars will vie for national supremacy in the Gopher pool on March 26 and 27, when the fourteenth annual National Collegiate swimming Championships are scheduled to take place.

The University of Michigan, perennial home of title teams, will send the defending champion led by Jack Kasley, world's champion in the breast stroke.

Yale university will bring a distinct challenger from the East coached by Bob Kiphuth, mentor of the 1936 U. S. Olympic team. The Eli squad will be headed by John Macionis, member of last years Olympic team. Charles Mutter, national champion and Olympic swimmer is expected to head the Harvard entries, while the Pacific Coast and the South are expected to add their quota of champions.

A professional tennis exhibition by two of the world's outstanding exponents of the court game and a dual track meet between Minnesota and Iowa will round out the March athletic calendar.

Billed as one in a series of matches for the world's professional championship, a match has been scheduled in Minnesota's expansive field house on March 16 between Ellsworth Vines, world's singles champion and Fred Perry of Great Britain, world's amateur singles champion.

Vines will be returning to the field house court for the second consecutive season, but Perry will be making his first appearance in the Northwest. The latter is a former member of the British Davis Cup team and singles champion of England, France, Australia and Argentine.

Minnesota trackmen will close their indoor season against the Hawkeyes on Saturday, March 6, at 2:30 p.m. in the field house. To date the Minnesota team has won from Iowa State and lost to Wisconsin.



Minneapolis, March--This is the story of a champion who was made, not born.

He is Leonard Klun of Ely, one of the most promising sophomore divers ever to compete for the University of Minnesota swimming team. He holds the record of having been the Minnesota high school diving champion for three years in a row. He is a former member of the All-America high school swimming team and was undefeated in dual meet competition during the present season.

A champion's success story is often just a common place recital of patience and practise, and so it is with Klun. He has been diving for nine years, being picked by Max Herseth, Ely coach, as a likely prospect when he was in the sixth grade of grammar school. Herseth has developed Walter Nappa, former Minnesota diver; Joe Pucel, Northwest champion, and Joe Grahak, twice state high school champion and present Northwest Interscholastic title holder.

Coach Herseth is a firm believer in the coaching philosophy of getting his prospects young and developing them by constant practise. Klun under his guidance was capable of making the high school team when he was in seventh grade, but he had to wait two years. He placed fourth in the state meet and fourth in the Northwest meet in his freshman year in high school.

It was as a high school sophomore that Klun first began to win championships for his performances on the spring board. He took both the state and the Northwest Interscholastic titles that year and he repeated in the state meets during the next two seasons. He was picked on the All-America high school team during those three seasons.

"I was at the top then," Klun recalls, "but when I entered the University I realized that I was no longer a champion and that it was a big jump from high school to Big Ten competition, so I built myself a diving tower on White Iron Lake near Ely and during the summer I practised two or three hours a day by myself. Then I came down to the university and began practising there in the exhibition pool."

The practise brought results, for during the recent dual meet season, the graceful Gopher spring board performer won his event in every meet. It will be another big jump from Big Ten to national competition when Klun competes against the nation's best collegiate divers in the Minnesota pool on March 26 and 27. Both Klun and Coach Niels Thorpe are afraid that the national title is too big an assignment for a sophomore. In any event Klun will be putting his nine years of experience in every dive, and champions always compete to win.



Minneapolis, March 18---A coaching staff that has directed Minnesota teams to numerous championships in recent years will make up the faculty for the University of Minnesota's second annual intensive six-day coaching school in Minneapolis, June 14 through 19.

Bernie Bierman, head football coach, will teach classes in football along with Dr. George Hauser, Gopher line coach and other members of the football coaching staff. Basketball classes will be taught by Dave MacMillan, coach of the 1936-37 Minnesota basketball team that tied for the Big Ten title, and one other leading mid-western basketball coach yet to be selected. Baseball instruction will be given by Frank G. McCormick, athletic director at Minnesota and coach of baseball.

Classes will be held daily during the week of the short course in the big Minnesota Field House. Registration will be handled by the university extension division.

Minneapolis, March---The University of Minnesota baseball squad will make its second invasion of Dixie in the past two seasons during the spring vacation period at Minnesota, meeting Mississippi State at Starkville, Miss. on March 22 and 23, Millsap College at Jackson, Miss. on March 24 and 25, and Louisiana State at Baton Rouge on March 26 and 27.

Coach Frank G. McCormick has announced he will pick his squad from 22 men now working out in the Minnesota field house. Lettermen include Captain Ted Brissman of St. Paul, catcher; Kermit Aase of Kenyon, pitcher; Don Lee of Minneapolis, shortstop; and Ray King of Duluth and Don Lindeberg of Miles City, Mont., outfielders.

The Gophers won three and lost two during their Southern invasion a year ago, dropping two games to Louisiana State and winning one from Mississippi State and a pair from Mississippi College. The baseball team under McCormick's direction won titles in 1933 and 1935.



Minneapolis, March 19--It will be champions versus champions, with collegiate, American and even world's records going on the block, as the nation's top-ranking collegiate swimmers meet in the University of Minnesota exhibition pool for the fourteenth annual National Intercollegiate Swimming championships on Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27.

The most imposing field of amateur aquatic stars since the American Olympic finals last summer is expected to gather in Minneapolis, including the world's breast stroke champion at 220-yards; three national intercollegiate champions who will be defending their titles, and numerous sectional and conference title-holders.

With Michigan again dominant in the Western Conference, as forcefully illustrated by the Wolverines sweeping victory in the Big Ten Championships on March 12 and 13, the battle for the national team title is expected to involve the Michigan squad and Yale.

The latter, with more than 160 consecutive dual meet victories since 1924, is expected to make a strong bid for the crown held at present by the Wolverines. Coach Bob Kiphuth, veteran American Olympic swimming coach, will send a 15-man team to Minneapolis.

Individual champions who will be on hand to attempt to retain their titles include Jack Kasley of Michigan, intercollegiate, American and world's champion in the 200 yard breast stroke; Ray Walters of Iowa, intercollegiate title holder in the 50-yard free style; and Danny Zehr of Northwestern, who holds the national record in the 150-yard backstroke.

Championships will be undefended in the 220 and 440-yard free style, the 1,500 meter free style and the one and three meter diving events among others.

The 220, 440 and 1,500 meter records were all made in 1936 by Jack Medica of Washington, who has graduated from intercollegiate competition.

In the 50 and 100-yard free style sprints several sectional champions will compete, Walters must defend his title in the shorter event against Ed Kirar of Michigan, 1937 Big Ten champion; Ralph Penn of Yale, Stan Rose and William Lakamp of Rutgers, Ed Haapaniemi of Gustavus Adolphus at St. Peter, Minnesota, Charles Brown of Chicago and Rex Hudson of Minnesota. Both Kirar and Penn have gone the distance in :23.4 seconds.

John Macionis of Yale, member of the 1936 Olympic team and holder of the national record in the 330-yard individual medley, will be one of the favorites in the 100-yard free style along with Jim Reilly of Rutgers, 1936 Eastern Collegiate champion in both the 100-and 200-yard events.

The middle distance events will bring an outstanding field, including Dave Rider of Stanford, Junior Pacific Association champion at 440-yards; Tom Haynie of Michigan, National A.A.U. champion outdoors at 220-yards and Western Conference champion in both the 220 and 440; Macionis and John Brueckel of Yale and Captain Frank Bernard of Michigan.

Kasley will be distinctly the class of the field in the breast stroke, but his competition will be strong and will include Ed White of Dartmouth, Albert Timko of Rutgers and Gus Horschke of Northwestern. In the backstroke Zehr will defend his title against Dick Westerfield of Iowa, who has unofficially broken the American record for 150-yards over a 20-yard course, and Mittendorf of Yale.

Preliminaries in the low board diving and the 1,500 meter time trial finals will get under way at 10 a.m. Friday, March 26. Preliminaries in all other events will be held on Friday and Saturday afternoon with the finals divided between Friday and Saturday nights.



Minneapolis, March 25---With the lettermen and reserves seemingly holding the key to the University of Minnesota's 1937 fortunes on the gridiron, Coach Bernie Bierman this week went about laying plans for meeting a hundred or more football prospects on Tuesday, March 30, the opening day of the Gopher's spring practise.

A two-fold problem confronted the Minnesota coach as he prepared to direct his sixth spring football session at Minnesota. On one hand, he is worried about getting the necessary degree of improvement out of the members of the 1936 squad who will be back for the spring drills. On the other, Bierman must at the same time find ways and means of bringing about a noticeable improvement in the group coming up from the freshman squad.

Prospects at present look none to favorable to the Gopher coach because he has found the freshman group to be shy on good material, particularly among the linemen. About 35 freshman graduates are expected to participate in the spring practise, however, and out of this group the Minnesota coaching staff is hopeful of finding several men with varsity potentialities.

"As yet there has been no indication that any of the freshmen will be able to make the first team next year," Bierman has pointed out in discussing prospects. "It looks like we'll have to get along with what we have left from 1936. There seemed to be a general deficiency in material on the freshman group last year."

Another annual factor in the spring development of his squad---the weather---is a question in Coach Bierman's mind. Because of the comparatively mild winter, the Gopher coach expects to have his team out of doors earlier than last season, although the practise sessions will start in the field house.

Captain-elect Ray King, the rangy Gopher end, and Andy Uram, outstanding Minnesota halfback of 1936, will not participate in the spring drills because

of their duties on the Gopher baseball squad, but most of the remaining 22 lettermen are expected to be on hand along with the reserves.

Bob Weld, regular guard in 1936, will return to the university during the spring quarter and will take part in the spring sessions. Charles Schultz of St. Paul, another outstanding guard from last season, is recovering from an operation and will be able to take light exercise with the squad, although he will forego any contact work.

With the majority of the freshman squad expected to report, several promising candidates will be added to the holdover group. They include Earl Ohlgren and Ed Diehl, ends; Richard Danowski from Bemidji and Ed Stein of St. Paul, tackles; Helge Pukema of Duluth, guard and Hilding Mattson of Bovey and Mark Moore of Minneapolis, centers. Among the freshman backs will be Jack McCormick of Bemidji at quarterback, Bill Gilchrist and Lloyd Parsons of Minneapolis, Harold Van Every of Minnetonka Beach and George Frank of Davenport, Ia., halfbacks, and Roger Keller and Charles Myre among the fullbacks. Several others in the freshman group also show promise.

In addition to these men, five outstanding players of the 1936 spring drills are expected to return to action. They are Marty Christiansen at fullback; Dick Meyers of Mahtomedi at halfback; Stan Sitarz of Minneapolis, guard, and Robert Olson of Osseo and Howard Parkinson of St. Paul, tackles.

Scrimmage sessions will open approximately a week after the squad moves onto Northrop Field, with the Saturday intra-squad games planned as weekly events. No date has yet been set for the annual spring game that will climax the spring training, although it will come in the latter part of May.

What few experiments in shifting athletes from one position to another that are accomplished will involve new men in most cases, according to Bierman. One of these contemplated shifts would move John Mariucci back to end from the quarterback position he has been holding in the winter drills.



Minneapolis, April---A Northwest Open Track Meet in which any amateur track athlete may compete, will be held in Memorial Stadium at the University of Minnesota, Friday, May 14, it was announced today by Jim Kelly, newly-appointed track coach at the University.

The meet, part of a general program to build up and popularize track throughout the Northwest, is expected to attract college, A.A.U. and high school athletes from Minnesota, the Dakotas, Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois.

Members of the Minnesota freshman squad will compete unattached, and several of the Gopher varsity squad may also be entered, although Coach Kelly has a meet scheduled for the following day with Iowa State and Kansas State at Ames, Ia.

With the opening of the Gopher's outdoor season, Saturday, April 10, at Lincoln, Neb., Coach Kelly plans to put his new charges through intensive workouts next week. Should the uncertain Minnesota spring weather be favorable, the Gophers may also get their first outdoor workouts during the week.

Approximately the same personnel that represented Minnesota indoors will be on hand for the spring schedule. Again the squad will be built around Captain Dominic Krezowski, stalwart shot-putter, and Bob Hubbard, broad jumper. Krezowski, will defend his Big Ten outdoor title during the conference meet at Ann Arbor.

Two newcomers to the squad are expected to add needed strength in the two-mile and the pole vault. In the distance run, Irving Steer of Brooklyn, N.Y., will join Harold von Lehe of LeSueur, who competed during the indoor season. Robert Olson of Minneapolis seems destined to become the sole Minnesota pole vaulter.

In the 100 and 220-yard dashes the veteran Roger Verran and Ed Hepp, sophomore, are still the leading Gopher sprinters. Both are Minneapolis athletes. The return of Bob Watson of St. Paul to the ranks of the quarter-milers considerably strengthens the Gophers in this position. He will join Bob Blotcky of Minneapolis, who competed in the event during the winter.

Eric Harslem of New York City and Phil Anderson of Minneapolis are the leading candidates to run the half-mile, while Paul Moore of St. Paul and George Flannagan, Minneapolis will compete in the mile.

With Minnesota's strength apparently concentrated in the field events, Coach Kelly and George Otterness, his assistant, are preparing several newcomers who may add power to the veteran combination. These include Bob Johnson, erstwhile football tackle from Anoka, in the javelin and Frank Adams of Hopkins in the discus. In addition, Ken Dollarhide of Chicago and Paul Maki of Aurora are expected to try out for the javelin throw.

Captain Krezowski and Irving Goodman, both veterans, are expected to handle the shotput event capably, while Hubbard and Rulph Green will again team in the broad jump. Hubbard will also compete in the high jump along with Dave Gustafson of North Branch.

The schedule:

April	10	Nebraska at Lincoln
	17	Kansas Relays at Lawrence, Kan.
	23-24	Drake Relays at Des Moines
May	1	Iowa at Iowa City
	8	Marquette at Minneapolis
	15	Iowa State and Kansas State at Ames
	29	Wisconsin at Minneapolis
June	4	Central Intercollegiate at Milwaukee
	19	National Intercollegiate at Berkeley, Calif.

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Minneapolis, April ¹⁶—Minnesota weather---always a factor in the conditioning of Gopher athletic teams in the spring---is again playing an important part in Coach Frank G. McCormick's plans for the coming Western Conference baseball season, as the Gopher nine prepares to open its home season this week-end with a pair of games against Gustavus Adolphus and River Falls Teachers'.

Forced to do a major job of rebuilding from the remnants of the 1936 team and a squad of promising sophomores, Coach McCormick now faces the necessity of keeping his squad out of doors if he is to experiment with his lineup and if the athletes are to condition throwing arms, legs, eyes and other essential parts of the baseball anatomy. After remaining indoors since mid-January, the Minnesota squad moved onto the broad expanse of Northrop Field last week and played an intra-squad game Saturday.

Three infield replacements, a new outfielder and additions to the pitching staff are chief among Coach McCormick's problems as the Minnesota athletic director prepares to enter his seventh season as coach of Gopher baseball.

Several positions are still open to dispute and the non-conference schedule during the next fortnight is expected to give McCormick the opportunity to experiment. At second base, three athletes are disputing the regular role. Leo Pirsch of Olivia was stationed at the second sack during the recent southern tour, but when the squad returned home two weeks ago, Nick Boosalis of Faribault and Bob Carlson of Minneapolis entered the picture.

Gordon Spear, rangy first base candidate from Miles City, Mont., is the present choice at first base, but Ray King, versatile Minnesota football captain-elect, who played the outfield and took an occasional turn on the pitching mound last season, is a possibility because of his power at the plate. Lou Midler,

erstwhile football tackle, is also a candidate for the job. Andy Uram has also forsaken spring football for the diamond and is fighting it out with Eli Orlich of Duluth for the third base assignment.

Don Lee, sure-handed short stop from Minneapolis, is the only veteran infielder on hand and is almost a certainty to hold down his old position again this season.

Hitting strength will be largely concentrated in the outfield trio and in Captain Ted Brissman behind the plate. Returning outfielders are Ray King, who can also take his turn on the mound, and Don Lindeberg, fleet veteran of 1936. Sam Hunt, veteran Red Lake Falls athlete is also on hand along with several newcomers.

Kermit Aase, veteran right-hander, seems a likely choice to become the ace of the mound corps. Last season, Aase shared major pitching assignments with Ev Grossman. The Gopher mound staff will do all of its hurling from the right side this season, since all of the dozen pitching candidates are right handers.

The schedule for 1937 is as follows:

April 16	Gustavus Adolphus
April 17	River Falls Teachers
April 20	St. Olaf
April 23	Luther
April 24	Luther
April 27	Gustavus Adolphus
April 30	Iowa
May 1	Iowa
May 4	St. Johns
May 7-8	Northwestern at Evanston
May 11	Augustana
May 14-15	Wisconsin
May 19-20	Michigan at Ann Arbor
May 27-28	Purdue
May 31	Iowa at Iowa City
June 1	Iowa at Iowa City



Minneapolis, April-²---Draw a circle around the area within a radius of 250 miles from the University of Minnesota and you have a graphic idea of where the material comes from that goes into the making of Minnesota athletic teams.

Ninty-five percent of all of the University of Minnesota students who participated in intercollegiate athletics during the past year come from that region, which upholds the contention that Minnesota teams are "home grown."

Within the "Gopher circle" lies the state of Minnesota, the eastern fringe of North and South Dakota, the northern edge of Iowa and the western edge of Wisconsin. Few of the Minnesota men come from these surrounding states, and those that do are largely residents of communities along the Minnesota borders.

In fact, 86.4 percent of all Gopher athletes who competed during the past year are from the State of Minnesota and 54.7 percent are from the Twin City area of Minneapolis and St. Paul.

Only one member of the 1936 National Championship Minnesota football squad came from outside the "Gopher Circle." He was Horace Bell, Negro guard from Akron, Ohio, and Bell matriculated to Minnesota on the advice of an older brother, who wanted him to play football under Dr. George Hauser, Gopher line coach. Out of the squad of 56, there were 19 athletes from Minneapolis, 8 from St. Paul, 21 from other districts in the state and eight out of state boys.

In two sports the ratio is 100 percent Minnesotan. All seven members of the 1937 gymnastic team are residents of Minneapolis, while three of the four members of the 1936 tennis team were from Minneapolis and the other was from Sleepy Eye, Minnesota,

Hockey, another predominantly Minnesota sport, had 11 boys on the squad from Minneapolis, one from St. Paul, and one each from Fargo, N.D. and Fort Frances, Ontario, both towns on the Minnesota border.

The following table illustrates the "home grown" aspect of Minnesota athletics.

Sport	Minneapolis	St. Paul	Outside the Twin Cities	Out of State
Football ('36)	19	8	21	8
Basketball ('37)	4	1	9	3
Baseball ('36)	7	2	8	3
Hockey ('37)	11	1	0	2
Track ('36)	8	2	5	2
Wrestling ('37)	2	1	4	2
Gymnastics ('37)	7	0	0	0
Swimming ('37)	5	4	4	1
Tennis ('36)	3	0	1	0
Golf ('36)	5	0	0	1
	71 (43.2%)	19 (11.58%)	52 (31.75%)	22 (13.41%)



Minneapolis, ^{May 6} ~~April~~ --- If you've ever run across an individual with baseball-
itis, your mind's eye will give you a better picture of Ted Brissman than words
can produce.

Baseballitis, popularly defined, is caused by the bite of the hominoxious
baseball bug, and it leaves its victims as perpetual fans or players of the great
American game. Brissman, who is the captain and catcher on the University of
Minnesota baseball team, is in the latter category and his case by choice is
incurable.

"I guess I was born with a baseball glove on," says the baseball-minded Mr.
Brissman. "I've been playing the game ever since I was old enough to hold a bat,
and I hope to be playing it until I am so old they have to trundle me up to the
plate in a wheel-chair."

Today, Brissman is regarded as one of the most promising young catchers in
college baseball, although he began his career as a sandlot pitcher in his home
town of St. Paul.

"Boy, those were the days of real ball games," he says now, looking back
all of ten years. "Those 43-42 pitcher's battles sure gave us the chance to
play a lot of baseball."

Brissman's next move found him as the bat boy for the American Association
team that visited St. Paul's Lexington Park, and he dogged the footsteps of
baseball's near-great until he became a walking baseball encyclopedia.

He went out for baseball at Cretin high school in St. Paul and when Coach Gene Aldrich saw him, he said, "Your a catcher."

"So I became a catcher," says Ted. "I took Muddy Ruel, who caught Walter Johnson with the Washington Senators, as my model. I got pointers from some of the American Association catchers and I managed to hit over .300 during the time I played high school baseball."

When Brissman matriculated to the University of Minnesota and reported to Coach Frank G. McCormick as a candidate for the Gopher baseball team, he found that he already possessed the fundamentals of the McCormick style of play. Gene Aldrich, Ted's coach at Cretin, it developed had played his intercollegiate baseball at Illinois under McCormick.

During his first season for the Gophers, Brissman hit .400 and last season he hit .340, while catching most of the games on the Minnesota schedule. In his three seasons behind the plate at Minnesota he has developed certain theories regarding college baseball.

One of them is that college pitchers as a general rule possess little else besides a slow ball and a fast one. What's more, that is all they need, he believes, except in the case of certain recognized sluggers.

"There are exceptions, of course," he says. "Some of the boys have a good curve and there are some hitters who can power that ball plenty if you let the pitcher put it in the right place for them."



Minneapolis, May---There has been a story going the rounds to the effect that Frank G. McCormick holds a Ph.D. in baseball.

That is not rightly so, of course, because Mr. McCormick, who about this season of the year combines baseball coaching with his duties as University of Minnesota athletic director, is a law graduate from the University of South Dakota. But baseball men will tell you that the aforesaid Mr. McCormick knows the ins and outs of the game.

He started his baseball career back in 1910 in semi-pro circles and for the next 13 years, he played a variety of college and industrial league ball, taking time off to serve overseas with the 88th Division in 1918.

He might have gone a long way as a player. Maybe as far as the major leagues. But instead, he found greater satisfaction in teaching young fellows the game. In 1919-20, he was head baseball coach and assistant in football and basketball at his alma mater. Then he began practising law in Akron, Ohio, supervising industrial athletics on the side.

Then followed another coaching assignment at the University of Illinois and a period of athletic director and coach at Columbus College, Sioux Falls, S.D. In 1924, he was appointed U. S. district attorney for South Dakota. He might have gone a long way as a lawyer, but again athletics intervened.

With Major John L. Griffith, commissioner of athletics for the Big Ten, and Stub Allison, now football coach at the University of California, Frank McCormick aided in putting through the American Legion junior baseball program, which has revived a new interest in the game. This was in 1925, and today the junior baseball program is a nationwide affair that has brought about a revival of interest in the game among American boys.

When Mr. McCormick joined the coaching staff at the University of Minnesota in 1930 as head baseball coach and backfield coach in football, the diamond sport at the university was in the doldrums. The Gophers hadn't finished at the top of the conference standings since 1908. Lack of interest had removed the sport from the athletic program from 1916 to 1922 and it was slow to recover from this setback.

Yet, in 1933, the Gophers won the conference championship. Two years later the proteges of Mr. McCormick repeated their championship performance and, if this every other year pattern is to continue, there is another championship in the offing no later than the current season.

The cause celebre behind this sudden rise in Minnesota's baseball fortunes is, of course, the guiding spirit of Coach McCormick. Minnesota teams have a percentage of .644 for the past six seasons, having won 67 games while losing 37.

The secret of the Gopher athletic director's success as a coach is not hard to discover. He demands that his players enjoy the game and they they play up to the limits of their ability. Minnesota baseball teams keep up a running fire of chatter on the field and no one appreciates a good bit of riding from the baselines better than McCormick.

During a recent game a diminutive sophomore was stationed on the coaching lines for the Gophers, where he gave forth a particularly loud and voracious monologue directed at the opposing pitcher. Indeed, so bombastic was his oratory that even Coach McCormick was attracted by the noise.

"There," announced the coach solemnly to the men on the bench, "is the only man on the squad who can shout above a whisper."



Minneapolis, May 11--History is being made at the University of Minnesota where genial Jim Kelly is serving his initial season as track coach. The fact of the matter is that track and field is on an upgrade at the Gopher university, a situation that is a little bit amazing even to the staunchest Minnesota supporters.

Track in the North Star state has always been retarded by the vigorous climate, which cultivates a breed of husky football athletes. The training season is short and the budding cinderman must be nursed like a hothouse plant indoors and then brought into sudden bloom in the weeks of May and June. Rome may not have been finished in a day, but it would have been a comparatively simple job to trying to develop a trackman to top form in six weeks.

Never-the-less, Coach Kelly is proceeding with a well-mapped program that is producing results. In all of his years of coaching at DePaul and elsewhere, he has never directed a losing team and he makes it plain that he doesn't intend to start at this late date.

His first move was to schedule a Northwest Open meet in which any amateur trackman in the Northwest would be eligible to compete. The response to this affair, which will be run off on Friday, May 14, was astonishing to even Mr. Kelly. No less than eight former high school champions from Minnesota, South Dakota and Illinois have entered and the total number of entries will run well over 100.

The specific purpose of this meet will be to awaken an interest in the sport among the boys who hitherto have confined their spring activities to baseball or some other sport.

The Gopher Freshmen are also coming in for special attention. George

Irvine of LaCrosse, Wisconsin reported this spring weighted down by no championship medals or record breaking performances. But this week, young Irvine is running the 440-yard dash in slightly over 50 seconds, which is stepping right along in any kind of competition. Vic Galloway, lithe St. Paul Negro, is also close to 50 seconds in the 440.

Never one to wait for a team to come to him, Coach Kelly discovered Ken Dollarhide, a former state high school champion in the javelin, playing center on the spring football squad. Next fall, Dollarhide is expected to give the Gophers a point-winner in the javelin for the first time in many a season.

Bob Hubbard, whose determination and ability have made him the most consistent point winner on the current squad, will head a nucleus of veterans for next season. Bob Hanson and Clint Lostetter, a pair of sophomores who have been scissoring over the hurdles in fast times, are also returning.

A dozen men, one of the largest Minnesota entries in several seasons, will compete in the annual Big Ten Track and Field Championships at Ann Arbor, Michigan on May 21 and 22, Coach Kelly has announced. This, he wants it to be known, is a preliminary announcement to the recognition of Minnesota as a power in collegiate track circles.

Gopher entries for the championship meet include Roger Verran, and Ed Happ, 100 and 220-yard dashes; Robert Blotcky, 440-yard dash; Eric Harslem and Paul Moore, half-mile; Robert Hanson, 120-yard high hurdles; Clint Lostetter, 220-yard low hurdles; Dominic Krezowski and Irwin Goodman, shot put; Goodman and Bob Johnson, discus; Hubbard and Ralph Green, broad jump, and Hubbard and Dave Gustafson, high jump.



Minneapolis, May---A three-way track meet, involving teams from Minneapolis West and Washburn high schools and the championship Sioux Falls, South Dakota high school squad, has been added to the sports program for Saturday at the University of Minnesota, Coach Jim Kelly of the Gophers announced Tuesday.

The interscholastic meet will be included in a program that will be climaxed by the annual Maroons versus Golds football game and a dual track meet between Minnesota and Wisconsin. Included in the list of outstanding interscholastic performers will be Bob Johnson, phenomenal Sioux Falls sprinter, who recently ran the 220-yard dash in :21.2 seconds, only eight-tenths of a second slower than the world's record set by Jesse Owens in 1935.

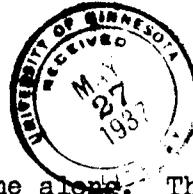
Joe Hayes, West sprinter and the present Metropolitan indoor champion at 60 and 220-yards; Roy Hirsch, Washburn high jumper, and Bob Gilles, West's champion broad jumper, will be among the other competitors in the meet which will get under way at 1 p.m. Saturday in the stadium.

Some of the mid-west's outstanding collegiate trackmen will compete in the Minnesota-Wisconsin meet which will be run in conjunction with the interscholastic meet preceding the football game.

Charles Fenske, nationally rated Badger distance runner who finished second in the mile at the national collegiates a year ago, and Albert Heller, Big Ten pole vault champion, will head the outstanding Badger entries, while Dominic Krezowski, 1936 conference shot-put champion, and Bob Hubbard, ace broad jumper lead the Gopher entries.

Both track meets and the spring football game can be witnessed for a single admission fee of 40 cents. Tickets will be on sale at the game.

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Minneapolis, May---"They've begun to come along. The squad shows definite signs of improvement."

In that statement lies Coach Bernie Bierman's careful prediction that his University of Minnesota football squad will be at its pre-season peak for the annual Maroons versus Golds spring game that will climax spring practise in Memorial Stadium on Saturday, May 29.

Football of the calibre played when the squad is in its mid-season form is forecast by the improvement during the past two weeks. Slow to start and hampered by uncertain weather, the big squad has begun to click as it approaches the spring windup. The methodical blocking, the split-second timing and the speed that are trademarks of Bierman-coached teams have begun to show themselves.

Actual game conditions will prevail for the intra-squad clash. Players will be numbered and spectators will be given numbered programs to help them follow the play. The new electric scoreboard installed last year and the public address system will also be in operation. Tickets will be on sale at the gate.

For some dozen or more of the outstanding graduates of last fall's freshman crew the game will be in the nature of a public debut. Newcomers who have figured in the tentative plans for next season will be watched carefully by both coaches and spectators, for Bierman has announced that performance in the game will go a long way in determining who is to be called back next fall.

Division of the squad into two 59-man groups has been made on an equal basis in order that neither team may start the game with an advantage. Bob Weld, veteran guard and Bill Matheny, the Anoka speedster, will co-captain the Gold jerseyed eleven, while Allen Rork, another letterman guard, and Phil Belfiori, reserve fullback, will divide the captaincy of the Maroons. Dr.

George Hauser will coach the Golds and Sheldon Beise and Dallas Ward will divide the coaching duties for the Maroons leaving Coach Bieman free to watch the game from the stands.

Performing for the several thousand spectators and more particularly for the approving eye of Bieman will be such prospective varsity candidates as John Mariucci and Earl Ohlgren at ends, Dick Danowski and Syrus Johnson at tackles, Helge Pukema and Ed Bannon at guards, Hilding Hattson at center, Jim Shearer and Dick Peterson at quarterback, Harold Van Every, Charles Myre, Bill Gilchrist and Sylvester Maiden at halfback and Marty Christianson at fullback.

Only three of the returning veterans will not see action. They are Captain-elect Ray King, Andy Uram and Lou Midler, who are playing with the Gopher baseball team.

The division of the squad is as follows:

GOLDS: Ends- Charles Brown, Alfred Anderson, Bronko Danguvich, John Mariucci, Robert Larson, Earl Ohlgren; Tackles-Bob Johnson, Warren Kilbourne, Marvin LeVair, Eldred Miller, Fred Raade, Ed Stein; Guards-Ed Bannon, Joe Jabbra, Helge Pukema, Sam Riley, Stan Sitarz, Francis Twedell, Bob Weld; Centers-Ken Dollarhide, Dan Elmer, Robert Swanson, Elmer Wilke; Quarterbacks-George Faust, Jack McCormick, Dick Quackenbush, Jim Shearer; Halfbacks-John Ahlf, Willard Erie, Rudy Gmitro, Bill Gilchrist, Bill Matheny, Charles Myre, Dick Myers, George McClintock, Dick Rummell, Harold Wrightson; Fullbacks-Larry Buhler, Kenneth Filbert, Marty Falk, Vincent Lundeen, Also Don Adamson, Blumenthal, H. Davies, S. E. Dole, Clifton Gustafson, Gordon Halseth, R. J. Magraw, E. W. Schutte, Cyril Untereker.

MAROONS: Ends- H. Anderson, Bob Carlson, Ed Deal, Melvin Erickson, Velman Fitch, Clarence Lilevjen, George Nash, Mike Milosevich, Ray Strate, Russ Wile; Tackles-Everett Derenthal, Dick Danowski, Bob Hoel, Andy Lundberg, Syrus Johnson, Win Poderson, Howard Parkinson; Guards-Horace Bell, Fritz Growing, Merle Larson, Ed Kafka, Milt Rosen, Mert Sefron, Allen Rork, Burt Storm; Centers-JohnKulbitski, Hilding Mattson, Bob Kolliner, Mark Moore; Quarterbacks-George Gould, Dick Peterson, Vic Spadaccini; Halfbacks-Ray Bates, Jack Dasset, George Franck, Roger Keller, Wilbur Moore, Sylvester Maiden, Joe Osmussen, Lloyd Parsons, Dick Ryan, Dick Renner, Gene Subczyk, Ted Wojcik, J. Worbel, Harold Van Every; Fullbacks-Phil Belfiori, Martin Christiansen, Don Martin, George Smith, Glenn Tew,. Also Eugene Firmine, Orville Freeman, Clark Gibb, Bob Huesby, Hordendall, Kinney, John Norblom, Talbot.

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Minneapolis, June---Individual rather than team performances threaten to be the important factors on Saturday, June 6, in Memorial Stadium at the University of Minnesota when 250 high school trackmen open an all-day assault on existing prep cinder records in the twenty-eighth annual running of the state high school track and field championships.

Not since blond Bill McKenzie appeared unheralded in the stadium arena on a June afternoon in 1934 and deftly proceeded to chalk up $16\frac{1}{2}$ points by his individual achievements for second place in the team standings has any one athlete so seriously threatened the dominance of the big teams as will be the case on Saturday.

Like McKenzie, who hailed from Gaylord, a town of 800 population, two of this year's individual stars in the district and regional meets have been from the towns and villages. Two of them are particularly outstanding. They are Brown of Ortonville and Bob Fitch of St. Louis Park.

In the recent Ortonville Invitational, Brown swept the field for 22 points, winning the 100 and 220-yard dashes, pole vault, broad jump, shot and discus and taking fourth in the high jump. Only the barrier of the regional meet confronted him at last reports in quest for points in the state meet.

Young Fitch, a brother of Velman Fitch, reserve end on the Gopher football squad, pyramided his victories in the region five meet at St. Cloud last week and earned $19\frac{1}{2}$ points for St. Louis Park. His points came on first places in the discus and shot, a second place in the 100-yard dash, a third in the javelin and a tie for third in the high jump.

Freddie Anderson of Detroit Lakes may make a triumverate of the seekers after individual honors. Anderson ran up a total of 30 points in his district meet on four firsts, two seconds, and a fourth place. His victories came in the shot put, hurdles, discus and pole vault.

Duluth Central will be the defending champion and Minneapolis West and Washburn will be among the outstanding challengers for the team honors despite this threat of the one-man team contingent.

Minus George Stevenson and Helge Pukema, their individual stars of 1936, the Trojans from Duluth will none-the-less constitute a formidable aggregation, with nine men qualified for the state meet. Dick Peterson, with a first in the high and low hurdles and the discus to his credit in the regional eliminations, will be the outstanding Central entry.

Existing records have lost value in Minneapolis high school circles this season and the West and Washburn teams have battled toward the state finale. Such performers as Washburn's Roy Hirsch, who has twice lowered the state high hurdle mark by five tenths of a second, and Joe Hayes, West's fleet sprinter, are aiming at the existing records, some of which have withstood the yearly attacks for several seasons.

Other outstanding team entries include St. Paul Central, University high school of Minneapolis, St. Cloud Tech, Anoka, Virginia, Coleraine, Duluth Morgan Park, Owatonna, and Park Rapids.

The existing state high school records are as follows:

120-yard, high hurdles: Benn (Washburn, 1936)	:15.5
Pole vault: Bryors (Virginia) 1930	12 ft. 1 in.
Discus: Risse (Coleraine) 1936	130 ft. 2 in.
Javelin: Alberts (Winona) 1926	177 ft 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
100-yd. dash: McClearie (Brainerd) 1933	:09.9
440-yd. dash: Cummings (Hector) 1914	1:51.4
High Jump: Segal (Eveleth) 1926	6 ft.
Broad Jump: McKenzie (Gaylord) 1934	22 ft. 2 in.
Shot put: Frank (St. Paul Central) 1907	50 ft. $\frac{1}{2}$ in.
220-yd. dash: Nadeau (Hibbing) 1926	:22.
880-yd. run: C. Anderson (Mpls Roosevelt) 1933	2: min.
220-yd. low hurdles: new distance, no record.	



Minneapolis, August. 4--"Another strong team, but hardly one of championship calibre."

That was Bernie Bierman's terse prediction of Minnesota's 1937 football prospects as he dropped into his office for a brief visit this week. Exhibiting his customary summer tan, Bierman tried to catch up with two weeks correspondence, answer a busy telephone and talk football all at the same time. He was due, in a few hours, to catch a plane for Kansas City enroute to still another coaching school before returning to prepare for the busy fall season.

"We expect 65 men back for practise September 15," he declared. "Probably about 45 of them can be considered actual varsity candidates to begin with. The remainder of the group will be made up of players who need the added experience to make them useful later. Then there will be a few who must clear up scholastic deficiencies before we can count on them."

Bierman also qualified his prediction of a strong team with the little word, "If." "If", he said, "we solve the problems which have been apparent since last spring you can count on us as being strong enough to give the opposition a real tussle."

These problems he listed as the development of five regulars to replace last year's graduates, the squad's ability to pick up where it left off in the spring and keep pace with the improved opponents, and "the avoidance of the law of averages."

This last, he explained, means that Minnesota would find it necessary to fight doubly hard this year, even without the powerful opposition that faces it. "We've won 27 games, been tied four times and beaten once out of the last 32 times we've played," said Bierman. "The law of averages catches up with you

sooner or later and the best way to stave it off is to leave as little as possible to chance in preparing for our games."

Under replacements comes the problem of finding a suitable quarterback to replace Charles (Bud) Wilkinson, the converted guard who called signals last season. There is also the question of a successor to All-American Ed Widseth in the line but the Gophers have several sizeable players who may do. Finding an athlete with Bud Svendsen's qualifications at center is another apparent problem but Bierman rated as the hardest coaching assignment the development of an end to replace Ray Antil and the building of sufficient reserve strength at this point. Although two sophomores, Earl Ohlgren of Cockato and John Mariucci of Eveleth have shown promise, neither has been under fire yet. And mistakes at end must be few this fall with the opposition Minnesota faces. Loss of Julie Alfonse at right halfback means that a dependable man must be found but there are several backs who may fill the bill.

"Our opposition is generally improved," said Bierman in speaking of Minnesota's foes. "Northwestern will be better and so will Michigan, Indiana Iowa, with a new coach, may start slow, but will be aiming at us. and Wisconsin. /I look for the Big Ten generally to be tougher with Purdue reported even better than a year ago and Illinois with a big, rugged team instead of the usual light outfit. Anyway, we don't play them.

"Notre Dame was good last year and this fall undoubtedly will be one of the most dangerous teams in the county. Nebraska showed us more football than we cared to see for some time until the last 68 seconds in 1937--and this year we play them at Lincoln.

"I look for another strong team if we get away to a good start September 10--but August is no time to talk about championships and we just won't be that good anyway."



Minneapolis, September 21—Versatility again stands as the dominant trait of the backs who will carry Minnesota's offensive burden in the 1937 campaign. Coach Bernie Bierman admits as much as he contemplates various shifts among the backs in an effort to find the best combinations.

Although hoping to avoid as much shifting and experimentation as possible, Bierman has in mind several possible backfield combinations that may provide the answer to the Gophers offensive problems. Should these shifts be introduced they will follow the Minnesota trend of recent seasons, which found Vernal (Babe) Le Voir alternating between halfback and quarterback in 1935 and which moved Bud Wilkinson from guard to quarterback in 1936.

Chief among the backfield posts which may draw men from other positions is quarterback where three graduates must be replaced. Bierman has already moved Vic Spadaccini, the big hardrock fullback from Keewatin, up to the signal calling post.

Other possibilities cited by Bierman include the possible shifting of Martin Christiansen or Bill Gilchrist, sophomore fullback hopefuls, up to the quarterback post as blocking backs with the signal calling done from some other position, perhaps from right half where diminutive Rudy Gmitro has shown definite signs of ability as a field general.

Although the quarterback assignment required outside help from other positions in the lineup during the past two seasons, the shifts may not be necessary this year due to the presence of George Faust, a powerfully built lad who won his letter as an alternate last season; plus George Gould and Dick Peterson, a pair of reserves who have yet to see action.

With both Christiansen and Larry Buhler, last season's outstanding sophomore, available for fullback duty, Bierman considers the Gophers just about as well set in the line plunging department as was the 1934 team with the bruising fullback pair, Sheldon Beise and Stan Kostka.

"The only difficulty seems to be that some of the fullbacks may have to move up to quarterback and that of course would weaken our fullback prospect considerably," says Bierman.

Despite the quantity and quality of the returning halfbacks, the Gopher coach also sees some possibility of moving either Christiansen or Gilchrist to halfback for a trial, since both of the newcomers can play either half or fullback with equal ability.

Rudy Gmitro may also play a major part in the Gopher backfield picture, since the diminutive blond bombshell of the Gopher backfield has displayed his ability either halfback or fullback and can do a competent job at quarterback as well.

Two things alone seem definite in the Gopher backfield picture as the 1937 season gets under way. One is that Andy Uram will be at his customary left half position and that the fullback spot will be in capable hands. The right halfback assignment should not be too difficult to fill either, according to Bierman although he thinks the squad is bound to miss the dependability of Julie Alfonse. In any event, Bierman classes his backfield prospects as fully up to those of last season.



Minneapolis, Sept. 15---If Big Lou Midler, Minnesota's tackle stalwart, hadn't had an injured shoulder and an unquenchable sense of gratitude Minnesota's 1937 eleven might have been minus a first string tackle, for, according to Midler, the sore shoulder started a chain of circumstances that led to his coming to the university.

It is doubtful if there is anyone around the Minnesota athletic department who remembers the day a half dozen years back that a big, curly-headed high school kid wandered into the Gopher training quarters and asked a trainer to look at a shoulder that hurt like blazes.

"You fix that shoulder up and I'll be back in a couple of years to play football for the Gophers," promised Midler.

The trainer laughed, but he told the boy what to do for the sore muscles and Midler went his way not to return until a fall day in 1934 when he reported as a candidate for the Gopher freshman squad.

"I took that promise seriously, though I'm sure nobody else did," says Midler. "Before that time I had figured that a university education was out, but from then on I had my heart set on it."

Today, beginning his third and final season as a Gopher tackle, Midler has inaugurated a self-improvement campaign designed to improve the effectiveness with which he has blasted the opposing lines during the last two seasons.

First step in the campaign was abdication from the ranks of the hearty eaters on the Gopher squad. No potatoes, bread and butter on the menu was his diet secret and he's come down from 233 pounds to 210 in the past two months.

The result was the net loss of a "practically new" suit purchased at the early summer high of 233 pounds and the new gain of a new effectiveness and agility.

In top condition, Midler can add or subtract substantial poundage from his husky physique almost at will. He entered the Washington game at Seattle last fall weighing 216 pounds and came off the field weighing 198. Yet the next morning he was back to 206 pounds and three days later to 215 pounds.

Too big as a youngster to play with boys his own age, Lou joined a team of older boys and by the time he had graduated from sandlot ranks to high school football weighed 180 pounds.

In his first year at St. Paul's Washington high school he played at every position but center and quarterback. Since that time he's concentrated on being a tackle. How well he succeeded can be gauged by his rating at the top of the Gopher tackle contingent.



Minneapolis, Sept. 11. --- 'X' may be the unknown quantity in mathematics, but where the Minnesota football squad is concerned the unknown quantity is a mixed group of sophomores and reserves that must advance men from its ranks to fill the vacancies left by the Widseths, the Alfonses and the other tried and proven men graduated from the 1936 squad.

Just who the virtual unknowns on the Gophersquad are and how quickly they will develop is a question that even Coach Bernie Bierman wishes ^{he} had the answer for. The Gopher mentor does, however, have his eye on several newcomers and holdovers that may be of value to the Gopher cause. A half dozen who will come under the watchful eye of Bierman are sophomores and the remainder are reserves who have been on the squad a season or more patiently biding their time.

A pair of sophomore ends have attracted Bierman's particular attention as candidates for the vacancies at the flanks are John Mariucci of Eveleth and Earl Ohlgren of Cokato. Mariucci, a rugged, fast-moving athlete, displayed particular ability on defense during the spring drills. Ohlgren, a rangy lad built along the lines of Captain Ray King, has all around ability. Bierman classes them as "green as to experience, but promising."

Win Pederson, a powerfully built Minneapolis tackle, showed marked improvement in the spring practise sessions after coming along slowly in his first year on the squad and Bierman classes him along with his veterans at tackle. Seven lettermen guards make the lot a hard one for newcomers at those line posts, but the Gopher coach believes that Helge Pukema, Kenneth Filbert and Burton Storm may aid enforcements. Pukema, a sophomore, is a former Duluth athlete and shot put champion. Filbert was on the squad last season as a fullback

candidate but was shifted to guard last spring. Storm saw no action but absorbed valuable experience in his first year on the squad in 1936.

New men may also aid the problem at center, Bierman believes. "I hope the centers will measure up to last season," says the Gopher maestro. "Among our new men, Mattson has come along and Dollarhide and Kolliner may both develop.

Not one but three interchangeable quarterbacks are the Minnesota needs in that position and there again newcomers may help to fill the bill. A pair of 1936 reserves who saw no action during last season have forced their way into the front ranks of the quarterbacks. They are stocky George Gould of St. Paul and Dick Peterson of Minneapolis. Gould is classed by his teammates as one of the most jolting tacklers on the squad and is in addition considered an able strategist. Peterson comes up from the reserve squad where he spent a season with Sig Harris' Bombers.

While none of the untried halfbacks have developed sufficiently as yet to be of service, Bierman believes that several may advance with the season, among them Harold Van Every, whose performance in the spring game stamped him as varsity material, and Charles Myre, 'pony' halfback from Albert Lea. Harold Wrightson, the fleet St. Paul halfback who saw limited action and won his letter last season, is also a prospect for bigger honors.

At fullback, Bierman is expecting much from Phil Belfiori, the powerful Buhl athlete whose inexperience kept him out of action. Bill Gilchrist, the long distance punter from Minneapolis Marshall high, is also among the fullback possibilities as is, of course, pile driving Marty Christiansen who will be playing his first season as a Gopher.



Minneapolis, Sept.---From a husky harvest hand to one of the most devastating line buckers in a long line of great Minnesota fullbacks--that has been the four year metamorphosis of Larry Buhler the Gophers big backfield siege gun.

Two factors have been directly responsible for Buhler's development. One was the faith of his fellow townsmen in his latent ability. The other was his own knack of recognizing his faults.

In fact, Larry earned his place on the Minnesota eleven in spite of himself. As a boy in Windom, Minnesota, he preferred baseball to football, joined the Windom football squad only after Coach Les Pulkrabek, former Minnesota lineman, had asked him to come out for the team.

After a season spent at guard, during which he did little to improve his opinion of himself as a football player, Buhler was shifted to the backfield and immediately started to make frequent and lengthy trips up and down the high school gridirons in his vicinity. In his last year of high school, he counted all of the touchdowns made by the Windom eleven. The team lost only one game that year.

Meanwhile, he was running the 100-yard dash in :10.4, tossing the shot and discus for the track team, and playing forward on the basketball quintet. His summers he spent as a farm hand.

By this time, Windom residents decided that Buhler was destined to become another Joesting or Nagurski and the community opinion was practically unanimous. The one dissenting opinion was voiced by Buhler, but again Pulkrabek intervened and Larry enrolled at Minnesota.

In high school as a halfback, Buhler had crashed the opposing lines without even bothering to lower his head, but at Minnesota he found that his upright stance made him the target for the defensive linemen, who took great delight in hitting him simultaneously in a half dozen spots as he came charging up to the line. So he started to learn how to plunge from a crouched position.

"I still have trouble that way," he admits. "I have the habit of closing my eyes when I put my head down and go into the line. The only way I can offset that is to concentrate on the proper stance just before I take the ball."

The success of Buhler's powers of concentration are attested to by the fact that he accounted for six Minnesota touchdowns in his sophomore year last season, reeling off several runs of 50 yards or better after exploding through the line.

This season, the Windom citizenry plan to turn out as a unit to watch their 217 pound protege in action. And if on occasion they are heard to say, "I told you so," who can blame them.



Ray King, the rangy right end who will captain the 1937 Minnesota Gophers, learns his football assignments the hard way.

A season ago when he was concentrating on pass receiving, King practised with red-hot rivets as a rivet catcher in the ship yards in his native Duluth, Minnesota. This past summer, intent on improving his all around physical condition, King travelled several score miles over the uneven portages of Superior national forest in northern Minnesota with a 90-pound canoe and a 50-pound pack on his back.

As a result, he is reporting to Coach Bernie Bierman in the best physical condition of his career and ready to continue a record that has found him in the starting lineup of every game during the past two seasons.

"I figured that after carrying a 140 pound load over rough portage trails all summer, an item like carrying a couple of tacklers across the goal line after catching a pass would be relatively simple," he points out. Weighing 195 pounds and standing six feet, three inches, the big Gopher captain reports an unusual development in his arm and shoulder muscles as a result of the paddling done as a guide for camping parties.

Calisthenics and abbreviated football drills were a daily part of King's summer program in his capacity as athletic director at a boy's camp. As a result he reported to Coach Bernie Bierman at the opening of practise well in advance of most of his mates who took up their development where they left off last spring.

Foremost in the Gopher captain's plans for the early practise campaign is the sharpening of his long range punting talents. A former high school halfback,

he took over a part time punting assignment last fall for the first time and proved his ability in that department by a yard for yard punting dual with Northwestern's Steve Toth in a driving rain.

Entering his third and final season on the Gopher squad, King is carrying out the heritage handed down to him by his fellow Duluthian, Frank Larson, who was an all-America end at Minnesota in 1933 and 1934.

Just two seasons ago, King, a raw boned sophomore, found he had inherited the number 49 jersey worn by Larson at Minnesota. Decidedly nervous, but none-the-less determined to live up to the heritage that had been placed across his shoulders, King proceeded to become the sensation of the opening game with North Dakota State. His play since that time has been at a consistently high level.

Already, King has a nominee to carry out the heritage of great Duluth ends. He is the diminutive Mel Larson, roommate of the Gopher captain and a former high school teammate, who will be a sophomore candidate for end this fall. Weighing only 160 pounds and standing several inches under six feet, Larson is strikingly dissimilar to his predecessors in everything except ability and ambition.

"He doesn't have to grow very much," Captain King insists. "He's got enough ability for two men his size."



Minneapolis, Sept.--- What to do with eight versatile young men whose talents run to playing in the backfield and who can punt 50 yards or better on occasion is no problem for Minnesota's Coach Bernie Bierman. He has added three linemen to the octette and produced a football team--one incidentally that may be the Gophers first string eleven in the 1937 campaign.

A master strategist when it comes to shifting players from one position to another in order to mold the strongest possible combination for his elevens, Bierman has come up with a team that lists only three players who have not had backfield experience at one time or another.

The result has been that the current Gopher combination may be one of the fastest and most versatile entries that Bierman has yet put into Western Conference competition.

Captain Ray King at right end was a stellar halfback at Duluth Central high during his prep school days. A triple threat performer, he has retained his punting skill and will share a part of the Gophers punting assignments during the season.

Lou Midler, the Gopher's big right tackle, played at every position except center and quarterback at St. Paul's Washington high school and his punting was one of the features of his play. Big Charley Schultz, 230-pound mainstay on the other side of the Minnesota line, also graced a St. Paul high school backfield for a time playing fullback. His first meeting with Midler caused a minor earth tremor as the pair collided in the Washington high backfield several seasons ago, but they're buddies today.

Dan Elmer, junior letterman candidate for center, had never played on the line until his sophomore year at Minnesota. As a halfback at Minneapolis North high his passing and punting talents gained him renown as one of the best performers in Twin City high school circles. He can still pass the ball 70 yards on the fly and can punt 50 yards or better.

The Gopher backfield quarter alone have retained their backfield status. Andy Uram at left half learned his football at Minneapolis Marshall; Vic Spadaccini at quarterback was the linebucker at Keewatin, Rudy Gmitro at right half is another Marshall high alumnus, while fullback Larry Buhler was in turn a guard, halfback and fullback at Winona.

Only Bob Weld and Francis Twedell, veteran guards, and Dwight Reed at left end have had no backfield experience. They have catapulted themselves into opposing backfields with such frequency, however, that they may be said to be well acquainted with backfield play.

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Minneapolis, October---This is not a success story--at least not yet. Rather it is a panegyric to the determination of quiet John Kulbitski one of the boys who make up Minnesota's 1937 football team.

All his life, John has wanted certain things. Most of all he wanted a university education. He's getting that. There is another ideal behind his presence on the Gopher squad. He wants to become an outstanding coach, and maybe he'll achieve that ambition too. There is nothing to indicate that he won't, because all his life he has set his heart on a thing and then set his head for it despite more hardship than a dozen ordinary kids will ever see.

Up in Virginia, Minnesota, one of the Iron Range towns, Kulbitski was an outstanding high school athlete several seasons ago. He played on the football team, swam the dashes on the swimming team, threw the weights on the track team and played basketball in season. Part of the time he worked to help his father support a large family. The rest of the time, he studied and when he was graduated he had made the National Honor Roll and an American Legion award for scholarship.

Always he had the idea of the university education and the day when he would be a college coach and physical education instructor in the back of his mind. That is why he matriculated to the University of Minnesota, despite a lack of finances.

He's a little amazed yet that he had the courage to embark on shoestring quest of the education and the job he wants. "I thought the best I could do would be to enter some small college near home," he admits. "But I took the chance and here I am. It's more than I ever expected."

The first year at Minnesota, Kulbitski found himself shifted from end to center and he was listed as one of the most promising graduates of the freshman squad. But recognition failed to come. His father died as he entered his sophomore year and he was strictly on his own. Earning a living and getting the most out of the textbooks took more and more of his time, but he stuck it out with the football squad because there was that other ideal over the horizon.

From the first day of practise this fall all the work and the sacrifice of the past began to pay dividends, however, Kulbitski found himself assigned to the first string center post on the Minnesota team and there he has alternated with Dan Elmer.

His play has consistently improved, according to Minnesota coaches, and in time he may outstrip some of his illustrious predecessors of the past few seasons. In any event, Kulbitski is one of the biggest centers to play for the Gophers since Coach Bernie Bierman returned to coach Minnesota. He stands a little over six feet in height and weighs 206 pounds.

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Minneapolis, October 10-21-37 -- He's the "little giant" of Minnesota football---a stocky little fellow built along the lines of a pint-sized fullback, who blocks and tackles with the impact of a 200-pounder and who runs like a wraith.

That's a capsule portrait of Rudy Gmitro, the diminutive jack-of-all-trades in the Gopher backfield, who is carrying on this season the outstanding record of ball-carrying that he set up in his first two seasons on the Minnesota squad.

Coach Bernie Bierman has only one comment to make regarding the dynamic Gmitro. "I regret that I can play him in only one position at a time" which is a fair commentary on the value of the little back to the Minnesota squad.

Against Indiana, Gmitro played both left and right half and then served a part of the game as the Gopher quarterback. Despite his multiple duties, he played an outstanding game in turn at each position, running back a punt 20 yards through a maze of Hoosier tacklers to put the ball in scoring position for Minnesota's only touchdown. Against Michigan he started at quarterback and then moved to right half, scoring two Minnesota touchdowns.

Gmitro came up to the University along with his lifelong pal, Andy Uram, four years ago from Minneapolis Marshall high, which is adjacent to the Minnesota campus. At that time, he was so ridiculously small that he was counted out of the Gopher picture although he had been a high school star.

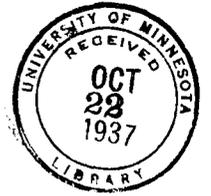
But size meant nothing to Gmitro, who tucked the ball under his arm on numerous occasions and scampered for touchdown runs against his freshman teammates. In his sophomore year, he still avoided stepping on the training room scales, saw little action until late in the season when in eight attempts he carried the ball 127 yards for an average yardage of 15.87 which was enough to lead all other Gopher backs. Against Wisconsin in the final game of the

season, Rudy dashed 80 yards on a punt return to score one of Minnesota's touchdowns, a portent of what was to come.

Last season, he was in action more frequently as an alternate right halfback and again when the seasons yardage was totaled, he led the Gopher ball carriers with a total of 195 yards in 20 attempts for an average of 9.75 yards for each time he carried the ball.

Today, the rugged little senior is the handyman of the Minnesota backfield. On offense, he explodes through the line with scant clearance and then gets under way in the open field. On defense, he can cut down ball carriers with equal skill to his bigger teammates. He puts his weight down on the chart at 165 pounds, but a better guess would be 10 pounds less.

Saturday's Minnesota victory over Michigan at Ann Arbor dissolved a touchdown partnership of six years standing between Rudy and Andy Uram, as the latter suffered a broken left wrist that will probably keep him out of action for the rest of the season.



Minneapolis, October---Its fun--this being a halfback on one of the nation's top collegiate football teams--for six ^{twenty-three} days, ⁷ and one-half hours out of each week. But that other half-hour---that period just before two o'clock each Saturday afternoon---is liable to be just plain misery, admits Wilbur Moore, who is the right halfback on the 1937 University of Minnesota football team.

"That's the time when you've got a hollow feeling in the pit of your stomach your throat is dry and the palms of your hands are moist," he declares. "You lay back on the mats on the locker room floor and try and concentrate on what the coach is saying, but your thoughts keep going back to what is happening outside. You can hear the band and the cheer leaders and the roar of the crowd makes you realize that in a few minutes you'll be out there surrounded by that sea of faces."

Its not until you are out on the field with the ball in your hands running through that last warmup that the tension eases off, says Moore. Then you really get down to the fun of playing football.

An admission that the game is fun might be startling to the Gopher halfback's associates of a few years back, for until he was in his third year of high school, Moore had never competed in an athletic contest, preferring to spend his leisure time in riding and hunting near his home at Austin, Minnesota.

A high school pal convinced him that football was worth a try and so he spent his junior year on the second team. It still wasn't as much fun as hunting, but Moore stuck with the squad and found to his amazement that he had a knack as a halfback. That year Austin won the Big Eight championship and Moore was named on the conference all-star eleven.

When the time came for the Austin boy to think about going to a university he was undecided, still preferred hunting to football. This time a high school teammate stepped in and partially persuaded him that the University of Minnesota was the logical choice. That teammate was Francis Twedell, now a regular guard on the Gopher eleven and one of the chief reasons why Moore and other Gopher backs are sprung through the line for sizeable gains.

Now in his second season in the Minnesota backfield, Moore combines ball-carrying with his blocking talents. Not only is he one of the speediest backs on the squad, but he has rare drive for a halfback.



Minneapolis, Oct. 21--Minnesota's Gophers can "write their own ticket" on the outcome of the Gopher's clash with Notre Dame at Minneapolis on Saturday.

Coach Bernie Bierman has posted a large scorecard in the Minnesota locker room with question marks in the spaces where the scores will go. Citing the scores of the three games played in the series to date, the Minnesota coach has invited his squad to do a little prognosticating on the outcome of the game and then to live up to their own advance predictions.

Approximately 64,000 spectators, the largest crowd ever to witness a game in Minnesota's Memorial Stadium, will see the resumption of the series which was inaugurated during the regime of the immortal Knute Rockne at South Bend.

The Gophers will be after their initial victory over the Irish, two of the early games resulting in Notre Dame victories and the third in a 7-7 tie.

Football experts from all sections of the nation will cover the Minnesota-Notre Dame game at Minneapolis on Saturday, among them Joe Williams of the New York World-Telegram, Hal Halperin of the New York Daily Mirror, Francis Powers of the New York Sun and Consolidated Press, Arch Ward of the Chicago Tribune, George Kirksey of the United Press, Charles Dunkley of the Associated Press, Leo Fischer of the Chicago American, Ralph Cannon of the Chicago Daily News, Warren Brown of the Chicago Herald-Examiner, Marvin McCarthy of the Chicago Times, Bert McGrane of the Des Moines Register, Oliver Kuechle of the Milwaukee Journal, Dick Ramey of the Rockford (Ill.) Register Tribune, Jack Ledden of the South Ben Tribune, Jim Costin of the South Bend News and Jack Miller of the Marion (Ind.) Chronicle-Tribune.



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Minneapolis, October---If practise makes perfect as it is claimed, then big Dan Elmer, outstanding nominee for the first string center assignment on the University of Minnesota football team, is going to be just about as close to mechanical perfection as it is possible to be one of these autumn days.

And if Dan achieves that necessary perfection and wins the coveted center assignment, he'll be the last one to be surprised for he has been working methodically and patiently toward that goal for two years, and maybe before that.

Dan's metamorphosis from a halfback to a center has been largely a partnership, affair with the other half of the partnership his dad, N. J. Elmer, who is as rabid a football fan as you'd care to meet, and a stern task master in the bargain.

Of course, the Gopher coaching staff played an important role in Elmer's development, but it was Dan's dad who helped him rig up a 'halfback' in the backyard. The 'halfback' is a basket with the opening narrowed so that it just fits a football. Suspended at just the right height it has been a target for Dan's centering for two summers.

Just at present, Dan has an average of three out of five direct hits in the basket from the correct centering position 11 yards in front of the target. The other two shots are so close to perfect that a ball carrier could easily handle the ball.

"That has helped me a lot," admits Dan, "and so have calisthenics. Dad's 'on me' every day until I get out and have a workout. Honest, he appointed himself an ex-officio trainer."

Preparation for this season's big bid for the post vacated by Lud Svendsen has been on Dan's mind ever since the spring drill of two seasons ago when he was moved up from the backfield.

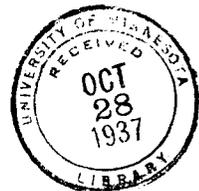
other, all last season, he worked with Svensen, picking up pointers, talking ball, the various fundamentals of center play and trying them out in practise.

two weeks before the opening practise, Dan and Andy Uram, the Gopher's 'on-atile left halfback, have been working together to get the right timing and se-ction with the ball on end sweeps and other intricate plays.

Playing his second season on the Minnesota squad, Elmer will bring with h, experience earned as an alternate on last season's squad. Weighing 195 lbs and standing just over six feet in height, he would be one of the biggest iters in the lineup since Eierman came to Minnesota.

Competing with aim for the starting assignment will be John Kulbitski, 200 pound junior letterman from Virginia; Ken Dollarhide and Hilding Mattson, sophomores, and several others.

"Dan will make a good center, but you ought to have seen him as a half and fullback," comments George Faust, a former Minneapolis North high teammate and a candidate for the quarterback job. "He could punt with the best of them and I've seen him pass the ball 70 yards on the fly. He's got the strongest pair of hands I've ever seen."



Minneapolis, October 24, 1937--With memories of the performances of Herb Joesting, Bronko Nagurski and Christy Flanagan still undimmed despite the passing of a decade, Minnesota and Notre Dame will resume a football series here on Saturday that has seen the development of some of the game's greatest players despite its brevity.

Thus the question of who may make his bid for football's hall of fame on Saturday becomes one of more than passing interest as the Gophers attempt to gain their first victory over the Irish since the series was inaugurated in 1925.

For the Gophers it may be Larry Buhler or Marty Christiansen, worthy successors to Joesting, Nagurski and other outstanding Minnesota fullbacks. Or the game may see the development of a sophomore star, Harold Van Every, the sparkling first year halfback, definitely became a candidate by his performance in the Michigan game recently.

Slow to get under way this season, the Irish may start clicking with the precision of which they are capable and then it may be Nevin McCormick, Jack McCarthy or Andy Puplis.

It was against Notre Dame in 1925 that Herb Joesting gained a part of the recognition that brought him all-America honors. Then a raw-boned sophomore, Joesting was the powerhouse in the Minnesota attack although the Gophers went down 19-7. It was in this initial game of the series that Harold (Shorty) Almquist was the author of one of the most spectacular plays in Minnesota football history.

As Joesting fumbled on the two-yard line, Parisian of the Irish scooped up the ball and raced for the Minnesota goal with Crowe for interference, Almquist at safety was the only Minnesota man blocking the touchdown path and the

A diminutive Gopher quarterback got ahead of the play and by dodging in and out down the field slowed up Parisien's progress so that another Gopher could down him from the rear.

Flanagan was the offensive hero for the Irish in this game and in the 1926 encounter as well, scoring a touchdown in each of the games.

In the opening minutes of the 1926 game, Joesting gave evidence of the sheer power behind his plunges when he plowed through the Irish line on a short gain. Roland at tackle and Collins at fullback came up to make the tackle and were forced to leave the game after hitting the dynamic Joesting.

Big Bronko Nagurski gained initial recognition that later led to national prominence as the result of the 1927 game which ended in a 7-7 tie. One of the most devastating men ever to step on a gridiron in his later career, Nagurski was just beginning to come into his own as a sophomore tackle. Late in the third period, with the Irish leading 7-0, Bronko broke through as Notre Dame fumbled a pass from center and recovered on the Irish 15-yard line. In the fourth quarter, the Gophers scored the tying touchdown.

Results of the series to date are as follows:

1925	Minnesota 7	Notre Dame 19
1926	Minnesota 7	Notre Dame 20
1927	Minnesota 7	Notre Dame 7

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Minneapolis, Nov. ---Minnesota coaches are going to be able to draw from the realm of personal experience this week as they prepare the Gopher squad for the thirty-first gridiron meeting with Iowa at Iowa City on Saturday.

That is because every member of the Gopher's varsity staff has contributed a brilliant performance at one time or another during the historic series to aid the Gophers in establishing a 22-8 victory margin since the first game in 1891.

It was a slim, 170-pound halfback, playing his first game as captain of the 1915 Minnesota eleven, who furnished the spark that ignited a Minnesota touchdown march that year. That halfback was Bernie Bierman, now the chief Minnesota strategist, and his brilliant running helped the Gophers to a 51-13 victory.

No less important in that 1915 victory was a pass catching marvel at the Minnesota left end, whose performance that day stamped him as a potential all-American. That end was Bert Baston, who this week is devoting his afternoons to tutoring the current squad of Minnesota ends.

In 1916, Bierman bowed out of the Minnesota football picture as a player, but Baston carried on as the Gophers downed the Hawkeyes again in 1916. The report of that game declared in part, "Baston's receiving of forward passes was almost phenomenal, two seemingly impossible catches being made in the midst of Iowa players."

At tackle on the Minnesota eleven during those two games against Iowa was one George Hauser, who later became the Gopher's 1917 captain, and who has been developing fine linemen at Minnesota since 1932.

It was not until 1933 that still another future member of the present Minnesota coaching staff contributed to a Gopher victory over Iowa, but from 1933 to the close of the 1935 season, Sheldon Beise was a thorn to prick the Iowa victory hopes. Today he is the Gopher backfield coach.

But for all this expert advice on ways and means of achieving victory over the always dangerous Hawkeyes, the Gophers will invade the Hawkeye camp on Saturday with the realization that this is another season and that the Iowans are due for a victory.

The Gopher squad will begin preparations for Iowa Tuesday and will spend Wednesday and Thursday in sharpening the offense that was dulled by the Notre Dame forward wall. The squad of 35 men will leave Minneapolis on Friday noon and will stop in Newton, Iowa Friday night, moving into Iowa City just before game time on Saturday.

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Minneapolis, Nov. ---It's a tough assignment---this learning to play football when there aren't enough fellows handy to make up a football team. But then, Harold Van Every, Minnesota sophomore back, is used to tough assignments.

Van Every, who learned to play kid football with girls because there were no boys handy and who utilized a golf course for a gridiron during his boyhood athletic career, is carrying out an assignment at present that many Minnesota football observers claimed was impossible. He is filling the shoes--and capably too-- of Andy Uram in the Gopher backfield.

There is no stigma attached to the fact that the sparkling Minnesota sophomore played his boyhood football with his sister and a girl friend, it was simply that there were not enough boys his own age in Minnetonka Beach, a resort town near Minneapolis.

Thus it was that his sister, Dorothy and Bea and Doug Barrett, neighbors were both the teammates and the opposition in Van Every's initial football debut at the age of 10. Bea Barrett, incidentally, is today one of the nation's outstanding women golfers,

With this introduction to the game, the future Gopher halfback continued to play during the periods when he wasn't caddying at a golf club adjacent to his home. A fairway provided the gridiron this time and there were plenty of boys to go around when it came to choosing up teams from the caddies.

Two of the outstanding performers in these fairway scrimmages were Walter Haas and My Ubl, then employed on the course and later Minnesota football stars.

At this point, Harold entered Wayzata high school near Minnetonka Beach and here he distinguished himself as a halfback, earning a place on the all-district team in his senior year.

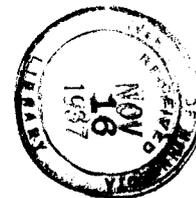
From the time he joined the freshman ranks at Minnesota, Van Every was regarded as one of the most promising backfield performers in several seasons. By a coincidence, he reported to the Gophers schooled in the Notre Dame system of play taught by Coach Joe O'Connell of Wayzata.

First inkling of his triple threat abilities came in the annual spring game last May, when he turned in an outstanding performance. Against North Dakota State in the opening game of the current season, he carried the ball only 5 times, yet scored two touchdowns on runs of 58 and 76 yards.

Despite all this, he was used sparingly, since Uram was a fixture in the Minnesota starting lineup. Then, halfway through the Michigan game Uram suffered a broken wrist and Van Every took over. During the remainder of the game, he scored one touchdown and intercepted three passes. He also proved to be a driving ball-carrier and an excellent passer, all qualities needed at left half. In the first five games of the season, his average yardage on running plays was over 12 yards per play.

Residing some 25 miles from the Minnesota campus, Van Every's day begins early, until winter sets in, for he is up at 6 a.m. each morning to carry a paper route. That routine ended only last week when the last of the summer visitors left the lake.

When the Gophers football season is at end late this month, Van Every plans to have a try for a place on the basketball squad that will defend its place at the top of the Big Ten.



Minneapolis, November--The proverbial elephant with the long distance memory has nothing on a determined band of some two dozen Minnesota football veterans this week as they prepare for their Homecoming battle with Northwestern here Saturday.

It is a sharply etched recollection of a wet fall afternoon last season when the Wildcats shattered a 21 game winning streak and hopes of a third Big Ten title that is providing the motive power in the Gopher preparations. That and a determination that the Purple eleven will not knock their Big Ten title hopes from under them for a second consecutive season.

Saturday's game between the two teams will mark the ninth time in 20 games played to date that they will find themselves matched in a game that will have a direct bearing on the seasons success. The Gophers need a victory over the Wildcats and over Wisconsin on the following Saturday for a clear cut title claim. Northwestern, with two conference defeats, needs the win for a successful season.

The initial meeting between the two elevens in 1892 inaugurated the crucial aspect of the Gopher-Wildcat series for it was for the championship of the old Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the Northwest. Minnesota won that one by an 16-12 score. In 1893 Minnesota again came up to the Northwestern game with an unblemished record and won again.

The third meeting was in 1899 and the Gophers again approached the game with no defeats marring the record, but this time Northwestern checked any title hopes with a convincing 11-5 win.

Again in 1900, 1904 and 1923, the Minnesotans took the field against the Wildcats defending an unbeaten record. In the latter year, however, the Gophers

lost to Michigan after successfully getting by Northwestern.

In 1928, the Purple again bumped Gopher title hopes, this time with a 10-9 win and in 1935, Minnesota had to come from behind to preserve its consecutive winning streak which by that time had reached sizable proportions.

But with all this background of crucial games, the current Gopher veterans are concentrating their reminiscences on that game a short year ago when the Wildcats buried the Minnesota hopes of a fourth consecutive undefeated season in the mud at Evanston.

The series record:

1892	Minnesota	16	Northwestern	12
1893	Minnesota	16	Northwestern	0
1898	Minnesota	17	Northwestern	6
1899	Minnesota	5	Northwestern	11
1900	Minnesota	21	Northwestern	0
1904	Minnesota	17	Northwestern	0
1905	Minnesota	72	Northwestern	6
1920	Minnesota	0	Northwestern	17
1921	Minnesota	29	Northwestern	0
1922	Minnesota	7	Northwestern	7
1923	Minnesota	34	Northwestern	14
1928	Minnesota	9	Northwestern	10
1929	Minnesota	26	Northwestern	14
1930	Minnesota	6	Northwestern	27
1931	Minnesota	14	Northwestern	32
1932	Minnesota	7	Northwestern	0
1933	Minnesota	0	Northwestern	0
1935	Minnesota	21	Northwestern	13
1936	Minnesota	0	Northwestern	6

Totals: Minnesota won 10
Northwestern won 7
2 games tied



Minneapolis, Nov. 1937. ---Eleven substantial reasons for Coach Bernie Bierman to look with apprehension toward the 1938 season will take the field against Wisconsin on Saturday determined to aid in giving Minnesota another Western Conference championship as their final contribution to three seasons of outstanding football.

Three short seasons ago they were the nucleus of a talented sophomore squad that had earned its place among the surviving veterans of the Gophers great national championship 1934 team. Saturday as seniors, they will play their last game for the Maroon and Gold.

In the autumn of 1935, Ray King was a rawboned, high strung sophomore who found himself thrust into the starting lineup of a team defending its title as the nations best. Today, he is regarded as one of the outstanding ends in the middlewest; a pass receiver par excellence whose phenomenal catch gave Minnesota a victory over Northwestern only last week.

Dwight Reed, the wiry Negro boy, paralleled King in his rise, turning in capable performances at the Gopher's other flank for three seasons.

Along the Minnesota line will be two other seniors who have aided the team in its annexation of two national titles. Although they have counted no touchdowns, Bob Weld at guard and Lou Midler at tackle have cleared the way for many a Minnesota score.

For Rudy Gmitro and Andy Uram in the Gopher backfield the conclusion of the current season will mark the close of a half dozen seasons as high school and college teammates. Andy will not play against Wisconsin. He has not played since he received a broken wrist early in the season against Michigan. But Rudy, the diminutive Hercules, will see that there is enough football played for both members of the duo.

Recognition came slowly to the pair and it was not until the latter stages of the 1935 season against Michigan that Uram came into his own with two long touchdown runs. Gmitro followed suit against Wisconsin the following week and from that date forward their names were to be reckoned with in discussing Minnesota football.

Big Vic Spadaccini, with all of the qualifications of his illustrious predecessors, played two seasons at fullback and is finishing up as a quarterback, a tribute to his versatility and durability.

Another Gopher back who will scamper for the last time will be Bill Matheny, the pint sized speedster from Anoka, whose gridiron performances accounted for considerable Minnesota yardage.

From the ranks of the reserves the Gophers will lose a trio of dependable, hard working athletes whose performances added to the record. They are Frank Warner, a husky end; and Sam Riley and Ed Kafka, who saw major service at the guards.

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12-23
Minneapolis, December--Collegiate ice hockey--fastest and ruddiest of sports on the intercollegiate calendar -is due to take over a share of the athletic limelight at the University of Minnesota during the coming winter months, with the Gopher sextet facing a colorful schedule of international proportions.

A pair of topnotch Canadian teams added to the schedule which attracted 30,000 spectators to home games last season finds the Minnesota six facing its most difficult schedule since Coach Larry Armstrong took over the coaching duties of the Gophers three seasons ago.

Teams representing Toronto and McMaster universities will come to Minneapolis for meetings with the Minnesotans, and Manitoba, a traditional opponent, again will be a Gopher foe. With Michigan the only other Western Conference university supporting collegiate hockey, the Gophers and Wolverines will meet in their annual home-and-home series for the mythical championship. A series with Michigan Tech will complete the schedule.

Return of only five lettermen from last season's sextet finds Coach Armstrong, a former Canadian star himself, placing his hopes of another successful season in a bevy of promising sophomores, including the much heralded defenseman, Johnny Mariucci, of Eveleth, Minn.

Co-captains Loane Randall and Dick Kroll head the nucleus of returning lettermen. Randall, a veteran center from St. Paul, will perform on the starting forward line. Kroll, burly senior defenseman from International Falls, is also slated for a regular's assignment.

A pair of veterans who served with Randall on the Gopher's "pony" line last season will complete the starting forward line. They are Kenny Anderson, fast

skating wing from Kenora, Ontario, and Ray Wallace, bullet shotmaker of Fargo, N.D.

No less than five members of the 1937 Big Ten championship Minnesota football squad are expected to be candidates on the hockey squad. Coach Bernie Bierman's three top-ranking quarterbacks are planning to transfer their talents from signal calling to body checks, with Vic Spadaccini, George Faust and George Gould all bidding for defense jobs.

Marty Falk, rugged 200-pound sophomore from Minneapolis, is the number one choice for the goal tending assignment handled for the past three seasons by Charles (Bud) Wilkinson. Like the latter, Falk is a graduate of Shattuck School at Faribault, Minn., a strong hockey entry in prep circles.

Mariucci, with a reputation as one of the outstanding amateur players from Minnesota's hockey hotbed, the Iron Range district, is slated for a regular defense post. Rugged and an extremely clever stick handler and skater, the Eveleth sophomore is expected to be a bulwark of the Gopher back line.

Several sophomore combinations have been working as units during the early practise sessions and at least two of them will be selected as the alternate lines during the coming season. Particularly promising is a line manned by Garth Merkeley of Tuxedo, Manitoba and Bob Rhineberger of St. Paul at the wings, with Frank St. Vincent of Hibbing at center.

Other combinations include Bernard Toth of Eveleth at center, with Jack Wilbern and John Hokenson of Minneapolis at the wings. Also Harvey McNair of St. Paul at center, with Bob Thompson at one of the wings. Jim Savage of Duluth and Bob Holstrom of Minneapolis are among the defense candidates.

The Gophers will get their first taste of the Canadian brand of hockey on December 17 and 18, when a sterling McMaster University sextet from Hamilton, Ontario will come to the Twin Cities for a two-game series at the Minneapolis Arena.

Toronto University will represent the Eastern Intercollegiate league this season in the traditional East-West puck series, replacing Dartmouth, Princeton,

Yale and Harvard, Gopher opponents of the past four seasons. The Toronto sextet will meet the Minnesotans at the St. Paul auditorium on December 29 and at the Minneapolis Arena on December 30.

Minnesota's annual home-and-home series with Michigan for the mythical conference title will get under way at the Minneapolis Arena on January 12 and 14. Last season, the two teams split a four game series.

One victory in 10 seasons of play represents the Gophers record against Manitoba, but that victory came last season and Coach Armstrong and his squad are confident of further success against the clever Winnipeg six when they meet at the Minneapolis Arena on January 28 and at the St. Paul auditorium on January 29.

A two-game series with Michigan Tech in Minneapolis on February 18 and 19 will close the home season.

1936-37 Scores

Minnesota 7 Carleton 0
Minnesota 2 Dartmouth 0
Minnesota 3 Dartmouth 1
Minnesota 2 Alaska Polar Bears 1
Minnesota 4 Alaska Polar Bears 3
Minnesota 3 Michigan 0
Minnesota 1 Michigan 3
Minnesota 1 Manitoba 0
Minnesota 0 Manitoba 5
Minnesota 2 Michigan Tech 1
Minnesota 0 Michigan Tech 1
Minnesota 3 Michigan Tech 0
Minnesota 1 Michigan Tech 1
Minnesota 3 Michigan 1
Minnesota 2 Michigan 3

1937-38 Schedule

Dec. 17 McMaster at Minneapolis
Dec. 18 McMaster at Minneapolis
Dec. 29 Toronto at St. Paul
Dec. 30 Toronto at Minneapolis
Jan. 12 Michigan at Minneapolis
Jan. 14 Michigan at Minneapolis
Jan. 21 Michigan Tech at Houghton, Mich.
Jan. 22 Michigan Tech at Houghton, Mich.
Jan. 24 Michigan at Ann Arbor
Jan. 26 Michigan at Ann Arbor
Jan. 28 Manitoba at Minneapolis
Jan. 29 Manitoba at St. Paul
Feb. 18 Michigan Tech. at Minneapolis
Feb. 19 Michigan Tech. at Minneapolis

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Minneapolis, Dec. 17-1937
--Coaching--for years the long suit of physical education graduates--is due to become only one of a number of major accomplishments for graduates of the University of Minnesota physical education department under a five year plan just instituted.

For the first time since physical education studies were made a part of the Minnesota curriculum, courses are being offered on the graduate level leading to the degree MED, Master of Education.

A broader knowledge of work in related teaching fields with special emphasis on actual teaching situations is the primary aim of the newly inaugurated five-year course for the master's degree. The result, University educators believe, will be a new era of improved teaching methods by those who earn the advanced degree.

Not only will the recipient of a MED be better equipped to carry out the increasing duties of the modern secondary school teacher, but he will also be better equipped to take his place in community life as a civic leader, say the educators.

Requirements for the advanced degree include the election by the student of two minor studies in addition to the physical education major, or the election of another major field of study in addition to the required study. Thus, for example, students may elect to fulfill minor requirements in sociology and chemistry, or they may elect to take work leading to the usual B.S. degree in English as well as physical education.

The graduate degree and the five-year curriculum will be administered by

the College of Education of the University of Minnesota by special authorization of the Board of Regents, other advanced courses being administered by the Graduate School.

Bases for the establishment of the five-year plan are several, foremost among them being the recommendation of a continued curriculum in educational studies which was presented to the annual meeting of the Association of American Universities a year ago by a special committee on the program of graduate study for the preparation of secondary teachers. President L. D. Coffman of the University of Minnesota, Dr. Charles H. Judd of the University of Chicago and Dr. William J. Robbins of the University of Missouri.

The Glencoe-Litchfield job analyses, a part of the study of physical education and related activities in two "typical" Minnesota communities, also were used as a basis for designing the new curriculum.

Although several universities and colleges throughout the nation have established graduate courses in physical education departments, the unique aspects of the Minnesota five-year course have brought inquiries from all sections, according to Minnesota officials.

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Minneapolis, Dec. 12¹²⁻¹²⁻⁵⁷-Champions--national, sectional and conference--will adorn the sports fare of the University of Minnesota during the next six months as a half dozen Gopher athletic teams in as many sports face the most diversified schedules in many a season.

Topping the entire winter and spring program will be the National Intercollegiate Track meet in Memorial stadium on June 17 and 18. All of the nation's outstanding track and field stars are prospective entries in this American classic which ranks second only to the Olympic games.

But before this impressive sports finale to the current season, champions in other sports will appear with and against the Gopher entries and Minnesota teams will compete for Big Ten titles.

Western Conference gymnasts will compete in their annual championships at the University on March 12 with the Minnesota team considered a strong factor in the title competition. Conference golfers will play their title rounds over the University course on May 23 and 24.

Ellsworth Vines, world's professional singles champion, and Fred Perry, former world's amateur singles title holder, will play a return engagement in the University field house on March 29, along with Berkely Bell, top-ranking professional who appeared in Minneapolis last season, and a fourth player yet to be selected.

The schedules of hockey and basketball were announced previously. Other sports are as follows:



Minneapolis, Dec---After 12 years of basketball---much of it on a year around basis---George (Butch) Nash still insists that there isn't another game in the world like it.

Furthermore, George, who is one of the dependables in Coach Dave Mac Millan's collection of basketball players at the University of Minnesota, is of the opinion that it takes at least half a dozen seasons of competition to play the game correctly.

Not that advanced age and basketball go hand in hand, for Nash has just turned 20. He can't remember exactly just when he started to play the game, but he guesses that he was about seven or eight years old, which is about the time they begin to take the game seriously up in Northeast Minneapolis where George grew up.

A couple of pails and an old volley ball were the tools Northeast youngsters used in those early games. At 12, Nash graduated into real competition playing on a church team and in the Y.M.C.A. league. He also was a member of the Thomas Lowry grade school team, and in his spare time he shot baskets in the Edison high school gymnasium.

"We sure played a lot of basketball in that neighborhood," he recalls now. "The coaches never could find much wrong with the way we played, but they used to object when we showed up for a game with overalls for uniforms. We solved that problem by cutting the bottoms off a pair of long pants. It made 'em like trunks anyway."

By the time he entered high school Nash was a full-fledged veteran. So was Martin Rolek, another member of the Edison team and now an all-America guard at Minnesota. Together the pair have given the Gophers the benefits of their

experience and ability.

Quiet, hard-working, Nash has alternated in and out of the Minnesota starting lineup at guard during the last two seasons, plugging the gaps and crasing the temporary weaknesses in the Gopher play at guard. Tenacious on the defense, he also has an eye for the basket and usually can be counted upon to drop his shots when necessary.

This same tenacity which has won him recognition on the court has also served to give Coach Bernie Bierman a capable end on his football elevens. Starting as a scrub on the lowly Bombers two seasons ago, Nash advanced first to the varsity and then to the alternate assignment at one of the Gopher ends this past season. With another season of competition remaining, he has the inside track on a starting assignment next fall.



Minneapolis, Dec. 27--Basketball is a serious business to quiet, methodical Paul Maki, the boy with the unerring eye for the basket, who has become one of the leading offensive threats on the University of Minnesota's title-defending quintet. And that perhaps is the secret of his success.

Two seasons back, the young Finnish-American athlete came down to the University from Aurora, a town on Minnesota's Mesaba Iron Range. He brought with him a local reputation as an outstanding all-around athlete. But more important, he brought a desire for a university education that was stronger than his desire to compete in college athletics.

Since studies came first and there was a part-time job to be considered, Maki sat down and methodically planned his future athletic career. At Aurora, he had been outstanding in basketball, football and track, changing sports with the seasons. Football, he decided, offered him greater opportunity for recognition, but it was apt to take more time from studies. Track he also discarded after weighing his abilities at throwing the javelin and discus against his ability as a basketball guard.

Thus he came to the conclusion that basketball was to be his game. But rather than endanger his scholastic standing and get started on the wrong foot, he decided to forget all about athletics during his freshman year and to concentrate on his studies.

The result was that when he reported to Coach Dave MacMillan last winter, he did so without the benefit of a year of freshman competition usually considered necessary to prepare players for varsity competition.

"When I saw the competition that I was up against to make the squad, I was

afraid I miscalculated," he declares now. "Addington and Kunkla had both made names for themselves in freshman competition while nobody had ever heard about me."

Subsequent events, however, proved that Paul had been right in his calculations and before the season was well under way he was inserted in the lineup and throughout the season, he was one of the important men in the Gopher's drive to the top of the Big Ten standings.

There was only one position in the starting lineup vacant this season as the Minnesota quintet began its defense of its share of the conference title, and Maki won that assignment, being paired at the guards with all-America Martin Rolek, which was according to the plans he laid down as a freshman.

BEHIND THE SCENES WITH THE GOPHERS: Marty Christiansen, the Gophers sophomore fullback ace, received more than 50 fan letters from patients at a children's sanitorium in St. Paul following his performance in the Michigan game.....Despite the fact that the Gophers seldom scrimmage after the opening game of the season, Oscar Munson, equipment custodian, reports that two gross of cotton practise jerseys are worn out during a season. The aspirations of the big Gopher freshman squads are partly responsible for the wear and tear.....Bob Weld, veteran Minnesota guard, renown for his gastronomical feats in the knife and fork league, is appropriately a dandy cook. His cakes and pies are works of art and no wonder, for he is a baker in the experimental laboratory of a large Minneapolis milling concern..... Lou Midler, who once pressed Weld for the appetite laurels is a changed man this season. The big tackle regulates his weight by a diet....Allen Rork, another of the big boys on the Minnesota line, recommends walking to shed surplus weight. Allen walked close to 500 miles last summer with a surveying crew and dropped 23 pounds in the process.....John Mariucci, the Gopher's sophomore end, is destined to be one of the nation's outstanding collegiate hockey players, according to Larry Armstrong, Minnesota coach of the ice sport. Mariucci recently turned down a contract with a National League sextet.....

FROM THE RECORD BOOK: The last time Minnesota and Notre Dame met in 1927, Dr. Clarence Spears, then the Gopher coach, reversed the tables on Knute Rockne and started his second eleven when Rockne started his first team...Minnesota's all-time winning percentage including the 1937 Michigan game is .754 with the records showing 275 wins, 25 ties and 88 losses...The Gopher record against Big Ten teams for the same period shows 105 wins, 14 ties and 62 losses...Largest score ever made by Minnesota was 146-0 against Grinnell College in 1904...Minnesota played its first game of football in 1882 on a race track at the fair grounds. Hamline was the opponent....Out of the 50 odd players on the Minnesota squad only five are from outside the state and four of them are from towns bordering the state line.....

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Minneapolis, January 13 - University of Minnesota athletic teams gave their 1938 schedules the once over this week and resolved in their New Year's resolutions to make the current year as satisfactory from the victory standpoint as was 1937.

Conference champions or co-champions in three sports and holders of individual titles in several other events, Minnesota athletes will begin the new year with the immediate defense of their co-championships in basketball and hockey.

Boasting the best non-conference record in many seasons, the Gopher basketball quintet will embark upon its Big Ten campaign no later than Saturday, January 8, when it will meet Wisconsin's Badgers at Madison. The Gophers will open their home schedule against conference teams two days later against Indiana at the Field House.

Meanwhile, the Minnesota hockey entry, also favored by a successful non-conference campaign will meet its traditional conference rival, Michigan, in the first two games of the annual home and home series at Minneapolis on January 12 and 14 at Minneapolis. The possibility that Illinois may enter a team in the competition for the mythical conference championship this season further heightens interest in the Gopher's hockey fortunes.

Highlight of the entire 1938 athletic schedule and one of the outstanding sporting events ever scheduled in the Northwest will be the National Intercollegiate track meet scheduled for Memorial Stadium on June 17 and 18. The event will bring together America's greatest track and field stars.

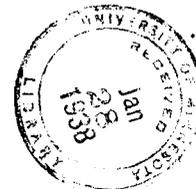
Ellsworth Vines of the United States and Fred Perry of Great Britain, top-ranking players in world's professional circles, will repeat the tennis exhibition which thrilled several thousand Northwest tennis fans a season ago. They will meet in an exhibition match at the Field House on March 29.

Of immediate interest to the Gophers is the opening of the indoor winter sports seasons in track, swimming, wrestling and gymnastics. The wrestlers are scheduled to get under way first with a tentative meet scheduled with Carleton at Minneapolis on January 15. The wrestling meets will be held in conjunction with home basketball games, as was the case last season when the plan was tried successfully. Two more matches are scheduled for January, with the Gophers meeting Iowa State at Ames on January 22 and Iowa State Teachers at Minneapolis on January 29.

Iowa State will be the first Minnesota track foe of the indoor season, meeting the Gopher team at the Field House on February 4, the same date scheduled for Coach Niels Thorpe's proteges to open their conference swimming season at Iowa City. The gymnastic team will open its season in a meet with the American Gymnastic Union at Indianapolis on February 5.

The year 1938 may hold new marks and records for several of Minnesota's individual stars, among them Bob Hubbard, who won the broad jump title in the Kansas Relays and took fourth place in the N.C.A.A. meet; and Clifton Gustafson, heavyweight wrestler, who holds the Big Ten title at his weight and who was runner up in last season's national intercollegiate matches.

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47-38
Minneapolis, Jan. ---It took six inches and four years for slim Gordon Spear the willowy Minnesota sharp-shooter, to prove that he was a basketball player.

For four consecutive seasons the ambitious Spear reported regularly for the Custer County high school quintet in Miles City, Montana and just as regularly, he was cut off the squad because of his lack of height and ability. Then suddenly a year after he had graduated without ever playing a game, Spear "grew up all of a sudden" and added six inches to his height.

Today, the slender Montanan is one of Coach Dave MacMillan's most consistent scorers and a top notch alternate at either forward or center. And even that is somewhat of a surprise to Spear, for his athletic preference is baseball and he reported to the Gopher freshman basketball squad merely to keep in condition for the coming baseball season.

A pair of Minnesota baseball lettermen, Don Lee and Don Lindeberg, were the magnets that drew Spear to the University of Minnesota, for the trio attended the Custer County High School in Miles City together. Paradoxically enough, Lee and Lindeberg, who were members of the high school basketball team, are now regulars on the Gopher nine. Spear, on the other hand, has become an outstanding basketball player but hasn't been able to achieve the same rating in baseball, although he was a member of the squad last season.

Sure-handed and with an unerring eye for the basket, Spear drops his shots through the hoop without the ball touching the rim. In his appearances to date this season, he has scored 19 goals from the field and dropped four free throws for a total of 42 points, an exceptional average for the time he has been in the game.

A keen basketball strategist, the Minnesota junior began to analyze his ability when he found himself growing up and after comparison of two styles of shooting, made the rim of the basket his target instead of the backboard.

"It's all an individual choice," he explains, "but I found that the rim made a better target than the backboard, even though it was smaller. Johnny Kundla, on the other hand, scored 106 points for the Gophers last season by sinking the ball off the backboard."

A student in journalism at Minnesota, Spear hopes to transfer his sports interest from the competitive to the descriptive when he graduates. He has recently begun a sports column titled "On the Inside" in the Minnesota Daily, student newspaper.

After remaining out of school for three years following graduation, Kroll enrolled at the University of Minnesota. Since it was obvious that he couldn't compete in all sports, he decided that his choice lay between football and hockey.

He reported late for the freshman football squad, but won his freshman numerals at guard. Coach Bernie Bierman never did get a chance to discover whether Kroll was budding varsity material, however, because Dick turned out for hockey and the minute he got the feel of the skates, he knew it was his game.

They told him he was a defenseman, although he had never played anywhere but wing, and he's been a bulwark in front of the Minnesota goal ever since. In three seasons, he has scored frequently and has had only 16 penalties levied against him, a better than fair average for a defenseman.

During that time the Gophers have met the best collegiate opposition from all sections of the United States, Canada and Alaska, but Kroll still thinks the best team he's faced is the University of Manitoba sextet which meets the Gophers in the Twin Cities this weekend. Last winter, the Minnesota six defeated the Manitobans and it was the latter's first loss to a collegiate team in 10 years. Just to be able to repeat that victory is Kroll's only ambition at present.

and low hurdles, At that stage he was jumping 23 feet, eight inches in the broad jump.

As a freshman at Minnesota, Hubbard reached 22 feet, nine inches and as a sophomore, he catapulted 23 feet, five and seven-eighths inches for a new university record.

Last season marked another step in Hubbard's championship path. He annexed both the Kansas Relays and Central Intercollegiate titles in the broad jump, finished second in the Big Ten and fourth in the national meet. His best distance was 24 feet, nine and one-half inches, which is a good jump from the takeoff board.

His goal is the national collegiate title and he is seriously preparing for the competition in Minneapolis next June. Last year the championship was won by King of Kansas State Teachers with a jump of 25 feet, three and one-quarter inches, which means that the little 135-pounder is going to have to stretch himself more than six inches further than his best previous jump before the year is out.

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2-11-51
Minneapolis, Feb. 11--Less than three years ago Clifton Gustafson was a broad-shouldered, well-muscled farm boy who had seen only one wrestling match in his life and who had never stepped on the mat. Today, he is captain of the University of Minnesota mat team, Big Ten heavyweight champion and a candidate for the national collegiate title.

The pitching of countless forams of hay and the shouldering of a good many sacks of potatoes brought about the amazing metamorphosis from novice to champion. Sound coaching and Gustafson's stubborn Scandinavian determination did the rest.

As a freshman at Minnesota, Gustafson didn't know a toe hold from a body scissors. And what's more, he didn't particularly care. He could, however, describe with fine accuracy the fine points of livestock and that year he won the non-collegiate international livestock judging championship in Chicago.

Still unaware of his championship potentialities, Gustafson found himself entered in a fraternity wrestling meet against his better judgment. To his everlasting amazement, he won the fraternity championship in his weight class, and that was how it started.

Reporting for varsity wrestling as a sophomore, he entered only four meets before he was forced out for the season with a broken thumb. Then last season, he inaugurated his championship campaign by going undefeated in eight dual meets. In the Big Ten meet, he defeated Bob Haak of Indiana for the title.

One minute and three seconds separated the big Gopher grappler from the national intercollegiate crown. That was the margin of superiority for Ricks of Oklahoma A. & M. in the championship bout. Then it was Gustafson vs. Haak

again for the runnerup honors and this time Haak won after three overtime periods.

Undefeated to date in the current campaign, the husky Minnesota captain is again pointing for conference and national titles. So is Haak, the University of Indiana nemesis, and the impending clash between the two contenders should be a wrestling classic.

Looking two years into the future, Gustafson is already mapping his campaign to earn a berth on the 1940 U. S. Olympic team. When he graduates this June, he may go into specialized agricultural work. But from time to time, he plans on returning to the family^{farm}/near Gonvik, Minnesota to pitch more hay and sack more potatoes.

"You can't find a better conditioner in a gymnasium," he says.



University of Minnesota News Service
Sports Release

Minneapolis, March 4--One was too big and the other was too small, One was muscle-bound and the other had no brawn at all. They both had an ambition to be gymnasts but those ambitions were laughed off by everyone except one man. He was Ralph Piper, University of Minnesota gymnastic coach.

The big one, John Holahan, was forbidden to use the apparatus in the gymnasium at Minneapolis West, where he attended high school. The coach was afraid the boy would injure himself in his awkwardness.

Six feet tall, his muscles tied in knots from summer work in the harvest fields, the big red-headed Irishman refused to believe that there weren't the makings of a gymnast in him. Piper, the Gopher coach, was similarly optimistic, and so Holahan started working out on the horizontal bar.

He was so tall they had to remove the mats from under the bar so his feet wouldn't drag at the bottom of a giant swing. But he made progress despite this handicap and today he is one of Minnesota's chief hopes on both the horizontal and parallel bars as the Gophers prepare to entertain the conference gymnasts on March 12.

The small one, Howard Stuart, weighed 97 pounds when he reported for the freshman gymnastic team. So small was he that Oscar Munson, Minnesota's veteran custodian, refused to issue him equipment. "Some high school kid was down here after gym equipment," Munson complained to Piper. "Must have found an authorization slip somewhere in the building."

That was Stuart three years ago. Today, he isn't so much bigger. He weighs 126 pounds. But the added weight is distributed in finely tensioned muscles over the arms and shoulders. Stuart is a leading contender for the conference individual title on the horizontal bars and flying rings.

Stuart is a graduate of Minneapolis Roosevelt high school, where he competed in the novice class in gymnastics. Last year, his second on the Gopher varsity, he took third on the rings and horizontal bars in the conference rating.

Highly satisfied with the development of his two "ugly ducklings" into graceful, highly-competent performers, Piper points to the incident as an indication that "gymnastics can benefit anybody."

University of Minnesota News Service
Sports Release



Minneapolis, March ²⁴⁻²⁵ - Topped with one of the nation's outstanding sports events--the National Collegiate track meet---the most colorful spring athletic program in many a season has been scheduled for University of Minnesota teams.

The national track and field classic at Memorial Stadium on June 17-18 will climax a schedule that includes the annual Big Ten golf championships over the University course on May 23 and 24 plus 17 other home events.

March 29 will see the spring quarter officially under way and will open the athletic schedule as well. On that date the Minnesota football squad will report to Coach Bernie Bierman for its initial spring workout. The same evening, Fred Perry and Ellsworth Vines, professional tennis champions, will play an exhibition match in the Field House.

Six home games with Big Ten opponents have been scheduled by Coach Frank G. McCormick for his Gopher baseball nine, along with a pair of games with the University of California (Berkeley). Additional home games with non-conference opponents will be scheduled later.

The Minnesota track team will make only one home dual meet appearance during the season against Iowa on May 14 before entering the national meet on its home track, but Gopher entries will be kept busy in several of the nation's big sectional meets, including the Texas Relays on April 1-2, Kansas Relays, Drake Relays, the Central Intercollegiate and the Big Ten-Pacific Coast dual meet. The Minnesota team will also meet Iowa State, Wisconsin and Marquette in dual meets away from home and will compete in a quadrangular meet at Evanston, Ill, with Northwestern, Purdue and Pittsburgh.

The annual Metropolitan high school meet sponsored by the University will be held at the Field House on April 2 and 9 and the second annual Northwest Open meet is scheduled for Memorial Stadium on Memorial Day.

The tennis team will play three home matches and four on foreign courts, while the golf team will play four matches over the University course before acting as host to the conference teams.

The spring calendar is as follows:

- MARCH 29 Spring football practise opens
Perry-Vines Exhibition Tennis, Field House, 8 p.m.
- APRIL 1-2 TEXAS RELAYS at Austin, Tex.
2 Track, Metropolitan meet preliminaries, Field House
9 Track, Finals, Metropolitan meet
16 Track, Iowa State at Ames, Ia.
22 Baseball, Purdue at Lafayette
Tennis, Wisconsin at Minneapolis
23 Baseball, Purdue at Lafayette
Track, Kansas Relays at Lawrence, Kan.
Tennis, Iowa at Minneapolis
25 Tennis, Illinois at Urbana
29 Baseball, Wisconsin at Madison
30 Baseball, Wisconsin at Madison
Track, Drake Relays at Des Moines, Ia
- MAY 2 Golf, Carleton at Minneapolis
5 Tennis, Wisconsin at Madison
6 Baseball, Iowa at Minneapolis
Tennis, Michigan at Evanston
7 Baseball, Iowa at Minneapolis
Track, Quadrangular (Minnesota-Pittsburgh-Northwestern-Purdue) at Evanston
Tennis, Northwestern at Evanston
Golf, Iowa State at Minneapolis
9 Golf, Iowa at Minneapolis
13 Baseball, Northwestern at Minneapolis
14 Baseball, Northwestern at Minneapolis
Tennis, Chicago at Minneapolis
Golf, Notre Dame at South Bend
Track, Iowa at Minneapolis
16 Golf, Wisconsin at Madison
19-20-21 Tennis, Conference meet at Evanston
20 Baseball, University of California (Berkeley) at Minneapolis
21 Baseball, University of California (Berkeley) at Minneapolis
Golf, Triangular meet (Ohio State-Northwestern-Minnesota) at Minneapolis.
Track, Conference meet at Ohio State U., Columbus, O.
- 23-24 GOLF, CONFERENCE MEET AT MINNEAPOLIS
27 Baseball, Michigan at Minneapolis
Track, Wisconsin at Madison
28 Baseball, Michigan at Minneapolis
Track, Marquette at Milwaukee
30 Track, Northwest Open Meet at Minneapolis
Baseball, Iowa at Iowa City
31 Baseball, Iowa at Iowa City
- JUNE 4 Track, Central Intercollegiates at Milwaukee
11 Track, Big Ten-Pacific Coast Dual Meet at Evanston
17-18 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE TRACK MEET AT MINNEAPOLIS

The date for the annual spring football game will be announced later.



Minneapolis, March 28--One eye cocked anxiously on local weather reports and the other on his prospective squad roster, Coach Bernie Bierman is preparing to greet some 100 University of Minnesota football candidates at 4 p.m. on Tuesday March 29, in the initial workout of the Gopher's 1938 spring drills.

Never one to express undue optimism despite the uniform success of his teams, Bierman can perceive a slightly pessimistic outlook for the coming season, but with good fortune he believes he may produce "a pretty fair football team."

"It simmers down to this," explains the Gopher coach. "After considering last year's freshman crop I find it pretty hard to imagine any of them as sophomores on our first team. We lost 14 men from last year, so it looks as if we'll have to depend mainly on the remaining members of the 1937 squad."

Categorically speaking, the Number One problem during the next 10 weeks is to bring the Gopher squad to mid-season fettle by the time the annual spring game rolls around late in May. The reason? "We open our schedule with what may be the best team in the country," explains Bernie. "That Washington game has me worried again."

A continuance of the unusually early Minnesota spring will be a step in the right direction. Barring a sudden change in the weather, the Minnesota squad may be able to start its workouts out of doors for the second time since Bierman took over the coaching duties in 1932.

Lining up replacements in key positions will be among the more important spring assignments. For the starting lineup two new ends, a right tackle, left guard, quarterback and right halfback must be found and developed.

The ends, present the biggest problem numerically, says Bierman, with Ray King and Dwight Reed, regulars for the last three seasons, and Frank Warner, a third letterman, gone. For the second consecutive season there is no outstanding quarterback prospect on hand either, but Bierman's ability to shift men from other positions to signal-calling duty may be repeated.

Only five freshman are listed by the Minnesota coach as having some varsity promise at present, but he names several others who may develop the necessary qualifications during the next 10 weeks.

Bob Fitch, a husky six footer from St. Louis Park, and Bill Johnson of Slayton have won approval as likely end candidates, while in the backfield, Joe Jamnik of Aurora, Stuart MacDonald of Shakopee and Bob Paffrath of Redwood Falls head the list. The backfield trio were among the leading ground gainers on last fall's freshman A squad.

Don Twedell of Austin, younger brother of the Gopher captain, will be a candidate for the guard position held down by his brother, as will Bill Morgan of Duluth. Promising tackles from the yearling group include Urban Odson of Clark, S. D. and Bill Kuusisto of Minneapolis. Bob Bjorklund of Minneapolis is among the better centers.

Some two dozen veterans will form the nucleus for the squad and will go through the spring conditioning along with the freshmen. They include:

Ends: George Nash, John Mariucci, Earl Ohlgren

Tackles: Bob Johnson, Charles Schultz, Win Pederson, Warren Kilbourne

Guards: Francis Twedell, Horace Bell, Allen Rork, Kenneth Filbert

Centers: John Kulbitski, Dan Elmer

Quarterbacks: George Faust, George Gould

Halfbacks: Harold Van Every, Wilbur Moore, Harold Wrightson

Fullbacks: Larry Buhler, Martin Christiansen, Phil Belfiori



Minneapolis, April 13--Coach Frank G. McCormick led his University of Minnesota baseball squad back to the home grounds this week after their most successful Southern invasion and allowed that maybe "Gophers" was too mild a term for a title-conscious baseball team.

"Pirates" would be more to McCormick's liking, especially if the 1938 entry should finish at the top of the Big Ten standings next June.

"It's like this," explains the Gopher athletic director, who doubles every spring as baseball coach. "When we win a championship up here with the weather conditions holding up an early start to the season, we just about have to go out and steal the title. In that case we're the pirates of the conference."

While making no predictions as to how his charges may fare against conference opposition during the coming season, Coach McCormick is at least well-satisfied with the results to date.

"The boys came through with the best early season record since I've been coaching at Minnesota on the recent trip through the South," he declares. "They won four games and lost two, both by a single run, and in one of the games we lost, our opponents collected only three hits."

Determined to bring the squad into top condition by the time the first Big Ten game rolls around some three weeks hence, McCormick has announced the scheduling of four additional non-conference games to be played on Northrop field.

The Minnesotans will open their home season on April 15 against St. Mary's college of Winona. On April 16, the Gustavus Adolphus nine will provide the opposition, with St. John's scheduled for April 19 and St. Olaf for April 26.

Although only four letterwinners of the 1937 squad have returned for further duty, 11 men who saw some action last season are also on hand to make up the nucleus for the squad this season.

Captain Don Lee at shortstop is the only letterwinner in the infield, but Johnny Kundla and Gordon Spear, first base candidates, were reserves last year. Don Lindberg, who won a letter for two seasons as an outfielder, has been shifted to catcher, but Ray King and Richard Fossum give the outfield plenty of veteran talent. Lee, Lindeberg, and Spear all hail from Miles City, Mont. Kundla and Fossum are from Minneapolis and King from Duluth.

At least a half dozen of the sophomore recruits have shown promise, particularly Clayton Becker of St. Paul, who hit a home run against Tulane and accounted for several other extra base hits. Ed Dvorak, another St. Paul product, seems to be outstanding among the sophomore pitchers, turning in a three hit game against Mississippi State College.

A quintet of veterans grace the pitching staff, led by Howard Schultz of St. Paul, a right-hander. Others are John Boland of Duluth, Vern Bruhn of St. Bonifacius, Clint Johnson of Princeton, Harold Kraft of Enderlin, N. D., Stan Sowa, a newcomer from Duluth, is the only southpaw on the squad.

Catching duties are divided between Lindeberg and Elwood Moore of Minneapolis, a reserve last year. Horace May and George Masologites are competing for the second base assignment, with Gene Sobczyk heading the third base candidates. Ed Roy and Jim Streich, both on the 1937 squad, are very much in the running for outfield assignments.

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PRE-SEASON UNIV. OF MINNESOTA BASEBALL ROSTER
(including most promising candidates 1938)

NAME OF PLAYER	POSITION	EXPERIENCE	HOME TOWN
Moore, Elwood	Catcher	2nd	Minneapolis
*Lindeberg, Don	Catcher	3rd	Miles City, Mont.
Kundla, John	1st Base	2nd	Minneapolis
Lundquist, John	1st Base	2nd	Minneapolis
Olsen, Woodrow	1st Base	1st	Mankato
Spear, Gordon	1st Base	2nd	Miles City, Mont.
May, Horace	2nd base	2nd	Minneapolis
Masologites, George	2nd Base	1st	Minneapolis
*Lee, Don (Captain)	Shortstop	3rd	Miles City, Mont.
Becker, H. Clayton	3rd Base	1st	St. Paul
Szbczyk, Eugene	3rd Base	1st	Duluth
Becker, H. Clayton	Outfield	1st	St. Paul
*Fossum, Richard	Outfield	2nd	Minneapolis
*King, Ray	Outfield	3rd	Duluth
Olsen, Woodrow	Outfield	1st	Mankato
Roy, Ed	Outfield	2nd	Minneapolis
Streich, Jim	Outfield	2nd	St. Paul
Boland, John	RH Pitcher	2nd	Duluth
Bruhn, Vernon	RH Pitcher	2nd	St. Bonifacius
Dvorak, Ed	RH Pitcher	1st	St. Paul
Johnson, Clinton	RH Pitcher	3rd	Princeton
Kraft, Harold	RH Pitcher	2nd	Enderlin, N.D.
Petrich, Peter	RH Pitcher	1st	Duluth
Schultz, Howard	RH Pitcher	2nd	St. Paul
Sowa, Stanley	LH Pitcher	1st	Duluth

1938 Schedule

Mch. 21-22 Tulane Univ. at New Orleans
23-24 Louisiana State at Baton Rouge
25- Mississppi College at Clinton
26-28 Miss. State at St. Coll., Miss.

Big Ten Games

Apr. 22-23 Purdue at Lafayette
29-30 Wisconsin at Madison
May 6-7 Iowa at MPLS.
13-14 Northwestern at MPLS.

** 20-21 U. of California (Berkeley) at MPLS.
27-28 Michigan at MPLS.
30-31 Iowa at Iowa City
** (Non-conference)
Several non-conf. games will be added

1937 Scores

Minn. 6 Miss. State 12
Minn. 6 Miss. State 10
Minn. 2 Millsap 1
Minn. 4 Millsap 6
Minn. 17 Riv. Falls 1
Minn. 3 Gustavus C
Minn. 5 Luther 1
Minn. 8 Gustavus 3
Minn. 4-5 Iowa 2-3
Minn. 2 St. John's 5
Minn. 0-2 Northwestern 4-12
Minn. 1 Wisconsin 3
Minn. 4-3 Michigan 0-6
Minn. 1-8 Purdue 3-7
Minn. 8-6 Iowa 0-0

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1-16-38
Minneapolis, April 16--Two of the best known personages in college athletics will head the list of officials for the National Collegiate track meet at the University of Minnesota's Memorial stadium next June 17 and 18.

Amos Alonzo Stagg, the "Grand Old Man" of college athletics, whose record as football and track coach at the University of Chicago for 41 years established him as the dean of intercollegiate athletics, will serve as the referee for the meet, coming from Stockton, California where he is now serving as coach at the College of the Pacific.

W. W. (Pudge) Heffelfinger, one of football's all-time greats and an all-America guard at Yale from 1888-91, will act as the assistant referee. He is now a businessman in Minneapolis.

The big collegiate track classic will be something in the nature of a reunion for the two former Yale greats, who were teammates on the famed Eli elevens of 1883-90 coached by Walter Camp. Stagg, who played end, was named at that position on the 1889 all-America selection made by Casper Whitney. Heffelfinger came out of the West unheralded the year previous and was picked as an all-America guard by Parke H. Davis for four consecutive seasons.

Although best known perhaps for his contributions to collegiate football, Stagg's contribution to intercollegiate sport in general and college track in particular comes close to equalling his influence to football. He was the track coach at the University of Chicago from 1896 until 1929, when he retired and appointed Ned Merriam, one of his star proteges, as his successor.

As a member of the original games committee for the national meet in 1921, the veteran coach had a marked influence on the development of the meet to its

present ranking as the "American Olympics." The University of Chicago was the site of the meet several times during its early years and Stagg-coached Chicago entries always gave a good account of themselves.

Five times, Coach Stagg has been a member of the American Olympic Games Committee, at Athens in 1906; London in 1908; Stockholm, 1912; Antwerp, 1920; and Paris, 1924. In that capacity, he advanced his campaign for sportsmanship and high standards in amateur sports for which he has become internationally known.

Among the great track athletes he developed were James Lightbody, Binga Dismond, Ira Davenport, LeRoy Campbell and Ned Merriam. When Mr. Stagg relinquished his position as track coach in 1929 he was the oldest coach in point of service in the country.

Although more than 40 years have elapsed since he was a Yale gridiron star, Mr. Heffelfinger still maintains an active interest in college athletics. Following his graduation, he coached at various times at Minnesota, Yale, Lehigh and the University of California and continued to play football from time to time.

In 1922, he was a member of an eleven composed of former stars of the gridiron who played in a charity contest at Columbus, Ohio. He played his last football at the age of 65 a few years ago in a charity game in Minneapolis for disabled veterans.



N.C.A.A. TRACK NOTES

NOTE: This is one of a series of weekly news notes on the individual stars and the teams that are likely to compete in the National Collegiate championships at the University of Minnesota's Memorial Stadium on June 17 and 18.

First it was the distance events, then the sprints and now the middle distances that are lining up as five-star specials in the coming N.C.A.A. championships. Take the 440 for example, Ray Malott, Stanford's "picture runner," has the best record (an unofficial time of 46.3s which broke the world's record.) But Harold Cagle, the sensational runner from Oklahoma Baptist, is not to be overlooked. Lead off man on the U. S. Olympic relay team at Berlin in 1936 as a sophomore, Cagle is coming back this season after an off year in 1937 due to some obstreperous tonsils..... With Southern California's Loring Day and Ken Dills clearing the bar at 14 feet 7 inches and 14 feet, 4 inches in dual meets, they are already talking of a world's record 15 foot vault at the national track classic at Minneapolis in June. "If they go 15 feet, they'll have to have a net to land in," predicts Coach Clyde Littlefield of the University of Texas, who has a 14 foot vaulter by the name of Beefus Bryan in the argument.....

Believe it or not, an eighth defending N.C.A.A. champion has bobbed up. He is Lowell Todd of San Jose State and his specialty is tossing the javelin. His winning toss last year was 214 feet, 9 3/8 inches, but he will have to do better if he expects to take such challengers as Nick Vukmanic of Penn State, whose toss of 223 feet, 10 1/2 inches comes close to the national record of 226 feet 2 3/4 in.... Or of Gilliam Graham, the lanky Texan, who has done 218 feet.....

Speaking of Texas, that University of Texas team is liable to give Southern California's Trojans plenty of opposition in their quest of a fourth consecutive team title at Minneapolis. Graham and Bryan are only two reasons. There's a discus

thrower named Hugh Wolfe who has tossed the platter 163 feet in practise, and Bruce Gatewood a 14.3s high hurdler.....

Olympic stars will be very much in evidence at Minneapolis. Louis Zamperini, the "king of the West Coast Milers," is a former member of the 1936 U. S. team. And Lee Orr, Washington State's great sprinter, was a member of the 1936 Canadian Olympic team....."Orr can beat any quarter-miler in the country," declares his coach, Karl Schlademan.

Crack hurdlers are plentiful in the Big Ten. Bob Lemen of Purdue finished fourth in last year's N.C.A.A. championships. Then there is Smith of Wisconsin, who was matching the phenomenal Wolcott stride for stride at Drake until he hit a hurdle and was knocked off stride, and Bush Lamb and Collings of Iowa.....

To consider the two-mile field in the National Collegiates for a minute: John P. Nicholson, the Notre Dame Coach, points out that its liable to be one of the greatest in the long history of the classic. First and foremost will be Nicholson's protege, the national champion, Greg Rice, who won last year in 9:14.2. Also Tommy Deckard of Indiana who was timed at 9:05. indoors, less than a second away from Glenn Cunningham; Bill Feiler of Drake, who finished second away from Glenn Cunningham; Bill Feiler of Drake, who finished second to Rice in the N.C.A.A. meet in 1937; Halla of Yankton, who won the Texas Relays; and Stan Sadaj, the University of California's recruit from Hawaii....

Bill Watson of Michigan, who tosses the 16-pound shot 51 feet, 6 inches, has also become a threat to the great N.C.A.A. field of broad jumpers. He catapulted 24 feet, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches at the Penn Relays...The famed Rideout twins, Wayne and Blaine, from North Texas Teachers will give the collegiate distance stars something to worry about....

Elton Weiman, the University of California's great half-miler arrived for the Stanford-California meet the other day with a police escort. He had a civil service examination to take in San Francisco shortly before he was due to run. He placed second.....



Minneapolis, May-- A phenomenal world's record in the high hurdles is tottering on its pedestal and may go crashing into oblivion at the N.C.A.A. track and field championships--all because a long-legged Texan had a stubborn determination and a desire to compete in collegiate track circles.

When the crack field of hurdlers toe the mark in the big national classic at the University of Minnesota on June 17 and 18 there will be few if any qualified observers willing to wager that the Southwest's sensational sophomore streak, Fred Wolcott of Rice Institute, will leave any existing records in his wake.

The Texas Rocket, unknown before the current season was under way, has already been timed at 13.9 seconds, which is just two-tenths of a second over Forrest Town's recently established world's record of 13.7s, has won the Texas, Kansas and Drake Relays successively and has never been defeated in collegiate competition. In addition, he has been timed in 9.5s in the 100-yard dash, which is just a tenth of a second away from the world's record in that event.

Just how close Wolcott came to remaining an unknown will always be an unpleasant memory to Rice's coaching wizard, the bronzed Emmett Brunson. Two years ago, a slim blond boy approached Brunson concerning the prospects of going out for the track team at Rice. After a look at the lad's high school credits, Brunson told him to go back and finish high school and turned to more pressing matters.

A year later, the pestiferous Wolcott turned up again, this time with his high school credits in order after a year spent in going back to school.

The rest of the story is in the record book - except that part that explains how Brunson, noting the boy's phenomenal speed, sent him over a flight of hurdles two years ago and then went to the jewelers to have his stop-watch checked.

If it takes pressure and a crack opposition to rocket Wolcott over the hurdles in world's record time, his opposition at Minneapolis in the N.C.A.A. meet can be counted upon to turn on that pressure, if not to beat the Texan at his own specialty.

Ed Smith, the fleet Wisconsin Negro, was taking the barriers hurdle-for-hurdle with Wolcott at Drake until he tripped on one. Out at the University of California a speedster by the name of Jim Humphrey has done the 120-yard race in 14.4s and is confident of clipping several fractions of seconds from the time by mid-June. Jim Kearns, the University of Colorado's Decathlon champion, has been timed at 14.8s as has Bill Lacefield of the University of Southern California.

Wolcott's hurdling teammate at Rice, Jack Patterson, can also knife over the barriers in a hurry. He has a 14.3s mark to show for his best effort. Vern Sumner of Emporia Teachers has been dogging Wolcott's heels all spring in an attempt to pull ahead of him and Gatewood of the University of Texas is also a crack contender.

The 120-yard hurdle title will be open to one of these stars in the National Collegiate meet, with the vista of the future pointing toward Tokyo and the 1940 Olympic games.

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Sports Release

Minneapolis, May 10-A growing optimism in the Minnesota football camp brought on by a week-by-week improvement in the calibre of the spring performances will be tested for its soundness on Thursday, May 19, at 3:30 p.m. when the Gophers will give a public review of their spring progress in Memorial Stadium.

With the big spring squad divided numerically into the Maroons and the Golds, Coach Bernie Bierman will send the two groups against one another in the annual spring game, the last formal item on the spring training program.

Northwest football fans will have the opportunity to get a preview of some dozen prospective sophomores who will play a part in Minnesota football next fall and will also see their old favorites in action for the first time since the Wisconsin game closed the season last fall.

Making their initial public appearance will be close to a dozen line candidates who hope to fill the positions left by the graduation of four regular linemen. Five sophomore ends will be in the lineups of one team or the other during the afternoon, among them Bob Fitch, the rugged St. Louis Park graduate; Bill Johnson of Slayton; Bob Bjorcklund and Judd Ringer of Minneapolis and Dan Hritzko of Wilpin. All will be aiming at the two regular end jobs vacated by Ray King and Dwight Reed against such veterans as John Mariucci of Eveleth, Earl Ohlgren of Cokato and George (Butch) Nash of Minneapolis.

Only four lettermen tackles remain from last year's varsity squad in Charles Schultz, Bob Johnson, Warren Kilbourne, and Win Pedersen. With plenty of berths to be won in this department a number of promising first year men will be out to make a good showing in the annual spring contest, among them Urban Odson, a 210 pound husky from Clark, S. D.; Bill Kuusisto of Minneapolis, Neil Litman and Carl Magnuson of St. Paul and Phil Scheidermayer of Carleton.

Replacements will also be necessary in the ranks of the guards, where Captain-

elect Francis Twedell, Horace Bell, Allen Rork and Ken Filbert remain. Contesting the reserves for these varsity positions will be Don Twedell, almost the counterpart of his brother in looks and actions; Fred Grewing of St. Paul, who was out of action last season with a knee ailment; and Bill Morgan, also of St. Paul.

With Vic Spadaccini gone from quarterback and Andy Uram, Rudy Gmitro and Bill Matheny no longer running at halfback, much of the attention of the spring game audience will be centered upon the new backfield candidates and upon several reserves from last season who saw no action in games.

Leading the sophomore halfback parade will be Joe Jannik of Aurcra and Bob Paffrath of Redwood Falls, a pair of stocky speedsters who have shown considerable ball carrying ability thus far this spring; plus Stuart MacDonald of Shakopee and Gene Newton of Minneapolis.

George Franck, the Davenport, Ia., halfback, a former high school spring champion, has also risen to the ranks of the top left halfbacks after seeing no action last season. Franck, who is a 70-yard punter, has become the chief understudy to Harold Van Every at left half, Leland Johnson, a reserve in 1937, is also very much in the halfback picture.

With only two lettermen available at the important quarterback post, considerable attention will be given to Orville Freeman and John Bartelt of Minneapolis, who will carry a part of the signal calling duties on May 19 along with George Faust and George Gould, both lettermen.

Several experimental shifts of players from one position to another, may be carried out by Coach Bernie Bierman during the course of the game. Larry Buhler, the big fullback may run at right half for a spell and Harold Van Every may move over from his regular spot at left half to try the blocking back assignments.

Tickets for the spring game are now on sale at the athletic ticket office at the University. They will also be available at the gates on the day of the game.

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Minneapolis, May--The law of gravity may have to be repealed in favor of the old adage that "you can't keep a good man down" when a dozen or more of the nation's crack high jumpers turn "law breakers" at the National Collegiate^{Track} and Field Championships at the University of Minnesota on June 17 and 18.

Keeping such catapulting collegiates as Dave Albritton, Gil Cruter, Ed Burke or Delos Thurber down to earth just isn't being done this season, and the thousands who will jam Minnesota's Memorial Stadium for the N.C.A.A. classic are likely to see a world's record shattered as a result.

To visualize just how high these collegiate jackrabbits are soaring this spring, just picture a six foot, six inch basketball center wearing a tall top hat and then picture yourself clearing this imaginary giant, top hat and all, with effortless ease. Six feet, 10 inches is the next stop for these gravity-defying jumpers and that will be their goal at Minneapolis.

Co-champions will defend their N.C.A.A. high jump title at Minneapolis. They are Dave Albritton of Ohio State and Gil Gruter of the University of Colorado. They reached 6 feet, $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches at Berkeley last year, but both have done much better than that.

Albritton, Ohio State's Negro ace, is the co-holder of the current world's record of 6 feet, $9\frac{3}{4}$ inches, just a quarter of an inch shy of this year's goal. The bounding Buckeye will be on hand at Minneapolis to try and wrest the decision from the Colorado Negro jumper.

Cruter, an exponent of the "barrel roll" style of high jumping, has the unique experience of having held the world's record for exactly one hour back in 1936. Jumping in the Colorado-Colorado Aggie dual meet he cleared the bar at 6 feet, $8\frac{7}{8}$ inches for a new world mark. The record was raised one-sixteenth of an inch in New York one hour later.

Close behind Albritton in the matter of records will come Ed Burke of Marquette, former world's record holder in his own right and the IC4A champion for 1937. He has done six feet, nine and one-quarter inches, but that was two years ago and he is now rounding into form after an off season last year.

The sunshine on the Pacific Slope must have the ingredients necessary for top-flight broad jumpers, for no less than a half dozen six foot, six inch jumpers are grooming for the competition in Minneapolis. Foremost of these, according to the record book, is Delos Thurber, Southern California's Olympic ace, who placed third in the 1936 Olympic Games at Berlin with a leap of six feet, six and one-half inches, and who has since added an inch to that height.

Two years ago as a sophomore, Thurber tied for fourth in the N.C.A.A. meet. Last year, he placed third and this season he is aiming for the championship. Clarke Mallert, the Trojan's number two jumper, does six feet, four inches and is improving.

Up at Berkeley, the University of California has a pair of prospective champions in Bob Canning, who has gone six feet, six inches, and Bob Law, who has bettered six feet, four inches. Over at Stanford, they are insisting that Russ Wulff, a sophomore, is the best prospect the Indians have ever developed, and that includes the 1928 Olympic champion, Bob King. Coach Dink Templeton has predicted he'll do six feet, eight inches by the time the N.C.A.A. meet rolls around.

Down at the University of Texas, Milo Cox has already cleared the bar at six feet, six inches to put himself in the running, while Wesley Allen of the University of Michigan has a mark of six feet, five and one-half inches, and Lester Mahaffey of Kansas State has done 6 feet, 5 inches.

Flyer, and Adrian Talley of Southern California.....Long-striding Calvin Bell, Rice Institute's iron-man distance runner, who will run against Olympic champion John Woodruff of Pittsburgh in the half-mile at the N.C.A.A. games at Minneapolis, broke the Southwest Conference record for this distance the other day with a time of 1:54.2s.....Four of the Southern California stars who will defend the team championship of the Trojans at Minneapolis got together at the Fresno Relays the other day and lowered their own world's record in the 440-yard relay. Soper of the Trojans tossed the javelin 219 feet, 11 inches that day to down the National Collegiate champion Lowell Todd of San Jose State College....Elmer Gedeon, Michigan's sensational sophomore hurdler has returned to the track fold after spending part of the spring with the Wolverine baseball team. In his first appearance outdoors, Gedeon flashed over the high hurdles in 14.3 seconds, one of the best times recorded in the nation this season....Entry blanks for the N.C.A.A. meet have gone out to 75 colleges and Universities in the United States and will be sent to at least a dozen more.....World's records will be in danger of toppling in at least half the events on the N.C.A.A. program at Minneapolis. For example: the world's record in the 100-yard dash is 9.4 seconds and two collegians have already equalled that mark. In the 440, the mark is 46.4 seconds and Malott of Stanford has unofficially lowered it. In the half-mile, John Woodruff is just three-tenths of a second away from the record, in the mile a half-dozen boys are on speaking terms with the world's record time, in the high jump the co-holder of the world's record and two-former world's record holders will be in the field, while in the pole vault, Day of the Trojans is just a few inches away.

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Minneapolis, May ²⁴⁻³¹ --- America's crack sprinters will be travelling better than 20 miles an hour---a phenomenal speed for a human being---when they compete for the title of the "world's fastest human" during the National Collegiate track and field championships at the University of Minnesota on June 17 and 18.

The calculation is one of several made by Dr. Ancel Keys, University of Minnesota research scientist, who is at present conducting a unique physiological study into the effect of athletics on the human body.

In the 100-yard dash, Adrian Talley of Southern California, Arnold Nutting of California and Fred Wolcott, the Rice Rocket, would break the tape while travelling 21.75 miles an hour, while Champion Ben Johnson and his challengers would rocket over the finish line in the 220-yard dash at 22.17 miles an hour if they run in the world's record time of 9.4 seconds in the 100 and 20.3 seconds in the 220-yard dash, according to Dr. Keys.

Somewhere between 160 and 190 yards, runners attain the ultimate in human speed---22.35 miles per hour---he estimates. The field of the nation's best milers, including Champion Chuck Fenske and Louis Zamperini, the Southern California ace, will average 14.56 miles an hour over the distance, while the two-milers led by Notre Dame's national titleholder, Greg Rice, will average 13.36 miles an hour if they run in near world's record times.

Runners are approaching closer to the ultimate speeds in all events, Dr. Keys points out, with the sprinters proportionately closer to the theoretical "best" than the distance runners. "Unless we develop a new race of humans, it is safe to say that the 100-yard dash will never be run under 9 seconds," he declares.

World's records in all of the events that will be competed at Minneapolis follow the average with the exception of the two-mile, which falls slightly below the others.

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Minneapolis, May ²⁶⁻³⁸ 26-38 The sky will be the limit--and that is no mere figure of speech--when a half dozen super-athletes aim for the world's record of 15 feet in the pole vault during the National Collegiate track and field classic at the University of Minnesota on June 17 and 18.

Not since ambitious amateur inventors strapped a pair of home made wings on and tried to fly off the barn roof during the incubator stage of aviation have human beings ever attempted to get as far off the ground under their own locomotion as they will during the N.C.A.A. pole vault competition.

It is a little uncanny watching these collegiate aces pull themselves 14 feet and more into the air on the top-mast of a sturdy piece of bamboo, hang suspended in space for a moment, and then drop back to earth. The prospective champions at America's track classic will do exactly that.

When Southern California's "heavenly twins" Sefton and Meadows, reached the unbelievable height of 14 feet, 11 inches for a new world mark last season, spectators shook their heads in amazement and wagered none would ever again approach such dizzy heights. But this past spring, Coach Dean Cromwell of the Trojans repeated his "twin" act with Loring Day and Kenny Dills, a pair of vaulters who have a nodding acquaintance with the present world's record and who are aiming to be come downright friendly with the 15 foot mark at Minneapolis.

Slender Loring Day of Monrovia, California will be Troy's chief pretender to the world vaulting throne. The Trojan ace has soared 14 feet, 7 inches and has just missed the 15-foot mark by the thickness of his jersey in recent tries for the record. Close behind him in the matter of record-shooting will be Ken Dills of Tustin, California, who has vaulted 14 feet, 4 inches and who may be as proficient as his Trojan teammate by the time the collegiate meet rolls around.

Up in the Pacific Northwest another vaulter has his sights set on the N.C.A.A. Classic at Minneapolis. He is George Varoff, the University of Oregon's "hard luck kid" and a former world's champion. Last year in the AAU meet, Varoff vaulted 14 feet, 7 5/8 inches. He also placed third in the N.C.A.A. meet at Berkeley behind Sefton and Meadows. Off form for a time, Varoff is coming back into championship form for his Minneapolis test.

A long-legged Texan is another possibility in the title field. He is Beefus Bryan of the University of Texas. Earlier in the season, Bryan vaulted 13 feet, 11 3/4 inches in the Texas Relays and was headed up the ladder until he was pulled up by a pulled muscle in the Drake Relays. Since then, he has been resting and waiting for the opportunity to achieve national fame.

Also around the 14-foot mark are Milt Padway of Wisconsin and Jim Kingsley of Michigan, co-champions of ~~the~~ Big Ten, and Dan Gibbs of Notre Dame. In the East, Dick Harding of Yale seems the best of the current crop of vaulters.

World's record or no world's record, one thing will be a certainty when these stars swing into action at Minnesota and that is that spectators will witness some of the most phenomenal vaulting being accomplished today.



Minneapolis, June¹⁶--The experts, who can usually take a squint at the record, wet a finger to test the wind and then tell you how they'll finish one-two-three, are acquiring chronic insomnia from trying to figure the outcome of the broad jump at the coming National Collegiate track championships at the University of Minnesota on June 17 and 18.

The trouble, they are free to admit, is that "you never know what a jumper is going to do next." With the best catapulters in the business preparing to hurdle from the takeoff board at Minnesota's Memorial stadium anything can happen, the analysts declare, and probably will happen.

Take Mysterious Mack Robinson of Oregon as an example. Robinson, has the best record of any of the stars who will be jumping at Minnesota. Last year, he leaped 25 feet, 5 inches in competition. He hasn't equalled that mark since, although he has been ailing this spring to account for his lack of distance.

Stocky Bob Hubbard, the Minnesota pride, is another case in point. Bob tied with Jud Atchison of Texas at the Texas Relays, won out over the Texan at the Kansas Relays and then lost to Atchison at Drake. The "rubber" match of the Yankee-Dixie rivalry will take place during the NCAA classic. Both boys jump over 24 feet 9 inches when they are "right."

The Golden Bears of California will have a trio of crack performers in action in Minneapolis, two of them potential champions. They are Guy Manuel, who has done 25 feet, 1 inches, and Arnold Nutting, the ace sprinter, who also does a championship job of broad jumping, with a mark of 25 feet, 3 inches his best. Rex Heap, the third Bear entry, has a mark of 24 feet, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Apt to outjump the entire field if his other duties in the shot-put and discus do not tire him too much is duskie Willie Watson, the "grand slam" boy from Michigan, who tossed the 16-pound shot for a new record, won the discus, high jumped 6 feet, 5 inches at the Big Ten meet, and then soared out over the pit to another title in the broad jump with a leap of 24 feet, 11 3/4 inches.

Southern California will have Don Skinner, with a very respectable best mark of 24 feet, 7 1/2 inches, and perhaps Bill Broomfield, who won a new car from his father for his jumping this spring. U.C.L.A. will have Bill Lacefield, and the University of Washington, Jim Pantou, who represented Canada in the British Empire Games last year.

A virtual unknown until the 1938 Drake Relays, Bernard Coan of Knox College will enter the NCAA meet with a record of having finished second in the meet behind Atchison and ahead of Hubbard. Pittsburgh has entered Frank Ohi, Edson Rouch and Frank Kristle, all point winners in Eastern competition, and the University of Idaho, Jule Peacock, who recently set a new Idaho record.

Despite the presence of these champions at Minneapolis, Jesse Owens' world record of 26 feet, 8 1/4 inches and NCAA mark of 26 feet, 1 3/8 inches seem to be safe unless one of the stars hits one of his "right" days and defies the law of gravity.

One thing is certain, however, Northwest track and field spectators witnessing their first major classic will see the kind of jumping they believed was humanly impossible.

On May 21, however, running in a field that included Deckard and other Big Ten aces, Mehl set up a new Big 10 outdoor mark of 9:10.4 that has been to date the best two-mile race run this season. The mark is 3 and 8-10 seconds better than Rice's national mark.

Three more stars have also been added to the field with more to come. Bob Aldridge, Georgia Tech's ace, will represent the Atlanta sector with a record of having been three times the Southeastern Conference champion. Bill Eckhart of Rhode Island State, the New England Intercollegiate champion, is another star entry and so is John Case of Texas Tech.

The route to national fame and perhaps a berth on the 1940 U. S. Olympic team lies ahead for this crack field at the end of eight gruelling laps around Minnesota's quarter-mile track. To win, the victor must average 13.36 miles per hour or better over the entire distance.

research scientist who recently studied Minnesota athletes, declares that the big tackle has the biggest and strongest heart of those tested. He was also the only member of the squad able to hit the top of a gauge designed to record lung capacity.

Rowing went hand in hand with football in bringing about this development. Simultaneously with the beginning of his football career, Win joined the Minneapolis Rowing Club and for more than four years he rowed the number seven position behind the stroke in an eight-oared shell, recently shifting to the number five position where his powerful sweep is more valuable.

This past summer determined to make a successful bid for the tackle job left vacant by the graduation of Lou Midler from the Gopher lineup, Pederson worked as a laborer, unloading farm machinery at a warehouse. Each evening found him working out with the crew and when that was over he tapered off with a three-mile run around Lake Calhoun.

The result has brought the husky Minnesotan the coveted first team assignment to complete his answer to the schoolmates who thought he lacked courage.

A senior on the Minnesota squad this season, Faust arrived on the first eleven after two seasons spent in understudying Bud Wilkinson and Vic Spadaccini. His triple threat abilities make him the first Gopher quarterback in many a season to assume duties other than the customary signal calling and blocking.

With Harold Van Every out of the lineup for two games early in the season, Faust assumed the punting duties and performed so well that he has continued to punt, even with Van Every back in the lineup.

Having played against most of the Gopher's Big Ten and inter-sectional opponents, Faust still believes that Marty Christiansen, one time high school opponent and now a Minnesota fullback is the hardest tackler he has met.

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Minneapolis, Nov. 9²⁶---For two decades one of football's reigning powers, and winner at one time or another of most major gridiron honors, Minnesota will be seeking its only goal left unconquered at South Bend on Saturday--a victory over Notre Dame.

The Irish are the only opponents on the Gopher schedule that have not taken their quota of defeats from Minnesota, and together with Michigan, one of the two teams that has an advantage over Minnesota in the matter of wins and losses in the games played to date.

Four times the two elevens have met and three times Notre Dame has finished on the long end of the score, the fourth game being a tie. The series was inaugurated in 1925 with a 19-7 Irish victory. In that game, Gopher fumbles paved the way for an Irish victory, with Harold Almquist and Herb Joesting combining to score the Minnesota touchdown. The following year, the Irish repeated by a 20-7 score.

The last two games played by the two teams have given Notre Dame only a one-point superiority over the Gophers on the score sheet. In 1927, the two teams played to a 7-7 tie and last year, after a decade in which the two universities did not meet on the gridiron, the Irish won 7-6 on Andy Puplis' point after touchdown.

Saturday will make Minnesota's second appearance in South Bend during the entire series, the initial appearance at the Irish stronghold having come in 1927 when the two teams met in the memorable 7-7 tie game. It will also mark the first time in five years that Minnesota hasnot been cast in the role of the pre-game favorite. Not since the Gophers met and upset Pittsburgh in the middle of the 1933 season have the Gophers been on the short end of the pre-game guessing.

By actual test, he is the greatest distance passer on the Minnesota squad, perhaps one of the longest passers in the game today. In a recent practise, he rifled the ball 70 yards on the fly. He also had an outstanding high school reputation as a punter, his best effort being a 78-yard kick against Minneapolis Washburn high in 1933.

Possessed of unusually large hands, Dan handles the football as if it were a baseball. A year ago, when it appeared that he might have a chance for the starting center assignment on the Minnesota team, he set up a novel target made from a fruit basket in his back yard and practised daily at getting the ball through a hoop slightly larger than the circumference of a football.

Behind his rise to the first string center's assignment on the Gopher eleven has been his father, N. J. Elmer, a football fan extraordinary. A former football player himself, Mr. Elmer, senior, has been Dan's Number One booster. He was the task master when his son was spending three hours daily on his home made target and he has been Coach Bernie Bierman's special assistant in keeping Dan keyed up for each season.

Now in his final year of competition, Elmer plans to enter the insurance business with his father after graduating next June.

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Minneapolis, Nov-¹³ For the first time in four seasons a regularly playing right halfback leads Minnesota ball-carriers in yards gained. He is Wilbur Moore, the whirling dervish of the Gopher backfield, who has carried the ball 452 yards in 75 attempts to date for an average of 6.03 yards. By this total Moore takes the ball-carrying spotlight away from the left halfbacks, usually the key-men in the Minnesota offense. The first Minnesota right halfback to break the precedent was Julius Alfonse in 1934. Larry Duhler, who has seen action at both fullback and right half this season, is second in the yardage totals, having carried the ball 81 times for 350 yards and an average yardage of 4.32 yards.

He scored 12 points against Minneapolis Edison, 10 against Red Wing and 15 against Wadena. Buhl lost to Wadena in the semi-finals, but Twin City sports writers named Dick to their all-state teams.

As a freshman at the University of Minnesota and through his first season of competition last year, Johnny played at⁹ forward. This fall, however, he stepped into the guard post left vacant by the graduation of All-American Martin Rolek, and from the first day it was conceded that he was the man for the job.

Still a "good, little man" despite his increase in weight to 155 pounds, Dick has lost none of his scoring talent in taking over his assignments as a guard. On January 23, he dazzled a Western Conference record crowd of 15,278 at Minneapolis with a scoring exhibition against Illinois that found him counting 12 points to help the Gophers to the top of the conference standings. His total made him high point man for Minnesota.

In 1935, Bartelma left Cresco to come to the University of Minnesota as wrestling coach, and a year later, Hanson followed him to Minneapolis. That season, he won the all-University freshman championships at 126-pounds.

Last year, as a sophomore, he won nine consecutive dual meet matches and finished in fourth place in the Western Conference tournament. Five of these nine wins were by falls. Continuing at the point where he left off, he has won three straight matches this season, two of them by falls.

On February 20, Hanson will meet the most imposing opponent of his collegiate career in Jim Knight of the University of Nebraska. Knight, who finished second in the national championships at 136 pounds last year, has dropped down a notch to the 128-pound division and is undefeated to date.

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Minneapolis, Feb. 5-39 An eight-man University of Minnesota gymnastic squad, which includes three lettermen from last season's campaign, has opened its defense of the Western Conference championship won at Minneapolis last March.

Led by Captain Curtis Lynum of Minneapolis, second place winner on the horizontal bars in the 1938 NCAA championships, the Gophers nosed out Chicago 550-542 in the season's opening meet at Chicago. Lynum, who is also a performer on the flying rings, placed second on the rings in the Chicago meet.

A 1938 reserve who has been promoted to varsity status and an all-around sophomore performer combined to give Minnesota the Chicago win. With the Gophers trailing by four points going into the final event, Reserve Sid Wolfenson and Sophomore Delver Daly, both of Minneapolis, placed second and third in tumbling to give Minnesota the edge.

One defending conference champion remains to try to repeat in the individual events. He is James Hafey of Minneapolis, Big Ten title-holder on the parallel bars. The third veteran is Clarence (Pete) O'Heron of Minneapolis, who is back in action after a year's absence from competition. A former tumbler, O'Heron is now concentrating on the side horse.

Jim Ronning of Minneapolis and Jack Arnold of Eau Claire, Wisconsin have both graduated from the reserve ranks to regular assignments on the team. Ronning will compete in four events, the horizontal and parallel bars, horse and rings. Arnold is a tumbler. Robert Henning of Minneapolis, a sophomore, completes the squad. He will compete on the horse and parallel bars.



Minneapolis, Feb. 16²⁵—Some 125 high school wrestlers, ranging in weight from the "pee-wee" 85-pound class to full-fledged heavyweights, are expected to enter the third annual high school wrestling championships at the University of Minnesota field house on Friday and Saturday, February 24 and 25.

Acting as host on behalf of the University will be Dave Bartelma, Minnesota wrestling coach and originator of the high school championships as a factor in developing the popularity of the mat sport within the state.

There will be five champions on hand, but only two of them will defend the titles they won last year. The remaining three have added weight since last season and must compete in heavier weight classes. This means that eight of the 10 individual championships will be open to competition, with only Ivan Johnson of Osakis and Charles Hetfield of St. Paul Central high scheduled to defend the honors won last year.

Champions who will return, but who will abdicate their titles in favor of newcomers and try for the crowns in heavier divisions, are Don Rooney of Robbinsdale, and Jim Van Gordon and John O'Niel of Minneapolis Marshall high. Rooney was the 1938 95-pound champion, but he will compete at 105 pounds next week. Likewise, Van Gordon will transfer from the 105 to 125-pound division and O'Niel from the 115 to 135-pound class.

Minneapolis Marshall high school will defend the team championship won two years in a row, but Osakis, a close runnerup last year, and Robbinsdale are expected to give the Minneapolis team plenty of opposition.



Minneapolis, Feb. 21---Niels Thorpe, 19 years the swimming coach at the University of Minnesota, and looking not a day older than when he arrived at Minnesota in 1921, consulted his stop watch and noted with satisfaction the 2 minutes, 33 seconds registered by the hands.

"That," he said significantly. "represents something that really makes coaching worth while."

"That" was the time set by John Sahlman of Cloquet, Minnesota in the 200-yard breast stroke, and represented another goal achieved in Thorpe's campaign to make a great breast stroke swimmer out of a poor crawl swimmer.

"Two years ago," continued Thorpe, "Sahlman reported for my freshman swimming team as a crawl swimmer. The day he reported was the first time he had ever been in a swimming pool.

"He said he was a crawl swimmer, but his crawl was a nightmare of bad technique. He wouldn't give up the idea of becoming a swimmer, however, so I started him over/swimming breast stroke. The result has been the best breast stroke prospect in my 19 years of coaching."

The first time Sahlman was timed over a 200-yard course his mark was 2:49. Last year, swimming as a sophomore, his best time was 2:35. This season, he has done 2:33 and the goal is under 2 minutes and 30 seconds, a time which Thorpe declares will put him in the select class of swimmers.

It is too early to think of the present world's record of 2:22.4. Perhaps Sahlman's development will never reach that point. But that mark is a subconscious spur to both Thorpe and his protege in their daily workouts. Meanwhile, they are willing to concentrate on the immediate prospect of bettering 2:30.



Minneapolis, March 1³⁴ Varsity athletes will take a back seat in favor of some 250 finalists in eight intramural sports tournaments at the University of Minnesota on Wednesday, March 8, as the annual indoor Intramural Carnival is run off in the Field House beginning at 7 p.m.

The finalists, survivors of several thousand University men who compete in athletics for recreation in the intramural program, will decide new University champions in boxing, wrestling, basketball, relays, badminton, volleyball, fencing and table tennis.

With the finals of all these events due to be played during a brief four-hour period, the Field House will take on the aspect of an eight-ring sports circus.

Highlight of each annual carnival and scheduled to climax this year's event, will be the all-University boxing championships. There will be eight bouts on the championship card at weights ranging from 115 pounds to heavyweight.

Three champions will be eligible to defend their titles and a fourth will give up his crown to compete for the championship at another weight. Horace Bell, 205 pound Negro football letterman from Akron, Ohio, will be the defending heavyweight champion; John Langer of Minneapolis will be eligible to defend his 135-pound crown, and Bob Powell of St. Paul the 126-pound title. Tom Culbertson of Minneapolis will give up his 165-pound championship to compete at 175 pounds.

Several outstanding contenders have already survived the elimination tournaments conducted by Ed Haislet, assistant professor of physical education, in charge of boxing at the University. Among the finalists will be Tom Partridge of Minneapolis, runner-up for the 175 pound title at the recent Northwest Golden Gloves tournament; Wallace Johnson of Chicago, 175-pound champion at the University

two years ago, and Chauncey Martin, freshman fullback from Crosby-Ironton, in the heavyweight division.

Every one of the eight all-University wrestling championships will be open to competition, since nearly all of last year's title-holders are now members of the Minnesota varsity wrestling squad. Members of the Gopher freshman mat squad are favored in this year's finals.

Coach Bernie Bierman will get a pre-season idea of the speed of his 1939 Minnesota football squad during the carnival, for the fastest men on the squad compete in the annual football relays. As in past years, varsity backs will run against freshmen backfield men and varsity linemen against the freshmen.

The 1939 carnival will be the twelfth annual intramural show to be held in the Field House. W. R. Smith, intramural director, is in charge of the entire program.

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Minneapolis, Minn. March 3rd - - Four University of Minnesota teams, one of them the defending Big Ten champion, will compete in the annual Western Conference meets that mark the close of the winter sports season in the conference on Friday and Saturday, March 10-11.

Coach Ralph Piper and his title-defending gymnasts will attempt to repeat their 1938 championship against Iowa, Chicago and Illinois at the University of Illinois. Gopher wrestling and track teams will compete in the conference meets at the University of Chicago and the Minnesota swimmers will travel to Purdue University for the Big Ten swimming championships.

In addition, one Minnesotan will defend an individual title. He is James Hefey, veteran gymnast, who is the Big Ten champion on the parallel bars.

Although the Minnesota gymnasts are given the best chance of returning home with a team title, several individual performers in other sports are rated as contenders for conference honors in their special events. Among them are Captain Curtis Lynum of the gymnasts on the horizontal bar, Dale Hanson in the 128-pound wrestling division, John Sahlman in the breast stroke and Leonard Klun in diving.

Lynum, who finished second in his event in the 1938 national collegiate gymnastic meet, also competes on the flying rings. Hanson, undefeated in two seasons of dual meets and winner of 16 consecutive bouts, will make his second try for the title.

Klun, the veteran Gopher diver from Ely, will be making his third appearance in a conference meet. He placed first in four dual meets out of five this season. Sahlman placed first in his event six out of eight times.



Minneapolis, March 6³⁰ - Olympic aspirations of members of the championship University of Minnesota hockey team will be put to the acid test of national competition on June 17-18 when an augmented Minnesota squad travels East to engage in the National A. A. U. championships at New Haven, Conn. on March 17-18.

While not specifically an Olympic tryout, the New Haven tournament has been designated by Rufus Trimble, chairman of the U. S. Olympic hockey committee, as a testing ground for the selection of players to compete in the final Olympic trials at New York City on January 1, 1940.

Nine members of the Big Ten championship Minnesota squad, plus five outstanding freshman players, will constitute the squad that Coach Larry Armstrong has entered in the tournament. The aggregation will be known as the Gopher A. A. U. team.

Playing through a major schedule of 20 games, the Minnesota sextet won eight straight games from Michigan and Illinois by decisive scores to capture the mythical Western Conference title, won 15 out of 20 games played and were undefeated against teams composed of American-born players. In addition, the Gophers won four games from Michigan Tech, two from McMaster University of Hamilton, Ont. and one from the University of Manitoba.

In establishing themselves as one of the nation's outstanding collegiate teams, the Gophers at the same time broke all existing scoring records for Minnesota teams, tallying 88 goals and 87 assists during the season.

The starting lineup for the New Haven tourney will be the same that started most of the 20 games for Minnesota during the college schedule. It will put Marty Falk in the goal, John Mariucci and Kenneth Cramp on defense, Frank St. Vincent at center, Harold Paulsen at right wing and Haydon Pickering at left

wing. The alternate forward line, with Orville Thompson at center and Bob Rhineberger and Captain Ben Anderson at wings, is also a varsity combination.

Augmenting the varsity veterans will be Fred Junger of Minneapolis, Allen Eggleston and Jim Magnus of St. Paul, and Dave Lampton of Soudan, forwards; and John McGraw, 225 pound defenseman from Hibbing.

Thirteen of the 14 members of the squad are Minnesota-trained players, six of them from the Minnesota Mesabi Range district, one of the hockey centers of the United States. Captain Kenneth Anderson, who now resides in Fort Francis, Ont. just across the international boundary from International Falls, Minn., is an American citizen despite his Canadian residence.

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Minneapolis, March----University of Minnesota winter sports teams are winding up one of the most successful seasons in recent years this month. Through March 10, six Minnesota teams had won 47 contests, lost 15 for a winning percentage of .758. The Gopher basketball team won 14 games, lost 6; the hockey team's winning margin was 15-5, the gymnasts 5-1, swimmers 7-2, wrestlers 6-1 and trackmen 2-1.

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Minneapolis, March-12³⁴ Not to be discouraged by the fact that snow still covers their outdoor field, University of Minnesota athletes are looking forward to spring and the opportunity to get the Gopher outdoor schedule under way.

After examinations and the customary spring vacation period from March 25 to April 3 are over, spring football, track, tennis and golf preparations will get under way in earnest.

Coach Frank G. McCormick and his Minnesota baseball squad will have first innings. They will leave Minneapolis on March 25, bound for the South and their annual spring training series. On March 27-28-29-30, the Gophers will meet Louisiana State at Baton Rouge, following this with two games with Tulane at New Orleans on March 31 and April 1, and a pair with Mississippi State on April 3-4.

Meanwhile, on the home grounds, Coach Bernie Bierman and his coaching staff will unveil the Gopher freshman squad as varsity candidates on Monday, April 3, the date set for the opening of spring football practise and of the new quarter.

Unless the unexpected occurs--the Minnesota football preparations will get under way in the field house and will continue indoors until such a time as the snow disappears from Northrop Field.

Trackmen, tennis players and golfers will also start their training indoors. The former will continue to workout on the field house track, while the netmen have the indoor courts in the field house and the golfers the driving nets in the stadium for use in sharpening their games.

Several shifts from winter team rosters to those for the outdoor season have occurred, or will occur shortly. Among them, the transfer of Johnny Kundla from

forward on the basketball quintet to first base on the baseball nine. Other shifts will find George Boerner moving from the basketball to the baseball lockers, Harold Van Every from basketball to football and Bill Kuusisto from wrestling to football. Halfback George Franck may remain out of spring football to compete as a sprinter on the track team.

The spring schedule:

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| March 27 | BASEBALL, L.S.U. at Baton Rouge | |
| 28 | BASEBALL, L.S.U. at Baton Rouge | |
| 29, | BASEBALL, L.S.U. at Baton Rouge | June 2 TRACK, Central Intercollegiate at Milwaukee |
| 30 | BASEBALL, L.S.U. at Baton Rouge | * State high track at Minneapolis |
| 31 | BASEBALL, Tulane at New Orleans | |
| April 1 | BASEBALL, Tulane at New Orleans | |
| 3 | BASEBALL, Miss. State there | |
| 4 | BASEBALL, Miss. State there | Non-Conference games and meets may be added. |
| 15 | TRACK, Nebraska at Lincoln | |
| | BASEBALL, Luther at <u>Minneapolis</u> | |
| 18 | BASEBALL, Gustavus at <u>Minneapolis</u> | |
| 21 | BASEBALL, Northwestern at Evanston | * Date set later |
| 22 | BASEBALL, Northwestern at Evanston | |
| | TRACK, Kansas Relays at Manhattan | |
| 28 | BASEBALL, Iowa at <u>Minneapolis</u> | The date for the spring football game will be set later. |
| 29 | TENNIS, Illinois at <u>Minneapolis</u> | |
| | BASEBALL, Iowa at <u>Minneapolis</u> | |
| | TRACK, Drake Relays at Des Moines | |
| May 5 | TRACK, Iowa at Iowa City | |
| | BASEBALL, Wisconsin at Madison | |
| 6 | BASEBALL, Wisconsin at Madison | |
| | TENNIS, Wisconsin at Madison | |
| 8 | GOLF, Minnesota at Iowa City | |
| | TENNIS, Minnesota at Iowa City | |
| 12 | BASEBALL, Chicago at <u>Minneapolis</u> | |
| 13 | BASEBALL, Chicago at <u>Minneapolis</u> | |
| | TRACK, Marquette at <u>Minneapolis</u> | |
| | TENNIS, Chicago at <u>Minneapolis</u> | |
| 16 | TENNIS, Wisconsin at <u>Minneapolis</u> | |
| | GOLF, Wisconsin at <u>Minneapolis</u> | |
| 18 | BASEBALL, Michigan at Ann Arbor | |
| 19 | BASEBALL, Michigan at Ann Arbor | |
| 19-20 | TRACK, Conference Meet at Ann Arbor | |
| 20 | BASEBALL, Michigan State at East Lansing | |
| 20 | GOLF, Northwestern at <u>Minneapolis</u> | |
| 20 | TENNIS, Northwestern at <u>Minneapolis</u> | |
| 22 | GOLF, Notre Dame at Minneapolis | |
| 26 | BASEBALL, Ohio State at <u>Minneapolis</u> | |
| 27 | BASEBALL, Ohio State at <u>Minneapolis</u> | |
| | TRACK, Wisconsin at <u>Minneapolis</u> | |
| | Golf, Ohio and Northwestern at Evanston | |
| 29-30 | GOLF, Conference meet at Chicago | |



Minneapolis, March 31-Faced with the task of developing eight regulars to fill vacancies in the starting lineup plus the replacement of eight other lettermen, Coach Bernie Bierman will call his 1939 spring football squad to order at the University of Minnesota on Monday, April 3, for "thirty-six full sessions of football."

Not since Bierman returned to his alma mater eight seasons ago and commenced to turn out winners at Minnesota has the annual spring drill assumed the importance of this one. Weather permitting, the Gopher squad will go to work at once.

Here is the situation the Gopher coaching staff faces in its 1939 campaign:

Sixteen lettermen have graduated, eight of them from the 1938 starting lineup. However, 21 letter winners will be back for another season, plus 16 reserves and 40 sophomores.

One end, a tackle, both guards, center, quarterback, right half and fullback must be found for the starting eleven. Reserves must be found and trained to back up most of the other positions.

On the face of it, the Gopher situation does not appear to be overly bright, but there are numerous causes for optimism, among them, the indication that the 1938 freshman squad will produce one of the best sophomore crops in several seasons.

Position by position, the spring outlook appears to be something like this:

Ends: John Mariucci back at left end, plus lettermen Bill Johnson, Bob Bjorcklund, Melvin Erickson and Earl Ohlgren. Johnson will forego spring football in favor of baseball. Charles Ringer has been coming along rapidly since he reported as a sophomore last fall, and may develop into varsity material. Chauncey Martin, a 200-pound candidate from Crosby-Ironton, seems to be the best of the newcomers, but there are a half-dozen with promise.

Tackles: Captain-elect Win Pedersen, the 1938 "iron man," heads the veterans. Syrus Johnson and Bill Kuusisto are the other lettermen. Urban Odson, 220-pound

reserve, will be groomed for next fall. Sophomores include Clifford Charleson of Fergus Falls; Jim Loushine, Hibbing; Ed Porter of Logansport, Ind.; John Billman and Vic Pedersen of Minneapolis and Louis Moentenich of Minneapolis. Of those who are gone, Charles Schultz and Bob Johnson will be missed most. Other lettermen lost include Bob Hoel, Marvin LeVair and Warren Kilbourne.

Guards: There will be fewer experienced guards to start the season than at any time in the past five years. Merle Larson and Helge Pukems are the only lettermen. Fritz Grewing, Gordon Paschka, Don Twedell and Tom Riley represent the reserves. The freshman graduates look better than usual, with Fred Vant Hull and Leonard Levy of Minneapolis; Ted Pojar of St. Paul, and Ed Bannon of Milwaukee promising.

Centers: Dan Elmer and John Kulbitski, top-ranking last season, have graduated. Hilding Mattson of Bovey, who won his letter in 1937, heads the candidates. Newcomers include Bob Smith and Ed Lindeberg of Minneapolis and Jim Stoltzenberg of Austin.

Quarterbacks: Here again graduation took a heavy toll in George Faust and George Gould. Phil Belfiori, who ranked number two last season, is back, along with John Bartelt who won a letter in '38 as a sophomore. Ralph Keuthe, Roland Ring and Tom Arneson of Minneapolis are the sophomore candidates. There is a strong possibility that Bierman will use the spring practise period to experiment with men from other positions in the signal-calling job.

Halfbacks: Running backs will be plentiful and of good quality. Among the veterans are George Franck, who was the regular left half through the latter half of the 1938 season; Harold Van Every, 1937 standout who was handicapped by an injury last season; Henry Jabbra, Joe Jamnik, Bob Paffrath and Charles Myre. Two outstanding newcomers are Bruce Smith of Faribault and Joe Mernik of Minneapolis. There are several others.

Fullbacks: Larry Duhler has graduated, but Martin Christiansen will be back in addition to Ed Steinbauer, who displayed ability as a sophomore. Bob Sweigher of Minneapolis, Harold Peterfeso and Del Switz of St. Paul, Warren Plunkett of Austin and Ed Bonk of South St. Paul are the newcomers. The latter was to have been a candidate two seasons ago, but dropped out of school.

Minneapolis, March 31-Victorious in 25 consecutive matches this season and holders of the Big Ten title, a seven-man University of Minnesota rifle team will leave this week for Champaign, Illinois where the Gophers will compete in the regional firing of the national meet on Saturday.

Always among the nation's collegiate leaders in marksmanship, the Minnesotans will be firing their first national meet under the tutelage of Sergeant Kenneth Cruse, who in his first year as the Gopher rifle coach has yet to see his proteges meet defeat.

Two members of last year's all-America second team who are candidates for the top all-America honors this season head the squad. They are Captain Erling Hagen of Minneapolis and Clarence Jackson of St. Paul. The latter is the Western Conference individual champion and recently turned in a 389 score in Twin City League competition, the highest mark ever set in the league while firing with iron sights.

Other members of the team include Guy Gosewisch of St. Paul, who fired in the nationals last year and who this season finished third in the Big Ten; Reino Matson, former member of the Virginia, Minnesota rifle club, who is firing his first season with the Gophers; Walter Lischeid and Wallace Wikoff of Minneapolis, and Robert Linse of Pine Bend, Minnesota.

Included in the 25 Minnesota match wins are six Big Ten postal meets, six Twin City League matches, seven practise meets and six intersectional affairs. The Gophers annexed the Twin City and Midwest Army Intercollegiate championships. The team will fire in the Dewar matches at the University of Chicago on Sunday, April 2, following the participation in the national meet. Competition in the latter will be held simultaneously at four regional points and the scores tabulated.

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Minneapolis, April-~~V~~ A defending Big Ten championship team and another with championship aspirations are in the process of preparing their title claims on the University of Minnesota campus this week.

The title-holders are the members of the Gopher golf team, winners of the conference team championship on the home course last spring. The challengers are the candidates for Coach Phil Brain's Minnesota tennis team.

Three veterans who finished among the first 11 in the 1938 individual competition plus a pair of sophomores with imposing records in pre-collegiate play are reason enough for Coach W. R. Smith to be optimistic about his Gopher golfers.

Co-captains are Neil Croonquist of Minneapolis, who finished third in the Big Ten individual ranks, and Billy Cooper of Rochester, who ranked fifth among the 50 golfers competing in the conference tournament. The third letterman is Merle Getten of Minneapolis, number 11 ranking player last season.

New to the squad, and counted upon to offset the loss of Ernotte Hiller and Melvin Larson, are Robert Knutson of Appleton and Charles Betcher of Rochester. Knutson was the Minnesota college champion in 1936 while competing for St. Olaf. Betcher won the 1938 Western Junior title, the University of Minnesota Intramural and the Gopher freshman championships.

Others on the squad are Herman Dahl of Minot, N. D. and Kenyon Gerrish of Minneapolis, both reserves; and Justus Riek of Eau Claire, Wis. and Doyd Holecek of Jackson, sophomores.

Four lettermen---two of them sons who have been under his tutelage since boyhood---give Coach Phil Brain hopes of placing his Minnesota tennis team well up in the conference standings.

Now playing the best tennis of his young career, Stan Brain is rated by his father as an outstanding challenger for individual honors. Other lettermen are Phil Brain, Jr., and Earl Petrich of Minneapolis, and William Rhodes of St. Paul.

A quartet of promising sophomores augment this nucleus of veterans. It includes Dick McGee of St. Paul, former state high school champion; Charles Johnson, Ed von Sien and George Johnson.

The golfers will get their season under way on April 26 against Carleton at Minneapolis. The tennis schedule will open on April 29 against Illinois at Minneapolis. Tennis matches will be played on the old courts off Washington Avenue pending the completion of the new hard surfaced courts on the opposite side of the campus.

Schedules are as follows:

GOLF

Apr. 26	Carleton at Minneapolis
May 1	St. Olaf at Minneapolis
6	Iowa State at Ames
8	Univ. of Iowa at Iowa City
13	Carleton & St. Olaf at Northfield
16	Wisconsin at Minneapolis
20	Northwestern at Minneapolis
22	Notre Dame at Minneapolis
29	Northwestern & Ohio State at Evanston
30-31	Conference Meet at Evanston
	National Collegiate Meet

TENNIS

Apr. 29	Illinois at Minneapolis
May 1	Wayne University at Minneapolis
4	Carleton at Minneapolis
6	Wisconsin at Madison
8	Iowa at Iowa City
9	Iowa State at Minneapolis
13	Chicago at Minneapolis
16	Wisconsin at Minneapolis
20	Northwestern at Minneapolis
22	Carleton at Northfield
29-30-31	Conference at Chicago



Minneapolis, April 14--Seeking to continue the building of track and field interest in this section of the country, University of Minnesota athletic officials announced today that an interscholastic division will be added to the third annual Northwest Open meet scheduled for Minnesota's Memorial Stadium on June 3.

Following as it does the running of state high school track meets in most Northwest states, the University Open will thus be open to state champions in a final elimination for sectional track and field honors.

Originated in 1937 by Gopher track coach Jim Kelly as a meet for athletes of good collegiate or A.A.U. standing, the Northwest Open event has hitherto attracted runners and jumpers of collegiate age for the most part. In 1937 entries were received from points as distant as Cleveland, Ohio. Last year, entries were from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, North and South Dakota and Montana.

Although state high school champions will be invited to compete in the 1939 event, the interscholastic competition will by no means be limited to champions, Coach Kelly has pointed out. Any trackman of high school age may enter.

While the Open will share the 1939 track and field spotlight at the University with the annual state high school meet on May 27, it will serve as a build up on the classic 1940 program, which will include the National Collegiate "Olympic Year" championships at Memorial Stadium.

Inquiries regarding entries to this year's meet may be addressed to Coach Jim Kelly, Cooke Hall, University of Minnesota.



Minneapolis, April 21 - If Phil Brain, Sr., the University of Minnesota's veteran tennis coach, displays seemingly undue pride in the accomplishments of the Gopher netmen this season, who can blame him?

Listed in Number One position on the Minnesota team is Stan Brain, Phil's son. Close behind him in the Gopher ratings is Phil Brain, Jr., and to top it off, Bob Brain, the youngest of the coach's three sons, is the top-ranking player on the Minnesota freshman squad.

It is small wonder that the trio of Brain boys have been sweeping^{all} opposition locally, however, for each has had the advantage of at least seven years of individual training under the careful eye of Phil, Sr.

"We never made a business of playing tennis in the family," explains the Minnesota coach. "When each of the boys was about 12 years old, I brought him a racket, taught him the correct grip and strokes and let him go out and play with the other kids in the neighborhood.

"Every once in a while, I'd slip over to the courts and have a look at how they were coming. Once in a while, I'd take them on for a game or two. Now they can take me on for a game and give me a drubbing every now and then. To tell the truth, the boys have too much vitality for an old timer."

Phil, Jr. was a letterman on the Minnesota team in 1936 and 1937. Last season, an appendectomy kept him out of action while brother Stan was having a successful season as a sophomore. This will be the first year that both have played on the same team. All three boys played the Number One position at Roosevelt high school in Minneapolis.

According to his father, Stan is now playing the best tennis of his career and may be a contender for the Big Ten singles title when the conference meet is held at the University of Chicago on May 29-30-31. A former state high school and Twin City Junior champion, Stan played Number Three on the Minnesota team last season,

GOPHER NOTES



Minneapolis, April 19--Half a dozen Minnesota football players have pedalled a bicycle more than 1,400 miles in the past few weeks without going anywhere. The bike is one of those stationary affairs used for exercise and the mileage is registered on the speedometer.....One indication on why Minnesota has difficulty in getting trackmen into condition: Coach Jim Kelly and his runners shovelling snow from the running track on April 19.....One of the finest jobs being done in the field of athletic and physical education at the University of Minnesota is that by Clarence Osell, instructor in orthopedics. Scores of physically handicapped men students learn to overcome those handicaps in the University's orthopedic gymnasium. Outstanding case is that of a student with two artificial legs learning to compete in some sports.....

Ralph Piper, University of Minnesota gymnastic coach and assistant professor of physical education, will study for a Ph.D. at New York University during the summer of 1939.....Frank G. McCormick, director of athletics at the University of Minnesota, is serving his second successive term as chairman of the Olympic Finance Committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association. Under his direction, the nation's educational institutions will attempt to raise \$100,000 toward defraying the expenses of the U. S. Olympic team in Finland next summer..... Orville Freeman, reserve quarterback on the Minnesota football squad, gets his signal-calling practise as a member of the Gopher debate team.....

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Minneapolis, April 27--Minnesota track fortunes--at low ebb since 1932--- have begun an upward swing that should put the Gophers in the upper group of Midwest track teams.

This is upon the word of Coach Jim Kelly, who for three seasons has been patiently trying to lay the foundation for a renaissance in track at Minnesota. Perhaps next season--at any rate by the following year--Kelly expects to see his charges winning dual meets regularly.

"Give these sophomores we have now a chance to develop and the freshmen coming up a chance to mature, then we shall be ready to go places," he predicted.

Victorious over Nebraska recently for the first Gopher win out-of-doors in five seasons, the current Minnesota team is aiming to continue the good work at Iowa on May 5. Minnesota will meet Marquette on May 13 and Wisconsin on May 27 at Minneapolis.

Two newcomers to the squad are figuring in the Gopher's point-winning plans. They are George Franck, Bernie Bierman's breakaway left halfback, who is also a sprinter; and Wells Hodgson, sophomore broad jumper.

Last season, Kelly had to enter the same man in two, three and sometimes four events to fill out the entry list. Although there are still thin spots in the lineup, the situation has been greatly improved this season.

A quartet of sprinters ably takes care of that department. It includes Franck, Joe Hayes, former state high school champion from Minneapolis West; Don Evans, and George Irvine, holder of the Minnesota field house record for the quarter-mile.

The "spreading" process is still necessary in the half-mile, where Carl Rasmussen, veteran miler has to double. He is aided by Bernard Stangler and Carl

Lindberg. Rasmussen has taken three first places in mile events to date, his best indoor time being 4:26.8. In the two-mile, the letterman, Ervin Liljegren, has placed first in four out of five meets, his lone defeat coming at the hands of Walter Mehl of Wisconsin, national collegiate champion. Hurdle events are handled capably by Co-captains Bob Hanson and Clint Lostetter.

In the field events, sophomores have been showing to advantage and should rate among the best in the conference by next season. Among them, Frank Silkey, "southpaw" shot-putter from Owatonna; Jack Butler, six foot, three inch high jumper from Los Angeles; and Hodgson in the broad jump, are doing well.

Promising additions due from the freshman squad next season include Bob Johnson, South Dakota state high school champion in the quarter-mile and holder of the Northwest Open record of :49.6 for the distance; and Jack DeField, 13-foot pole vaulter from Minneapolis Central.

Of immediate interest to the Gopher squad is the competition in the Drake Relays on April 28-29. Sixteen men have been entered in the event. The following week, the Minnesotans will attempt to accomplish a feat they have been trying ever since 1932--a win over Iowa. In the most recent attempt on March 18 at Minneapolis, the Gophers fell four points shy, losing 38-42.

The remainder of the track schedule:

April	29	Drake Relays at Des Moines
May	5	Iowa at Iowa City
	13	Marquette at Minneapolis
	19-20	Conference Meet at Ann Arbor
	27	Wisconsin at Minneapolis
June	2	Central Intercollegiate at Milwaukee
	16-17	NCAA meet at Los Angeles
	21	Big Ten-Pacific Coast meet at Berkeley, Calif.



Minneapolis, May 16 Discounting reports that Minnesota's spring football progress has not been up to expectations, Coach Bernie Bierman wants the public to know that the Gopher drills have been coming along "about as well as can be expected."

"But," he adds with the next breath, "We haven't expected too much. We knew when we opened practise that we had a lot of inexperienced men on our hands. They've come along about as well as they could, but we haven't the team now that we should have at this time of year."

"Don't expect too much. You'll see a few good men, but definitely no championship team," is the Bierman advice to the thousands of Gopher supporters who will come to Memorial stadium on May 20 for the annual spring game between the Maroons and the Golds.

Surrounded by all of the colorful accompaniments^{that} usually go with a fall game, the 80-man squad will make its public pre-season debut after six weeks of outdoor practise that have given the coaching staff an opportunity to gauge the new men on a competitive basis with the veterans.

After making the comparisons, Bierman can see only one freshman squad graduate ready to step into the first team lineup and counts on only a half-dozen yearlings for major service during the early games of the 1939 campaign.

It has been apparent to even the most uninitiated observers during the daily practises that Bruce Smith, 185-pound halfback from Faribault, is an outstanding prospect. During the weekly intra-squad scrimmages, Smith has shown exceptional ball-carrying ability coupled with a fine punting and passing talent. "Likely to be a pretty fair football player," is Bierman's appraisal.

From this point, the Gopher coach believes that the 19 lettermen on the squad plus several reserves from last season who saw little or not action will fill in most of the important positions. Of this latter group, several have shown promise. Among them, Charles Ringer, end from Minneapolis; Urban Odson, 215-pound tackle from Clark, S.D., and Helge Pukema, Duluth; Neil Litman, Minneapolis and Don Twedell, Austin, guards.

While pointing out that several more graduates of last fall's freshman squad may achieve an important varsity rank before the season opens next September, Bierman names Chauncey Martin, end from Crosby-Ironton; John Billman, tackle from Minneapolis; Leonard Levy, Minneapolis guard candidate; Bob Smith, center, and Joe Mernik, halfback, both from Minneapolis, as those most likely to be of service.

As the squad moves into its final two weeks of spring workouts, Bierman can see no championship for the Gophers in 1939. He lists Northwestern, Michigan, Ohio State, Purdue and Wisconsin as the contenders. By coincidence, all five of those teams are on the Gopher schedule.

Dick Kelley, fast-stepping West high sprinter, will defend his 100 and 220-yard crowns; Bill Alexander, also of West, will be favored to repeat his last year's victory in the quarter-mile, and the West Relay team will defend its 880-yard title.

Several records of long standing will go on the block. Among them the 31-year old shot-put mark of 50 feet, one-half inch by Frank of St. Paul Central. Jim Shepard of White Bear, Sam Wall of Mountain Lake and Milberg of Duluth Central are possible record-breakers.

It has been 13 years since the state high jump and 220-yard records were set, but Saturday's competition may mark the end of their lengthy existence. Duluth Central's Milberg, with a record-bettering time of 21.8s and Kelley with a best time of 22.7s threaten the 22-second mark set by Nadeau of Hibbing in 1926.

Likewise, Dick Lee of Northfield and Hosfield of Owatonna are seeking to better the 1926 record of 6 feet in the high jump, set by Segal of Eveleth. Lee has gone 6 feet, one and three-quarter inches to date and Hosfield five feet, 11 inches.

High school preliminaries will take place on Saturday morning. Finals will be held beginning at 2 p.m. on Saturday afternoon in conjunction with the Gopher-Badger meet. The afternoon program will be broadcast over the University of Minnesota radio station, WLB, with Bill Gibson at the microphone beginning at 2 p.m.

The high school records are as follows:

120-yd. high hurdles: 15.1s by Hirsch, Minneapolis Washburn, 1937.
200-yd. low hurdles: 23.5s by Erickson, Minneapolis Central; Allen, Mankato, 1937; Ressmeyer, Pipestone, 1938
100-yd. dash: 9.9s by McClearie, Prainard, 1933
220-yd. dash: 22s by Nadeau, Hibbing, 1926.
440-yd. run: 50.8s by Alexander, Minneapolis West, 1938.
880-yd. run: 2 Min. by C. Anderson, Minneapolis Roosevelt, 1933
880-yd. relay: 1:32.3 by Minneapolis West, 1938
High Jump: 6 ft by Segal, Eveleth, 1926
Broad Jump: 22 ft. 1/2 in. by Parsons, Minneapolis Roosevelt, 1936
Shot-put: 50 ft. 1/2 in. by Frank, St. Paul Central, 1907
Javelin: No longer on program.
Discus: New type discus. Old record 130 ft. 2 in. by Risse of Coleraine, 1936.
Pole Vault: 12 ft. 1 in. by Bryers, Virginia, 1930.



Minneapolis, May ~~14~~¹⁶-College pitchers generally outrank in ability their teammates of the infield, outfield and catching corps in the opinion of Frank G. McCormick, who for nine seasons has been molding strong baseball teams out of comparatively inexperienced material at the University of Minnesota.

A close student of the game and one of the founders of the American Legion Junior Baseball program, McCormick believes that the college pitching prospect has the best chance of developing into a good ballplayer because his prime requisite is a strong arm, whereas other positions require natural fielding and batting ability.

"Generally speaking, you'll find the best players on a college team doing the pitching," he points out. "Of course there are a good many exceptions--teams with weak pitching and strong hitting and fielding--but pitchers develop faster."

Forced to develop his teams almost from scratch because of the short spring and scarcity of high school baseball teams in Minnesota, the Gopher coach has had remarkable success with his players, winning Big Ten championships in 1933 and 1935.

"College baseball will never reach the degree of excellence here in the North that it has in the South because our spring is so short," he admits. "When we win a title up here we have to steal it. Maybe we should call ourselves the Pirates during those seasons instead of Gophers."

Baseball interest is increasing in Minnesota, however, McCormick believes.

There are now approximately 300 high school teams in the state as compared with 800 in Iowa.

At present, the Gophers are concerned with a pair of weekend games, May 26-27, on Northrop Field against Ohio State University. Victory in both games would give the team a .583 average in the conference for the season.

On May 31-June 1-2, Minnesota baseball fans will have the opportunity to compare the type of ball played in the North with the Southern brand of collegiate baseball. On those dates the Gophers will meet Louisiana State University, Southeastern Conference champions in a three-game series.

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Minneapolis, June 1939---Champions of every classification will bring the University of Minnesota's 1938-39 athletic season to a close on Saturday at Memorial Stadium with the running of the third annual Northwest Open track and field championships.

A new high school division will be open to the prep champions and challengers from six Northwest states, and with the usual open class for University and college stars, the meet should produce the greatest turnout of track men at the Stadium since the NCAA championships last June.

In the open division, outstanding athletes from the University of Iowa, Drake University, Minnesota, University of Nebraska and more than a dozen college teams will perform.

From the sprints to the distance events, the collegiate division will present some sterling competition. In the 100 and 220 the entries include Don Evans and George Franck of the Gophers and Iowa's Teufel twins. In the quarter-mile, John Graves and Ed Billig of the Hawkeyes will be outstanding. From the 880 through the two-mile most of the middle west's best distance runners will compete, including Ray Mahanna and Bill Feiler of Drake, Ralph Halla of Yankton College and Erv Liljegren and Carl Rasmussen of Minnesota.

In the high school division, most of the Minnesota's state champions will match their best performances with the prep champions of other states. Among the prep entries received to date are the following:

Don Whitmore, Mendota, Illinois javelin champion; Moreau of Winnetka, Illinois high jump titleholder; Bob Lyal of Stuart, Ia., Hawkeye champion in the high and low hurdles; Bill Day, South Dakota hurdles champion from Flandreau; Robinson and Kilness, prep titleholders in the half-mile, mile and pole vault from Sioux Falls, S. D.

Defending champions in the open class will include Bob Johnson, now a Gopher freshman, in the quarter-mile; Jack DeField, formerly of Minneapolis Central in the pole vault, and Gnagg of Iowa Teachers in the Javelin. An entirely new set of records will be set up in the high school division.

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Minneapolis, June---Close to 100 prep golf and tennis players from all sections of the state will come to the University of Minnesota on Monday and Tuesday, June 5 and 6 for the annual state high school golf and tennis championships sponsored by the University and the State High School League. Golfers will play over the University Recreation course, while the netmen will hold their competition on the Minneapolis Parade Ground courts.

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Minneapolis, June---Topped by championship football and hockey teams, the University of Minnesota's 1938-39 athletic program produced the best winning percentage in three seasons of Big Ten competition, with Gopher teams winning 38 and losing 21 contests in the conference for a .644 average. In all contests played, the Minnesotans won 82 and lost 42 for a .672 percentage.

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Minneapolis, June 4-- Thirty thousand Minnesota football fans who purchased tickets for Gopher games by mail during the last four years will receive ticket application blanks for the 1939 Minnesota football season during the next week, as the University football ticket office gets the pre-season program under way with its annual summer mailing.

Prospective purchasers of season tickets will find that a reserved seat for all five home games on the Gopher schedule will cost them \$13.20 this year, 55 cents less than a year ago. The single game tickets for the Purdue, Ohio State, Northwestern and Wisconsin games will be priced at \$2.75. Tickets for the opening game with the University of Arizona at Memorial Stadium will sell for \$2.20 and \$1.10.

Applications will be mailed from the University on July 10 and the ticket office will receive orders beginning on July 15. Last year more than 14,000 season books were purchased and Ticket Manager L. L. Schroeder expects a similar sale this year.

Allocation of seats at Memorial Stadium will be similar to that of last year following the recommendation of a special committee of the Senate Committee on Intercollegiate Athletics. Priority will be given in the following order: (1) stadium subscribers, (2) alumni of the University of Minnesota, (3) non-alumni who have purchased three out of the

past four years, and (4) all others.

There will be no changes in the seat locations of regular season ticket buyers if possible, according to Schroeder. With the heavy demand for seats, however, not all orders received will be filled with tickets inside the goal lines.

Biggest demand for single game tickets is expected for the Homecoming game with Ohio State at Memorial Stadium on October 21 and for the Northwestern game at Minneapolis on November 4. The Michigan and Nebraska games appear the most popular on the away-from-home schedule.

Ticket applications will go to 36 of the 48 states and to Canada, Hawaii, Cuba and Alaska.

The 1939 Minnesota Schedule:

At Memorial Stadium-

Sept. 30 University of Arizona
Oct. 14 Purdue University
Oct. 21 Ohio State University (Homecoming)
Nov. 4 Northwestern University
Nov. 25 Wisconsin (Dad's Day)

Minnesota visits-

Oct. 7 Nebraska at Lincoln
Nov. 11 Michigan at Ann Arbor
Nov. 18 Iowa at Iowa City

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Sports Release



Minneapolis, July 12-- Heeding the advice of Coach Bernie Bierman to "keep fit and be ready to go from the opening day of practise," members of the University of Minnesota's 1939 football squad are spending the summer at work calculated to maintain the physical edge developed during the recent spring practise.

Captain Win Pedersen, who won the squad's "iron man" designation last fall with a playing time equal to seven complete games, evidently believes he has the right formula for keeping in shape. He is back at his old job of loading and unloading farm machinery for a Minneapolis concern, meanwhile continuing his membership in the Minneapolis Rowing Club. Fullback Ed Steinbauer evidently believes there is something in Pedersen's system, for he has joined him on the loading platform.

Harold Van Every, the Gopher's pass-throwing left halfback, is getting a liberal sun tan along with his job. He is a swimming pool attendant at a country club in the Lake Minnetonka district.

Halfback George Franck, after a season as a dashman on the Minnesota track team, is getting his muscle building course loading cases for a local soft drink concern. So are Bob Fitch, Urban Odson, John Bartelt and Phil Belfiori.

Bruce Smith, outstanding sophomore halfback prospect, is working at a golf course in his home city of Faribault, Minnesota. Fullback Marty Christiansen is an attendant at a Minneapolis gas station and Bob Smith, sophomore center, works for a local oil company.

Joe Jamnik and Mike O'Bradovich, halfbacks are employed by a cartridge concern at Anoka, Minnesota, while End John Mariucci, Halfback Charles Myre and Guard Helge Pukema are serving as bellhops and general handymen at a Northern Minnesota resort.

Construction crews have provided employment for several squad members, among them Bob Paffrath, halfback, and Cliff Charlson, tackle. Two sophomores, Roland Ring, quarterback, and Leo Kenney, halfback, are working in Yellowstone Park.

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Minneapolis, July 13- Night football popularity is on the increase throughout the nation due to a number of factors, chief of which are increased receipts and the favorable attitude of school administrators, according to findings of Ralph A. Piper, assistant professor of physical education at the University of Minnesota.

Making a survey of football lighting plants as a part of a post-doctoral thesis on "Standards of Lighting for Outdoor Sports," Mr. Piper found that approximately 1,500 high schools and 275 colleges played home games at night during the 1938 season. His returns from 530 schools in 36 states and the District of Columbia also indicated that Middle Western schools play a greater percentage of night games than those in any other sector, followed by the Southern, Eastern and Western states.

Results of a questionnaire circulated throughout the nation by Mr. Piper indicated that night football was most popular among schools from 250 to 1,000 enrollment and in communities of from 2,500 to 25,000 population. First installations of field lighting were reported in 1926, with the peak year in 1937.

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 * Pre-season Information on Football at the University *
 * of Minnesota, including rosters, players and coaches *
 * sketches, schedules, statistics, etc. *
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The 1939 Minnesota Schedule

- Sept. 30- Arizona at Minneapolis
- Oct. 7- Nebraska at Lincoln
- Oct. 14- Purdue at Minneapolis
- Oct. 21- Ohio State at Minneapolis (Homecoming)
- Oct. 28- Rest Date
- Nov. 4- Northwestern at Minneapolis
- Nov. 11- Michigan at Ann Arbor
- Nov. 18- Iowa at Iowa City
- Nov. 25- Wisconsin at Minneapolis (Dad's Day)

Minnesota Coaches

- Bernard W. Bierman, Head Coach, Minnesota '16
- Dr. George Hauser, line Coach, Minnesota '18
- Albert P. (Bert) Baston, ends, Minnesota '17
- Sheldon Beise, backfield, Minnesota '36
- Sig Harris, reserves and Scout, Minnesota '05
- Dallas Ward, freshman coach, Oregon State

1939 Minnesota Captain

Win Pedersen, tackle, Minneapolis

NOTE: The accompanying material is prepared as of the first day of practise. Additions and alterations of the squad personnel will necessarily occur as the season progresses and will be covered in later releases. For further information on news, pictures or mats write: News Service, 120 Administration Building, Univ. of Minnesota.

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PRE-SEASON MINNESOTA FOOTBALL
ROSTER

* <u>Indicates Lettermen</u>	# <u>Reserve</u>	(S) <u>Sophomores & Others</u>
3 ends	4 ends	4 ends
2 tackles	4 tackles	8 tackles
2 guards	5 guards	7 guards
1 center	3 centers	3 centers
3 QB	2 QB	1 QB
5 HB	2 HB	3 HB
2 FB	1 FB	4 FB
<hr/> 18 Lettermen	<hr/> 21 Reserves	<hr/> 30 Sophs & Others (Listed)

<u>Name of Player</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Home Town</u>
<u>THE ENDS</u>				
*Johnson, William	6'2	190	2nd	Slayton
*Mariucci, John	6'	190	3rd	Eveleth
*Ohlgren, Earl	6'3	190	3rd	Cokato
#Cook, Clifford	6'3	180	3rd	Orr
#Danguvich, Bronko	6'	170	3rd	Lead, S. D.
#Fitch, Robert	6'	190	2nd	St. Louis Park
#Ringer, Charles	6'2	185	2nd	Minneapolis
(S)Martin, Chauncey	6'1	200	1st	Crosby-Ironton
(S)Gladwin, William	6'1	180	1st	Robbinsdale
(S)Hirscher, Joe	6'	185	1st	Shakopee
(S)Boerner, George	6'	185	1st	St. Paul
<u>THE TACKLES</u>				
*Johnson, Syrus	6'2	205	3rd	Winona
*Pedersen, Win (CAPT.)	6'3	210	3rd	Minneapolis
#Litman, Neil	5'11	195	2nd	Minneapolis
#Magnussen, Carl	6'	215	2nd	St. Paul
#Parkinson, Howard	6'3	215	2nd	St. Paul
#Odson, Urban	6'	225	2nd	Clark, S. D.
(S)Billman, John	6'	190	1st	Minneapolis
(S)Johnson, Vic	6'1	190	1st	Hibbing
(S)Levy, Leonard	5'10	210	1st	Minneapolis
(S)Lushine, Jim	6'1	240	1st	Hibbing
(S)Moentenich, Louis	6'	190	1st	Minneapolis
(S)Porter, Ed	6'1	230	1st	Logansport, Ind.
(S)Charlson, Clifford	6'	210	1st	Fergus Falls
(S)Lechner, Ed	6'	190	1st	Fessenden, N. D.
<u>THE GUARDS</u>				
*Kuusisto, Bill	6'	205	2nd	Minneapolis
*Larson, Merle	5'10	185	3rd	Iron Mt., Mich.
#Grewing, Fritz	6'	210	3rd	St. Paul
#Paschka, Gordon	5'10	195	3rd	Watertown
#Pukema, Helge	5'11	190	2nd	Duluth
#Riley, Tom	5'10	165	2nd	St. Paul
#Twedell, Don	5'9	200	2nd	Austin
(S)Bannon, Ed	5'11	210	1st	Milwaukee
(S)Rohlen, Art	6'	190	1st	Minneapolis
(S)Day, Ben	6'	190	1st	Chicago
(S)Pedersen, Robert	6'	200	1st	Montevideo
(S)Straighton, Howard	6'	190	1st	Minneapolis
(S)Widseth, Joe	5'10	180	1st	McIntosh
(S)Vant Hull, Fred	6'	200	1st	Minneapolis

Name of Player Height Weight Year Home Town

THE CENTERS

*Bjorcklund, Bob	6'1	210	2nd	Minneapolis
#Mattson, Hilding	5'10	190	3rd	Bovey
#Kolliner, Bob	5'10	180	3rd	Stillwater
#Moore, Mark	5'11	180	3rd	Minneapolis
(S)Alexander, Gordon	5'10	170	1st	Redwood Falls
(S)Flick, Eugene	5'11	190	1st	Minneapolis
(S)Smith, Bob	6'	195	1st	Minneapolis

THE QUARTERBACKS

*Belfiori, Phil	5'11	190	3rd	Kinney
*Bartelt, John	5'11	180	2nd	Mora
*Gould, George	5'9	180	3rd	St. Paul
#Freeman, Orville	5'11	175	2nd	Minneapolis
#Shearer, Jim	5'8	180	3rd	Minneapolis
(S)Ring, Roland	5'9	160	1st	Minneapolis

THE HALFBACKS

*Franck, George	5'11	170	2nd	Davenport, Ia.
*Jannik, Joe	5'10	180	2nd	Aurora
*Myre, Charles	5'8	165	3rd	Albert Lea
*Paffrath, Bob	5'9	180	2nd	Redwood Falls
*Van Every, Harold	5'11	190	3rd	Minnetonka Beach
#Jabbara, Henry	5'10	180	2nd	Mankato
#Johnson, Leland	5'11	175	3rd	Wadena
(S)Kenney, Leo	6'	170	1st	Hastings
(S)Mernik, Joe	5'9	175	1st	Minneapolis
(S)Smith, Bruce	6'1	175	1st	Faribault

THE FULLBACKS

*Christiansen, Martin	6'1	190	3rd	Minneapolis
*Steinbauer, Ed	6'2	195	2nd	Owatonna
#Lundeen, Vincent	5'11	185	2nd	Minneapolis
#Falk, Martin	6'	190	1st	Minneapolis
#Keller, Roger	5'10	190	1st	Minneapolis
(S)Plunkett, Warren	6'	190	1st	Austin
(S)Sweiger, Bob	6'	195	1st	Minneapolis

LETTERMEN LOST BY GRADUATION FROM 1938 MINNESOTA SQUAD

George Nash, end	Allan Rork, guard
Melvin Erickson, end	Kenneth Filbert, guard
Charles Schultz, tackle	Dan Elmer, center
Bob Johnson, tackle	John Kulbitski, center
Warren Kilbourne, tackle	George Faust, quarterback
Marvin LeVoor, tackle	Wilbur Moore, halfback
Francis Twedell, guard	Larry Buhler, fullback
Horace Bell, guard	

THE 1939 OUTLOOK

Coach Bernie Bierman cannot see another championship in 1939 for his University of Minnesota eleven despite the fact that the Gophers have been the Big Ten titleholders for four out of the last five years.

He cites two factors that may affect the Gopher's title chances. One is a general lack of veterans, especially through the center of the line, and another is the difficulty of the schedule.

"We'll be a good team," says Bernie, "But we can't expect to go on winning championships for ever. There are too many good teams in the conference. In fact, I consider five of the six Big Ten teams we have to meet as strong challengers for the 1939 title."

It is worthy of note in passing that Bierman has never predicted his Minnesota teams would finish at the top of the standings, even in 1934. It is also noteworthy, however, that the 1939 squad will have a certain lack of veteran talent in the line and a six-game Big Ten schedule for the first time in several seasons.

One end, a tackle, both guards and a center will be newcomers to the starting lineup, but only in the case of the tackle and guards is there any uncertainty in the pre-season plans. Other positions are capably filled by proven men and it is likely that the newcomers chosen will be of a high calibre.

Northwestern and Michigan seem to be the key points of interest on the schedule; the Wildcats because of the three-point defeat they handed the Gophers last season and the Wolverines because of the closeness of the 1938 game. Ohio State, Purdue, Wisconsin and Iowa are also popular.

SKETCHES OF SQUAD MEMBERS

THE ENDS

Lettermen (3)

BILL JOHNSON: As a sophomore last season, Johnson saw action in every one of the eight games on the Gopher schedule. Although not a regular, he played a total of 112 minutes during the season. This fall, he is in line for the starting assignment at right end. A junior from Slayton, Minn., Johnson stands six feet, two inches, weighs 190 pounds.

JOHN MARIUCCI is one of the few 1938 regulars returning to the squad and is slated to start in his familiar spot at left end. Not tall as ends go, Mariucci is a good pass receiver, relying on speed and a pair of adhesive hands to snare the ball. His total playing time of 382 minutes was second only to that of Win Pedersen last season. From Eveleth, Minn. Height 6 feet. Weight 190 pounds.

EARL OHLGREN: This tall Cokato senior has been a valuable as a reserve for two seasons and his value has increased this season with the minimum of veterans on hand. Height 6 feet, 3 in. Weight 190 pounds.

Reserves

Note: None of the men listed below has played in a varsity game as yet.

CLIFFORD COOK: gained plenty of experience last season, although he played in no games. Is persistent and may break into the lineup this season. From Orr, Minn. Height 6 feet, 3 in. Weight 180.

BRONKO DANGUVICH: another persistent, hard-working player. Has been on squad two seasons, most of the time with the reserves. From Lead, S. D. Height 6 feet. Weight 170.

BOB FITCH: is a very likely prospect. Although he saw no action in 1938, coaches believe he has promise and that he may be in the Minnesota lineup frequently. From St. Louis Park, Minn. Height 6 feet. Weight 190.

CHARLES (JUDD) RINGER: Like Fitch, he is regarded as a good end prospect. A graduate of Minneapolis West high, he is in his second year on the squad. Height 6 feet, 2 in. Weight 185.

GEORGE BOERNER, was a member of the reserve squad last season but never donned a suit for games. During the winter, he was one of the outstanding reserves with the Gopher basketball quintet, winning a letter. An all-around athlete, he hopes to win his football 'M' this season. From St. Paul.

WILLIAM GLADWIN: another freshman numeral winner. From Robbinsdale, a Minneapolis suburb. He is hoping to see plenty of action during the season as an alternate to the veterans. Height 6 feet, 1 in. Weight 180.

CHAUNCEY MARTIN: a rangy freshman numeral winner who seems to be one of the best of the new ends. Has shown considerable pass receiving ability. From Crosby-Ironton. Height 6 feet, 2 in. Weight 200 pounds.

THE TACKLES

Lettermen (2)

SYRUS JOHNSON: won his letter last season for valuable reserve service. Tall for a tackle (6'2"), Johnson weighs 205 pounds and uses his weight well. Last season, he was in three games, played a total of 15½ minutes. A senior from Winona, Minn.

CAPTAIN WIN PEDERSEN: The Gopher's 1938 "Iron Man," he played a total of 420 minutes during last season--a time equal to seven full games in an eight game schedule. Rugged, durable and tireless, he is expected to be a bulwark on the Gopher line. Had strongest heart action of any player tested in recent research. Crew is his favorite sports recreation when not playing football. From Minneapolis. Height 6 ft. 3 in. Weight 210.

Tackles (Cont.)

Reserves

NEIL LITMAN: On the squad last season, Litman lacked experience. He seems ready to play Big Ten football now and may be important when Coach Bernie Bierman finally aligns his tackles for the season. From Minneapolis. Height 6 feet. Weight 195 pounds.

CARL MAGNUSSEN: Big St. Paul reserve, who is remarkably agile for his size. Teammates call him "Tiny." Like Litman and Odson, he is in the running for the vacant tackle post in the starting lineup. Height 6 feet. Weight 215 pounds.

URBAN ODSON: was considered a good tackle prospect last season, but the veterans and lack of experience kept him out of action. Since then, he has learned how to use his size to the best advantage and has profited by the instruction of Dr. George Hauser, Gopher line coach. From Clark, S. D. Height 6 feet, 1 in. Weight 225.

Sophomores

JOHN BILLMAN received considerable attention from the coaches during the spring practise and is considered a very good prospect. Has enough qualifications to be able to play a good deal during 1939. From Minneapolis. Height 6 feet. Weight 190 pounds. Numeral Winner.

CLIFFORD CHARLSON: Considered to be among the best of the sophomores. Was on the freshman squad two years ago, but remained out of action last season to concentrate on his studies. From Fergus Falls, Minn. Numeral winner.

LEONARD LEVY: Short and built close to the ground, Levy has the ideal lineman's build. Was a guard as a freshman, but was shifted to tackle during spring practise. Is a wrestling as well as football prospect. A former state high school heavyweight champion. From Minneapolis. Won his numeral. Height 5 feet, 10 in. Weight 210.

JIM LUSHINE: one of the biggest men on the squad, but by no means one of the slowest. Very fast for his 240 pounds. Was handicapped during the spring by a shoulder ailment, which is now healed. From Hibbing. Freshman numeral winner. Height 6 feet, 1 in.

LOUIS MOENTENICH:) freshman numeral winners and

ED PORTER: Logansport, Ind.) considered potential varsity material

THE GUARDS

Lettermen (2)

BILL KUUSISTO: won his letter last season as a sophomore, participating in three games and playing a total of $8\frac{1}{2}$ minutes. Was outstanding during the spring practise and seems to have an inside track on one of the regular guard jobs. From Minneapolis. Height 6 feet. Weight 205.

MERLE LARSON: the real veteran of the 1939 Gopher guards. A senior, Larson served as an alternate last season. Played in five games with a total playing time of $21\frac{1}{2}$ minutes. Looked very good in spring drills and may be in starting lineup. From Iron Mountain, Mich. on the peninsula. Height 5 feet, 10 in. Weight 185 pounds.

Reserves

FRITZ GREWING: for two seasons Grewing was bothered by a knee ailment that handicapped him. He believes that his difficulty has now been cleared up and that he will be ready for a good season. From St. Paul. Weight 210. Height 6 feet, 2 in.

GORDON PASCHKA: looked very good during practise sessions. This may be his year. From Watertown, Minn. Height 5 feet, 11 in. Weight 195.

TOM RILEY: second year on Squad. From St. Paul. Height 5 feet, 10 in. Weight 165 pounds.

GUARDS

Reserves (Cont.)

DON TWEDELL, brother of last year's Gopher captain, Francis. Don shows many of the same qualities that made his brother a fine lineman. Short and sturdy. Bothered by shin splints last season, but declares that he is ready for a good season in 1939. From Austin, Minn. Height 5 foot, 11 in. Weight 200.

HELGE PUKEMA is almost certain to see plenty of service at guard during the coming season. Although he did not win a letter last season, his experience should make him a candidate for a monogram in 1939. A junior from Duluth.

Sophomores

ED BANNON: was a member of the freshman squad two seasons ago, but was not out for football last season. Considered to be a very capable guard, with enough experience to do the Gopher cause some good. Stocky and built close to the ground. From Milwaukee. Height 5 feet, 11 in. Weight 210 pounds.

BEN DAY: one of the promising numeral winners from last year's freshman squad. From Chicago. Height 6 feet. Weight 190.

FRED VANT HULL: one of the outstanding guards on the 1938 freshman squad, Vant Hull missed the spring practise because of an injury. After a spring and summer spent in rounding into shape he is expected to make a bid for a first string berth. From Minneapolis. Height 6 feet. Weight 200 pounds.

THE CENTERS

Lettermen (1)

BOB BJORCKLUND: Won his letter at end last year as a sophomore, but is no stranger at center, having played that position at Minneapolis North high. Weighing 210 pounds, Bjorcklund is expected to add needed strength to the center of the Gopher line. Last season, he was in seven games at end, playing a total of 86 minutes.

Reserves

HILDING MATTSON: senior reserve and for two years an alternate on the Minnesota squad, relieving John Kulbitski and Dan Elmer. Last year got into only two games, but the graduation of Kulbitski and Elmer may give him a chance to see more action. From Bovey, Minnesota. Height 5 feet, 10 in. Weight 190.

BOB KOLLINER: for two seasons as a reserve center, Kolliner saw no action but it appears that in his final season he will be in the lineup frequently. During the 1939 spring game, his team was short of centers and he played through most of the game. From Stillwater. Height 5 feet, 11 in. Weight 180.

MARK MOORE: like Mattson and Kolliner, a reserve who has proven that he is ready for game service this season. From Minneapolis. Height 5 feet, 11 in. Weight 180.

Sophomores

ED LINDEBERG: One of three promising freshman numeral winners. He is from Minneapolis, Weight 220.

BOB SMITH: regarded by coaches as an outstanding prospect and may give Bjorcklund a battle for the starting assignment. From Minneapolis. Height 6 feet. Weight 190 pounds.

JIM STOLTZENBERG: another of Austin, Minnesota's recent contributions to the Minnesota squad. Won his numeral and is after a job that will get him into as many games as possible. Weight 190.

The Halfbacks (Cont.)

HAROLD VAN EVERY is back in the form that stamped him as outstanding in his sophomore year. Handicapped by an injury last year, he never-the-less won at least one game for the Gophers with his accurate passing. His two passes in the Michigan game led to the Minnesota victory. He is perhaps the greatest Minnesota passer of the past decade. Last year was in 6 games and carried the ball 18 times for a total of 44 yards. Is a left half-back. A senior from Minnetonka Beach. Weighs 190 pounds.

Reserves

HENRY (JOE) JABBRA had the highest yardage average on the Gopher squad last season as a sophomore, but his playing time was just short of the amount needed for a letter. He carried the ball five times for 65 yards, an average of 13 yards a play. Very fast, he may be in action often during 1939. Solves the problem of wearing glasses by wearing specially prepared lenses which fit over the eyeball. A junior from Mankato. Weighs 180 pounds.

LELAND JOHNSON would have been a letterman last season were it not for a misfortune that removed him from the lineup. A left half, he is triple threat and a senior. Weighs 175 pounds. From Wadena.

Sophomores

JOE MERNIK, stocky little all-around athlete from Marshall high, Minneapolis. Freshman Coach Dallas Ward thinks Mernik will be outstanding from the Gophers before his playing days are over. Couldn't be stopped during last fall's freshman practise. Height 5 feet, 9 in. Weight 174 pounds.

STAN SELVIG was just one among many freshman, but he began to show promise during the spring practise and was outstanding in the final intra-squad game that climaxed the seven-weeks practise. Very fast and an elusive runner. From Minneapolis. Weighs 170 pounds.

BRUCE SMITH is rated as the outstanding prospect among the sophomore backs. Triple-threat, he is a "natural" athlete. Can pass, kick and run with equal ability. May get the right halfback job over more experienced veterans. From Faribault, Minn. Height 6 feet, one in. Weight 185 pounds.

BOB TEYRO is small and very fast. He displayed enough ability as a freshman and during spring practise to give promise of being valuable to the Gophers. From Hopkins, Minn. Weight 165 pounds.

THE FULLBACKS

Lettermen (2)

MARTIN CHRISTIANSEN expects to have his chance as the regular Minnesota fullback after alternating at the position with Larry Buhler last year. The hardest hitter on the squad, Marty packs 195 pounds into his drive. As a sophomore he was rated as the nation's outstanding backfield prospect among new men. Last year he was in seven games for a total of 203 minutes. He carried the ball 71 times for a total of 254 yards, an average of 3.57 yards per play. A senior from Minneapolis.

ED STEINBAUER is expected to share the major fullbacking duties with Christiansen. As a sophomore last season, he was in three games, carried the ball seven times for 25 yards. Is a junior from Owatonna, home town of another former Gopher fullback, Herb Joesting. Weight 195.

Reserves

VINCENT LUNDEEN was a member of the reserve squad in 1938, but hopes to get into several games during 1939. A weightman on the Gopher track team, he did not report for spring practise. From Minneapolis. Weight 185.

MARTIN FALK has the ability to become an outstanding fullback, according to close observers of his play. An all-around athlete, he has been handicapped by late starts and other factors but is preparing in earnest for this season. A stellar hockey goalie in season. From Minneapolis.

The Fullbacks (Cont.)

Sophomores

WARREN PLUNKETT has been alternated between fullback and blocking quarter since joining the squad, but seems to be a fullback until further notice. From Austin. Weight 190.

BOB SWEIGER was one of the outstanding performers in the 1939 spring game, with a record of several long gains. From Minneapolis Central. Weight 195.

MINNESOTA'S FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

BERNARD W. BIERMAN, head coach. Few coaches can claim the record that Bernie Bierman has established directing major teams. His lifetime record of 113 wins, 31 losses and nine ties represents a consecutive coaching success. Since returning to Minnesota, his alma mater, in 1932, Bierman has directed Gopher elevens to four Big Ten championships and three national titles. During this period, Minnesota has won 43, lost eight and tied four games, winning 21 consecutive games and going 28 games without a defeat from 1933-36.

A 1916 graduate of the University of Minnesota, Bierman was a member of Gopher teams under Dr. Henry L. Williams for three seasons and was the captain and left halfback of the 1915 team that won the last Big Ten championship for Minnesota until Bierman's 1934 team accomplished the feat. In 1915, Bierman was presented with the Western Conference Medal for proficiency in scholarship and athletics.

After a period of war service with the Marines during the war, he was coach at the University of Montana, Mississippi A. and M. and Tulane University before coming back to Minnesota.

DR. GEORGE W. HAUSER, line coach. Came back to the University of Minnesota along with his teammate of undergraduate days, Bernie Bierman, in 1932. As a tackle on Minnesota teams of 1915-16-17, Hauser was rated as one of the greatest linemen of those series and missed all-America recognition because of the advent of the war. Following the Armistice, he returned to Minnesota to aid Dr. Williams in coaching until 1923. Later assignments included a period as line coach at Ohio State, head coach at Colgate and Iowa State. At present, Dr. Hauser also heads the athletic training staff at Minnesota and is on the staff of the University Students' Health Service.

ALBERT P. (BERT) BASTON, end coach. Another former Minnesota player and an all-America end on Walter Camp's teams of 1915-16. He was captain of the 1916 team. Has been on the Minnesota football staff since 1930.

SHELDON BEISE, backfield. One of Minnesota's outstanding fullbacks, Beise played on the National Championship teams of 1934 and 1935. When Lowell Dawson went to Tulane in 1936, Beise was appointed to tutor the Gopher backs. This is his fourth season on the staff.

DALLAS WARD, freshman coach and scout. Joined the Minnesota staff in 1936 after coaching at Minneapolis Marshall high, where he developed such outstanding Minnesota players as Andy Uram, Rudy Gmitro, Babe LeVoir and the Svendsen brothers. Played football at Oregon State.

SIG HARRIS, reserves and scout. The veteran of the staff from point of service and one of the stars of the famous 6-6 tie between Minnesota and Michigan in 1903. Has been a member of the coaching staff with few intervals since graduation.

FACTS WORTH NOTING

Regarding the Gophers and their Opponents

1938 Minnesota Statistics

Total Points: Minn. 97 Opp. 38
 Total 1st Downs: Minn. 91 Opp. 56
 By Rushing: Minn. 81 Opp. 33
 By Passing: Minn. 8 Opp. 21
 Yards gained rushes: Minn. 1,914 Opp. 861
 Yards gained passes: Minn. 247 Opp. 511
 Total Yds. by Scrim: Minn. 2,161 Opp. 1,372
 Fwd. Passes Attempt: Minn. 49 Opp. 97
 " " Complete: Minn. 19 Opp. 36
 " " Intercept: Minn. 16 Opp. 5
 Number of Punts: Minn. 71 Opp. 73
 Number of Kickoffs: Minnesota 18 Opp. 19
 Total Yds. Penalized: Minn. 195 Opp. 100
 Fumbles: Minn. 22 Opp. 19
 Own Fumbles Rec. Minn. 12 Opp. 8
 Opp. Fumbles Rec. Minn. 11 Opp. 10

Individual Yardage Record

	Att.	Yds.	Av.
Jabbara, hb	5	65	13.00
Moore, hb	99	555	5.80
Faust, qb	11	53	4.81
Paffrath, hb	13	62	4.76
Buhler, fb	103	455	4.41
Franck, hb	69	322	4.60
Jamnik, hb	12	48	4.00
Steinbauer, fb	7	25	3.57
Christiansen	71	254	3.57
Van Every, hb	18	44	2.66
Belfiori, qb	8	18	2.25
Gould, qb	1	2	2.00
L. Johnson, hb	5	7	1.40
Wojcik, hb	1	1	1.00

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Minnesota Results, 1934-38

<u>1934</u>		<u>1935</u>		<u>1936</u>	
Minn. 56	N. Dak. St. 12	Minn. 26	N. Dak. St. 6	Minn. 14	Washington 7
Minn. 20	Nebraska 0	Minn. 12	Nebraska 7	Minn. 7	Nebraska 0
Minn. 13	Pittsburgh 7	Minn. 20	Tulane 0	Minn. 26	Michigan 0
Minn. 48	Iowa 13	Minn. 21	N'western 13	Minn. 33	Purdue 0
Minn. 34	Michigan 0	Minn. 29	Purdue 7	Minn. 0	Northwestern 6
Minn. 30	Indiana 0	Minn. 13	Iowa 6	Minn. 52	Iowa 0
Minn. 35	Chicago 7	Minn. 40	Michigan 0	Minn. 47	Texas 19
Minn. 34	Wisconsin 0	Minn. 33	Wisconsin 7	Minn. 24	Wisconsin 0
Minn. 270	Opponents 38	Minn. 194	Opponents 46	Minn. 203	Opponents 32

<u>1937</u>		<u>1938</u>	
Minn. 69	N. Dak. St. 7	Minn. 15	Washington 0
Minn. 9	Nebraska 14	Minn. 16	Nebraska 7
Minn. 6	Indiana 0	Minn. 7	Purdue 0
Minn. 39	Michigan 6	Minn. 7	Michigan 6
Minn. 6	Notre Dame 7	Minn. 3	N'western 6
Minn. 35	Iowa 10	Minn. 28	Iowa 0
Minn. 7	N'western 0	Minn. 0	Notre Dame 19
Minn. 13	Wisconsin 6	Minn. 21	Wisconsin 0
Minn. 184	Opponents 50	Minn. 97	Opponents 38

Bierman's Lifetime Coaching Record

	W	L	T
1916-17	Butte, Mon.		
	High School	7	0
1919-22	U. of Mont.		
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Minnesota's home games are played at Memorial Stadium, built in 1924. The stadium has a capacity of 50,600 in the permanent stands, but with the addition of bleachers can accommodate 64,000 as was the case for the Notre Dame game of 1937.

OFFICIALS FOR MINNESOTA'S HOME GAMES

<u>Game</u>	<u>Referee</u>	<u>Umpire</u>	<u>Field Judge</u>	<u>Head Linesman</u>
Arizona	Blake	Firebaugh	Daniels	Simpson
Purdue	Reese	Knight	Simpson	Daniels
Ohio State	Gardner	Haines	Morton	Carrithers
Northwestern	Birch	Schabinger	Getchell	Krieger
Wisconsin	Lane	Schommer	Layden	Sachs

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1938 Records of Minnesota's 1939 Opponents

<u>Univ. of Arizona</u>		<u>Univ. of Nebraska</u>		<u>Purdue University</u>	
Ariz. 7 So. Meth. 29	Nebraska 48 Freshmen 0	Purdue 19 Detroit 6			
Ariz. 6 N. Mex. A.&M. 7	Nebraska 7 Minnesota 16	Purdue 21 Butler 6			
Ariz. 0 Santa Clara 27	Nebraska 7 Iowa State 8	<u>Purdue 0 Minnesota 7</u>			
Ariz. 14 Loyola (LA) 12	Nebraska 0 Indiana 0	Purdue 6 Fordham 6			
Ariz. 7 N. Mexico 20	Nebraska 0 Oklahoma 14	Purdue 13 Wisconsin 7			
Ariz. 7 Centenary 6	Nebraska 10 Missouri 13	Purdue 0 Iowa 0			
Ariz. 14 Ariz. Mines 26	Nebraska 16 Kansas 7	Purdue 12 Ohio State 0			
Ariz. 20 Marquette 12	Nebraska 0 Pittsburgh 19	Purdue 13 Indiana 6			
Ariz. 0 Montana 7	Nebraska 14 Iowa 0				
	Nebraska 14 Kansas State 7				
<u>Ohio State Univ.</u>		<u>Northwestern Univ.</u>		<u>Univ. of Michigan</u>	
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Ohio State 7 So. Cal. 14	N'western 33 Drake 0	Michigan 45 Chicago 7			
Ohio State 0 N'western 0	N'western 0 Ohio State 0	<u>Michigan 6 Minnesota 7</u>			
Ohio State 42 Chicago 7	N'western 13 Illinois 0	Michigan 15 Yale 13			
Ohio State 32 N. York U. 0	<u>N'western 6 Minnesota 3</u>	Michigan 14 Illinois 0			
Ohio State 0 Purdue 12	N'western 13 Wisconsin 20	Michigan 19 Penna. 13			
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Iowa 13 Wisconsin 21		Wisconsin 31 Iowa 13			
Iowa 27 Chicago 14		Wisconsin 6 Pittsburgh 26			
Iowa 0 Colgate 14		Wisconsin 7 Purdue 13			
Iowa 0 Purdue 0		Wisconsin 6 Indiana 0			
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Iowa 0 Nebraska 14		<u>Wisconsin 0 Minnesota 21</u>			

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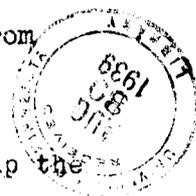
Minneapolis, August 21 Foremost among the items on Coach Bernie Bierman's calendar when he convenes his University of Minnesota football squad on September 11 will be a search for 1,063 yards---a good piece of ground any way you look at it, but a distance of special significance to a winning football team.

That amount of yardage was compiled by three outstanding Gopher backs on last year's championship eleven. And, sad to state, that ground-gaining trio will be missing by reason of graduation from the 1939 ranks. The result, of course, is that one of Bierman's principal backfield problems will be to discover men who can make up the badly needed thousand yards by running with the ball.

Whether this extra yardage will come from increases in the ball-carrying yardage of returning veterans, or whether it will be contributed by new men is a matter of some conjecture. But no matter who gets the assignment, one thing is certain---someone is going to have to gain a thousand yards from rushing for that figure is nearly half of the total of 1,914 yards gained by Minnesota on the ground last season.

Missing will be Wilbur Moore, who travelled 555 yards from right halfback; Larry Buhler, who added 455 yards to the Gopher total from both fullback and right half, and George Faust, who contributed 53 yards while playing quarterback.

Veterans such as George Franck and Marty Christiansen will help the Gopher ball-carrying, of course. But the biggest gain among the veterans is expected to come from Harold Van Every. Out of action most of last season, Van Every contributed only 44 yards to the team totals. Back in top condition this fall, he is expected to show



the form that made him sixteenth in the list of the nation's ball carriers as a sophomore two seasons ago, when he amassed a total of 526 yards.

There will be 10 veteran backs in all returning. Last season this group contributed 847 yards to the Gopher total through the line and around the ends. Such men as Bob Paffrath, Joe Jamnik, Leland Johnson and Ed Steinbauer are all expected to increase their totals because they will see more action than a year ago.

Among the newcomers counted upon to replace Moore, Buhler and Faust are Sophomores Bruce Smith, Joe Mernik and Bob Sweiger. All three have exhibited the ability to go for first downs, both as freshmen and as neophyte members of the varsity during spring practise.

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Minneapolis, August--- Minnesota's Gophers are going to have that "home grown" coloring again during the 1939 campaign. A check of the roster for the coming season reveals that only seven of the 67 candidates invited back for the opening day of practise on September 11 are from outside the state of Minnesota. What's more, six of the seven out-of-state candidates are from adjacent states of North and South Dakota, Iowa and Wisconsin.

Of the ninety percent of native Minnesotans on the roster, 30 are from the Twin Cities and 30 from other parts of the state. Some 25 candidates are from Minneapolis.

Oddly enough, nine out of 10 halfback candidates are from outside the Twin Cities. Likewise, the three leading quarterback candidates hail from outstate points.

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120 Administration Bldg.

September 1, 1939

Dear Sports Editor:

We believe you will be interested in a series of brief articles about former Minnesota football stars which we have prepared and of which the first is sent you herewith. The articles deal with men who starred and were famous in the "way back when" era. They do not deal with players that we all hear about every day--such men as Johnny McGovern or Bert Baston, or Arnold Oss--but with other equally capable players, men famous in their day, who are remembered somewhat less often. The series starts with Alfred Pillsbury, donor of Minnesota's first actual "playing ball" and continues through such men as Boles Rosenthal, Bobby Marshall, Earl Pickering, Orren Safford, and Ed Coughlin. These stories will come to you once a week during the current football season, and we hope you will see fit to use a good many of them. With a few of them mats will be included.

Sincerely,

The News Service

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9/11/34
Alfred F. Pillsbury may not be the father of Minnesota football, but at least he qualifies as one of the Gopher's oldest gridiron sons.

Not only did the veteran Minneapolis miller provide the first rugby ball for the Minnesota boys who wanted to learn this new-fangled Eastern game back in the Eighties----he also played alongside these teammates for more than a half-dozen seasons of the early rough and tumble game, from 1886-94.

Son of John S. Pillsbury, "Father of the University of Minnesota," young Alfred happened into the Gopher football picture even before that picture had begun to form.

"I remember," he recollects, "that when Howard Abbott and I were just a couple of high school kids we wandered over to the old front campus at the University where a bunch of fellows were kicking a ball around. They let us play, counting both of us as one man when they chose up sides."

When a Princeton and a Yale man joined the University faculty, he remembers, the agitation to form a football team really got under way. "I purchased a rugby ball and the team used it," said Mr. Pillsbury. "When we started, it was shiny and oval shaped, but we finally just wore that ball out. Then all the fellows chipped in whenever we needed a ball. We also bought our own uniforms."

Here are some further notes of interest to present day football candidates who think that the grind is pretty hard:

Not only did the Minnesota players have to buy their own balls and uniforms during the Pillsbury era, but they also had to pay their own railroad fare when the team took a trip.

To get in condition, the players sometimes ran five miles around the field every morning. During the afternoons they practised.

"Condition? We really were in condition," Mr. Pillsbury recalls. "I remember an afternoon when we played a long, hard game on the field back of the West hotel in Minneapolis and then ran the three or four miles back to the campus

after the game. I wonder if the boys could do that today?"

Shattuck was the chief Gopher opponent of the Eighties and the preparatory academy at Faribault, Minnesota was on the Gopher schedule often.

"One season we were a man short when we went down to Faribault to meet the Shads," the pioneer 'M' man said. "We had been able to get only 10 fellows to make the trip and we didn't know just what to do. But the Academy boys were good sports and lent us one of their boys so we could have a game."

The Minnesota-Wisconsin game of 1893---the fourth in the historic series that has been interrupted only once since 1890--holds a particular spot in Mr. Pillsbury's recollections. Captain of the Badgers that year was Lyman, a former Grinnell player, who had transferred to Wisconsin and had vowed that he would not leave college until he had played on a team that had defeated Minnesota.

"Lyman came over to the campus the morning of the game," recalls Mr. Pillsbury with a twinkle in his eye, "and asked me how the Minnesota team was coming. I told him we were demoralized because of injuries. He expressed regret and said the Badgers had the best team in their history.

"The game started out as if the Badgers were really the best team of all time. They made frequent short gains by throwing a player named Richards over the line. Finally, I said to Charles Van Campen, our quarterback, 'The next time he comes over give him to me. I'll grab the ball.' I did, and we went on to win that one 40-0."

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Minneapolis, September-5. Amid some uncertainty, but with an overtone of confidence instilled by the perennial skill of Coach Bernie Bierman in turning out winning teams, Minnesota's defending Big Ten championship football squad will gather on Northrop field next Monday morning to open another season.

For the first time since 1934, the Gophers will not be rated as favorites in the pre-season predictions. The reasons for this are clear and have been previously stated. There will be eight new men in the starting lineup and the schedule is more difficult than a year ago.

But---and it is a big conjunction---if the Gophers get by the first three games on the schedule without a setback---look out. Coach Bierman sees five games on the calendar that may easily go either way. They are those with Purdue, Ohio State, Northwestern, Michigan and Wisconsin. The other three on the schedule are also a source of concern, but two of them are outside the conference.

Sixty-seven candidates have been invited back by the coaching staff, which means that some 75 will be on hand on Monday when the squad is divided into teams for the first time, due to the probable presence of several uninvited candidates.

Practise sessions will be held twice a day for the first three weeks, with an extra session in the lecture room daily for good measure. Under the new training table regulations of the Big Ten, the varsity squad will take its evening meal at a campus cafe throughout the season.

There will be 18 lettermen, some with limited experience, as a nucleus for the coaching staff to work on. Eight of this number are linemen and the rest backs. In addition, there will be 21 reserves, most of them with no game experience, and 30 sophomores.



Among returning regulars will be Captain Win Pedersen at tackle, John Mariucci at end, and George Franck and Harold Van Every, who are both left halfbacks.

It will be a tentative first team lineup that takes the field on Monday and it is sure to be altered several times before the week is out. Its makeup is not certain, but Bierman has indicated that Mariucci may be at left end, Pedersen at left tackle, Merle Larson at left guard, Bob Bjorcklund at center, Bill Kuusisto or Helge Pukema at right guard, John Billman at right tackle and ~~Bill Johnson~~ *Earl Odgers* at right end.

In the backfield, Phil Belfiori may get the first chance at quarterback, George Franck or Harold Van Every at left half, Bruce Smith at right half and Marty Christiansen at fullback.

The element of uncertainty and the vacancies in the starting lineup combine to make it an opportune year for new men, several of whom are counted upon to make good, including the promising Faribault halfback, Bruce Smith. It may be the season for Smiths at Minnesota. Bob Smith, sophomore center from Minneapolis, is also rated well. Also promising is Johnny Billman, an alert and agile tackle candidate from Minneapolis.

Minnesota followers have become accustomed to seeing linemen shifted to the backfield and vice versa, so they wouldn't be too surprised to see some more shuffling on the part of the coaching staff.

With both Franck and Van Every on hand and listed as left halfbacks, it is possible that the latter may be shifted to right half. Another possible backfield combination designed to make use of both veterans could have Van Every calling the signals from right half, with a blocking back at quarter.

These are but a few of the possibilities and problems that will make the season an interesting one for the sideliners---and a perplexing one for the coaching staff.

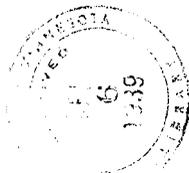
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Minneapolis, September 6--Twelve department of physical education graduates of the University of Minnesota--most of them former Gopher athletes--will take over new coaching and teaching positions this fall, it has been announced by Athletic Director Frank G. McCormick. In addition, another dozen former Minnesotans have changed positions.

Recent graduates and their appointments include: George Gustafson of Two Harbors, master of physical education and former basketball player, who will go to Fergus Falls high school as basketball and assistant football coach; Gordon Addington, Wahkon, basketball letterman who has accepted a coaching appointment at Harmony, Minnesota.

John Kulbitski, former varsity football center from Virginia, will coach football and teach at Red Wing high. Arthur Grangard, Minneapolis, will join the coaching staff at St. Olaf College; Frank Adams, Hopkins, goes to Goodhue high school; George (Butch) Nash, former varsity football end from Minneapolis, will coach at Anoka, and Richard Fossum, former varsity baseball player from Minneapolis, who will coach and teach at Enderlin, N. D.

Grant "Spike" Johnson, basketball letterman from Two Harbors, will go to Cloquet; Matt Banks of Ely will join the faculty of Ely high school; Horace Bell, Negro football letterman from Akron, Ohio, will coach at Florida A & M, Tallahassee, Fla.; Clark Taube, former football squad member from Minneapolis, will teach at Aberdeen, S. D. junior high, and Elmer Wilke, former football reserve from St. Paul will go to Aitkin high school.



Changes in coaching and teaching positions of Minnesota graduates are as follows: Douglas Evans from the Red Wing Training School to Sioux Falls, S. D., Leonard Ewald from Redwood Falls to Beaudette, Edward Gonsolin from Aberdeen, S. D., junior high to the Minneapolis Y.M.C.A., Walter Hoas from Hibbing high school to Carleton College, Northfield, Lewis Hess from Sioux Falls, S. D. high school to position as director of physical education at Red Wing, Rudolph Lanto from Sturgis, S. D. to St. Louis Park, Leonard Marti from Red Wing Training School to Bismark, N. D., Harvey Ring from Pipestone to Faribault, John Ronning from Red Wing to Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Robert Schmidt from the Red Wing Training School to Hastings, Perry Sandell from Enderlin, N. D. to Pipestone.

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When the man everyone says is going to come through and play a fine game of football actually turns out to be the star of the game, that is news, and when that star is handicapped by playing the difficult and seldom spectacular position of right halfback, the news is practically Page 1. That's why, this week, sports writers are unanimous in giving Wilbur Moore of Minnesota credit for the great football performance on the opening day of the 1938 season in the Middle West.

Despite the fact that Minnesota's right halfbacks usually give way to the left half performers through necessity when it comes to carrying the ball, Moore rolled up a total of 117 yards in 17 attempts against the Huskies to lead the Gopher backs in yardage. On the defense, he stood out perceptibly.

The stocky Austin senior's performance in the initial game of the current season seems to bear out the predictions that have been made for him in his final year in Gopher togs. For two seasons he has been a dependable member of the back-field crew, alternating with little Rudy Gmitro at right half. This fall, on his own and the sole possessor of the starting assignment, Moore has been performing with greater assurance than before.

Five years back, Moore had never competed in a regulation athletic contest of any kind, preferring to spend his spare time fishing and hunting. When a high school pal persuaded him to give football a try and Moore ended up as an all-conference halfback on Austin's Big Eight championship eleven.

That was when he was a high school junior. When the time arrived for him to think about going to a University, Bill was again undecided and the pal again came to his aid and suggested Minnesota. That suggestion won the Gophers two of its present starting eleven; for the pal was Francis Twaddell, now the Minnesota captain and an outstanding guard.

A rugged blocking back, Moore is none-the-less an ace sprinter once he tucks the ball under his arm. He runs with a deceptive change of pace and has the facility of picking up those "stolen" yards that are pounded out after a tackler has slowed him down. A good share of the yardage he picked up against Washington was by dint of twisting and pivoting away from a tackler after he had been hit.

Proverbially, Minnesota backfield stars are left halfbacks, for that is the key position in the Bierman offense. Should Moore continue in his newly established role as a touchdown artist, however, the Gophers may be featuring a double-barrelled attack.

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Minneapolis, Sept.---If Minnesota's Gophers hope to down Nebraska's Cornhuskers in their annual meeting at Memorial Stadium on Saturday they are going to have to do so at the expense of a carefully nurtured tradition belonging to Coach Lawrence (Biff) Jones of the Nebraska eleven. Not once in Major Jones' lengthy coaching career has one of his teams lost an opening game--and the Gopher-Husker meeting is the opening game for Nebraska.

Minneapolis, September 12. If little George Franck, the neighborhood nuisance, hadn't owned a nice, shiny football when he was seven years old, Minnesota's Gophers of 1939 might be minus a veteran left halfback.

But the fact is that young George had the only football in that section of Davenport, Iowa, so the big fellows let him play, although they told him frankly that he was a bother and couldn't play football for sour apples.

Then, all of a sudden, the big boys found that the "little guy" was running around them, through them and between their legs. They had to admit that he was pretty fast. But in their book, he still rated as a punk. How were they to know that 14 years later this boy would be a triple-threat Big Ten halfback and one of the midwest's fastest sprinters?

With a broad grin, the older and experienced George Franck today likes to recall his kid days when the gang played "scrimmage" on the lot next door.

"That lot was exactly 40 yards deep," he recalls. "My dad used to come out and watch us play. He started showing me how to punt when I was seven or eight years old and before I entered high school, I could punt that 40 yards."

At Davenport high school, George was a 126-pound lineman. First he was a center, then a guard, and in his last two years he played at end, being named on the second all state team. When football was over, he reported for the track team and ran anchor on the Drake Relays championship 440 and 880-yard high school teams.

It was while he was playing football at Davenport high that George Champlin, former Gopher halfback, saw Franck in action and interested him in coming to Minnesota. The fact that Franck had an aunt and uncle living in the Twin Cities also influenced his decision.

It was in the Washington game last fall that George made his first appearance before Minnesota fans as a halfback.

"Boy, was I jittery," he admits. "When Bernie said between halves that I was to go in, my heart jumped right up in my mouth. Honest, I was so excited I was numb all over. But the veterans on the team turned out to be real pals. They steadied me down and after the half started, I was all right."

From that point on last fall, Franck was the regular Gopher left half-back, taking over for Harold Van Every, who was forced out of action for most of the season. In the remaining games, the newcomer displayed one of the finest punting styles in the Big Ten. He averaged well over 40 yards and displayed the ability to hit 60 yards on occasion. In addition, he carried the ball 69 times for 322 yards and an average yardage of 4.60.

Last spring, foregoing spring football for track, Franck set a Memorial Stadium record for the 100-yard dash, rocketing the distance in 9.7 seconds against Marquette. Although he has never been timed at that distance while wearing full football equipment, George estimates that he could hit the tape in about 11 seconds flat---which is fast enough to provide the Gophers with many a touchdown this fall.

Down in Davenport today there is a second Franck preparing for Minnesota. He is Harry Franck, Jr., a younger brother. He plays left half on the high school team and wears No. 37 on his jersey--which is the identification numbered on George's Gopher uniform.

Minneapolis, September 12 For 420 out of a possible 480 minutes last season---which is to say, seven full games out of eight on the schedule--- Big Win Pedersen remained in action on the Minnesota line absorbing the pounding of the give and take with opposing linemen. Yet today, as the Gopher prepare for their 1939 schedule, the husky tackle is setting a new mark to shoot at---480 minutes of play out of a possible 480 minutes of playing time.

Soft-spoken but hard-muscled, the Gopher captain is entirely serious in his desire to play the whole season without relief.

"I'm not saying that I will," he points out, "But I sure would like to be in there every minute of every game. I've got two things in my favor. I love the game and I'm not bothered by injuries. Just how much I play, of course, is up to Coach Bernie Bierman."

One thing is certain. Big Win has the physique to absorb the rough going. University medical men who examined the Gopher captain last year during a study of athletes declare that he has the strongest heart action of the many examined. He weighs 210 pounds and stands six feet, three inches. The 210 pounds are compactly distributed over his rangy frame.

Hard work and healthy exercise are two of the important factors in Win's daily program. For the past two summers, he has worked during the day loading heavy farm machinery at a Minneapolis plant and been a crew member of the Minneapolis Rowing Club during his spare time.

He comes by his athletic ability naturally, for his father was a professional cricket player, coming to the United States from Denmark. Win's uncle also contributed to his athletic heritage, holding the Northwest professional wrestling championship back in 1915.



After a preliminary sophomore season at Minnesota during which he warmed up to the habit of remaining in action without frequent relief, Pedersen opened last season by playing 50 minutes against Washington in the opening game. Through the season, he played two full games without any relief and in several others had only a few minutes on the sideline.

Here is his record of action: Washington, 50 minutes; Nebraska, 56 minutes; Purdue, 56 minutes; Michigan 60 minutes; Iowa 41 minutes, Notre Dame 60 minutes, Northwestern 47 minutes and Wisconsin 49 minutes.

Quiet and sometimes reticent, Win sets his goals in life well in advance and then lets nothing stand in his way until he achieves them. When high school classmates implied he was afraid to play football because he had never reported for the team, he drew equipment and made an all-city team at Minneapolis West high in one season.

When his father died some years ago after an over-strenuous game of handball, Win set himself up still another goal that is his aim right now.

"Someday when I'm established as a coach," he says seriously, "I hope to be able to enjoy the things in life I haven't been fortunate enough to have up to now, and to share these enjoyments with my mother who has worked so hard to see me through."

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II.

This is the second in a series of stories on former Minnesota players of the "way back when" era. Subsequent stories will follow each week.

Minneapolis, Sept. 20²⁰---Modern football is so highly developed at present that the best player of the '90's would have a lot to learn before he could hope to make a major college eleven.

At least that's the opinion of one of the best collegiate players of the '90's, George A. E. Finlayson, lineman on University of Minnesota teams from 1893-97 and now a Duluth, Minnesota attorney.

"Comparison between the old days and the present game is almost impossible," he declares. "As a matter of fact, it requires at least four years at the present time for a boy to really learn the game. Timing has become an exact science. Blocking, though developed early by Pudge Heffelfinger and a few other individuals, has also been greatly developed."

A veteran of the days of the old flying wedge and other mass formations for advancing the ball, the one-time Gopher captain, after surveying the well-groomed playing fields and modern locker rooms, believes a great advance has come along these lines. For example:

During the '90's, the practise field at Minnesota was composed of "three inches of loose sand and a heavy crop of high grade sand burrs."

The training quarters in the basement of the old Y.M.C.A. building on the Minnesota campus boasted one bath tub and no hot water. "Toward the end of the training season in November the water from the Mississippi river got to be pretty cold," Finlayson recalls. "We finally got our training quarters

shifted to the rear of Sam Reynold's barbershop, where the space was limited but the water was much warmer."

A new and prized military cap of the Civil War model was a factor in getting Freshman George Finlayson interested in the game of football back in 1892. Inordinately proud of his military drill uniform, young Finlayson wandered over to a meeting of freshman boys to find out what all the commotion was about.

"After we had assembled, someone started passing a football around and finally someone threw the ball to me," he recollects. "I promptly fumbled it and in attempting to recover it, I fell on the ball. Simultaneously a dozen boys fell on me and when the pile was unscrambled my brand new military cap was on the bottom, smashed flatter than a pancake. Thoroughly indignant, I said, 'All right, boys, come on !' and passing the ball began in earnest."

Picked from the freshman ranks as a promising candidate by the varsity captain, George recalls that the following fall he ran three and one half miles to catch the train in order to be on time for his first day of varsity practise in Minneapolis.

During five seasons on the varsity, he played right guard, left guard, left tackle and fullback against the ace collegians of that period.

In 1895, he recalls, the renowned Pudge Heffelfinger was engaged as the team's regular coach. To demonstrate how it should be done, Heffelfinger would do the blocking for the halfback on a practise play with the varsity instructed to try and get at the ball-carrier. "The opposing players would be sprawled on the ground all the way to the goal line in the wake of Pudge," declares Finlayson.

Minnesota met Wisconsin at Madison in 1896 with nearly disastrous results for the proprietor of a railroad lunchroom at Lake City, Minnesota,

Minneapolis, October 1 - University of Minnesota freshman football players have that same "home grown" complexion that is a characteristic of the Gopher varsity, a survey of the most promising 35 Gopher yearlings named by Freshman Coach Dallas Ward reveals.

Which is to say that 33 of the 35 top frosh prospects now grooming for the 1940 Minnesota squad are native Minnesotans. Of the remaining two, one is from a Wisconsin town on the Minnesota state boundary and another from the neighboring state of Iowa.

After more than a month of working with his 100-man squad, Ward classes his charges as "lacking in experience, but with a lot of promise."

On at least two occasions, the yearlings have more than held their own in scrimmages against varsity teams. Once, Freshman Halfback Sam Vardalos of Minneapolis Central broke away for a 50-yard touchdown run against a high-ranking Gopher eleven.

If the group of 35 candidates is a criteria, the average freshman lineman weighs 195 pounds and the backfield averages just over 180 pounds.

Among the candidates that Ward lists as potential varsity material are the following:

Ends: Leo Von Sistine, 185 pounds, West Superior, Wis.; Warren Lundeen, 190, and Bill Baumgartner, 190, Duluth; Herb Johnson, 190, Minneapolis Central; Bob Green, 195, Iowa Falls, Ia., and Cliff Anderson, 180, Minneapolis West high.

Tackles: Dick Wildung, 200, LaVerne; Dick Eowen, 200, Minneapolis Washburn; Ted Hanna, 210, Minneapolis Washburn; Pat Cudd, 210, Minneapolis Central; Max Albers, 215, Glencoe.

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Guards: Tom Berthon, 185, Minneapolis Central; Wallace Holmstrom, 210, Duluth; John Biconich, 200, Chisholm; Connie Emerson, 190, Minneapolis Marshall; Mayville, 185, Duluth, and Eob Danielson, 195, Minneapolis South.

Centers: Bob Solheim, 185, Bernum; Bernie Nelson, 190, Minneapolis Central, and Don Nolander, 190, Minneapolis Roosevelt.

Quarterbacks: Joe Lauterbach, 195, Redwood Falls; Don Ohlgren, 185, Cokato; William Steiner, 185, Mankato.

Halfbacks: Gene Bierhaus, 185, Brainerd; Bill Garnass, 180, Minneapolis Marshall; Bud Higgins, 160, Minneapolis Washburn; Henry Burg, 165, Minneapolis Central; Sam Vardalos, 165, Minneapolis Central; Dick Feigal, 175, Pine Island, and Bud Leckie, 175, Minneapolis Washburn.

Fullbacks: George Sadar, 190, Eveleth; Bill Daly, 200, Melrose; Mike Welsh, 135, St. James, and Bob Russ, 195, Proctor.

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IV.

This is the fourth in a series of stories concerning former Minnesota football players of the "way back when" era.

Minneapolis, October 2/24 The next time the sports fraternity gets around to awarding "iron man" titles to veteran athletes of 10 to 15 years experience it might be well to consider the record of Bobby Marshall, the University of Minnesota's outstanding Negro end on teams just after the turn of the century.

For example: Marshall's football career was inaugurated in 1899 at Minneapolis Central high and was terminated when he was 54 years of age.

He played his last game of football at Minnesota in 1906 and followed up his collegiate career by 30 years of professional football and 30 years of semi-professional baseball, playing football with the Rock Island Marines and Ironwood, Michigan and baseball with the Colored Gophers and the Chicago Leland Giants.

In the final years of his active playing days, he played with athletes who were born after he had completed his collegiate career at Minnesota.

Now a state grain weigher in Minneapolis, the sturdy ex-Gopher confines his athletics to the annual varsity-alumni baseball game at Minnesota, but likes to recall the days when he was at end on some of the outstanding Williams-coached elevens of an earlier era.

His most indelible memory is of a rainy afternoon in Chicago during 1906, when his place-kick won the conference championship for the Gophers from a great Chicago team headed by Walter Eckersall.

A participant in the famous 1903 Minnesota-Michigan game, Marshall believes that the Dr. Williams' Minnesota shift came into its own in that game. That shift has been the basis of Minnesota football since that time and has been carried to other college and university teams.

Recalling that 1903 season, Bobby remembers that the team trained at Waconia, a resort town near Minneapolis, and that practise consisted of three hours each morning and a similar period in the afternoon.

"That was some football camp," he recollects. "We had a player by the name of Mumey Weitze who had quite an appetite. He ate 17 eggs one day and soon came to Dr. Williams complaining that he was sick. Doc prescribed the egg shells, finely ground, as medicine. Weitze said later that eating the shells made the eggs less restless."

Sig Harris, the Gopher quarterback of 1902-04, and Willie Heston, the great Michigan back of the same period, draw Marshall's nomination as the outstanding players of his experience.

Minneapolis, October --- That job as center on the University of Minnesota football team is coming to be something of a family affair.

Back in the seasons 1932-34, husky George Svendsen was a valued member of the Gopher squad, playing center part of the time and also serving at tackle. Then from 1935-37, Brother Earl Svendsen took over and proved to be one of the best centers in the Big Ten.

Now, after a lapse of a season, comes a third representative of the family to carry on the sterling play at the middle of the Gopher line. He is Bob Bjorklund, cousin of the Svendsens and a worthy successor.

Against Purdue, Bjorklund's defensive work led more than one observer to comment, "that's the best job of line backing that's been done for Minnesota since Earl Svendsen was in the lineup."

As a matter of fact, it took a little family consultation to bring Bjorklund to Minnesota. Bob was all set to attend a southern university until Mr. Svendsen, Sr. approached Mr. Bjorklund, Sr. and convinced him that something should be done to keep that Gopher center job in the family. Both fathers for years had played on the same amateur basketball team.

A product of North Minneapolis, Bob attended North high school. As a first year player, he was a center, but saw no action. In his last two years of competition, he was moved to tackle and later to guard, playing regularly.

An accident threatened to cut his football career short in high school. Wielding an axe, Bob severed a bone in his foot. He was on crutches for a few weeks, but was back in the lineup the following season.

As a freshman at Minnesota, Bjorklund played both center and end, and last season as a sophomore he won his letter as an end, playing in seven out of eight games for the Gophers.

Last spring, when the need for a center arose, Bob stepped out to inherit the job. How well he is carrying out that heritage is attested to by the fact that he is the regular Gopher center and has drawn special praise from the coaches for his work.

Now a junior, Bjorklund weighs 215 pounds, stands six feet, two and one-half inches in height.

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V.



This is the fifth in a series of weekly stories on former Minnesota football stars of the "way back when" era.

Minneapolis, October 11 - One of the first of a long line of outstanding Minnesota fullbacks that extends from the beginning of the century up to the present, Dr. Earl Current can still lay claim to a pair of outstanding achievements that his successors have not equalled.

For what he describes as "four long seasons" from 1903-06, he was a regular on the Minnesota team, and during his last two seasons, he was the captain, an honor that rarely comes more than once to a player.

Looking back on his University days after 33 years, Dr. Current, now a physician and surgeon in Spokane, Washington, still delights in recalling his football experience and maintains some very definite opinions on the game.

It was the second Big Ten game of his freshman year that stands out in his mind as "not only the most exciting, and the most memorable of my career, but the greatest game ever played by a Minnesota team." That was the now historic Minnesota-Michigan game of 1903 that ended in a 6-6 tie and a Gopher "moral" victory.

Sig Harris, 1902-03-04 quarterback, and now a Minneapolis business man and Minnesota reserve coach, gets Dr. Current's nomination as the outstanding player of his experience.

"Sig was a great field captain," declares the former fullback. "He was a fine punter and tackler, a dependable safety man. He understood the game thoroughly and above all, he played at all times to win."

Dr. Henry L. Williams, Minnesota coach from 1900-21, left the

imprint of his influence on most of his players and Dr. Current is no exception. He recalls that when Williams was present the practise sessions were long, hard and strenuous.

"During these practise sessions the famous Minnesota shift was developed," he recalls. "I loved the game, and I can faithfully state that I received an abundance of reward for having played during four long football seasons."

As a high school boy at New Ulm, Minnesota, Dr. Current recalls that he had three overwhelming ambitions. They were in the order of importance to graduate with an M.D. degree from Minnesota, to win an 'M' as a regular on the football team and to captain the eleven for one season.

How well he succeeded in realizing these ambitions is attested to by his record. After three years of general practise at Mobridge, S.D., he took additional work in the diseases of infancy and childhood and has specialized in that field. In football, he won not one letter but four and was captain for two seasons.

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Minneapolis, ~~September~~ --- Back in Rome, Italy, Grandpa Mariucci played the oboe, Uncle John, Fred and Pete Moroni tootled the cornet and Pop could play the Sextet from Lucia like sixty on the Trombone.

So what could be more natural when the family settled in Minnesota, U.S.A. than to have young John Mariucci, born in Eveleth, Minnesota, carry out his musical heritage. The high school had a baritone horn and with much parental prodding, Johnny began learning the scale.

There was just one fly in the musical ointment. Johnny saw his pals playing football in the neighborhood church yard and he abruptly put an end to pushing the middle valve down in favor of a good scrimmage.

Today one of the three veteran regulars on the University of Minnesota football team and an outstanding end for the Gophers, husky Johnny Mariucci grins when anyone mentions the sad affair of the baritone horn.

"Mom told me I'd have to stop wasting my time playing football and start my musical education," he remembers. "The musical director at the school had an extra baritone horn and Mom promised that I would be playing solos in a month if I could use it.

"I knew my goose was cooked as far as playing football went if I played any sweet notes on that horn. So when the day came for me to show the director how well I could play, I sort of gave the wrong valves a push. The director took the horn away from me before I had finished my first piece and I went out to play football."

It wasn't until the Minnesota-Michigan Homecoming game at Minneapolis last fall that John could get Mom to watch a game of football.

Finally, she decided that anything that was more interesting than music was worth at least one look. Now she is a real football fan and plans on seeing the Gophers in action as often as possible this season.

When John entered Eveleth high school several years ago, he promised his mother that if he couldn't make the first team, he would quit playing football. She thought that it was a sure way to cure him and turn his interests toward music. But John countered by playing halfback, guard and tackle during three seasons of high school football and a year as an end at Eveleth Junior College.

Although he has played football since he was 13 years old, Mariucci has yet to make his first touchdown and that, of course, brings up his 1939 ambition: to score at least once before he winds up his football career.

His ambition is to become a professional hockey player, and amateur and professional coaches alike will tell you that he should have little difficulty achieving that ambition.

From the day when he found a discarded pair of skates belonging to a well-known professional star, in an Eveleth trash pile, John has been an outstanding skater. He turned down a contract with a National League team before entering the University of Minnesota and last season was certified as a candidate for the U. S. Olympic hockey squad.

VI.

This is the sixth in a series of weekly stories about former Minnesota football players of the "way back when" era in Gopher football.

Minneapolis, October 16 - A practising attorney for many years, Orren E. Safford of Minneapolis has heard many an eloquent legal oration, but he's authority for the statement that the most inspiring speech of his recollection was a single sentence, to wit: "You will report to the training table tonight and until further notice."

The speaker was Dr. Henry L. Williams, University of Minnesota football coach from 1900-21 and the occasion was in the fall of 1904 during the Gopher squad's pre-season practise.

"I entered the University in the fall of 1904 and reported for football along with about 80 other men," Safford recalls. "My finances were low and so I purchased a meal ticket--21 meals for \$2.10. After about two weeks of practise and also after I had put two or three extra notches in my belt to accommodate my waistline to 10 cent meals, I was placed on the second team, thereby gaining the right to scrimmage only against the varsity.

"At the close of the first scrimmage following my promotion, we started toward the locker-room with the savory odors of broiling steaks wafted down to us from the training table kitchen. Believe me, my thoughts were not on my prospective 10 cent meal. Dr. Williams, who apparently had never taken any notice of me, laid his large, kindly hand on my shoulder and said, 'You report to the training table tonight and until further notice.' That may not sound like an eloquent speech to most people, but it did to me."

From that point on, young Safford's progress was steady and he was a center on the Gopher teams of 1905, 1906 and 1908, acting as captain of the latter eleven.



Along with Bobby Marshall and John Schuknecht, Gopher teammates of that era, Safford classes the Minnesota victory over Chicago in 1906 as one of the most memorable of his playing career. Schuknecht's run and Marshall's field goal for the game-winning points set the stage for the upset of Walter Eckersall and his Maroon teammates.

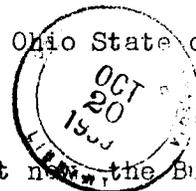
"I passed the wet, slippery ball back to Art Larkin and it seemed minutes before I heard the thud of Marshall's toe against the leather, but when I looked toward the goal from beneath a smother of arms and legs, I saw the ball sailing two feet over the cross bar and directly between the posts," he related.

Top honors for the most remembered game of his football career must go to the Minnesota 11-6 win over Carlisle in 1908, however, the former Minnesota captain said.

Among the outstanding players of his day, Safford believes that Walter Eckersall stood first "for the sheer individual brilliance of his play." Johnny McGovern, the Gopher's all-America quarterback of 1909, was Eckersall's equal as a brilliant player and valuable team man, he declares.

Minneapolis, October-20-Can Minnesota maintain its Memorial stadium record that shows only one loss at home since 1932 when Ohio State comes to the Twin Cities on Saturday?

Bernie Bierman isn't so sure. He says, "Right now, the Buckeyes look like the most dangerous team in the conference. We're going to have a whale of a job on our hands."



Even, Bierman, however, admits that the Gophers have built up a remarkable "home field" record since he took over the coaching duties at Minnesota. What that record boils down to is this: that in 32 games played at Memorial stadium, Minnesota has lost only one. There are 26 victories during that period and a trio of tie games.

There is just one flaw in this picture as far as the Buckeyes are concerned. The Ohioans did not contribute to the stadium record, because the last time the Columbus squad played in Minneapolis was in 1931, when the Gophers won 19-7 in a post-season game for charity.

Stadium records notwithstanding, the Gopher-Buckeye meeting on Saturday promises to be the outstanding event on the 1939 home schedule here and the key-game in the Minnesota Big Ten title defense.

Tied by Purdue, the Gophers must win the remaining conference games to gain their third consecutive season at the top of the conference standings.

Ohio State, sparked by Jim Strausbaugh, Frank Zadworney, Jim Langhurst and Johnny Rabb, has already defeated Northwestern, one of the pre-season favorites in the race; and Missouri, one of the top teams of the Big Six.

"We've come a long way since that Nebraska game," says Bierman. "The question is whether we've come far enough to be ready for Ohio. We still lack seasoned reserves and that may work against us."

There are certain expected changes in the Gopher starting lineup for the game. John Mariucci is slated to start at his regular position at left end, with Bill Johnson at right end. The latter was out of the Purdue game with a sprained ankle.

The remainder of the lineup with the exception of quarterback is fairly well established. Captain Win Pedersen and Sy Johnson are the tackles, Bill Kuusisto and Bob Smith the guards, Bob Bjorcklund at center, Harold Van Every and George Franck at halfbacks and Marty Christiansen at fullback. Quarterback duties are divided between Joe Mernik and Bob Paffrath, with the former in the lineup when the Gophers have to do any kicking.

More than 50,000 persons are expected to attend the game, which is the annual Minnesota Homecoming game.

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Minneapolis, October----Although his allegiance is with Minnesota by virtue of a good many ties, including the fact that he is the Gopher line coach, Dr. George Hauser will have an unofficial tie with Ohio State when the two teams meet here Saturday, October 21. An outstanding tackle for the Gophers in 1915-17, Dr. Hauser served as the Buckeye line coach for two years under Sam Willaman before coming to Minnesota with Bernie Bierman in 1932.

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VII

(This is the seventh in a series of stories on Minnesota football players of the "way back when" era.)



A banker since President Taft's inauguration on March 4, 1909, John R. Schuknecht occasionally likes to forget interest rates, deposits and bank drafts to recall his experiences as a halfback on the 1905-07 University of Minnesota teams.

Although his athletic activities are now confined to golf in the summer and curling in the winter, Schuknecht, now a resident of Eveleth, Minnesota, likes to remember the November day in 1906 when, as the right half on an underdog Minnesota team, he got away behind good interference for a 35-yard run that put the ball in position for Bobby Marshall to kick the game-winning field goal.

As captain of the 1907 Minnesota team, Schuknecht was one of three lettermen on the squad. Despite the shortage of veterans, the Gophers won their share of games, largely through the kicking brilliance of George Capron, who accounted for 44 of the season's total of 55 points with field goals.

Bill Ittner, a Minnesota tackle during 1904-06, was the outstanding teammate of that era, according to the former captain, with Walter Eckersall of Chicago the outstanding opponent.

Schuknecht is convinced that one of the chief values of participation is the gaining of many new friends, and he believes that the forward pass and the development of blocking are the greatest advances made since his playing days.

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VIII

(This is the eighth in a series of stories on Minnesota football in the "way back when" era.)



, Press box scorekeepers and coaches with small squads may lament the current football practise of teams using 25 to 50 men in a single game, but Ed. D. J. Coughlin, University of Minnesota backfield star of an earlier era, believes the use of big squads to be one of the most important improvements in the game since his playing days.

Now a businessman in Mankato, Minnesota, Coughlin was alternate quarterback on the 1907 Gopher eleven and alternated between quarterback and left half on the 1908 team. Looking back to his playing days, he can see numerous changes in the game, of which the use of larger squads seems most important.

"Today, more players are used and get to know and enjoy the game," he declares. "In my day, we rarely had a substitute who could go in without weakening the team."

During 1907-08, the Minnesota squad was particularly shorthanded and Coach Henry L. Williams often used only 13 men during the course of a game. During 1907, Coughlin alternated at quarterback with George Capron, the Gopher's great drop-kicking star. The following season, he alternated between left half and the signal-calling position, moving to halfback when Johnny McGovern, later an All-American, came into the lineup at quarter.

Even the weather has jmproved to add to the enjoyment of present day football, Coughlin believes. He recalls that during the two seasons he was on the squad early snow and cold made the playing conditions disagreeable.

It is a Minnesota defeat rather than a victory that stands out in his memory as the most memorable game of his playing days. In 1907, the Gophers met the strong Carlisle Indian team on Northrop Field and reports of the meeting characterized it as "one of the greatest football battles ever waged between the East and the West."

Ed Chestnut, Minnesota end, recovered a fumble and ran 100 yards for a touchdown, but the Indian passes offset this score and Carlisle won 12-10.

Today, Coughlin believes that the kicking of Capron for Minnesota and the forward passing of Steffens and Page of Chicago were the outstanding individual feats during his playing days.

Engaged in the salmon canning business in Washington and Alaska following his graduation at Minnesota, Coughlin saw service during the World War as a First Lieutenant of Infantry and then returned to his boyhood home of Mankato and entered the quarry business.

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This is the ninth in a series of stories on Minnesota football players of the "way back when" era.

Captain and fullback of the last Minnesota eleven to win a clear out claim to the Big Ten championship until Bernie Bierman's 1934 Gopher eleven accomplished the feat, Earle T. Pickering thinks that the day he led the 1911 Minnesota team against Chicago was the high-water mark of his athletic experience.

Always a Minnesota nemesis, Chicago held no terror for the Gophers that day, Pickering recalls, with the result that the Minnesotans finished on the long end of a 30-0 score and thus assured themselves of the Middle Western championship.

"Every one of our men was a star and every play clicked," the former Gopher captain recollected recently. "Chicago made only one first down, while we completed 19 passes out of 24 attempted."

In connection with the famous Minnesota-Chicago gridiron rivalry of the earlier era, Pickering recalled one incident that served to end a superstition of Dr. Henry L. Williams, father of Minnesota football and coach from 1900-21.

"Dr. Williams was very superstitious," says Pickering, "and it was his custom when playing the Chicago team in Chicago to stay at the old Chicago Beach hotel. The night before the game, he used to send the entire squad down to the dock and have each boy spit in Lake Michigan for luck.

"In 1908, my freshman year, 29 players made the trip and all were on the dock the night before the game to perform the prescribed ritual. But the next day the Maroons won the game. By an odd coincidence the score was 29-0. That cured Doc. He shook his head smilingly and said, "Never again."

Now a Minneapolis attorney, Pickering believes his experience as a player was invaluable, because "the game teaches team play and self-reliance and is also a deadly enemy to self-importance."

He believes that Rube Rosenwald, his backfield teammate during his playing days, was the greatest player he came in contact with, because "he was dependable, great on defense, and a good passer and receiver when that art was young."

Although athletics are now his avocation, they served as a vocation for Pickering upon graduation from the University of Minnesota. He served as football coach at the University of Vermont and played professional baseball in Terre Haute, Indiana. In 1913, he was appointed athletic director at the University of Arkansas and in 1915 football coach at St. Thomas College.

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Minneapolis, November 10- In the midst of their least successful season since 1932 from a won and lost standpoint, Minnesota's Gophers are still in high standing with their followers, both on the campus and off.

Despite the fact that the Gophers were early counted out of the Big Ten championship contest, there has been no letdown either in support or enthusiasm for the Minnesotans.

Reasons for this state are numerous, but chief among them is the fact that the Gophers have been playing hard football while dropping close decisions in hard fought games.

For example, in five games to date Minnesota has outscored its opponents 102 points to 56, run up 59 first downs to 46 for the opponents and gained a total of 1,486 yards from scrimmage to 1,194 for its adversaries.

No team has downed the Gophers by more than a single touchdown and only two opponents have done that. After winning from Arizona 62-0, the Minnesota eleven lost to Nebraska 6-0, tied Purdue 13-13, and lost to Ohio State 23-20 and to Northwestern 14-7.

In view of this, the attitude of Minnesota fans has been, "Hard luck ! We'll be on hand to see you win the next one." Approximately 135,000 have seen the Gophers in four home games and another 50,000 are expected for the Wisconsin game on November 25.

More than 2,500 tickets have been sold from here for the Michigan game at Ann Arbor this weekend and a large delegation is expected to follow the team to Iowa City on November 18 for the official student trip.

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Individually, the Gophers have been performing with as much enthusiasm and effectiveness as in any season you could name. Harold Van Every, who combines signal-calling with his triple threat talents, is on the trail of Pug Lund's all-time Minnesota yardage mark of 667 yards and to date has run a total of 571 yards from scrimmage.

George Franck at right half has played the most spectacular ball and has contributed his share to the Gopher performances with long runs and some of the finest punting ever seen at Memorial Stadium.

Meanwhile, Minnesota fans are explaining the turn in football fortunes with an explanatory "you can't win 'em all."

To which the Gopher squadmen reply collectively, "No. But its our turn to win. We'll still be in there fighting."

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X.

This is the last in a series of stories concerning Minnesota football players of the pre-war era.

Football has come a long way since the colorful pre-war days, but in one respect--the lost art of kicking field goals---the game has gone back. At least, that's the opinion of one of the outstanding Minnesota players of that era, Dr. Albert Boles, now an Oakland, California physician.

Known during his playing days as Boles Rosenthal, the former Gopher lineman, now an official of the Pacific Coast Conference, has a suggestion for the revival of interest in the field goal as a scoring weapon.

"If a field goal were to score four points so that two of them would equal a touchdown and a try-for-point, it might revive interest in the lost art," he suggests. "Remember Walter Eckersall, George Capron, Brickley, Mahan and Jim Thorpe?"

But if the game has been retarded in that one respect, the Gopher's 1914 captain believes that it has gone forward in a dozen more, chief of which has been the development of downfield blocking. "Don't they now 'em down these days," he comments.

One of the charter members of Reserve Coach Sig Harris' scrub squad that has since been serving as practise opposition for the Gopher varsity for more than a score of years, Dr. Boles graduated from the scrub ranks in 1911 as a center. Then during his first two seasons of varsity experience, he was stationed at right guard.

He recalls that one of the traditional dialogues on Northrop Field during those days would occur during practise, when the linemen would shout in unison, "What makes the ball go up the field?" Then, before the backfield men could reply, would come the answer, "The line !!"

It was the 1914 Minnesota eleven that had Rosenthal at center, Gilbert Sinclair and Mert Dunnigan at guards, Frank Mayer and John Townley at tackles and Albert Quist and Bert Baston at ends. "That was a line that could really back up its boast, 'The line does,'" admits its former center.

The 1914 Gopher team deserves special mention for its achievements, he believes, because in the pre-season forecasts sports writers dubbed it the "doormat of the Big Ten," yet the teams record equalled that of the better-known 1916 eleven.

Summing up his recollections, Dr. Boles believes that Bert Baston, later an all-America end, was his outstanding teammate and that Paul Des Jardien, all-American center at the University of Chicago in 1913, was his outstanding opponent.

Recalling the finale to his college football days--Minnesota's 13-7 win over Chicago ending the 1914 season--Dr. Boles says: "Des Jardien was the captain and center of the Maroons and I had the same assignments for our team. The night before the game, Des Jardien and I were seated side-by-side at one of the famous "purity" banquets the two universities used to hold before a game. Neither of us was a bit secretive about how badly each of us wanted to win."

Officiating games in the Pacific Coast conference, he declares, lends continuity to his life long football hobby. Following graduation, Dr. Boles served as assistant to Dr. Henry L. Williams at Minnesota for two years. In 1917, he became coaching assistant to Gilmore Dobie at Annapolis, and in 1919, the coach of the Olympic Club team at San Francisco. He closed his active coaching service in 1929 after nine years as line coach at the University of California.



Minneapolis, November 16 If Bruce Smith turns out to be a first-class halfback it won't be any surprise to his dad. In fact, the latter planned it that way.

Eight years ago--maybe even longer than that---Lucius A. Smith, a former Minnesota football star in his own right, began grooming his young son in football tactics.

He not only showed him the rudiments of the game, but he brought him a season ticket for all Gopher home games and brought Bruce from Faribault to Minneapolis each autumn Saturday afternoon to see the Gophers in action.

"I saw every home game that Minnesota played for eight years," declares Bruce. "I got so I couldn't think in any other terms than Minnesota football. And there were plenty of good halfbacks that I could use as examples."

It was during the 1908-9-10 seasons that Mr. Smith, Sr. played guard and tackle on Gopher teams, playing on the line ahead of such sterling backs as Johnny McGovern and Earle Pickering.

With such a football background, Bruce entered Faribault high school and was a regular on the team for four seasons. An older brother, George, later a member of the Minnesota squad, was a further example to him.

During that four-year high school stretch, Bruce played against many of his present teammates on the Gopher squad. Among them, El Steinbauer, Don Twedell, Joe Jabbra, Bill Atkins and Chuck Myre.

It was also during this period that Bruce found time to play regularly on the Faribault basketball team that was an entry in the state tournament during his senior season.

As a freshman at Minnesota last season, he drew the unqualified approval of the coaches. Freshman Coach Dallas Ward declared that the young halfback candidate could have stepped into the Gopher starting lineup without any trouble.

This season, his first as a full-fledged Gopher, Bruce has scored three touchdowns and has carried the ball 38 times for an average of 5.84 yards per try. Standing an even six feet in height and weighing 190 pounds, he can pass, punt and run with equal facility.

Against Michigan last Saturday, Smith really came into his own, scoring a touchdown and carrying the ball 71 yards in eight attempts.

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Minneapolis, November 22- Meet the Damon and Pythias of Minnesota football---stocky Joe Mernik and the hard-hitting Bob Sweiger, two of the best students in the Gopher's sophomore group.

Buddies since they were in knee pants and played on the neighborhood sandlot in Minneapolis, theirs is one of the most unusual athletic relationships you could name.

It all began some 10 years ago, when Sweiger was the all-around athletic star at St. Stephens parochial school in Minneapolis and Mernik held the same niche at Holy Cross school.

Opponents on the baseball field and the basketball court, the pair neither asked nor gave no quarter during the games, but always had a grin and a pat on the back for each other when the game was over.

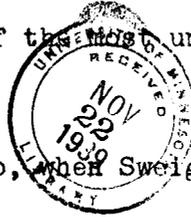
Then both entered DeLesalle high school where they became teammates and played together on the school's championship basketball quintet.

After a year as teammates, the two suddenly became opponents again, as Sweiger transferred to Minneapolis Central high and Mernik went to Edison high on the other side of town.

With customary thoroughness, both became outstanding athletic figures on the local high school league, and were chosen on all-city teams.

"When we were seniors," recalls Sweiger, "we met as opponents for the last time in football. In the two previous meetings, my team had won a game and so had Joe's. We won that one 6-0 and the city championship along with it."

Thus it was that the pair entered the University of Minnesota last fall, once again teammates.



In early games this fall, Mernik went into the Minnesota starting lineup frequently as blocking quarterback, foregoing his usual ball-carrying chores.

Against Michigan, Coach Bernie Bierman started Mernik at quarterback and Sweiger at fullback---the first time the pair had been together in a starting lineup since the old days at DeLasalle.

The play of the pair against the Wolverines as the Gophers rediscovered their winning ways prompted Bierman to leave the lineup unchanged for the Iowa game.

Sweiger stands six feet, weighs 199 pounds. He combined unusual speed with his drive to enable him to pick up added yards on plunges. Mernik weighs only 176 pounds, but he packs the drive of a fullback into his play.

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Bill Kuusisto and Leonard (Butch) Levy, 200-pound Gopher linemen, will join the wrestling squad. Kuusisto was the Minnesota heavyweight entry last year. His competition will come from Levy, who won the all-university heavyweight crown in intramural competition and who is a former state high school champion.

Fleet-footed George Franck, whose phenomenal speed has broken him loose for several long runs during the season, will rejoin the track squad as a sprinter. His 9.7 second 100-yard dash against Marquette last spring was the best time for the distance ever turned in by a Minnesota trackman. Also scheduled to transfer athletic activities to the track team are Bob Fitch, reserve end, who throws the discus, and Helge Pukema, a weight man.

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Much of the necessary scoring punch is expected from Don Smith at one of the forward berths. The former Minneapolis Roosevelt player broke the Minneapolis high school scoring record two seasons back, only to have his total eclipsed last year.

The third member of the sophomore trio is expected to be Jack Pearson of Lovell, Wyoming, one of the outstanding members of last season's Gopher freshmen squad and characterized by Mac Millan as a good ball-handler.

There are three additional lettermen on the squad who will contest the sophomore right to first team jobs once the season gets under way. They are Fred Anderson, who won his letter as a reserve forward last year; Harold Van Every, forward, who reported late from the football squad, and Max Mohr, also a forward. Mohr will not be available until after the first of the year.

Reserves who hope to break into the lineup include George Loerner, center from St. Paul, and a pair of forwards, Lefty Bolick and Vic Johnson.

The close of the football season added several former all-city and all-state players to the ranks of the sophomores. Among them, Joe Mernik, all-city and all-state guard from Minneapolis Edison, who may not report until the close of the fall quarter; Bob Sweiger, former all-city guard at Minneapolis Central; and Bob Bjorklund, a candidate for center.

Prize member of the sophomore group if and when he clears an eligibility barrier, is Don Carlson, former member of the state championship Minneapolis Edison quintet. Coach Mac Millan classes Carlson as his outstanding prospect and hopes to have him available by the time the conference season gets under way.

Other sophomores include Harold Thune, a guard from Murdo, S. D.; Bob Tevro, a forward from Hopkins and Jim Smith a forward from Minneapolis West.



Minneapolis, September 11- If Minnesota's eight 1940 football opponents enter a plea for a 30-mile an hour speed limit on congested gridirons when Half-back George Franck is in the lineup --- well, you can hardly blame them.

Speed afoot characterizes the Minnesota senior, as has previously been proven by stop-watches. As a member of the Minnesota track team, Franck has been timed at 6.3 seconds for 60 yards and 9.7 seconds for the 100-yard dash. Last spring, he finished second in the Big Ten 100-yard championships and was a member of Minnesota's championship mile-relay quartet.

Cleated-shoes, pads and other football paraphrenalia do slow down these speeds but not enough to suit the opposition. George estimates that he can run 100-yards in full equipment in about 11 seconds. Last fall his speed helped him to score five touchdowns. During the season, he carried the ball 73 times and averaged better than five yards each time. In addition, he intercepted four passes and returned them an average of 30 yards.

A second, but not secondary, talent of the Gopher halfback is his ability to punt long spirals that keep the opposition in the hole. The best effort in this department has been 70 yards and Franck is fairly consistent at 50 yards. Last season, he averaged 40 yards on his kicks, taking into account the shorter efforts that were aimed out of bounds.

Also available at left half for Minnesota is Bruce Smith, the outstanding sophomore back of 1939. The combination creates a problem for Coach Bernie Bierman in the early days of practise, since he has two of the Big Ten's best prospects at left half and a replacement problem at right half.

MINNESOTA NOTES

Minneapolis, September 11-- Following the pattern of previous seasons, every section of the state is represented on the 1940 University of Minnesota football squad. Twenty-seven Minnesota communities will have representatives on the Gopher squad. Emphasizing the traditional "home grown" aspect of Gopher squads is the fact that better than 93 percent of its members are from Minnesota and the remainder from nearby communities in surrounding states.

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Minneapolis, September --- Bernie Nelson, sophomore center and end candidate on the University of Minnesota football squad, hopes--of all things--- to attain the athletic recognition accorded his sisters. Three sisters and a cousin form the featured skating team known as the Nelson Sisters.

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Minneapolis, September--- When Minnesota and Wisconsin meet in the final game of the 1940 season at Madison on November 23 it will be the fiftieth game in the historic series. The series began back in 1890, when the Wisconsin players arrived in Minneapolis wearing silk top hats, arousing the ire of the Gophers to such an extent that the latter won 63-0. The series has been continued annually with the exception of the year 1906.

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Minneapolis, September --- Games at Evanston, Ill., Columbus, Ohio and Madison, Wisconsin will find the University of Minnesota football squad travelling more than 3,500 miles this fall, but with only an average of one and one-half days per game away from classes.

Minneapolis, September-¹¹ When the University of Minnesota football team meets Northwestern at Evanston on November 2, the Gophers are going to have to overcome a precedent to win. Minnesota has not won a game at Evanston since 1929 despite the fact that the Gophers have won the Big Ten title four times in the intervening seasons.

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Minneapolis, September --- Young athletes of Scandinavian extraction still play major roles in University of Minnesota football. But by actual count, only 15 of the 74 1940 squad members come under this classification. Among them are Co-captains Bob Bjorklund of Minneapolis and Bill Johnson of Slayton.

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Minneapolis, September --- Football interest is now being generated even in the furthest reaches of the United State's possessions. From isolated Midway Island in the North Pacific last week came a letter to the University of Minnesota athletic department requesting information on the Minnesota-Stanford football series of a few years ago. The writer, a member of the U. S. Engineering unit stationed on the island, also asked for information on Minnesota's great fullback of the 1927-29 era, Bronko Nagurski.

Minneapolis, September 17. "Quantity good --- quality uncertain," is the way Dr. George Hauser characterizes the University of Minnesota's line prospects this season.

"We have plenty of candidates for each position. They are big and have fair speed. But in most positions there is a certain lack of experience. We can have a good line if every thing works out," said the Minnesota line coach.

Position by position, here's the way Dr. Hauser classifies the candidates for the five jobs from tackle to tackle:

Centers: "Can be the strongest or the weakest point in the line." With Co-captain Bob Bjorklund and Sophomore Bernie Nelson classed as centers, the position has numerical strength. But this pair may have to alternate at center and end. Other candidates are Veterans Bob Kolliner and Mark Moore, Sophomores Don Nolander and Bob Solheim.

Guards: "The best fortified positions on the line and perhaps the best protected on the squad," declares Dr. Hauser. "There will be both quantity and quality here." Five lettermen, any one of whom is a possible starter, are available. Gordon Paschka, Bill Kuusisto, Helge Pukema, Neil Litman, and Bob Smith were all listed as starters last season. In addition, the veteran John Billman has been switched from tackle to guard, and there are four sophomores.

Tackles: "The experienced men at tackle are competent, but they are too few in number." Fred Vant Hull, Urban Odson and Leonard Levy are the veterans. Vant Hull was in the starting lineup frequently as a sophomore a year ago. Odson started the 1940 season as a first string player. Sophomore Dick

Wildung of Luverne has been called an outstanding prospect. He was on the first team as practise opened.

Gopher linemen will perhaps average a little heavier than in recent seasons. The average weight of the tackles was 208 pounds as the season opened, guards averaging 201 pounds and centers 192.

Dr. Hauser's early practise routine calls for extra long sessions with the tackling and blocking dummies, including a new tackling machine that registers the amount of drive put into a block or tackle on a small gauge.

Minneapolis September 26-- Bert Baston, University of Minnesota end coach and one-time all-American at that position, admits he has his problems with the current group of Gopher end candidates. "But," he warns, "don't put any 'good, bad or indifferent' classification on the boys yet.

"Three or four of our ends who are just on the verge of becoming the kind of players we have to find," says Bert. "If we can get them over that hump in time, the ends will stack up with any other position on the squad.

"Bob Fitch really made the grade toward the end of last season. With normal development, he should be a fine player this season. Co-captain Bill Johnson has the physical setup and the experience needed. I haven't seen enough of the sophomores yet to be sure how much they will help us. Leo Von Sistine is very fast and Carl Ekberg has the raw material out of which ends are made. Joe Hirscher, Bill Gladwin and Judd Ringer of the reserves also have promise."

Year in and out, the records show, Baston has developed Minnesota ends that have ranked with the best in the nation. Among them, Frank (Butch) Larson, all-American in 1933-34, and Ray King, who won the honor in 1937.

Together with Pudge Wyman, one of Minnesota's illustrious fullbacks, Baston formed the famed passing combination of Wyman-to-Baston that is still remembered. His pass catching ability coupled with general all-around brilliance earned him all-America rating in both 1915 and 1916. Much of the old skill still remains, as Gopher ends of the current era, who have been the subject of Baston's personal demonstrations, will testify.

Minneapolis, September 26 - There will be no guesswork as to the comparative abilities of Minnesota linemen this season. Reason: a mechanically controlled canvas dummy that registers the "push" behind each lineman's charge.

Ordered installed by Line Coach George Hauser, the dummy slides along on pullies. The opposition offered by the dummy is regulated by pneumatic pressure controlled by the coach and many an ambitious guard or tackle has been sent sprawling by the unexpected resistance put up by the stuffed canvas bag.

The dummy is one of several conditioning devices developed on orders of Dr. Hauser. Since Minnesota players seldom scrimmage after the first game of the season, the artificial resistance takes the place of actual players and helps to reduce practise injuries.

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Minneapolis, September --- The 1940 University of Minnesota football team will run on approximately 7,000 yards of new sod during home games, according to Veteran Groundskeeper Art Smith. The sod was "plugged in" to bare spots in the turf of Memorial Stadium and five adjacent practise fields. A good gridiron, says Smith, will have grass with long, tough roots and a minimum of clover, which makes a slippery field, even when players wear cleated shoes.

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Minneapolis, September --- The European war has caused a shortage of two important training room items at the University of Minnesota football headquarters. Surgical scissors made in Germany are no longer obtainable. Neither is a special type of sponge rubber made in France and used for pads and other protective equipment.

Minneapolis, September 2- If quarterback veterans John Bartelt or Jim Shearer win the regular job as signal-caller on the 1940 University of Minnesota football team it will be the first time a "one-position" player has held the job since Glenn Seidel played in the Gopher backfield in 1935. Vernal LeVoir, who succeeded Seidel, was a converted fullback. So were Vic Spadaccini in 1937 and George Faust in 1938. Charles Wilkinson, Minnesota quarterback in 1936, was a letter-winner at guard the previous season. Last season, Halfback Joe Mernik won the job.

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Minneapolis, September --- Freshmen defeated sophomores in the first football game ever played on the University of Minnesota campus back in 1878. The Ariel, student paper of that era, suggested the result was due to "the freshmen outnumbering the sophomores."

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Minneapolis, September --- Modern dining facilities of the University of Minnesota's new Coffman Memorial Union provide the training table site this year for hungry Gopher football players. Dr. George Hauser, team physician as well as line coach, prepares the menus and makes certain that the athletes don't get too much starchy foods.

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Minneapolis ^b - It may come as a surprise to those who are used to referring to football players studying physical education as "dumb athletes" --- but the truth is that a physical education "major" course has requirements which only a serious student can meet.

Authority for this statement is Louis F. Keller, associate professor of physical education at the University of Minnesota. "Just look over the curriculum in physical education here at Minnesota and you'll discover what I mean," he says.

"In the first two years of the course, students take only nine credits in actual physical education subjects, for they must study chemistry, composition, zoology, psychology, preventive medicine, fundamentals of speech and pass 40 other credits in academic subjects," Keller explained. "You can't be a 'dumb athlete' and pass a course like that."

Going into the final two years leading to a bachelor's degree, the physical education major finds his classroom work still on a high level. Then he must study such subjects as physiological chemistry, human physiology, anatomy, public and personal health, kinesiology and practise teaching.

As is the case with other students in the College of Education at Minnesota who expect to become teachers, physical education majors must carry a "minor"--- a secondary field of study which he can teach along with coaching duties when he gets a job.

An example of the graduates is George (Butch) Nash, end on the football teams of 1936-38 and now a member of the faculty at Anoka, Minnesota, high school. Nash coaches and teaches physical education and social studies. So do

George Roscoe, halfback from 1933-35, now coach at Owatonna, Minnesota high school, and Gordon Addington, basketball player from 1936-38, now at Harmony, Minn.

Stan Kostka, all-American fullback on the 1934 national championship Gopher eleven, now coaches at Chisholm high school. He also teaches biology and zoology. Scores of graduates hold similar posts.

Approximately 20 of the 65 members of the current University of Minnesota football squad are majoring in physical education. The remainder are scattered through the academic and professional departments of the University.



Minneapolis, October 12 The addition of Sophomore Fullback Bill Daley to the Minnesota lineup gives the Gophers what well may be one of the fastest backfields in the nation.

A tall 200-pounder, Daley stepped into the fullback assignment against Nebraska last Saturday with a drive and speed that reminded spectators of some of the fine Minnesota fullbacks of the past. Today, he is a candidate for the starting assignment.

In the second quarter, Daley broke off guard and ran 48 yards to the Nebraska five-yard line, carrying a Cornhusker tackler on his back the last half-dozen steps. Two plays later, he bucked over for the first touchdown of the game.

As the fourth quarter opened, a Nebraska back intercepted a Minnesota pass and was headed for the open field until Daley sprinted across the field from his defensive position to halt him with a hard tackle. Later, Bill added to his total yardage by running 20 yards on one play and cracking the center of the Nebraska line for 18 yards in two more attempts. In all, he averaged 9.8 yards for each time he carried the ball.

"I should have scored easily on that 48 yard run," he declared later. "I made the mistake of looking back when all I had to do was run. I don't think I'll make that mistake again."

Although his high school at Melrose, Minn. had no track team, Daley ran a 100-yard time trial in 10.2 seconds despite the 200 pounds he carried on his six foot, two inch frame.

With George Franck, one of the Big Ten's outstanding sprinters at right half and two other fast men in the Gopher backfield, the Minnesota running attack can really move down field when Daley is in the lineup.

At Melrose high school, Bill played left and right half, punted, passed and kicked off for his team during his senior year. He also played center on the basketball team, was a baseball outfielder and a promising heavy-weight boxer.

Lack of confidence in his football ability kept Daley from coming to Minnesota for a year after he graduated. "Pug Lund, Minnesota's all-American halfback in 1934, was my boyhood idol," he explains. "I felt I could never hope to be as fine a player as Lund so I almost gave up the idea of football."

Last year, however, the Melrose coach convinced Bill that it was worth a try. The result was that Daley was named the outstanding back on the 1939 Minnesota freshman squad. His advancement since that time has been steady and coaches believe he may in time become a worthy successor to the line of famous Minnesota fullbacks.



Minneapolis, October 22-- Here are a few observations on George Franck, Minnesota's fleet senior halfback, who has been leading the 1940 Gophers in their victories to date:

Against Washington and Nebraska he totalled 158 yards from scrimmage. This is approximately one-half the yardage he ran up in eight games last season. It is also one-third of the total yardage gained by the entire Minnesota team from rushing this season.

His punting average has been better than 42 yards, including the short kicks directed out of bounds or into the end zone. The record shows that he has spiralled the ball 60 to 70 yards on occasion.

He has added passing to his talents this season, completing many of his attempts with accurate tosses.

Before he closes his Minnesota football career, barring misfortune, George will have carried the ball more than 1,000 yards from scrimmage in three seasons. With six games left on the 1940 schedule, he already has carried the ball 164 times for 872 yards, an average of 5.31 yards. He has also crossed the goal line 11 times. His outstanding play was the 98-yard return of a kickoff for a touchdown against Washington on September 28.

Speaking for himself, Franck says, "Any success I've had in carrying the ball this season is due to the fine blocking the rest of the team has given me. That was particularly true on that long run in the Washington game."

Explaining the break-away downfield dashes that have featured his play this season, George declares, "I just took the ball and ran." This statement is well verified by the opposition who had the experience of trying to lay hands on

the elusive Gopher back. Franck has sprinted the 100-yard dash in a track suit in 9.7 seconds. He is a member of the Big Ten championship mile relay team. The clock at Minnesota's Memorial Stadium flashed off exactly 15 seconds while he was making his 98-yard dash against Washington burdened by pounds of football equipment.

As an after-thought, George adds, "I also make a feint once in a while to get by the opposing safety man. Sometimes he does the same thing. Then you have to feint twice to his once. That slows you up a little."

Although he weighs only 175 pounds, Franck has been playing right half-back in the Gopher lineup, a job that calls for considerable blocking. He has also been calling the signals when any of Minnesota's blocking quarterbacks have been in the backfield.

The passing skill he shows this year is the result of a summer of daily practise. He carried a football to work each day and during the lunch hour and after work, he developed passing accuracy.

Meanwhile, in Davenport, Iowa, there is a trio of Francks who watch George's progress with more than ordinary interest. They are Mr. and Mrs. Harry Franck, Sr. and brother Harry, Jr. When the Gophers play at Minneapolis the Franck family schedule is a complicated one. After watching Harry, Jr. play in the backfield of the Davenport high school team on a Friday night, the Francks climb in the family car and drive to Minneapolis to be on time for Saturday's game.



Minneapolis 24- George Franck, Minnesota's elusive halfback, has now displayed virtually all of the talents listed for that position plus a few that are supposedly in the province of other backfield men.

Known as a speedy running back for the past two seasons, the 175-pound Gopher right halfback has demonstrated his fleetness in every game to date, particularly in his 98-yard touchdown run from kickoff against Washington.

As a punter, he has averaged 40 yards on his kicks, including efforts directed over the goal line or out of bounds. He has been known to get off punts that travelled 70 yards.

His tackling has staved off at least two touchdowns at important moments when the opposition threatened. His peculiar semi-block brought down both the ball-carrier and his blocker in the Washington game. The same maneuver knocked an Ohio State runner out of bounds on the one-yard line to save another score from being tallied against the Gophers.

In addition, he has done his share of the passing and has made his share of completions.

Against Iowa last Saturday, Franck added two new scoring weapons to his array. Twice he out-raced the opposing secondary to catch passes for touchdowns. Twice more, he bucked inside tackle for touchdowns.

In addition to his halfbacking duties, George also calls signals from his spot at right halfback and becomes a blocker when his backfield mates have the ball. In four games, Franck has averaged 5.35 yards and has scored six touchdowns.

Minneapolis --- Here are some reasons for the ability of the Minnesota football team to carry on a sustained attack this season without a noticeable letdown in effectiveness when substitutions are made.

Sophomore end Bill Baumgartner of Duluth was on the fourth team when the season started. He served a short apprenticeship in the Washington and Nebraska games, then stepped out in the Ohio State game and made several important tackles that helped the Gophers to stave off the Buckeyes. Against Iowa, he was in the game early and continued to show promise.

Gene Flick, center candidate from Minneapolis, didn't get into a game last season and wasn't even considered in the pre-season reckoning of Minnesota strength. Today he has the rating as the first alternate to Co-captain Bob Bjorklund and has been in action in every Minnesota game to date.

Helge Pukema, letterman guard from Duluth, spent a major portion of last season on the bench. Inserted into the Gopher lineup in the Ohio State game, his play was singled out by Minnesota coaches after the game as one of the two best performances by linemen during the game.

Bob Fitch, end from St. Louis Park, has helped to lessen Minnesota's problem at the ends by playing a particularly outstanding game against Iowa. He threw Hawkeye ball-carriers for repeated losses and Coach Bierman declared that Fitch "saved the day" in the uncertain first quarter.

Ed Steinbauer, senior fullback from Owatonna, also got his opportunity against Iowa after sitting on the bench most of the first three games while Bob Sweiger and Bill Daley did the plunging. Against the Hawkeyes, Steinbauer scored one touchdown, kicked the conversion and averaged 8.8 yards for every time he carried the ball.

Minneapolis, November ~~25~~²⁶ One of the smallest "graduating classes" in recent University of Minnesota football history--- 10 seniors --- will have its commencement exercises at Madison on Saturday as the Gophers meet Wisconsin in the final game of the season and the fiftieth anniversary of the historic series between the two universities.

Despite the minimum total loss to the championship squad, the Minnesotans will lose five men out of the 1940 starting lineup. George Franck, the Gopher's versatile touchdown runner, will conclude his competition. So will Co-captains Bob Bjorklund at center and Bill Johnson at right end, Bob Paffrath at quarterback and Bill Kuusisto at left guard.

Another five seniors will be making their final appearance from the second and third teams. They include Bob Kolliner, center; John Bartelt, quarterback; Joe Jannik, halfback; Ed Steinbauer, fullback, and Helge Pukema, guard. The latter has been a first string player, alternating at right guard with Gordon Paschka who will hold over. Jim Shearer, quarterback, and Gene Flick, center, both have a season of competition remaining, but may be able to graduate before another season.

Few seniors in recent Minnesota annals have concluded their playing careers with as many accomplishments as Franck will have to his credit when the final gun has sounded on Saturday. In 23 games, he has carried the ball for a total of 1,141 yards, has scored 16 touchdowns and has averaged better than 40 yards on punts.

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Minneapolis, November 2 - Coach Dallas Ward is frankly optimistic regarding his 1940 University of Minnesota freshman football squad. Surveying the results accomplished during the six weeks of practise just concluded, he admits:

"It has been a very satisfactory squad in every way. Maybe it wasn't the best freshman group we've had at Minnesota. But barring misfortune, I'll wager that few squads will have contributed more to Minnesota football by the time these boys wind up their competition."

When the recent mid-November blizzard cut the freshman season short at Minnesota, Ward had already singled out some three dozen players as promising. Several others will receive numerals and will also be asked to join the varsity in spring practise.

Promising backfield candidates predominate, Ward points out, but there are also several good linemen in the group. Following is a list of some of outstanding Gopher yearlings.

Ends - Dick Burk and John Whitten, Minneapolis; John Adams, Mound; Herbert Hein, Billings, Mont.; John Mulready, Fargo, N. D.; Pat Sheehan, Williston, N. D.

Tackles - George Path, St. Paul; Bill Hopp, Aberdeen, S.D.; Bill Aldworth, Garden City, N. Y., and Rudy Sikich, Hibbing.

Guards - Vic Kulbitski, Red Wing, and John Perko, Ely,

Centers - Ed Puchtel, Minneapolis, and Charles Sandberg, Zumbrota.

Quarterbacks - Jim Halcy, Minneapolis; Bob Sandberg, Rice Lake, Wis., and Bill Resch, Menasha, Wis.

Halfbacks - Don Thomas, Bob Bradford and Walt Mornik, Minneapolis; John Mauer, St. Paul; Foster Bacon, Spring Valley; Jack Dauphin, Grand Rapids; Earl Eli, Milaca; Herman Frickey, Billings, Mont.; Jim Foster, Detroit Lakes; Norris Hannigan, LeCenter.

Fullbacks - Bob Graiziger, St. Paul; William Schalow, Chaska, and Warren Bonus, Eau Claire, Wis.

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Minneapolis, November --- At least two of the players who participated in the first game between Minnesota and Wisconsin back in 1890 are still following the Gopher progress as the Minnesotans prepare to meet the Badgers for the fiftieth time at Madison on Saturday. They are A. F. Pillsbury and George Belden, Minneapolis business leaders. Belden kicked the field goal for Minnesota's final five points in the 63-0 win 50 years ago.

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Minneapolis, November --- Tuesday, November 26, will be a busy day for Minnesota's championship Gophers despite the fact that they will have concluded their season on that date. A captain for the 1941 Minnesota squad will be elected and 1940 football letter winners announced at a football assembly on the campus at 4 p.m. The official football party and dinner dance will follow in the ballroom of the new Coffman Memorial Union on Tuesday evening.

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Minneapolis, November --- Several members of the 1940 University of Minnesota football squad will swing into competition in other sports on the close of the football season this week. Among them, Joe Mernik, basketball; Judd Ringer, swimming; Len Levy and Bill Kuusisto, wrestling, and George Franck and Bob Fitch, track.









KENNETH EKEL: forward. Regarded as a possible candidate for a berth in the starting lineup. He is a good ball-handler, a better than average shot and a fair defensive player by the coaches' pre-season rating. From Minneapolis Roosevelt. Height five feet, 11 inches. Weight 155 pounds.

JIM FITZGERALD: forward. A younger brother of the former University of Chicago captain. He needs more experience but has promise. From Yankton, S. D. Height five feet, 11 inches. Weight, 165 pounds.

BILL LIND: Center. Regarded as the leading candidate for the starting center assignment. The tallest man on the squad, six feet, three inches, he also is considered a good scorer, an able man on rebounds and a competent ball-handler. From Minneapolis North high.

JOHN OLSEN: guard. Coaches say his outstanding talents run to ball-handling and shooting. He is small but very fast. From Minneapolis West high. Height, five feet, 10 inches. Weight, 155 pounds.

FRED VANSTRUM: forward or guard. An aggressive player who is always "on the ball." A good shot in the bargain. He is from Lind, Minn. Height, five feet, 10 inches; weight, 175 pounds.

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COACH DAVE MAC MILLAN: It was in 1927 that Mac Millan came to Minnesota bringing with him the rapid fire passing game that has been adopted by many a college team and which was a product of his playing days with the famed New York Celtics. Since that time, working for the most part with squads averaging under six feet in height, he has substituted speed and skill in the Minnesota attack instead of the old style power and blocking. During the intervening years since he became the Minnesota coach, Mac Millan has directed teams to first division berths in the Big Ten several times and to a share of the championship in 1936-37. Bora and raised on New York's East Side, Mac Millan learned his basketball early as a member of the Madison Square Church House and Twenty-third Street Y.M.C.A. teams. It was in 1912 that he joined the Celtics, playing with such stars as Nat Holman, Johnny Beckman, Chris Leonard, Dutch Dehnart and Pete Barry. As a college undergraduate, Mac Millan attended both Oberlin and the University of Idaho, becoming coach at the latter University at a later date.

ASSISTANT COACH MIKE CIELUSAK: was an outstanding guard on Mac Millan's Minnesota teams of 1930 and 1931. Also a third baseman on the Gopher baseball nine during the same period. Now assistant coach and scout, as well as assistant to the director of intramural athletics.

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Sports Release



Minneapolis, December 22. The business of trying to follow in the blade marks of an undefeated national championship predecessor is one of major importance to the current University of Minnesota hockey squad, perennially one of the leaders in collegiate circles.

Coach Larry Armstrong thinks that possibly it can be accomplished. But he qualifies that thought with the explanation that his present Gophers are bound to feel the loss of some key members of last season's champions. If Minnesota drops a game or two in a difficult schedule it is to be expected, he feels.

It is an impressive record that the Gopher skaters seek to perpetuate. Every one of Coach Armstrong's five previous Minnesota sextets has won or tied for the title in the three-team Western Conference hockey competition. In addition, last year's Gophers won every one of their 18 games.

There are six veterans back on the roster, including some of the top-notch play-makers of last season. Chief of these is Captain Harold (Babe) Paulsen, highest scorer in Minnesota hockey history and possibly one of the leading goal-getters in collegiate annals, although records do not cover the point.

In his first two seasons, Paulsen, a product of Mesabi Range hockey at Virginia, Minnesota, counted 49 goals and 29 assists in 39 games. This season, he is again patrolling the

right wing on the starting line, along with Allan Eggleton at center and Fred Junger at left wing. The latter pair are also veterans of the 1939-40 campaign.

A bit short on size, but long on speed and combination play, the trio had its debut in the recent series with London, Ont. A.C. and scored four of the eight Minnesota goals.

Veteran defensemen provide experience along the Gopher blue line. Ken Cramp, a three-year veteran, was a regular last season and Ian Anderson a valuable alternate. The sixth letterman is Ray Fischer, who won recognition at wing last season, but who is now in the midst of a two-way competition for the goal-minding job along with Burton Joseph, understudy to Marty Falk a year ago.

There is also plenty of new talent on the roster, recruited from the freshman squad of last season. According to Coach Armstrong's appraisal, Bill Galligan, fast skating center from St. Paul, is one of his best prospects. Galligan did not get into the lineup in early games and has a scholastic deficiency to make up.

The second forward line includes Jim Magnus, a veteran of last season but not a letter-winner, at one of the wings, with Sophomores Joe Page and Bob Arnold and his line-mates. Defense additions include Bob Smith, 210 pound letterman guard on the championship Gopher football squad; Larry Lund and John Peterson. All three are from Minneapolis.

There are eight lettermen missing from last year's squad. They are Haydon Pickering and Bob Rhineberger, wings; Dave Lampton and Frank St. Vincent, centers; John Mariucci, Bert McKenzie and Ed Keranen, defensemen, and Martin Falk, goalie.



Squad Personnel

Lettermen (6)

IAN ANDERSON -- a senior defenseman from St. Paul. Last season as an alternate he was in the lineup in virtually every game. A good body-checker and adept at clearing the puck. Does not carry the puck often but scored one goal and two assists last season. A probable starter.

KENNETH CRAMP -- senior defenseman. Probably the most "hockey-wise" player on the squad. A veteran defenseman, who was as much responsible for the low score of last season's opponents as anyone. A resident of Minneapolis, he learned his hockey in Canada during boyhood. A jarring body-checker, Cramp scored 4 goals and 5 assists last season.

ALLAN EGGLETON -- a member of the Gopher's starting "pony" line, he is small, fast and elusive. A capable center, Eggleton gets his share of face-offs. Last season on an alternate line, he scored 6 goals and 3 assists.

RAY FISCHER -- won his letter as a spare right wing last season and now appears to have the inside track on the goalie's job this year. Tall and agile, he protects the net well and is hard to feint out of position.

FRED JUNGER -- perhaps the fastest skater on the squad and certainly one of the most aggressive. He is everywhere on the ice, carrying the puck, back-checking and swooping behind the opponent's blue line for a chance to hook the disk away. A tricky stick-handler, he scored 14 goals and 9 assists last season.

CAPTAIN HAROLD (BABB) PAULSEN -- right wing. The highest scorer in Minnesota hockey history, he tallied 23 goals and 14 assists last season and 25 goals and 15 assists the season before. A superb play-maker and a sure shot, he specializes in pulling the goalie out of the net.

Reserves

BURTON JOSEPH -- goalie. an alternate to Regular Marty Falk last season, his competition was largely confined to practise games. He did get into the nets for a time in four scheduled games and acquitted himself well. Now competing for the regular assignment.

JIM MAGNUS -- coaches and players agree that he is one of the most polished hockey players on the squad. Plays either wing or center. A fine play-maker and shot.

Sophomores

BOB ARNOLD -- center from Minneapolis and brother of Ed Arnold, former Gopher hockey captain. Has been playing on the second line. Fast and aggressive.

JOHN BOLLA -- right wing. A good skater and stick-handler, he will improve with experience.

JIM GALLIGAN -- center. An outstanding prospect, he has yet to see action. If he finds time for hockey, he is almost certain to be a valuable addition to the squad.

LARRY LUND -- a big, husky defense candidate, his weight will prove valuable when he gains experience.

JOE PAGE -- has been starting at wing on the second line.

BOB SMITH --this big football lineman is also a hockey player. Was in action a good deal during first two games this season.