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Minneapolis, Jan. 7/44 One of the lightest hockey schedules ever drawn by a University of Minnesota team will get under way January 7 - 8 when the Gophers face the fast traveling, experienced St. James Club of Winnepeg at the Minneapolis Arena.

At present the St. James series is the only set of games definitely scheduled for Coach Larey Armstrong and his pucksters. Dates and arrangements have not been completed as yet for a meeting with the Canadian Navy team of Port Arthur, however Coach Armstrong feels confident that the dates of January 14 - 15 will be approved by Canadian immigration authorities and military officials which govern the passage of Canadian teams across the border, thus enabling the Port Arthur team to keep it's appointment in Minneapolis for their encounters.

Minnesota's old rival in the ice sport, the University of Michigan, may cancel it's games set for the Arena the later part of January due to a manpower problem facing the Wolverines this year. Most of the Michigan puck candidates are naval trainees and as such are under the forty-eight hour rule which forbids navy men to be away from their base in excess of the allotted time. On word received from Michigan athletic officials they claim it may prove impossible for them to send a team on the road for a two day stand and still abide by navy orders.

All this, however, has not discouraged Coach Armstrong for he has his squad going through daily drills for the past seven weeks in hope that additional games will be added to the schedule in the near future.

This year's schedule is quite a contrast to the fifteen game campaign of last year in which Minnesota won ten, lost four and tied one, winning

the Big Ten title.

Illinois, an old Minnesota <sup>e</sup> nem~~s~~is in hockey, will not have a team this year.

Leading candidates for the puck squad are Harry Bratnober and Bob McCabe, goalies. Bratnober, up from the freshman squad, is a colorful player in the nets and at present has the inside track for the starting assignment at that position. McCabe, a freshman who played with Cretin of St. Paul last year, lacks sufficient weight to make him a full time performer but is a very capable reserve in case anything happens to Bratnober. It is possible that Lou Kallin, a top ranking goalie from Eveleth Junior College, will enroll at the University for the coming quarter. If this comes to pass Coach Armstrong will have the net position well fortified.

At the defense posts John Ahern, a solid 180 pounder with frosh experience and Arne Johnson, Dr. George Hauser's first string reserve center last fall, are leading the parade. These two are closely followed by Granny Gutterson, Al Apsohl and Mike Rapko, another football man. Ahern and Gutterson are navy men, the remaining three civilians.

Jack Adams, a seventeen year old freshman, is holding down the center position in the front line along with Pat Ryan of last year's team. A close fight is being waged by these two for starting honors in the tee-off spot.

Bob Carley, another of Dr. Hauser's football players, who is an excellent skater and tricky stick handler, leads the field for right wing duties, his toughest competition being furnished by Jim Wild a medical student.

Left wing is ably taken care of by Bob Graiziger, captain of last year's puck team, and reputed to be one of the best front line men in college circles. Fighting for the right to serve as Graiziger's understudy are Plymouth Shadd of St. Paul, John Taylor a V-12er, and John Lindquist a member of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps.

Dr. Carl Nordly and his Minnesota basketball team will start their quest for Western Conference victories January 7 - 8 when they play host to the University of Iowa in the Fieldhouse.

The Gopher cage squad after a preconference season in which a record of four victories and two losses was compiled have been taking advantage of the holiday interim by getting in two practice sessions daily in hope of adding polish to its attack along with conditioning drills to assure top speed performance for the rest of the campaign.

Coach Nordly is content to stick with the lineup that faced Great Lakes in the last game before Christmas recess for the first Iowa encounter. This had Johnson and Lehrman at forwards, Wright at center and Baglien and Geraghty at guards. Geraghty, the Austin freshman, who made his bow in big time competition against Iowa State and played stellar ball in the Great Lakes game, is improving rapidly with daily practice, and according to the head coach will be an important factor in remaining games.

In order to improve the shooting ability of Duane Baglien the coaches ordered his eyes examined and found that the Fargo boy had slightly defective sight which may have prevented him from counting some of the points he should have in past encounters. Duane now wears glasses on the floor and claims that there is a definite improvement in his sight especially out on the floor.

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Minneapolis, Jan. 12/44 - Whoever wrote "Consistency of Purpose is the secret of success" must have been thinking of a fellow like Arnold (Butz) Lehrman, one of Dr. Carl Nordly's basketball mainstays this year. Butz, now in his junior year at the University of Minnesota has finally reaped the reward of hard work on the basketball floor by clinching a starting position on the first five. The sharpshooting junior started out with a vengeance this year and has pulled far ahead of other candidates for his position at a forward post.

At present Lehrman stands second in scoring for the squad, only 12 points in back of Bill Wright. This is quite an accomplishment in view of the fact that he played a guard position in the first few games of the pre-conference schedule.

In practice sessions he has no equal at hitting the basket in free throw competition. His record of 87 out of 100 is sure to stand for a long time.

Lehrman gained his high school experience at North high school, Minneapolis, where he captained his team and starred as a guard, winning all-city honors in his senior year.

During a lull in practice the other day Butz found his way to the bench for a short rest from the rigors of drills on the court. When asked which team he thought was the toughest he had to face this season, so far, he immediately replied, "Great Lakes by far. The combination of Armstrong and Schaefer is hard to beat, on top of that add our own Don Smith and the Bluejackets are practically unbeatable. You have to go full speed to keep pace against that

type of competition but at the same time you learn a lot playing against men of that caliber and I'm always willing to learn".

The last statement describes Butz to a "T". He is a very hard worker and always willing to learn.

"Basketball is a great sport", said Lehrman, "because it offers a definite challenge to anyone to make the grade on the varsity. There are only five places to fill in the starting lineup which isn't many when you think of other sports. In basketball a position is never cinched, you have to stay in there and pitch every minute. If you don't someone else is always ready and willing to step in and take over".

Butz is one of the smallest men on the squad standing only five feet ten inches in height and weighing a mere 145 pounds. His fortitude and determination to make good must be admired in a game in which height is a major factor along with a rugged build.

There is little doubt that Lehrman will not win the coveted "M" this year and it will fit in nicely with his major award earned as short stop on Dave McMillan's baseball team last spring.

Minneapolis, Jan----Prospects for indoor track at the University of Minnesota for the coming season are only fair according to Coach Jim Kelly, who is pinning his hopes for points on Bruce James in the quarter mile, Bobby Talmo in the sprints and Dick Lee in the hurdles and broad jump. James, the only returning letterman of last year's track squad, ran on the mile relay team a year ago but is a natural quarter miler, according to Coach Kelly and has turned in some "very acceptable" time in practice sprints so far. Talmo, a freshman last year, should develop into a high class sprinter before the first meet is called. He has a fast start and likes to run. Dick Lee is showing promise as a hurdler in daily workouts and has just recently turned his attention to the jumping standards where he is doing exceptionally well for a beginner.

Jack DeField, Minnesota's well-known vaulting star, is now in the Graduate School and will compete in all open meets for the Gophers during the indoor season. DeField is second nationally only to Cornelius Warmerdam in vaulting prowess and without a doubt will prove a valuable member of the track squad when he competes.

Minnesota's indoor schedule calls for six meets, including the Big Ten Indoor at Evanston March 11. The complete schedule:

Feb. 19 - Iowa (There)  
Feb. 26 - Wisconsin (Here)  
March 4 - Chicago - Northwestern (Chicago)  
March 11 - Conference meet (Evanston)  
March 18 - Chicago Relays (Chicago)  
March 25 - Purdue Relays (Lafayette)

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Minneapolis, Feb. 25/44 - Minnesota state high school swimming championships will be held at the University of Minnesota this year for the eighth time in the history of the event. Dates set for the annual competition are Friday and Saturday, Feb. 25 - 26, using the varsity pool located in Cooke Hall. Preliminary heats will be swum Friday starting at 7 p.m. and the finals of all events on Saturday at 3 p.m.

As in previous years the meet is being staged under the auspices of the Minnesota State High School League and under the direct supervision of Niels Thorpe, University of Minnesota swimming coach. This year's meet will mark the eighth state high school championship directed by Thorpe.

Upwards of 200 prep tank stars are expected to compete for state laurels over the two day period as members of more than 25 different high school swimming teams.

Over a span of the 20 past meets young swimmers representing Minnesota's Iron Range schools have carried away the major portion of honors in the annual affair. Hibbing was crowned champion last year and according to advance reports is favored to repeat it's performance this year.

Many entries already have been received from schools throughout the state with the heaviest mail expected Tuesday and Wednesday.

Official medals and trophies will be furnished by the Minnesota State High School League, to cover all events as well as team honors.

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Minneapolis, Feb. 27<sup>1/4</sup>---Three Minnesota teams have completed their winter schedules with all boasting better than average success for the season's efforts.

Coach Niels Thorpe and his swimmers duplicated their record of last year by finishing the season undefeated in dual competition. The Gophers scored victories over Lawrence, Wisconsin, Iowa State and Iowa in order and placed third in the Big Ten championships held at Evanston, the same position won last year. Outstanding performances were turned in by the three lettermen, Sam Solhaug, Don Fraser in the swimming events and Verne Ruostalainen in diving. The latter went through the season undefeated in dual competition and placed second in the conference meet. He undoubtedly will add to his laurels when he competes in the National Collegiate meet to be held at Yale the later part of March. Coach Thorpe predicts that he has an excellent chance to finish among the first three in this top attraction of the year for collegiate divers.

Gopher tankmen compiled a season point total of 190 points to 145 for their opponents.

Coach Larry Armstrong and his hockey team were forced to forsake collegiate circles this season in order to arrange a schedule. Because of existing travel conditions and restrictions it was impossible to schedule schools, that in the past have appeared against Minnesota in the ice sport. As a result, names of old friendly rivals such as Michigan, Illinois, Dartmouth, Yale and Michigan Tech were absent from the list of opponents. To compensate for the scarcity of inter-collegiate rivalry the Gophers played a schedule consisting of two Canadian teams, the St. James Club of Winnipeg and the Port Arthur Griffons, a team composed of navy men serving aboard the H.M.C.S. Griffon. To round out the schedule for the

year the hockey team took the ice against three Minneapolis Park League teams composed of former professional and college stars.

A season record of six wins and five losses was compiled in playing this tough competition, making this the thirteenth year that a Minnesota hockey team has finished the season with better than a 500 average.

Absence of collegiate competition did not dull spectator interest, however, at any time; in fact this year's attendance for home games exceeded that of last by over 4,000. Seven home games this season attracted 16,090 in comparison to 11,595 in eight home tilts a year ago. Two games at Winnipeg, the only contests away from home, drew 2600, bringing the season total to 18,690 for a modern attendance record.

Minnesota's wrestlers under their new coach, Stan Hanson, finished the current campaign with a satisfactory record of three wins out of five dual meets and a third in the conference meet at Evanston. Gopher grapplers defeated the Army All-Stars once and Wisconsin twice, losing hard fought matches to strong representatives from Michigan and Iowa Seahawks. This record, in view of the fact that the mat men were off to a late start and only one letterman from last year to lend a touch of experience to an otherwise inexperienced group, was highly commendable.

The season's highlight was furnished by freshman Verne Gagne, in his first year of competition when at the Big Ten meet he won all three matches by a fall to be crowned the 175 pound conference champion. According to conference records this feat has never been accomplished before in the history of the event.

As a climax to the season Coach Stan Hanson announced that he had been accepted for duty in the navy which makes this the third time in the past three years that Minnesota has lost a wrestling coach to the armed service. Hanson's predecessors were Dave Bartelma, now at Iowa Pre-flight, and Wally Johnson, in the army.

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Minneapolis, March 6/44--University of Minnesota athletic officials have fulfilled their promise, made at the beginning of the present school year, to have a representative team in all sports on the Gopher campus. Both W. Ray Smith and Phil Brain, golf and tennis coaches respectively, will have teams in the field this spring, thus making it 100 percent on varsity sports for the current academic year.

Both coaches plan on getting started this week as soon as classes are resumed for the spring quarter. Lists of candidates have been prepared for each sport with both men far from discouraged over the outlook.

Coach Smith will have his men work in the Field House nets until weather permits outdoor activity. Coach Brain intends to get his first look at candidates on the indoor courts in Cooke Hall.

This year's golf team will be led by Louis Lick, only returning letterman from last spring. Lick, who hails from Minneapolis, hung up an enviable record a year ago while playing for the Gophers, winning five, tying one and losing only one match all season. He is a consistent shooter, hits a long ball and is deadly on the greens as attested by his 75 average.

According to the golf mentor 13 candidates, including Lick, have signed up and are waiting for practice rounds to start. Among those ready to go are Harrison Hanson, a V12 trainee, who played at Carleton last year, Jack Cooper of Rochester, another V12er just recently transferred from Lawrence College and a brother of Bill Cooper who captained the Gopher linksmen in 1939. Vic Rotering, at Blake last year, who has just been transferred to Minnesota from Northwestern as a member of the NROTC unit, and Granny Guterson, hockey star from St. Paul complete the list of men with competitive experience.

In addition to these golfers Manley Cornish, Carl Ekern, Glen Fevig, John Jukins, James Justice, Owen Shay, Gerald Hier and Bob Warner will be on hand to greet Coach Smith for first limbering up sessions.

All, with the exception of Lick, are members of the navy training program.

In tennis Coach Brain has no returning lettermen to bank on for a nucleus but has several promising players ready to begin early drills who have had high school experience.

Leading candidates on past records for the tennis team are Warren Adams, a Minneapolis product, Jack Adams, formerly of Blake and a member of this year's hockey team, Wally Anderson of Minneapolis Central, Al Spriggs and Jim Lepse. All are navy men with the exception of Jack Adams.

Schedules for both sports:

<u>Golf</u>	<u>Tennis</u>
May 13 - Northwestern - Here	May 6 or 7 - Michigan - There
May 20 - Notre Dame - Here	May 13 - Northwestern - Here
May 22 - Wisconsin - Here	May 20 - Wisconsin - There

It is very probable that both teams will arrange for matches with one or more state colleges such as Carleton, Macalaster, Hamline and St. Thomas.

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Baseball had to take a back seat to basketball last week on the Minnesota campus. It so happens that Coach Dave MacMillan, who has been the official scorer for the state high school basketball tournament for the past 17 years, did not wish to call a halt to his annual duty, and what is more would not have been permitted to even if he so desired. Consequently daily workouts for his diamond candidates were cancelled for three days.

Dave is satisfied, however, that no great loss will be suffered by his squad because of the recess in that all men have been working exceptionally hard for the past two weeks and are a little ahead of conditioning schedule as a result.

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Minneapolis, March ~~16~~<sup>14</sup> Army orders issued recently transferring the major portion of Army Specialized Training units now stationed on the University of Minnesota campus to combat divisions for active duty will bring to a highly successful close another outstanding episode in the activities of the Department of Physical Education and Athletics.

Since the program was inaugurated a year ago the athletic facilities of the university have been turned over to the use of army and navy units for a physical training program that only could be carried out successfully and according to military standards with an athletic plant as complete as Minnesota's. Except for varsity practice space, indoor and out, for the time such space was used for Gopher teams, the ASTP and Navy V12 men have made use of every existing facility.

Military authorities do not permit use of exact figures referring to personnel but upward of 8000 men have been trained in the last twelve months to the point in physical condition at which the average trainee is ready and fit to withstand the strains of actual combat.

With a total of over 4000 men taking physical training the facilities of Cooke Hall, the fieldhouse and stadium are in constant use and taxed to capacity from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. every day, six days per week. Trainees are required by military directive to take at least six hours per week of physical conditioning. This consists of calisthenic drills plus the opportunity of all men to take an active part in major team games such as touchball, basketball, volleyball and cage ball. In addition, the individual combat sports are stressed,

directed to teach each man the art of self defense. These sports include boxing, wrestling and judo. Swimming also is an important item on the training schedule with every trainee required to learn the fundamentals of self preservation in water before he leaves the campus.

Upon entering the physical training program all participants are given official military physical efficiency tests to determine according to military standards comparative strength, endurance and general muscle tone of each individual. The same tests are given again at periodic intervals to ascertain the degree of improvement. Six individual events make up the test series and are designed to show the development of all major muscle structures as well as physiological condition. Test events are squat jumps, to test leg and back muscle development, so necessary for waist gunners and the man that walks with a pack on his back or a submachine gun. Then there are the events that measure arm and shoulder strength such as push ups and pull ups. Abdominal muscles are tested by situps, and speed and wind by a 300 yard run for time. Last test is one for general strength, speed and all-around endurance. In this each trainee is required to run 120 yards against time carrying a man of his own weight on his back.

According to Dr. Ralph Piper, supervisor of Physical Education, to whom the success of the program is largely due, these tests have proved that the average trainee increases his physical efficiency by at least 50 percent over the period of a year. This amount of improvement according to physical education authorities is excellent and gives to most soldier trainees a valuable asset which and in thousands of cases has meant the difference between success and failure in actual combat.

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Minneapolis, March 18<sup>1944</sup>—A familiar crack of bat meeting ball will resound throughout the University of Minnesota fieldhouse this week when Coach Dave MacMillan starts spring baseball practice in preparation for the coming season.

Coach MacMillan, starting his third year as head man of the varsity diamond forces, seems well pleased with the number and caliber of candidates who have signified their intentions of trying out for the team. The genial Scot has just completed a busy season as assistant to Dr. Nordly in basketball and does not hesitate to promise a representative Minnesota team this year in the great American game.

According to the head coach little is known about prospects of opposing schools this year. He is satisfied, however, that no one has any better material to work with than he will have for early season drills.

"I'm not predicting a conference title or even guessing the kind of season we'll have at this time", he said the other day, "but I will say that knowing some of the men from past experience and also from the spirit and determination several have shown in other fields of sport we'll be in there pitching all the way."

First call for candidates was answered by 23 men with several more informing the coach that they intended to report shortly after the start of the new quarter.

Leading the list of prospects for the Gopher nine of '44 are Gene Kelly and Arnold (Butz) Lehrman. Both men have just completed a busy season as members of the basketball squad and are the only returning lettermen, around whom Coach MacMillan can build his starting nine.

Kelly was the first choice pitcher last spring and no doubt will assume the leading role again this season. Lehrman, last year's first string short-stop, will be out to retain his position on the left side of the infield. Both men

are good hitters, Kelly leading the team last year at the plate.

Other players who on preseason dope should be factors in the coming campaign are Bob Graiziger and Bob McCabe as catchers and Bob Carley at first base. All three were members of Larry Armstrong's hockey team. At second base, Wayne (Red) Williams of football fame, promises anyone a fight for the starting assignment. Allan Rusterholz and Bob Bucholz are experienced men trying for outfield berths along with Tom Dolan, a highly rated American Legion player of the past few years. Howie Peterson, a V12 student from Willmar, will be out for third base position, a spot he has played for the past seven years as a member of Legion teams and for his home town nine. Bob Snyder and Bob Berglund will be out to assist Kelly with the pitching duties. The latter was a member of the squad a year ago.

A schedule of 14 games has definitely been arranged with eight of the contests against conference foes. A few nonconference games are pending. The present schedule:

April 18 - St. Olaf - Here	May 5 - 6 - Wisconsin - Here
April 21-22 - Iowa - There	May 12-13 - Illinois - Here
April 28-29 - Iowa State - There	May 19-20 - Chicago - There
May 2 - St. Olaf - There	May 26-27 - Iowa State - Here

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Jim Kelly, Minnesota track coach, broke even with Uncle Sam's military services this week in way of track personnel. The armed forces claimed one man and released another for medical reasons to balance the scales for the thin clads.

Gordon Lindeman, Kelly's only half miler was ordered to take his induction exam Saturday after being reclassified. He passed the test and immediately left the campus. Lindeman's loss was balanced by the welcome return of Marsh Potter a Milwaukee boy just recently released from the army on a medical discharge. Potter is a sprinter and was a member of the Gopher track squad two years ago. He will make a very good running mate for Mark Brewstien, a recent Wisconsin transfer in the short distances.

Minnesota's track men will close their indoor season, according to present plans, in two different meets at two different places, on March 25. Coach Kelly is trying to arrange for the postponed Wisconsin meet to be held in the Gopher fieldhouse on that date and says that it is pretty well set. In this event he will split his squad and send three or four men to compete in the Purdue Relays on the same day.



Minneapolis, March 24 - King Football will enter the scene again on the University of Minnesota campus within the next week. The spotlight, however, will not be focused as brightly on his spring activities as in past years according to Dr. George Hauser, head football coach.

"This year spring practice will not be given the place of importance that has accompanied the sport in the past", said Dr. Hauser. "Instead we plan to have spring drills serve as an introductory act to the bigger show this summer when more stress will be laid on the game than in the earlier months. The idea of breaking away from strenuous spring practice is based on the uncertain status of most players in school today. We do not know at the present time how long they will be here, and its a gamble whether they will be here in the fall to take part in the regular campaign.

"This does not mean that spring practice will be curtailed; rather it will be increased in numbers taking part. Every man interested in playing football will be urged to participate as a means of physical training in which each individual will be able to satisfy his desire for competition in the gridiron game and at the same time condition himself for military duty."

Spring practice will get under way next week for all those interested regardless of past experience. Several V12 trainees already are signed up with many more expected to report before actual work begins. General conditioning and orientation will be stressed for the initial four or five week period during which time the coaching staff will be able to get a line on any promising candidates by carefully checking individual performances. Summer drills are scheduled to start about July 15 and continue through the third week of August.

"It is known", remarked Coach Hauser, "that many of the boys out for spring work will not be around when the call is sounded for summer practice. Then too some will be available for the latter period who were not here for the early sessions. Summer practice also will relieve athletes planning to participate in other spring sports such as baseball and track. Hot weather drills will enable players in this category to get in that extra lick of work in football that heretofore they have had to pass up in order to compete in other sports."

Minnesota is fortunate so far in being able to retain its staff of coaches from last fall to start early preparatory work. Ensign Frank Patrick, former Pitt star, and Chief John Scafide, of Tulane fame, both stationed on the campus in the V12 program, are still around and plan to carry on as assistants to Dr. Hauser and his regular staff of Red Dawson and Milt Bruhn.

Predictions on material available for football next fall are not forthcoming from the head coach but it is hoped that such men as Tom Reinhardt, Bob Cates, Bob Lossie, Bill Granum and the Suttons, Matt and Paul, all members of last year's team, will remain on the campus as naval trainees along with the two Bobs, Carley and Graiziger.

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Minneapolis, April 5~~1944~~<sup>1944</sup> -- A new track meet will be introduced this year by the University of Minnesota according to an announcement by Jim Kelly, Gopher track coach. The new meet will be known as the Gopher Open and will be held May 6, in Memorial stadium. An outgrowth of several requests by several state colleges for a meet of this type, the event itself will be an open affair for all state colleges, athletic clubs and any out of state schools or organizations that wish to enter.

Schools having military programs will be urged to enter any number of men possible and will be asked to encourage the entry of army men now stationed on their respective campuses to compete unattached. Surrounding army camps will be notified in the near future of plans so that they too can select any track stars in ranks to compete.

It is felt by Minnesota athletic officials that this type of event will serve as an opportunity for various small colleges to take part in a sponsored event that otherwise due to decreased enrollment they would not be able to enter a full team or even compete in a dual match on a team basis.

Coach Kelly will serve as director of the new venture and expects a good turn out on word received from interested competitors.

In respect to his own prospects for the outdoor season Kelly said, "We'll have a better balanced team for outdoor meets this spring than we have had for the indoor campaign just completed. With the addition of low hurdles and discus in the outdoor program it gives us a chance to use more men and in that way give the team better all around strength. In the low hurdles I can use Bill Inglis to advantage for that is his specialty and in the discus I have several men working



In the outfield Allan Rusterholz a reputed hitter from St. Paul, Jim Diemos of Minneapolis, Duane Gallup and Joe Riley have looked best. This outer garden lineup can be supplemented any time by Gene Kelly and Mathew (Mutsy) Nolan, pitchers, who can hold their own in the batting box.

Five pitchers have been warming up daily, led by Kelly, letterman from last year, Bob Snyder, Nolan, Bob Berglund and Leon Lande.

Catching duties are still rather undecided with three potential backstops on the roster - Bob Graiziger, Bob (Red) McCabe and Tom Dougherty. Graiziger and McCabe hail from St. Paul, Dougherty a V-12er from Birchard, Neb.

## Navy Chief Calls

### 'U' Swim Course

#### Best in Country

More than 2400 United States Navy enlisted men and additional hundreds of NROTC and V-12 sailors have taken swimming training in University of Minnesota pools in a program which Chief Specialist Harold J. Boyer says is the best in the United States. Boyer conducts the courses for the machinists and electricians mates.

"Both the splendid facilities for swimming in Cooke Hall and the general tempo and swing of the program make the Minnesota training outstanding", he said.

He finds that about 23 percent of the "ratings" can not swim when they enter the course. All learn before they leave it, that being a Navy requirement. Among the NROTC and V-12 contingents, most of them college men, the percentage of non-swimmers is considerably lower, possibly nine or ten percent.

Objectives of the course are three, said Boyer - first, of course, to learn to swim if the man cannot; second, to learn to swim well enough so that the sailor could be of help to a companion in the water; and last, special military swimming, such as swimming under water to escape surface flames, the use of nets for going overside and the like.

Men are also taught to float if they can possibly learn. One main objective of swimming in the Navy is to stay afloat, if one is plunged into the sea, until help arrives. Only seldom can a man swim ashore, but if he can remain afloat his chances of ultimate rescue are considerable in this day of radio and airplane, together with high-speed surface craft. Floating on the back is also important as a means of avoiding injury from underwater explosion. If the full force of such a jar is taken by the abdomen of a swimmer, he may be killed. If he is on his back his resistance is much greater.

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University of Minnesota Football Prospects for Fall of 1944



Minnesota rather hopes to "smile and smile, and play the villain still" on the football fields of 1944.

One thing can be set down for certain: there will be no such discrepancy between the Gophers and such opponents as Northwestern, Michigan, and the Seahawks as there was in 1943 when Dr. George Hauser lost all his experienced veterans in the big transfer of Marine Corps reserves and the institutions mentioned threw some of Minnesota's great stars against the defenses of the home state. Bill Daley, Herm. Frickey and the rest will not be seen running "the wrong way" through the Gopher lines.

Dr. Hauser, Red Dawson and Jim Kelly of the coaching staff are agreed on one matter. They believe that Minnesota's season will depend on the performance of the seventeen year old freshmen who enter in June. And from what they have seen of these boys in high school they have carried away the feeling that they are not so bad. Minnesota hopes to have some material of the sort which, could they remain until a sophomore or junior year, would reestablish the true Minnesota greatness on the gridiron. Of course these boys will not stay that long, but the staff hopes enough of them will remain at least through football season. That might possibly be enough.

Minnesota will have summer practice, starting about July 1 and continuing until about a week before fall practice starts. The first game will be at home against the Seahawks on September 23rd, earliest opening in recent Minnesota history, and this will permit resumption of practice soon after September 1.

Minnesota expects to have 13 letter-men back when practice begins. Of these Tom Cates, half; Tom Reinhardt, tackle; Rube Juster, tackle; Dick Lee and Bob Granum, quarter, and Bob Lossie, center, are in the navy's V-12 program, while

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Bill Aldworth, tackle; Bob Graiziger, guard; Bob Carley, half; Red Williams, half; John Kutschied, guard or center; Fred Madsen, guard and Jim Demos, end, have either been released from military service or rejected.

Men from last year's squad who will be available in addition to the letter winners are Paul and Matt Sutton, halfback and quarterback respectively, Muttsy Nolan, halfback, and Bill Jensen, tackle or guard.

Another near-dozen players have shown up well among V-12 contingents that have come to the campus since the last football season. Among these may be mentioned Dave Day, guard; Gene Delaney, full; Herb. Braun, half; Dale Rappana, quarter; Bob Shevlin, end; Bob Sparks, tackle; Merlin Kispert, quarter; Reinhold Jones, guard; Bill Juhl, end, Phil McManus, half and Joe Van Husen, center.

These three lists make up 28 players of 'varsity caliber. To these must be added the freshmen whom Dr. Hauser expects to enter when the summer term begins on June 19.

The coaches point out that apart from 4-fs, men discharged from service and 17 year old freshmen, the squad must be drawn from Navy V-12 in the engineering, pre-medical and pre-dental groups. The medics and dents themselves are too busy to play football.

Minnesota's coaching staff will remain the same as last year, with Hauser, Dawson, Kelly and Milt Bruhn on the university payroll and Ensign Frank Patrick and Chief Yeoman John Scafide representing the United States Navy.

The Minnesota schedule: Sept. 23 Seahawks (Mpls), 30th, Nebraska (Mpls), Oct. 7, Michigan (Mpls), 14, Missouri (Mpls), 21st, Open, 28th, Ohio State (Columbus), Nov. 4, Northwestern (Mpls), 11th, Indiana (Mpls), 18th, Iowa (Iowa City), 25th, Wisconsin (Madison).

Whatever else happens, asserts the genial George Hauser, you may set it down as definite that Nagurski will not rejoin the squad.



Minneapolis, Aug.-----A big winter-sports building to provide both ample skating space and spectator seating capacity for hockey, speed and figure skating, ice-spectacles and all their picturesque ilk is still the Number One postwar hope of the University of Minnesota's department of physical education and athletics.

And this hope has a pretty firm foundation, according to Dr. L. F. Keller, acting-director of athletics as tentative plans had been drawn before the war stopped all construction, and the matter of an adequate site was under consideration. No announcement of these can be made, however, for, during the period of war's priorities on manpower and materials, conditions may change that would change the type of structure wanted. It is possible that federal postwar construction aids may be available by the time such a building could be put up.

Keller envisions a building that would "have everything", more or less. That is to say, it would have a "hippodrome" with a skating surface something like 85 by 210 feet and a greater seating capacity than is now available at any rink regularly available to the university. He hopes that a smaller rink will also be constructed, largely for the recreational skating of the student body and staff, while the larger is devoted to hockey games, hockey practice, speed skating, possibly student ice shows, figure skating exhibitions and whatever other winter sports prove possible.

There would, of course, be warming rooms, rest rooms, a lobby, managerial offices and the like.

"I believe hockey will be an increasing popular and prevalent sport after the war", said Dr. Keller, who has long been a member of the national hockey rules committee of the Amateur Athletic Association. "If, say, Minnesota, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin should all develop first class hockey teams we would have an interest here that would draw crowds of 10,000 people, I feel sure."

That's the prospect, anyway; maybe it's more than a hope, -- a probability.

Minnesota's Lt.Col.Frank McCormick, now in Italy, has gone esthetic, he admits in a letter to Dr. Lou Keller, acting director. Frank wrote Lou that after making a sight-seeing tour of Rome and its churches (he also shook hands with the Pope) he now knows why his high school principal made him take four years of Latin and history.

"Maybe I didn't know all the answers", Frank wrote" but what I did know helped an awful lot in understanding the things they showed us."

The colonel was one of 5,000 American troops who were granted an audience by the Pope and one of the lucky ones who shook the Pontiff's hand. Whether or not all had the same chance, he did not say.

McCormick wrote that he was particularly impressed by the churches of St. Peter, St. Paul and St. John.

He reported that he approved the work of Michael Angelo.

Sports news of every kind and factual data on past sports events for the sake of settling arguments seem to be the principal non-military interest of our men overseas (next, of course, to Mom) members of the University of Minnesota athletic department agree. They answer scores of letters from soldiers and sailors asking the exact score of that 1933 game and who made the final touchdown or the winning basket. In a gabfest on this theme Dr. George Mauser, Lou Keller, Marsh Ryman and Jim Kelly were in complete agreement. Their decision checks also with the statements of twin city sports editors, namely, that they have a flood of mail regarding matters sporting. Joined with the natural interest of the men and, probably, their longing to be back where they can watch such things, is the fact that they get into arguments and place, as one wrote "many pounds sterling" on the outcome of the differences of opinion. On this account all answers are made as accurate as possible that no one may be gypped.

Sports Release.



Minneapolis, Aug. 21.—Among some seventy players who are registered on the regular practice roles of the University of Minnesota football squad, a scattering of veteran lettermen, numbering probably 11 or 12 by the time the season opens, a few other veterans and the Navy men and freshman will supply an abundance of candidates for each position with the all-around quality of their performances still to be determined.

At the close of summer practice Dr. George Hauser enumerated some of the players on whom he is keeping an especially watchful eye. Thus among the ends are such new men as Rudie Brandstrom of Duluth, Tom Wainright of Minneapolis, Bill Juhl of Luverne, Dick Nelson, also of Duluth, and Doc Turnacliff. Dick Lee, veteran of last year, may or may not be out.

Presence on the squad of Rube Juster of Minneapolis, Bill Aldworth of Garden City, N.Y. and Tom Reinhardt of Jasper promises to make those positions among the strongest on the team, especially when these lettermen are backed up by Big Bruce Corey of Austin, son of Nebraska's great All-American Tim Corey, and Jerry Kafka of St. Paul, a standout in high school days.

Guard positions will run little over two deep. Dave Day of Brighton, Ia. and Bob Jensen of Minneapolis, formerly a co-captain at St. Thomas College, are a pair of fine looking newcomers. Remaining from last year are three lettermen, Bob Graiziger of Minneapolis, Johnnie Kutschied of Duluth and Fred Madsen of St. Paul.

Another St. Paul boy, Bob Lossie, has the call at center in view of his fine play in the 1943 season. He will have more help, however, this year, his competitors being Dick Van Dusen, naval ROTC player from Birmingham, Wash. and Bob Nevin of Green Isle.

Worm's eye view of the backfield shows Tom Cates of St. Paul, a "mighty-mite" type, swarming over the sod with a call on first chance. Backing him up will

be Matt Sutton of Minneapolis and Lowell Baker, a seventeen-year old from Preston, Minnesota. Blocking quarterback candidates are fairly numerous, among them being Bob Granum, a letterman from last year. Walt Edwards of Minneapolis, Merlin Kispert of Kenyon, Minn. and Dale Kappana of Duluth are all strong newcomers, Edwards, especially, carrying all the physical appearance of an outstanding and eventually a star football man.

Herb Braun, V-12er from Dubuque, Ia. and Mark Brownstein of Los Angeles, Cal., the track speedster, will put life into that difficult right halfback spot, along with Johnnie Lundquist, letterman. Playing in the more fluid and sensational left halfback position will be Minnesota's flashy but dependable "Red" Wayne Williams. This year "Red" will be abetted by another of the talented Montanans Minnesota has attracted recently, "Bud" Cullickson of Billings, old home town of Herman Frickey and Herb Hein, and Phil McManus of Fargo, N.D., light but plenty fast.

Well, of course, that's not saying there aren't other good men on the 70 man squad. The advancing season always sees new talent develop unexpectedly.

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Minnesota has no football captain this year. Dr. George Hauser has announced that he will follow his practice of a year ago, naming "game" captains for each contest, with the older heads getting the call.

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Sometimes the old records are interesting and sometimes not. Perusal of the annual booklet published by the department of physical education and athletics reveals a list of all men to have won the "Conference Medal" since its establishment in 1915. Second man to win the medal was Bernie Bierman in 1916 and fourth was George Hauser in 1918. The first award of the medal at Minnesota went to the great lineman, Boles Rosenthal. Among other famous football players to win the medal down the years have been Earl Martineau, Louis Cross, Mallie Nydahl, George MacKinnon Marsh' Wells, Bob Tanner, Glenn Seidel, Harold Van Every and George Franck. Many other branches of intercollegiate sport, including swimming, baseball, basketball, tennis and track have been represented among winners of the medal.



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Minneapolis---"They're light, so they'd better be fast" is what the experts are saying of the 1944 edition, Minnesota backfield, following resumption of practice here at the week-end.

In the initial practice the first-string backfield averaged only 174 pounds and would have been considerably lighter but for the "massive" 183 pounds that the new blocking quarterback, Merlin Kispart of Kenyon, brought to bear. Tom Cates at full registered 167; Johnny Lundquist at right half, 170, and Red Williams at left half, having grown a little this summer, weighed in at 175.

A second backfield made up of Walt. Edwards at quarter, Bob Carley, right half, Matt Sutton at full and Bud Gullickson of Billings, Mont., at left, went a touch heavier to average 178. Phil McManus of Fargo got a go at left half as replacement for Red Williams and could show only 163--but it is very true that he has the speed that is so requisite.

All of this is not an effort to paint gloom, for among these nine men are some top-notch football players and they will enter their games behind a line coached with all the skill Dr. George Hauser has developed in a lifetime of coaching linemen. The line itself will run on an average about 10 pounds lighter than the typical Minnesota lines of the days of peace, but these teams are being made up of young fellows, these days. Lads just out of high school are not likely to pack the weight of toughened, battle-scarred veterans.

The renewed practice period is the "real" football season. Minnesota players have reached the point in conditioning and play-learning that enabled them to scrimmage on the first day of fall practice. As a matter of fact there have been only minor let-ups between spring and summer practice periods and summer and fall. This is in part because the men must be ready for the Seahawks game Sept. 23. In part, also, it is due to the fact that a freshman class entered in the summer and that the Navy trainees, so prominent on the squad, have been required to take physical education all of the time.

## Sports Release



The University of Minnesota's football public seems to have sensed that an upswing from last year is in store at Memorial Stadium, a recent check having shown a gain of more than 40 percent, as of the date, over season books sold to the public at a comparable time last year.

During the past week marked improvement in the play of the veteran guard, Bob Graiziger, has been pleasing to the coaching staff, while Gil Gaarder, who is starting his football career as a member of the Minnesota squad, has also been making improvement that indicates he will be a sound replacement when the first stringers tire. Dave Day of Brighton, Ia., another man with almost no high school football experience, has done so well that he has been a first stringer at guard in many practices. Sure of a place near the top of the guards, also, is Bob Jensen, former Minneapolis South high athlete. Jensen was on the Minnesota squad at one time, then moved to St. Thomas and is now back, a Gopher first stringer, it appears. And the lightest guard, Freddie Madsen, is still doing well.

The end situation, which at the start of the season of summer practice was little more than a blank, is filling up fast, and some of the silhouettes look very good. Among the tall boys working at end are Rudy Brandstrom and Dick Nelson, both of Duluth. Tom Wainright of Minneapolis and Gordon Quist, product of St. Peter high school, are others who will see service on the outposts during the coming nine-game season, and Jim Demos, Minneapolis and Bill Juhl, Luverne complete a rather promising sextet of players on the flanks.

To supplement Bob Lossie, who developed so fast as a center last year after playing at fullback in high school in St. Paul, is Dick Van Dusen of Birmingham, Mich., a Navy man who started playing football at Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts. Though a six footer, Van Dusen weighs less than 180 but in practice is showing capabilities that Dr. George Hauser approves.

Among halfbacks who have received more notice up to date from the coaches than from the public may be mentioned Bob Kasper of Aberdeen, S.D. In high school Kasper was state champion in both the low and high hurdles, which indicates his speed and agility. His high school football record was also one of the best in his state, and as a Gopher he is still developing. Mark Brownstein, of Los Angeles, a trackman, like Kasper, is another boy who will have a go in many games when extra speed is needed. He plays at the right halfback post, a position where just a little extra burst of speed is a priceless asset in plays headed toward the opponents right end, which so many right halfback plays are. His speed places him among the first three right halves, with Johnny Lundquist and Bob Carley.

Football players are traditionally mighty eaters and a big evening meal at the end of the day is good for them. Minnesota coaches are not so eager, however, to have the boys overdo with the knife and fork at noontime luncheon, which they stoke in at Coffman Memorial Union.

Jim Kelley, acting as grub scout for Doc. Hauser, who is the team's physical director as well as head coach, went to work on the Union's menu to see just what sort of a meal a player could get there and how much an adequate meal would cost. No feeble trencherman himself, Jim found that a player would have a hard time eating a dollar's worth.

Not many days had passed, however, until turkey and dressing appeared on the cafeteria menu one day and one player showed his might by ordering two servings of turkey, along with enough other food to make "a full tray". At that, it came to what one familiar with restaurant menus would call the incredibly small sum of \$1.57, but it was too much for the coaches. They weren't sorry for the turkey but they were sorry for a boy who had to go back to practice about an hour and a half after eating.

Sports Release.

Minneapolis---Dr. George Hauser's Golden Gophers expect no such easy time against Navy-less Nebraska as they experienced in 1943, yet are looking forward to the game as another stiff two hours of competition that will help put the team in shape for the always-anticipated Michigan game of a week later.

Not since Minnesota played Michigan twice in a single year during the regimes of Dr. Clarence Spears and Fielding Yost has the Gopher-Wolverine classic been an event of the early season, and as was true then, schedule difficulties offer the explanation. This year the game was to have been Oct. 21, but that proved to be right in an examination period at Ann Arbor, because of the peculiar semesters made necessary by military training programs. Oct. 7 was to have been a Gopher open date, and the game was put forward to that time.

In the two-game season of ancient memory it was reported that Dr. Spears had difficulty reaching a date with Mr. Yost. It was before scheduling was pretty much taken out of the hands of coaches with schedules filled in several years in advance. Finally, says rumor, Spears intimated broadly that Yost feared to play Minnesota.

"Afraid nothing," said Yost, "We'll play you twice."

And, to make a long story short, they did. The second game nearly went to Minnesota but a late fumble fell to Oosterban, and you all know how that would be if you remember him.

The Nebraska game should pretty well shake down the Gopher lineup into something permanent, but that doesn't mean it will be very different from the team that played the Seahawks, for the squad is not large and there's no great field for selection among players. The right halfbacks will, more or less, be Braun and Lundquist; the left halves, Williams and Gullickson and the fullbacks, Cates and Sutton, with Kispert and Edwards having first call at quarter. Which is not to say,

of course, that lots of other backfielders will not have a chance.

The center of the line, also, is pretty well fixed, and it will be Jensen, Day and Graziger with first shot at guard; Lossie and Van Dusen, centers; Juster, Reinhardt and Aldworth at tackles, when these good men are in condition to play.

The Gophers opener showed clearly that more defensive strength at end will need to be developed, and in addition to Juhl and Wainright, who started in the end positions, Dr. Hauser sent in five more--Quist, Nelson, Pringle, Brandstrom and Turnacliff. Varying more in stature than in native football ability, all of these men would be good ends as college juniors after a couple of years of scrimmage, and they aren't so bad now but that they will turn in some good games before the season's over.

Minnesota Dads are due for a treat this year, as the football game on Dads Day, October 7, will be the yearly Michigan classic for which all Gopher fans wait with slightly bated breath and a prayer for victory.

Letters of invitation have not been sent the dads this year, but that does not mean that it will not be a regular Dads Day except for the evening dinner. Dads are urged to visit the campus, and every courtesy will be shown them.

At the end of the game they will be guests of the university at a coffee and doughnut "klatch" in the ballroom of Coffman Memorial Union, and at that time the yearly meeting of the Minnesota Dads Association will be conducted under the skilful "baton" of Edward F. Flynn of St. Paul, charter member and long-time head of the paternal organization.

President Coffey will tell the dads about the situation at the university as soon as the coffee is down and the association meeting over.

A special effort to get out the fathers of new students is being made this year. At registration new students will receive a postcard which they may mail to their fathers urging them to come to Dads Day and see what sort of place the University of Minnesota is.

Minneapolis: Minnesota's Golden Gophers will throw everything they have at Northwestern this Saturday in an effort to break into the win column in Western Conference competition. It will be Homecoming at Minneapolis and a crowd that may approach a sell-out is anticipated. Alumni will banquet in Coffman Union the night before the game, with "Welcome back to the Biermans" as their slogan. Bernie and Mrs. Bierman will be honor guests, along with Tug Wilson and Lynn Waldorf of Northwestern.

Minnesota's conference position is not as bad as it looks at first glance inasmuch as comparative scores show that the two teams to which they have lost are the strongest in the conference, with Indiana considered in the same grouping--small consolation for Dr. Hauser, whose team will meet the Hoosiers the next week after the Northwestern game.

Nevertheless, new elements of strength are appearing in the Minnesota lineup and the roaring second half comeback against Ohio State last Saturday indicates that the Gophers are anything but a team to eliminate from consideration. Vic Kulbitski's work at fullback, the speed and ability of Bob Kasper, the South Dakota halfback who has just become eligible, the outstanding line play of Rudy Sikich and the continued all-around stardom of Red Williams presage slam-bang competition for Minnesota's opponents in the last half of the schedule. Northwestern, Indiana, Iowa and Wisconsin are the remaining teams Minnesota will play.

Bob Lossie, transferred from Minnesota by the Navy, will be replaced as starting center by Dick Van Dusen, light but a scrapper, and tall enough to conduct an effective roving defense against passes. Pass defense, incidentally, and a lack of defensive experience at the ends continue to be the main elements of Gopher weakness and these have shown less evidence of being rectified than had been hoped by many fans.

University of Minnesota intercollegiate athletic teams won 50 and lost 44 contests during 1943-'44, but two teams, the gymnasts and the swimmers, went through the season undefeated, after two and four contests respectively.

Games won and lost by sports, as shown in a report of the committee on intercollegiate athletics, by its chairman, E. B. Pierce were: Baseball, 13 and 5; basketball, 8 and 15; football, 5 and 4; golf, 4 and 2; gymnastics 2 and 0; hockey, 6 and 5; swimming, 4 and 0; tennis, 1 and 5; track, 4 and 8; wrestling, 3 and 2.

Football, with 80 'varsity candidates, had more than twice as many as the next nearest sports, tennis, with 39 and basketball with 35.

All in all, freshmen included, 319 men received instruction in 'varsity athletics of whom 287 were eligible for 'varsity competition. "M" awards came to 110 with football leading with 31 "Ms".

No games were tied in any intercollegiate sport by a Minnesota team last year.

An eyeful of campus pulchritude will be an added attraction for those who attend the Homecoming game between Northwestern and Minnesota Saturday. A "queen" of Homecoming will be presented between halves by Ann Young, Homecoming chairman. The reigning beauty will have been selected from among 10 nominees made by the campus organizations that sell most Homecoming ribbons. Selection from among the 10 will be made the day before the game by a committee of five judges.

Marshall Ryman, ticket manager, says the Northwestern game will draw the biggest home turnout of ticket holders in two years. He does not, however, anticipate a sell-out and believes bowl seats will be available at the hour of the game. Probably a top attendance of about 48,000 Ryman says.



Minneapolis, Nov.---University of Minnesota will play a stiff twenty-one game basketball schedule this winter, including the traditional twelve conference games and a home and home arrangement with the Iowa Pre-Flight Seahawks.

Headcoach Dr. Carl Nordly announced that the Gophers will open at home Saturday, December 2, against South Dakota University. The remaining pre-conference schedule will be:

Dec. 4	At Ames
Dec. 9	Seahawks, Mpls.
Dec. 16	Great Lakes, Mpls.
Dec. 22	At Nebraska
Dec. 23	At Great Lakes
Dec. 30	At Marquette
Jan. 1	Lawrence, Mpls.

The Western Conference games will be as follows:

Jan. 6	At Iowa
Jan. 8	Purdue, Mpls.
Jan. 12	At Northwestern
Jan. 13	At Wisconsin
Jan. 20	Indiana, Mpls.
Jan. 27	At Purdue
Feb. 3	At Indiana
Feb. 10	Illinois, Mpls.
Feb. 17	Northwestern, Mpls.
Feb. 19	At Illinois
Feb. 26	Iowa, Mpls.
Mar. 3	Wisconsin, Mpls.

Closing their schedule with a final non-conference game, Minnesota will play a return game with the Seahawks at Iowa City on March 5.

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Even Minnesota's most ardent basketball supporters aren't thinking in championship terms this season.

Dr. Carl Nordly is starting his third season as head coach of the Gophers with a young squad.

Of a potential road squad of 15 men, 9 are freshmen; 3 are sophomores; 2 are juniors; and 1 a senior. Six of this number are 18 years or younger.

The starting lineup in the season's opener against South Dakota University December 2 at Minneapolis (Minn. - 50; S. D. - 23) was comprised of 4 freshmen and a senior. Arnold (Eutzy) Lehrman, the 4-year man, is the only holdover regular from last season's quint.

Coach Nordly's appraisal of his 44-45 squad is that it surpasses the 43-44 edition which won 2 Conference starts for an 8th place tie with Indiana in (1) reserves. (2) height. (3) shooting. He believes the squad is generally stronger.

The outstanding aspect of the Maroon and Gold cagers is their unusual height. By January 6 when the Gophers open their Conference campaign at Iowa, Coach Nordly could place forwards 6'6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and 6'7  $\frac{3}{4}$ " tall; a 6' 7" center; and two guards 6' each on the floor. Not in more than two decades has such height been available to a Minnesota coach.

Whatever optimism Nordly may be harboring deep down within might stem from the fact that he expects to be free of transfer and induction losses during the season. Virtually his entire road squad should remain intact. Only 4 of the so-called "first 15" are V-12 trainees, and none of these is now a starter.

However, they are well up on the "reserve" list. An all-civilian lineup took the floor against South Dakota University.

The even balance of the current Minnesota squad is indicated by the fact that not a single player stands out enough to have clinched a regular berth. With such a generous sprinkling of "kids" slated for heavy duty through the strenuous campaign, Nordly must substitute freely to keep his charges on the Big Ten pace.

Minnesota's stock will take an upturn on December 22 -- date of a non-Conference game with Nebraska at Lincoln -- when Clarence (Kleggie) Hermsen, 6' 7" 200-pound frosh giant from Minneapolis Vocational high school; and Henry Bishop, 6' Service dischargee and also a Minneapolis freshman, become eligible. Both have been out of high school several years, during which time they have participated extensively in independent and city league basketball. Hermsen, a center, and Bishop, a guard, will add experience and poise to the young squad.

#### THE COACHES

DR. CARL NORDLY is starting his third season as head coach of the University of Minnesota basketball team.

Nordly was one of the great athletes in Carleton college history, having won 11 letters there in three sports between 1921-25. He won four "C's" each in baseball and basketball and three in football. He was twice chosen to all-Midwest conference teams in football and basketball.

Dr. Nordly completed work for both his master's and doctor's degrees at Columbia University. He joined the physical education staff at Minnesota in 1934, and now holds the title of associate professor of physical education.

DAVE MAC MILLAN, assistant basketball coach, is in his 18th year on the Minnesota coaching staff. He came to Minnesota in 1927 after having coached Idaho University to a top rank in the northern section of the Pacific Coast Conference during his seven-year regime there. His teams twice won the Pacific Coast championship. His early basketball schooling was gained in New York City where he played

three seasons with the nationally-famed Celtics professional team.

MacMillan has coached the Minnesota baseball team for the past two seasons, having assumed that post after the departure of Lt. Colonel Frank McCormick for service with the U. S. Army.

THE PLAYERS

- #28 BISHOP, HENRY - Bishop, a medical dischargee from the U. S. Army, is the oldest man on the squad at 25. He didn't play high school basketball. He gained his experience in Minnesota independent circles, playing guard and center on three State A. A. U. championship teams in 1939, 1940 and 1941. He twice participated in the National A. A. U. tourney at Denver. He is a freshman.
- #5 CHRISTESEN, RAY - A 17-year old freshman from Murray high in St. Paul where he distinguished himself in basketball, baseball, and football. He was twice an all-city selection in basketball, as a guard, and in football as a left halfback. He did not report for football at Minnesota.
- #35 COTLOW, PHIL - Cotlow is a Navy dischargee who played his high school basketball at Glendale, Cal. high school where he teamed with Frankie Albert, Stanford football immortal of a few seasons ago. He was an all-state forward in 1938-39. After receiving his medical discharge from the Navy in February of this year, Cotlow came to the Mayo Clinic at Rochester for a checkup. He decided to remain in Minnesota, and entered the University fall quarter. He is a freshman.
- #27 EMERSON, GORDON - Emerson, a freshman in the dental college, is in his third year at Minnesota. He is a V-12 student. This is his first year on the varsity squad. He is from Spring Valley, Wisconsin.
- #34 HERMSEN, CLARENCE - Hermesen is the giant of a tall Minnesota squad, standing 6' 7½" and weighing 205 pounds. He is known to his teammates as "Kleggie." He played two years of prep ball at Vocational high in Minneapolis, and was named to the all-city team at center in 1941.

He subsequently played three years of independent and city league basketball. His teams twice won the Minneapolis city championship. He is enrolled in physical education.

- #14 HOLMBERG, RALPH - Holmberg is a sophomore and a V-12 trainee from Winona. At Winona high he starred in football, basketball, and track. As a freshman last year at Winona Teacher's college he won letters in these three sports.
- #32 KELLY, EUGENE - Kelly, a junior from St. Paul Harding high, is in his second year of varsity basketball. He won a letter last season at a guard position. He is fast and aggressive on the court. He is one of the finest pitching prospects in Minnesota's baseball history, and is receiving careful attention from big league scouts.
- #26 KILEN, GEORGE - This 18-year old freshman from St. Paul Humboldt high school is the tallest man on the Minnesota squad at 6' 7 3/4". He was two years a St. Paul all-city choice at center and was named last season to the all-region team. He was a two-time letter winner in track at Humboldt, and placed second in the high jump in the 1943 State meet.
- #20 KNOBLAUCH, JOE - Knoblauch, a freshman, is the third St. Paul all-city star on the Gopher squad. In both his junior and senior years at Murray high school he was placed on the St. Paul all-star selection at forward. He is rangy and a good shot; is slated for extensive duty this season.
- #30 LEHRMAN, ARNOLD - Lehrman is the only senior on the squad, and is a basketball two-letterman. He is fast, strong on rebounds, and a good shot. He was second-high scorer on the squad last season. A graduate of North high school in Minneapolis, Lehrman has been particularly outstanding in baseball. He was regular shortstop for the Minneapolis Millers of the American Association for the last month of their 1944 schedule.

- #11 MUSKE, GORDON - Like Kilen and Hermsen, this rangy sophomore letterman from Wahpeton, North Dakota, exceeds the acceptable height specified by the Army and Navy. He is 6' 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". He came to Minnesota last season with an outstanding record on the Wahpeton teams which swept to the State title in 1941 and finished as runnerup in 1943. He was an all-state choice at center in 1943.
- #18 POEHLER, KENNETH - Poehler, a graduate of St. Paul Murray high school, won his varsity basketball "M" last season as a freshman. He is enrolled in the Navy V-12 program as an engineering student in the Institute of Technology.
- #33 SAMPSON, ROBERT - This freshman from Duluth Denfeld high school will not be 18 years old until June, 1945. He starred in both basketball and football at Denfeld and was an all-Head of the Lakes conference basketball selection last season. He is certain to see much action at forward.
- #25 STASSEN, ROBERT - Coming to Minnesota from Burriss high of Muncie, Indiana where he earned all-state distinction last season, this second-cousin of Former Governor Harold Stassen is the most rugged physical specimen on the Gopher squad at 6' 4" and 215 pounds. A center, he led his team's scoring in the first two non-Conference games this season with 19 points. Bob has shown particular aptitude at gathering rebounds. He was a tackle on the football squad, and made his only competitive appearance on the season against Nebraska. He is 18 years old; hasn't been called yet for his Service physical examination.
- #31 SUTTON, MATT - A letter winner at guard last season, Matt comes to the basketball squad directly from football in which he shared the fullback assignment until put out of action halfway through the season by a leg injury. At 5'8" Matt is the shortest man on the Gopher squad. He is a seasoned campaigner, having been both all-city and all-state on the Minneapolis Washburn high school team of four years ago. He excels in taking rebounds, starting floor plays, and dropping long shots. He is expected to add poise and balance to the floor squad when his knee heals sufficiently to permit his participation. Matt, a junior, is a V-12 student.

THE SQUAD

<u>No.</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Home</u>
Forwards-							
6	Soden, William	19	6'3"	190	NROTC	Junior	Kansas City, Kan.
8	Fahse, Milo	19	5'10"	155	Civ.	Frosh	Watertown
10	McCamy, Curtis	18	6'5 3/4"	189	Civ.	Frosh	West Fargo, N.D.
11	*Muske, Gordon (T)	18	6'6 1/2"	185	Civ.	Soph	Wahpeton, N.D.
12	Borgerding, J. R.	19	6'1"	175	V-12	Frosh	Belgrade
18	*Poehler, Kenneth (T)	19	6'2"	180	V-12	Soph	St. Paul
20	Knoblauch, Joe (T)	18	6'3"	180	18-11/21/44	Frosh	St. Paul
21	Fetcek, Robert	17	5'10 1/2"	155	Under age	Frosh	Columbia Hts.
24	Knight, Donald	21	6'4"	190	Civ.	Frosh	Minneapolis
27	Emerson, Gordon (T)	20	6'2"	190	V-12	Frosh	Spring Valley, W
33	Sampson, Robert (T)	17	5'11"	175	Under age	Frosh	Duluth
Centers -							
7	Karlsruud, Edmond	17	6'3"	190	Under age	Frosh	Scobey, Montana
14	Holmberg, Ralph (T)	20	6'2 1/2"	165	V-12	Soph	Winona
25	Stassen, Robert (T)	18	6'4"	215	1-A	Frosh	Muncie, Ind.
26	Kilen, George (T)	18	6'7 3/4"	200	Civ.	Frosh	St. Paul
34	Hermsen, Clarence (T)	21	6'7"	200	Civ.	Frosh	Minneapolis
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5	Christesen, Ray (T)	17	5'8 1/2"	155	Underage	Frosh	St. Paul
4	Eustice, Robert (T)	18	6"	180	V-12	Junior	Kansas City, Kan.
15	Rosenbaum, R. F.	19	5'10"	165	V-12	Soph	Arlington, Neb.
28	Bishop, Henry (T)	25	6'	152	1-C	Frosh	Minneapolis
29	Hough, L. E.	19	5'10"	163	V-12	Soph	Aumsville, Ore.
30	*Lehrman, Arnold (T)	21	5'10 1/2"	160	Civ.	Senior	Minneapolis
31	*Sutton, Matt (T)	19	5'8"	165	V-12	Junior	Minneapolis
32	*Kelly, Eugene (T)	22	6'	170	Civ.	Junior	St. Paul
35	Cotlow, Phil (T)	24	6'	175	1-C	Frosh	Minneapolis

\* Denotes lettermen

T Denotes probable traveling squad

1944-45 SCHEDULE

Non-Conference			Conference		
(9 games - 4 at home)			(12 games - 6 at home)		
December	2	South Dakota University	January	6	Iowa at Iowa City
	4	Iowa State at Ames		8	Purdue
	9	Iowa Seahawks		12	Northwestern at Evanston
	16	Great Lakes		13	Wisconsin at Madison
	22	Nebraska at Lincoln		20	Indiana
	23	Great Lakes at Great Lakes Station		27	Purdue at Lafayette
	30	Marquette at Marquette	February	3	Indiana at Bloomington
January	1	Lawrence		10	Illinois
March	5	Iowa Seahawks at Iowa City		17	Northwestern
				19	Illinois at Champaign
				26	Iowa
			March	3	Wisconsin

## Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick

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The University of Minnesota, traditionally the bulwark of mid-western collegiate hockey, has in the formation a sextet which in the opinion of its veteran coach, Larry Armstrong, may prove to be his second best in his 12 years, surpassed only by the 1939-40 outfit which romped through 18 consecutive games to win the Big Ten and National A.A.U. championships.

The Minnesotans are long on speed and reserve strength. Though the roster is generously sprinkled with freshmen, most of these new candidates bring with them outstanding high school and amateur records. In drills to date they have measured up well with the veterans.

Bob Mc Cabe, a sophomore V-12 enrollee from St. Paul who performed in two games last season, and Freshman Don Anderson, also of St. Paul, share favor as starters in the goal, backed up by Tom Wilson, a senior from Minneapolis.

The defensive combination is completed by Bob Graiziger, Co-Captain Al Opsahl, Al Van, and Howie Johnson -- four stalwarts who will provide rugged going for all opposition.

Graiziger, a 190-pound senior from St. Paul, is playing his third year. He comes to the hockey squad from the gridiron where he held a starting guard position. Opsahl is a sophomore veteran of last year's Gopher team and a Minneapolitan. Van is a 4-F frosh from St. Paul who has a notable amateur hockey record. Johnson, also a freshman, is from Minneapolis and an Army veteran.

This defensive quartet not only provides strong blue-line protection, but is quick on the get-away and will provide a fast start to scoring forays.

Topping an impressive group of wingmen is Co-captain Bob Carley of St. Paul, who played brilliantly last season as a freshman. He is big, strong, fast, and a talented stick-handler. Rated close behind Carley is Jim Wild of St. Paul, a V-12 sophomore right-wing who was leading scorer as a first-year man. Bill Klatt, a 17-year-old frosh from St. Paul and Don Johnson, a V-12 freshman from the same school, are slated for extensive action at wing.

Paul Wild, a 17-year-old brother of Jim and a high school standout at Cretin in St. Paul, is a leading left-wing candidate. Tom Metz, a V-12 student from St. Paul and a Gopher reserve last season, rounds out the strong list of wingmen.

Certain to appear at center in one front-line combination is John Adams, a second-year vet from Minneapolis. Showing definite promise at the center ice assignment is Brad Thompson, a V-12 sophomore newcomer who prepped in Ontario and Michigan.

The first scheduled competition for the Gopher pucksters will be with the St. James club team of Winnipeg at Minneapolis on January 5 and 6. The Michigan - Minnesota hockey feud is expected to be renewed after a one-year lapse at Minneapolis on January 13. This is a tentative date for the first game between the traditional rivals for Big Ten supremacy. The Wolverines are the only collegiate competition in sight for the Minnesotans.

Coach Armstrong is working on a schedule in which he hopes to include prominent Canadian and American amateur clubs. His ultimate goal is the National A.A.U. championships -- if the event is staged this season.

Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick



Minneapolis, Jan.----Ray Christesen, Minnesota's hustling little tow-headed frosh basketball guard, may have to weigh-in with both socks on and wringing wet to hit 150 pounds but all opponents will find it wise to smile broadly if they choose to call him "shrimp."

Midget of the rangiest squad in Minnesota's basketball history at 5 feet 8 inches, "Christy" was nearly lost in a towering forest of players when he reported for basketball in October.

The 17-year old freshman won the approving eye of Dr. Carl Nordly with his scrap and propensity for learning. When Veteran Matt Sutton suffered recurrence of a football leg injury in the third game of the season, against the Iowa Seahawks, Christesen moved up on the list of guards. By the time the Gophers were ready to take on Iowa in their Conference opener last week at Iowa City, dynamic Ray was paired with Senior Butzy Lehrman at a regular guard position.

The ability of the St. Paul boy to "give-and-take" in the most rugged going against adversaries who dwarf him is no surprise to those who saw him perform as an all-city halfback at Murray high in St. Paul. There he won six letters -- two each in football, basketball, and baseball.

Last summer he took a job at the Minnesota State Fair grounds as a laborer so that he might "toughen up" enough for college athletics. He passed up football at Minnesota to concentrate on studies and early basketball practices. Now, together with his high school pal, Joe Knoblauch, with whom he played three years of basketball and football, he is a Minnesota basketball fixture.

The Gophers' candidate for "youngest basketball starter in the Big Ten" (he won't be 18 until June 18) "Christy", a prep standout at second base, plans to take a hand at Conference baseball before Uncle Sam beckons.

The University of Minnesota track team, lacking in team balance, is counting on the individual brilliance of two veterans and a freshman to make it a contender in the 18 meets in which the Gophers are scheduled during the indoor and outdoor seasons.

Mark Brownstein, a NROTC second-year man from Los Angeles, proved himself one of the nation's leading sprinters last season when he placed third in the 100 yard dash in the Conference and National collegiate meets, and second in the Central collegiates.

The other letterman counted on by Coach Jim Kelly as a consistent point-getter is Armin Baumann of Columbia Heights, high-jumper, who tied for first place in the Conference meet last season. Standing only 5 feet 8 inches tall, Baumann hit 6 feet 4 inches in his best effort and is consistently above 6 feet.

Five additional lettermen will be on hand for the opening indoor meet with Iowa State on January 27 at the Minnesota Field House. They are Robert Cranston of Minneapolis, high and low hurdles; Gordon Emerson of Spring Valley, Wisconsin, high jump; Bob Turnacliff of St. Paul, broad jump; Harry Johnson of Minneapolis, broad jump; and Gil Gaarder, a Missourian who won points last season in both the shot put and discus.

Outstanding among the newcomers is Ray Tharp who recently received a medical discharge from the Navy. In three years of competition for Minneapolis Washburn high school Tharp was undefeated in the high and low hurdles. He holds the Minnesota record for both events. This man is also a strong broad jumper. Tharp's success in the coming season will depend on his ability to recover from injuries sustained while in the Service. He has received a physician's approval to enter competition, but has not yet had time to get into condition for

a serious effort at hurdling.

Other new men whom Coach Kelly views as potential point winners are Jack Anderson, 440, who comes to Minnesota from Carleton college for V-12 training; George Schultze, a 17-year old freshman from Minneapolis Southwest high, 880; Walter Wilder, a V-12 student also from Southwest high, mile and two mile; Dennis Lane, a V-12 student from Gayville, S. D., 880 or mile; Larry Wright, a dental student, middle distance; Bob Kasper, V-12 freshman hurdler from Aberdeen, S. D. who showed flashes of speed last fall as a Gopher gridder; Bill Thompson, NROTC student from Evanston, Ill., sprinter; and Ed Miller, V-12 student from California, sprinter.

The Minnesota indoor track schedule winds up with the Iowa Pre-Flight relays at Iowa City on March 31. The outdoor season opens on April 21 in a dual meet with Iowa Pre-flight trackmen at Minneapolis.

## Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick



Minneapolis, January----Neils Thorpe, in his twenty fifth year as swimming coach at the University of Minnesota, is anything but optimistic over the prospects for his team in forthcoming Big Ten competition, despite the 74 point total with which the Gophers swamped Wisconsin and Lawrence college in a triangular meet Saturday at Appleton.

In his two veteran aces, Vernon Ojampa who specializes in the breast stroke, and Vernon Ruotsalainen, diver, Thorpe has two stars certain to place high among the best the Big Ten has to offer. Ruotsalainen finished second in the 1944 Conference meet. Ojampa was out of school last year. Letterman Roland Thommsen, a NROTC cadet and top backstroker, garnered a second in the triangular at Appleton, but will graduate before the Conference meet on March 10. Dick Evans, fourth "M" man on the squad, won seconds in both the 50 and 100-yard free style events.

The surprise feature of the warmup meet at Lawrence was the victory of R. J. Jones, V-12 student from California. Appearing for the first time in any competition, high school or college, Jones capped the 50-yard free style dash and finished third in the 100-yard free style.

Thorpe was particularly pleased with the showing of John Hollingshead, 16-year old freshman son of an army officer at Fort Snelling. The youngest student to make the squad in the quarter of a century during which the veteran coach has directed swimming at Minnesota, Hollingshead beat out Robert Gorgan, a letterman, in time trials for a place on the travelling squad. He followed the experienced Ojampa across the line in the triangular, which was his first competitive venture.

The performance of Wayne Perrault, freshman from Minneapolis West high school, in placing second to the polished Ruotsalainen indicated that the Gophers might have two placers in coming dual meets with Northwester, Michigan, and Iowa.

The remainder of the men who will most likely round out the Minnesota squad are Robert Dolan, a first-year V-12 student from Oregon, backstroke; David Seham, V-12 pre-medicine student from Minneapolis, backstroke; Tom Griffith, 17-year old freshman from Duluth Central high, 220 and 440; Vic Rotering, NROTC freshman from Blake school, Minneapolis, 220 and 440; Tom Good, freshman, free style; Harold Lager, sophomore from Coleraine, free style; Mike Besel, NROTC frosh from Milwaukee, free style dashes.

The first rigid test for the Gopher tankmen will come on February 3 when Northwestern's traditionally strong squad invades the Cooke Hall pool here.

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Lt. William Benn, 26, former University of Minnesota hurdling star who placed in the high hurdles in the 1940 Big Ten outdoor meet, has been killed in action in the Philippines area according to word released by the Navy department. Bill was pilot of a B-24 and squadron engineering officer.

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One of the most intensely interested spectators at the Minnesota - Purdue basketball game was Ensign John Kundla, captain of the 1938-39 Gopher quint. Kundla coached DeLaSalle high of Minneapolis to the State Catholic championship last season before entering the Navy. His star player, Chet Tomczyk who is now a freshmen at the University, was a Gopher sparkplug in the 49-44 defeat of Purdue.

Kundla was passing through Minneapolis on his way to the Pacific area from the Atlantic where he had several months of duty on a LST (landing craft) operating between England and France.

In the absence of any regularly scheduled collegiate gymnastic competition, the University of Minnesota is making an effort to keep alive interest in this sport by conducting workouts for all regular students and Army and Navy trainees who wish to participate. Julius Perlt, former Gopher star in this sport, is directing the workouts on a part-time basis. Major Ralph Piper, regular coach, is serving with the U.S. Army.

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The names of two University of Minnesota athletes appeared on the 1944 list of national champions. Louis Lick, Jr. became the first Gopher in the history of the event to win the N.C.A.A. golf title. Jack Defield was crowned men's national senior indoor champion in the pole vault.

Defield, now a gym teacher in Wilmette, Illinois elementary school, visited the Minnesota Field House while home for Christmas vacation. Though he has not had a jumping pole in his hand since last spring, he could not resist the temptation to take a dozen tries. Winner last season in the Melrose AA games, Boston A.A. games, New York K. of C. games, and Cleveland K. of C. games, in addition to the men's senior indoor, Defield has retired from vaulting competition. He holds the all-time Minnesota record at 14 feet 4 inches.

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The briefest Big Ten hockey championship series since the inauguration of this competition in 1922 is being staged this season. Minnesota and Michigan, spirited perennial rivals for Conference hockey laurels, played a single game at Minneapolis on January 13 and will play a return engagement at Ann Arbor on February 3. To date this is the only collegiate competition scheduled by either team. The Gophers pucksters have held clear claim to the Big Ten title 10 times and shared it three years.

## Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick



Revelation last week that Navy Lieutenant Bill Benn had met death in action while piloting a B-24 bomber in the Philippine area brings to light the fact that the personnel of the University of Minnesota's greatest track team-- the 1940 edition on which Benn was the ace hurdler -- is 100 per cent in its contribution to the War effort.

The 1940 group annexed 25 points in the Conference meet for a new Minnesota high. Of the 14 University track records, six were set by members of this team which Coach Jim Kelly regards with great pride.

"No coach ever had a finer group of young men with whom to work. Their splendid contributions and great sacrifices in this war are typical," observed Kelly after commenting on the death of Bill Benn.

The Minnesota mentor, now in his eighth season as head track coach, then went on to indicate the current war activities of the other members of the '40 squad, according to recent reports.

Welles Hodgson who left school as a junior, with every prospect that he would be America's top-ranking broad jumper in his senior year, is a prisoner of the Japanese. He was serving as a lieutenant in the coast artillery on Corregidor at the time its battered, brave garrison surrendered to the Japs. Hodgson was 1940 Big Ten broad jumping champion and placed third in the National Collegiate meet.

George (Sonny) Franck, holder of the school record in the 220 yard dash at 21.2 and Conference indoor 60-yard dash champ in 1940, is a Marine Corps pilot serving in the Pacific area. He also ran on the one-mile relay team that topped the field in the Big Ten meet. Franck is also remembered as an all-American football player.

Bob Johnson, holder of the Minnesota 440-record at 48.8 and a member of the crack mile relay team, is in the Army Air Corps. Irving Liljegren is serving as a research chemist for the Government in Washington. His 9.24 in the two mile event stands as a University mark.

Bob Fitch who is now a Chief Petty Officer in the Coast Guard set the Minnesota discus standard at 166 feet 10 inches. In his senior year (1942) he was undefeated in all competition, winning the Big Ten, National AAU, NCAA, Texas relays, Drake Relays, and Kansas Relays meets. He was also an outstanding football end.

Bill Garrity who is now in the Army Air Corps did a 440 stint on the 1940 Conference Mile relay champion quartet. Don Evens, a Navy ensign, competed in the dashes. George Irvine, a 220 and 440 specialist, and member of the mile relay team, is a lieutenant in the army, serving as an artillery observation pilot in the European theater. Art Gill whose 4:18.2 mile is the fastest ever run by a Minnesota athlete and his twin brother, Jack, who ran the two mile on the '40 squad, are both lieutenants in the army air corps and were last known to be flying in combat in the India - Burma theater.

Carl Rasmussen who captained that team and ran the mile, is a lieutenant (j.g.) in the navy. He was at Pearl Harbor at the time of the Jap attack. Jack Rhodes, also a miler, is a navy pilot who has seen action in many Pacific engagements. Vince Lundeen who was top shot put expert on the '40 team is a Navy lieutenant and has been through several surface battles in the Pacific. Everett Miller, high jumper, is a C.P.O. in the navy. Jerry Smerda, broad jumper and a graduate in aeronautical engineering, is in the army air corps. Fred Petrich who competed in the pole vault is an army sergeant, stationed on the West coast.

And so -- the boys who gave the University of Minnesota its best year in track, are, to the last man, bringing further credit to their school and their Country.

Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick



Minneapolis---Niels Thorpe who was drafted as University of Minnesota swimming coach in 1920 by a group of students whom he had tutored as youngsters at the St. Paul Athletic club is bearing down in Cooke Hall's pool these days with unusual fervor as he prepares his twenty-fifth Gopher team for another Intercollegiate conference campaign.

Behind this intensified preparation is the desire of genial Niels to complete a quarter of century of coaching in the Big Ten without having been out of the upper half in the Conference meet, scheduled this year for March 10 at Evanston. In fact, only one of his Maroon and Gold teams finished as low as fifth.

While he is topped in point of service by Swim Coaches Joseph Steinaur of Wisconsin, Ed Manly of Illinois, and David Armbruster of Iowa, Thorpe's record is thought to be unmatched by that of any other conference team.

Of particular pride to the man who outranks all other members of the Minnesota athletic coaching staff in years on the present job is the fact that this consistently fine showing has been accomplished by boys from the State of Minnesota. Every swimmer on his all-time, all-star Gopher team attended high school in the home state.

When Niels Thorpe, a Danish immigrant youth of 21, landed in New York in 1914, among his assets was a swimming skill acquired as a boy splashing through the chilly waters of the North Sea. However, Niels failed to recognize this ability as an asset at the time for he could not see in it the means to his primary objective which was an education -- reserved at the time only to the wealthy people in Denmark. As events were to develop, his knowledge of the fundamentals of swimming eventually led him to this goal.

Thorpe's first "home" in the United States was at Monticello, Minnesota where he lived for six months on his aunt's farm. He saved money until he thought he had enough to stake him to some schooling in the English language. He chose Minnehaha academy in Minneapolis. His roommate there, a Swedish immigrant boy, ran out of funds before Niels, and then helped him to dispose of his money with the result that Niels was soon "broke." He withdrew from school.

So severe was Thorpe's financial predicament that he finally bought two sacks of stale doughnuts for a nickel. Doughnuts and water were his only nourishment for the ensuing week.

He labored as a painter in St. Paul from 1915 - 17 and then went to Detroit where he worked for the Packard Motor company and attended high school. He was starring for the school's swimming team until a rival coach found out he was 24 years old.

Niels enlisted in the United States Army in the spring of 1918, and was promptly shipped to the airplane mechanics school in the old Overland building in St. Paul. He received his citizenship papers in September, a year ahead of schedule, because of his service in the army. After receiving his discharge in 1919 he took a painter's job in St. Paul and moved into the St. Paul Y.M.C.A. When the St. Paul Athletic club opened its new pool in April 1919 Niels was appointed coach there.

In 1920 a group of University of Minnesota students whom Thorpe had coached at the St. Paul A.C. prevailed upon Dr. L. J. Cooke, then director of the department of physical education and athletics, to obtain Thorpe's services as swimming coach for the University. Niels didn't want to leave his job with a St. Paul paper box firm, but the determined students went in a body to an official of the concern and insisted that he permit their friend time enough away from work so that he could coach them three afternoons each week. The official acquiesced.

After defeating Iowa and losing to Northwestern in two dual meets in 1920, Niels took his Gopher squad to the 1921 Conference meet at Evanston where it captured second place. The following year Minnesota won its first Big Ten swimming championship. The last Conference title for Minnesota came in 1926, but up to the present day Thorpe's teams have finished as low as fifth only once.

While producing swimming teams of uniformly high standard, Niels in 1925 decided to enroll in the University. For 11 years he worked for a degree in physical education, often sitting side-by-side in classrooms with members of his swimming team. He graduated in 1936 and has since taken work toward a master's degree.

Much of Thorpe's post-war planning now concerns his son, Billy, who is in the army air corps. As a sophomore at Minneapolis Marshall high Billy was State high school 100-yard breast stroke champion. As a senior he added the state 220-yard free style championship to his laurels. Billy had been at Minnesota only six months when he dropped out to enter service.

The only Minnesota intra-school athletic tradition involving a coach started in 1926 when Stan (China) Morris caught Niels off-guard at the first practice of the season and pushed him into the old Armory pool, fully clothed. For the next 16 seasons the opening practice session found "Torps", as his swimmers have always called him, being flung into the pool -- cloaked usually in a sweat suit.

It is with a heavy heart that Niels thinks in terms of his "all-time, all-star" swimming team, for two of his finest young luminaries -- Arne Elchlepp and Don Garniss -- have been reported missing in action.

His choices are as follows: 50-yard free style - Ray Hakomaki of Gilbert (1940-42) :23.4; Rex Hudson of Duluth (1936-38) :23.6. 100-yard free style - Hakomaki :53.1. Max Moody of St. Paul (1926-28) :53.3. 220-yard free style - Arne Elchlepp of Minneapolis (1941-42) 2:13.6; Bob Acker of Minneapolis (1941-43) 2:15. 440-yard free style - Elchlepp 4:56; Acker 5:05. Back stroke - Lyman Brandt of St. Paul (1936-38) 1:38.4; Lowell Marsh (1929-31) 1:39.8. 200-yard breast stroke - John Faricy of St. Paul (1922,23,25) 2:36.3; Don Garniss of Minneapolis (1940-42) 2:28.6. Medley relay - backstroke, Lyman Brandt; breaststroke, John Sahlman of Cloquet (1926-38); Hakomaki. 400-yard free style relay - Max Moody; Sam Hill of Minneapolis (1926-28); Hakomaki; Rex Hudson. Diving - Walter Nappa of Ely (1929-31); Leonard Klum of Ely (1926-38); Vern Ruotsalainen of Virginia (1943-45); Harold Bird of Fairmont (1923-24); Myles (Mickey) Carter of Minneapolis (1926).

Faricy is chosen as the all-time ace of Minnesota breaststroke swimmers, despite better time recorded by others, because his Big Ten and national record of 2:36.3 stood for eight years. He was a member of the United States Olympic swimming team in 1924 and was never beaten in three years of college competition. It is Thorpe's belief that Faricy and the famous Jack Medica of the University of Washington are the only two collegiate swimmers in modern sports history to establish such a record. "Under present-day conditions," says Thorpe, "Faricy would still be in a class by himself."

Thorpe's hobby is a successful summer camp for boys which he has operated since 1933 at Waubesa, north of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota.

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Sports Release

Minneapolis, Feb. 11<sup>1/45</sup>--With less than two weeks left to prepare for the first indoor dual track meet of the season, Jim Kelly, Minnesota track coach is still wondering how and where he will get enough men to enter in each event.

Distance runners and weight men are definitely lacking from the track team roster and according to the coach he has just about given up hope of uncovering anyone to compete in these two events by Feb. 26, the date of the Wisconsin dual meet in the Fieldhouse.

This state of affairs will make it necessary for a small group to carry the entire burden through the indoor season which includes a schedule of five meets with only one of the five on the home track.

"We are starting from scratch because we have only one veteran left over from last year", Kelly said. "It is very evident that we will have to carry on with competition that is below conference standards this year but should have some interesting meets until we run against schools that have an abundance of navy and marine talent to draw from."

Minnesota's leading point scorer on present showing and past records will be Bruce James, the only holdover from last year's squad and one of the best quarter milers in the conference. Bobby Talmó, a navy trainee from Rochester, will perform in the sprints until he is transferred from the campus for additional training sometime in March. Arden Baughman, a sophomore hailing from Columbia Heights, recently discharged from the navy air force, and Dick Carlson, a V-12 student, will be high jump entries. Both men are hitting six feet in daily practice and on word of their coach should be able to do better in actual competition.

Bill Inglis, who dropped basketball and reported for track just

recently, is coming along at a fast pace and showing the form in the hurdles that stamped him one of the best in state high school circles while attending school in his home town of Redwood Falls. Inglis, a V-12 student, also is trying his hand at the pole vault in which he has had no previous experience. A running mate for Inglis in the hurdles is Bud Conley, a St. Paul V-12er.

The half mile run will find John Danielson of Passiac, N. J., another V-12 trainee, the only man running the distance. In practice runs Danielson has turned in some acceptable time for indoors and may develop into a dark horse.

Coach Kelly is counting the days until basketball season is over at which time his present meager forces will be strengthened with the addition of two cage squad men, Gordy Emerson of Spring Valley (Wis.) and Ken Poehler of St. Paul. Emerson has quite a reputation as a high jumper in northern Wisconsin high school competition, while Poehler, a navy man from St. Paul, performs equally well in the high and broad jump events.

Dick Lee, a member of last year's track squad, has been forced to forego track for the time being due to studies in the medical school.

A dual meet originally scheduled for the Fieldhouse Feb. 19 with Iowa has been canceled at the Hawkeye's request due to lack of man power necessary to form a track team. Coach Kelly, however, has been in touch with the situation and has invited Iowa to take part in the Wisconsin meet making it a triangular affair on the assumption that Iowa has three or four men who would compete although not a full team.

Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick



Minneapolis--The goal of the undefeated University of Minnesota hockey team which concludes its schedule with a two-game series against the St. James A. C. of Winnipeg Friday and Saturday at Winnipeg is the National A. A. U. hockey tournament tentatively set for March 2 and 3 at the Minneapolis Arena.

Karl Raymond of Minneapolis, chairman of the A.A.U. hockey committee, is seeking at least four representative entries for the meet, with the understanding that if he is successful, Minneapolis can have the event. If the tournament materializes, it will be the first time it has ever been held in the mid-west.

Dr. Lou Keller, acting director of athletics at Minnesota, has indicated to Raymond that he can count on the Gophers as a certain entry. Minnesota's great 1940 team which swept through an 18-game schedule without defeat won the national A. A. U. championship that year.

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The 15 - 2 triumph scored by the undefeated University of Minnesota hockey team over Michigan at Ann Arbor broke by three goals the previous single-game scoring mark of a Gopher sextet.

The previous high was a 12 - 0 conquest of the North Dakota State team in 1929. The highest totals scored against a conference team were a 10 - 0 verdict over Wisconsin in 1932 and a 10 - 2 defeat of Illinois in 1940. The largest Gopher total in the usually hotly-contested Michigan series, before Saturday's game, was a 9 - 2 score run up by Minnesota's undefeated Big Ten and National A.A.U. championship team of 1940.

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Vern Ojampa, Minnesota's master of the butter-fly stroke, will provide stern opposition in any collegiate swimming company this season. Any doubts that Coach Niels Thorpe may have had as to Ojampa's ability to return to top competitive form after a year out of school were dispelled in the recent Northwestern meet when Vern swam the 200-yard breast stroke in 2:33.5 to lap the field and beat by half a second the winning time in the 1944 conference meet.

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The performance of Vern Ruotsalainen in the diving event in which he piled up 217 points, including 93 points scored on three dives, indicates that Minnesota will have another strong contender for individual laurels in the conference meet March 10 at Evanston.

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The University of Minnesota basketball team, while not in the Big Ten championship picture, is making athletic history.

The starting five in the 56 - 48 conquest of Indiana Saturday at Bloomington was comprised entirely of freshmen. In fact, nine of the 10 men who appeared in the lineup against the Hoosiers were freshmen. The tenth, Gordon Muske, is a sophomore.

The all-freshman starting five, which also took the floor against Purdue the previous week at Lafayette, is believed to have been the first yearling team in Big Ten history to start against a conference opponent.

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Coach Jim Kelly of the University of Minnesota track team is anxiously scanning the list of prisoners released as the American armies advance on Luzon. Included in the gallant garrison which surrendered to the Japs at the fall of Corregidor was Lt. Wells Hodgson, coast artillery, who as a junior in 1940 won first place in the broad jump in the conference meet, and third place in the N.C.A.A. meet. Wells dropped out of school just before the start of the 1941 track season for active duty with the army.

Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick

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Minneapolis - University of Minnesota athletes will be shooting at Big 10 individual championships in three different sports within the next three weeks

In the Conference wrestling meet at Evanston Saturday, February 17, the Gophers will be represented by three men who are accorded an excellent chance of taking championships in their weight divisions.

Rod Lister who has been undefeated in five matches this season in the heavyweight class, will step down a notch for the Conference competition to bid for the 175-pound title. He was runnerup in the 165-pound class last year. Dick Nelson, undefeated in duel matches this season in the 155-pound division, is one of the ranking favorites in the conference meet. Bill Aldworth, fourth-place winner last year in the heavyweight class, may return as leading contender in this weight group.

Coach Clarence Ossell sees strong possibilities of his team finishing 1 - 2 - 3 in the final tabulation. Illinois, undefeated in duel competition, is the team favorite.

While Michigan and Ohio State are co-favorites for the team championship in the Conference swimming meet March 10 at Evanston, Minnesota will have two outstanding contenders for individual laurels in Vern Ojampa, breast stroke star, and Vern Ruotsalainen, diving expert.

Ojampa's winning time of 2:33.5 in the 200 yard breast stroke in the recent meet with Northwestern is a half-second lower than the winning time in the Conference meet last year. He won by a full lap. If pressed, the senior from Minnesota's Iron Range, may beat 2:30, in the opinion of Coach Niels Thorpe.

Abbreviated, stocky Vern Ruotsalainen who finished second in the 1944 Conference meet has shown great improvement as the result of diligent practice. His 217-point total in a recent duel meet indicates that it will take some brilliant diving to keep Ruotsalainen from his goal, which is the championship.

Results in the young indoor track season already point to a strong

bid by Minnesota for several individual championships and a formidable team showing in the Conference meet March 10 at Chicago.

Mark Brownstein who has been running the 60-yard dash consistently in 6.3 seconds is considered the man to beat in that event. The return of Ray Tharp, Navy medical dischargee, to the form which made him the greatest prep hurdler in Minnesota history gives Coach Jim Kelly hopes of a Big Ten champion in the low hurdles. Tharp is undefeated in duel competition to date. If he gains strength which was heavily sapped by a major operation necessitated by an in-service injury, Tharp is capable of improving on the winning times registered in meets to date.

When 5 feet, 8-inch Armin Baumann leaped 6 feet  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches in a quadrangular meet recently at Chicago he branded himself as a top-ranking contender for the Conference title in this event. The unbroken victory trail blazed by Bob Cranston in high hurdles competition this season points to a fourth possible individual championship when a full field of 10 Conference teams gathers in Chicago March 10.

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Because the father of an ambitious, athletically-inclined boy at Regional high school, Springfield, New Jersey thought football was too dangerous a sport for his son, the University of Minnesota has high hopes of carrying off the 175-pound championship in the Big Ten wrestling meet February 17 at Evanston, Ill.

Denied football by parental objection, young Rod Lister turned to track and wrestling. By virtue of his natural talents and the coaching of Joe Battaglia, former Tennessee university mat luminary, Lister became runnerup for the New Jersey high school wrestling championship in the 165-pound class in 1942.

Having completed high school, Rod decided to seek a degree in dentistry. He chose Minnesota, because, as he puts it, "I'd heard Minnesota's School of Dentistry is one of the very best."

While enrolled in the strenuous ASTP training program in the school of dentistry last year, Lister found time to do some wrestling for Minnesota in the 175-pound division. He "boiled" down to 165 pounds for the Conference meet and placed second in that division.

With Bill Aldworth, last year's Gopher heavyweight entrant, concentrating on his studies to the exclusion of wrestling this season, 180-pound Lister was chosen by Coach Clarence Ossell to assume the "giant-killing" role as heavyweight on the Minnesota squad.

The "dent" sophomore has responded brilliantly. He has won all five matches to date, four of them by falls. In every case he has had to spot his rival from 10 to 35 pounds. Two of his victims, Alec Kapter of the Iowa Pre-flight team and Sowinski of Indiana, are football stars. Kapter's collegiate football was played at Northwestern University.

When Bill Aldworth returned to action with the Minnesota wrestlers last week, Coach Ossell asked his ace if he would take off five pounds and finish the season in the 175-pound class.

In addition to being one of the outstanding athletes on the Minnesota campus, Lister is a leading (if not the leading) candidate for the title of "busiest." He works nights driving a hearse for a Minneapolis automotive livery concern, and snatches his sleep between calls.

As evidence of his versatility, Lister sings tenor in the choir of Grace Lutheran Church. Meanwhile he carries a heavy scholastic load under the accentuated dental school program. While the ASTP dental training program has been terminated, Rod will be permitted to continue his studies as long as he maintains satisfactory grades. He will enter the service as a dentist immediately after graduation.

The Michigan-Minnesota wrestling match Saturday at the Field House brought a reunion between Lister and Art Sachs, Wolverine 121 pound freshman ace, who won the New Jersey state prep championship as a member of the Regional high team.

Known familiarly as "Rod" or "Roddy," Lister figures that his given name, "Roderick" just isn't becoming to an athlete. His blushing countenance as he mentions it is anything but in character with the role he may soon fill as Big Ten champ wrestler in the 175-pound division.

Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick

Minneapolis, February---"Spring training" for what may prove to be one of the University of Minnesota's strongest baseball teams will start on March 6 when candidates for the squad will report to Coach Dave Mac Millan in the Field House.

Eight lettermen are expected to be available by the time the Gophers open their Big Ten schedule against Iowa at Minneapolis on April 27.

If the roster shapes up as anticipated by Coach Mac Millan, Minnesota will have capable veterans in all but one infield post and a single outfield berth.

Hudson (Hockey) Mealey, regular catcher during the 1942 season, returned to school last fall after receiving a medical discharge from the Marine Corps. He has been taking conditioning workouts. Bob Graiziger who did most of the backstopping last season will be available. His two understudies -- Red Mc Cabe and Tom Dougherty -- are expected to report for indoor practice.

Gene Kelly who made a spectacular start in his freshman year, only to injure his throwing arm early last spring, tops the list of returning pitchers. Kelly's blazing speed and excellent control as a first year man caught the attention of many big league scouts.

Matthew (Mutsy) Nolan, the left-handed "workhorse" of last year's Minnesota mound staff, and a consistent winner with his speed and sharp-breaking curves, is expected to be back in uniform.

Jack Verby who established a brilliant pitching record at Carleton college, Northfield, before coming to Minnesota in the navy V-12 training program has indicated that he will report for baseball.

The presence of Kelly, Nolan, and Verby would give Minnesota the strongest mound trio in its baseball history.

With Lettermen Al Diaz, first base; Wayne (Red) Williams, second base; and Arnold (Butzy) Lehrman, shortstop, ready for the coming baseball campaign,

Coach Mac Millan can concentrate on finding a third baseman to complete a formidable infield combination. Three freshmen, all from St. Paul, were outstanding prep infielders and are expected to provide the needed third base talent, plus reserve strength at shortstop and second base. They are Ray Christesen, who lettered in basketball; Bill Klatt, frosh ace of Minnesota's great hockey team; and Bob Rediske.

Earl Bruhn who received a medical discharge from the Marine Corps the first week in March is expected to enroll in school for spring quarter, and take over the center field spot he held two years ago. He played at Penn State while stationed there last season for Marine training.

Pitchers Mutsy Nolan and Gene Kelly are slated to work in the outfield when not pitching to bolster Minnesota's outer defenses.

Several practice games will be scheduled in the next few weeks.

Minnesota's Big Ten schedule is as follows:

April 27 - 28	Iowa at Minneapolis
May 4 - 5	Michigan at Ann Arbor
May 18 - 19	Wisconsin at Madison
May 26	Purdue at Minneapolis (double header)
June 1 - 2	Northwestern at Evanston
June 8 - 9	Indiana at Minneapolis

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The University of Minnesota's Conference co-champion in the high jump, Armin Baumann, has become the school's most rabid moving picture fan, despite the heavy scholastic load he carries as a second-year law student.

The usual run of Hollywood celebrities have nothing to do with Baumann's attachment to the silver screen. The objects of his attention are such great American high jumpers of recent years as Albritton and Walker of Ohio State; Canham of Michigan; and Steers of Oregon University.

Convinced that he has hit his "ceiling" at 6 feet 4 inches with his

present style of jumping which is a sort of hy-brid scissors kick and western roll, Baumann, who stands only 5 feet 8 inches, has taken to the projection room in Minnesota's Cooke Hall with Coach Jim Kelly. These sessions are intended to reveal the pumping secrets of these men, all of whom cleared more than 6'6" in collegiate competition. Though already one of the very few athletes in history to exceed their own height by eight inches, Armin's goal is 6-1/2 feet.

Baumann hit 5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ " as a competitor for Columbia Heights high school from which he graduated in 1939. He was topping 6 feet consistently as a freshman at Minnesota when he volunteered for the navy air corps. After 18 months of pilot training, he received a medical discharge at Great Lakes in June 1943. He returned to Minnesota, enrolling under the veteran's rehabilitation program.

Armin topped off his first season of varsity track competition last spring by tying with Bill Dale of Michigan for the Conference championship in the high jump, and finished third in the NCAA meet at Milwaukee with a leap of 6' 4".

Industrious, sincere Baumann's goal for this season is an undefeated record. Between the movies and plenty of intensive practice on the three days each week he leaves the Law school library at 4 p.m. for workouts he expects to perfect the new form which will lead him to new heights.

Despite Baumann's great ambition to improve, he feels that the rewards of his track activities have already been great.

While competing in the 1944 Chicago Relays he met Eileen Beier of Riverside, Illinois who is now his fiancee. Eileen is taking a post graduate course in public health at the University of Minnesota.

## Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick

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Minneapolis, March----Three University of Minnesota athletes who are undefeated this season in their specialties will make bids Saturday at Chicago for championships in Conference meets.

Two of this trio, Vern Ruotsalainen and Vern Ojampa, will lead the Gopher swimming team which is intent on landing among the top five for the twenty fifth consecutive year. The meet will also mark completion of a quarter century of coaching Minnesota swim squads for Niels Thorpe.

Ruotsalainen, a diver, and Ojampa, breast stroke artist, have defeated all comers this season in competition against teams from Lawrence College, Wisconsin, Iowa State, Northwestern, Michigan, and Iowa. Neither star has even been closely pressed. However, Ojampa has not matched strokes with Kessler of Michigan, defending champion, who was ill at the time of the Minnesota - Michigan meet, or with Heidke of Purdue. The race between these three brilliant exponents of the butterfly stroke is expected to highlight the meet at Chicago.

Ojampa's best time in the 200-yard breast stroke this season is 2:33.5, achieved in a duel meet with Northwestern. This mark is one and a half seconds below Kessler's winning time in the 1944 Conference meet.

The third Gopher athlete who will seek to extend a perfect record against a Conference field Saturday is Ray Tharp. He has defeated all low hurdle rivals in competition with Iowa State, Wisconsin, Purdue, Chicago, Northwestern, Illinois, and Iowa. Tharp will also be a strong contender for high individual point honors as he has not placed lower than second so far this season in the broad jump and high hurdles.

Though defeated once in indoor competition this season,

Sprinter Mark Brownstein and Armin Baumann, high jumper, are potential champions. Brownstein has been timed at :06.3 for the 60-yard dash on several occasions, and is co-favorite with Illinois' Buster in this event. Baumann, co-holder of the Conference outdoor high jump championship, is the ranking favorite for first place at Chicago Saturday.

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Four members of the 1944-45 basketball squad which hit a new all-time Minnesota scoring high for a 12-game Conference schedule with 528 points are expected to return next season.

Two of them, Walter Rucke and Henry Bishop, hold medical discharges from the navy and army, respectively. Both are freshmen. The other two, George Kilen and Gordon Muske, both of whom were reserve centers, exceed the height limit acceptable to the army or navy. Kilen is a freshman, and Muske, a sophomore. Rucke, a guard, is the only one of the quartet who was a regular.

Of the other regulars, Guard Arnold (Butzy) Lehrman will graduate in June; Center Clarence (Kleggie) Hermsen who broke Minnesota's individual scoring records for the season and for Conference games, will leave school to take a position with the American Gear Company of Chicago; Chet Tomczyk, forward, will enter the army before the end of March; and Ray Christesen, guard, will be called up for pre-induction physical examination after reaching his 18th birthday in June.

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Lt. Vernal (Babe) Levoir USNR, home in Minneapolis on leave after 19 months aboard an aircraft carrier which participated in many major engagements in the Pacific, was famed for his bone-bruising blocking, tackling, and ball-carrying while playing halfback, quarterback, and fullback on Minnesota's undefeated football teams of 1933, 34, and 35.

While lunching last week with Minnesota's acting director of athletics, Dr. Lou Keller, Babe readily volunteered the opinion that his college football was only "child's play" compared to what he went through against the Japs. Said babe, "That's REALLY rugged out there."

Levoir will report soon to Washington, D.C. for a new assignment there.

Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick



Minneapolis, March---With a strong baseball squad that includes nine lettermen and a sensational break of early warm weather that has permitted the team to get outdoors three weeks earlier than usual, Minnesota is looking forward hopefully to the conference baseball season.

Coach Dave MacMillan isn't saying much, but his declaration that "no one is sure of his position" is taken as evidence the Gophers are power laden.

If early-season indications are borne out, this year's nine may be the best in Minnesota's history.

The pitching staff - heart of any baseball team - promises to be the finest in Gopher athletic annals. Gene Kelly whose fireball created such a sensation in his freshman year has apparently recovered from an arm injury which kept him off the mound last season. Matthew (Mutsy) Nolan, leading left-hander in the conference last spring, is back.

Two right-handed newcomers -- Bob Shumack and Jack Verby -- are both heralded as outstanding prospects. Shumack is a big, rugged athlete with a strong arm and blazing speed. He entered the navy after graduating from Minneapolis Central high, but received a medical discharge during the winter, and enrolled at Minnesota. Verby made a brilliant record at Carleton college before coming to Minnesota in the navy's V-12 program.

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The Minnesota golf team which finished second in the National collegiate meet last spring and produced the national collegiate champion in Louis Lick, Jr. will make only two trips this spring.

The Gopher linksmen will engage Notre Dame and Northwestern in a triangular meet at Evanston on May 5 and then play a duel meet with Wisconsin at Madison May 7, on the way home. They will go away again on May 26 for the conference

meet at Evanston.

Because of the extended illness of Coach W. R. Smith, the home schedule has not been completed.

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The University of Minnesota track team will open its outdoor season at Memorial Stadium April 21 in a dual meet with the Iowa Preflight cindermen.

Though lacking all-around balance, the Gophers have compiled an excellent indoor record highlighted by a third-place effort in the Big Ten meet at Chicago. On the basis of competition to date, Coach Jim Kelly's squad is surpassed in the conference only by those at Michigan and Illinois.

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Hudson (Hockey) Mealey whose work behind the plate in University of Minnesota baseball workouts has brought forth the unanimous praise of several big league baseball players who have been limbering up with the Gophers is a "veteran" at 21.

The rugged Faribault athlete who came to Minnesota via Faribault high school and Shattuck Military academy with 14 prep letters to his credit began playing for Faribault in the Southern Minny league at 15. He was an outfielder for nearly two seasons. One day, in the absence of the team's regular catcher, Hockey volunteered to try backstopping. He liked the position so well he stayed right there.

As a freshman at Minnesota in 1943 Mealey shared catching duties with Seniors Stu Olson and Casey Dowling. He entered the Marine Corps in July. After receiving his medical discharge last fall, he returned to school in time to bolster the football squad at fullback. Coach Bernie Bierman's plans for next fall include extensive help from Mealey at fullback.

While he has definitely "arrived" as a baseball and football star, Hockey's "secret ambition" is to make the Minnesota basketball squad. He played three years of basketball in high school.

The ambitious, earnest Faribault youth has a way of succeeding at anything he tries. If a stocky, powerfully-built young man sporting a bristly crew hair-do shows up in a Gopher basketball uniform next winter, it will probably be Mealey.

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Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick

Minneapolis---Though an accurate estimate of the University of Minnesota's football strength will be impossible until full-scale fall practice starts September 3, the array of veteran backfield talent in school at present, if intact on that date, will provide Bernie Bierman's Gophers the physical means for some real offensive fireworks.

Of the lettermen halfbacks from last year's squad who are enrolled for spring quarter, John Lundquist, Bob Kasper, Bud Gullickson, and Phil Mc Manus are engaging daily in spring football workouts; Wayne (Red) Williams who set an all-time Minnesota ground gaining record last fall, and Matthew (Mutsy) Nolan are on the Gopher baseball squad; and Tom Cates who played both halfback and fullback has yet to report.

Merlin Kispert, the rangy, rugged V-12 sophomore who carried most of the quarterback load last fall, is running at this post in spring football. Dale Rappana who spelled him off is expected out soon.

Vic Kulbitski, fullback powerhouse whose mid-season return last fall after his medical discharge from the Marine Corps sparked a stretch drive by the Gophers, is in school and eligible for further competition. His understudy, Hockey Mealey, is number-one catcher for the baseball team, but is counted on for extensive duty in the fall.

Bob Jensen and John Kutscheid who won letters last fall at guard are participating in spring drills. Davy Day, another "M" winner at guard, is expected out. Bob Graiziger, a three-time letter winner at guard who is eligible for another season of competition under war-time rules, is playing baseball.

It is in the center, tackle, and end positions that Line Coach Dr. George Hauser will have to do extensive replenishing. Right now the answers are not in sight and the coaching staff is looking hopefully to incoming V-12 units and the fall freshman class to produce assistance to the one returning letterman at each of the three spots. Dick Van Dusen, center; Tom Reinhardt, tackle; and Bill Marcotte

end are the three vets.

Only two newcomers since last fall are seen as first-string prospects. They are Earl Bruhn who quarterbacked Penn State last season while stationed there in the Marine Corps training program, and Bob Hanzlik who played end one year at Wisconsin as a civilian and one year at Michigan where he was enrolled as a Marine trainee. Both have received medical discharges from the service.

Bruhn, youngest brother of Milt who starred at guard on Minnesota's undefeated national championship team in 1934 and who is presently assistant line coach under Dr. Hauser, is playing baseball. Hanzlik, a law student, is engaging in spring workouts to accustom himself to Bierman's style of play.

The 1945 Schedule:

September	22	Missouri at Minneapolis
	29	Iowa Seahawks at Minneapolis
October	6	Nebraska at Lincoln
	13	Open
	20	Northwestern at Minneapolis
	27	Ohio State at Minneapolis
November	3	Michigan at Ann Arbor
	10	Indiana at Minneapolis
	17	Iowa at Iowa City
	24	Wisconsin at Minneapolis

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Two boys who were team mates in football at Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts will very likely figure prominently in Minnesota football next fall. They are Earl Bruhn of St. Bonifacius and Dick Van Dusen of Birmingham, Michigan.

Earl, youngest brother of Milt Bruhn who played guard on Minnesota's undefeated national championship team of 1934, earned a baseball "M" as a Gopher freshman in 1943 but joined the Marine Corps immediately after the end of spring quarter.

Last year while in Marine training at Penn State, Earl quarterbacked the strong Penn State team and was the star outfielder on the baseball nine. He recently received a medical discharge and has enrolled for spring quarter at Minnesota. He will concentrate on baseball this spring, but will report for football in the fall.

Van Dusen, a NROTC student, was one of Minnesota's two best centers last fall. He is slated for the number-one spot at center next fall until he graduates in early October with his Ensign's commission.

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Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick



Minneapolis----Bob Graiziger's name should have been "Andy", for "Andy" goes with "handy" and that is a fitting single-word description of the husky athlete who is about to win his ninth University of Minnesota "M."

Graiziger, handy-andy of Gopher athletics, is not only versatile in respect to outstanding ability in football, baseball, and hockey, but has proved capable of adjusting himself to virtually every position on these three teams.

The 200-pounder from St. Paul whose cherubic countenance has earned him the nickname "cueball" among his fellow athletes is a "coach's dream", particularly in this day of shortages when manpower must be spread and shifted to fill the many gaps in team personnel.

Bob announced himself as a fullback in his first appearance as a freshman football candidate in 1941 -- year of Minnesota's latest national championship varsity eleven. Because Vic Kulbitski, an experienced hand, had the fullback situation well under control, Coach Dr. George Hauser decided to use Graiziger's talents in the line. "Cueball" immediately adapted himself to the line spot and became a first-string guard. He played at this position through the 1943 and '44 seasons.

Graiziger's impressive physical attributes identified him to Hockey Coach Larry Armstrong as a defenseman. For three seasons he spent most of his playing time around the blue line, smashing with his jarring body-checks or deft poke-checking, virtually every attempt of the opposition to work in for a scoring shot at the Gopher net.

Coach Armstrong figured his earnest, hard-working veteran in his defensive plans for the season just past, but after recurrence of a knee injury, decided not to risk him on the back line where Al Opsahl and Al Van were proving themselves highly capable. Depending on the needs of the moment, Bob played both center and wing -- until the final game of a record-breaking season when, in Al Van's

absence, he dropped back to defense. The change had no effect on the veteran's performance. He was the outstanding star with sterling defensive play, plus two goals and an assist. These points gave Bob a total of 18 for the season and second-place in scoring on a sextet that broke all existing Big Ten team records.

Coach Larry Armstrong praises Graiziger as "The most apt student and the greatest competitor I've ever coached, in my 12 years at Minnesota or in professional hockey before that."

Coach Dave Mac Millan was in a bad way for catchers last spring for his Gopher baseball team. There wasn't a man with experience on the squad. He had two of the Conference's "hottest" pitchers in Southpaw Mutsy Nolan and Gene Kelly, right-handed speed ace, but no one to handle them.

Who finally solved his problem? "Handy-Andy" Graiziger, who hadn't played baseball for three years. This season, with Hudson (Hockey) Mealey who caught so impressively two seasons ago before entering the Marine Corps back, Graiziger has shown enough improvement to give him a battle for the job. However, Mac Millan needs a first-baseman. You guess who's getting the nod in daily workouts. "Handy's" moved again. Wherever he finally lights in the lineup, he'll do a real job. The records show that's the way of this adaptable ex-Marine.

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With Jack Adams, number one man last season, definitely out of the picture because of press of law studies, Phil Brain, University of Minnesota tennis coach is rebuilding his squad around a lone letterman -- Bernard Herman -- from last year's team.

Three freshmen newcomers -- Bob Cerney of Mason City, Iowa, Jack Bernstein from Minneapolis Southwest high, and Chuck Branham, former Minneapolis Washburn high star - are vying with two NROTC students for team positions. Bob Putterman of Beloit, Wisconsin came to Minnesota from the University of Wisconsin, where he played number four man last season, via the navy training program. Charles Kitchen, NROTC, played in 1944 with the Seattle naval air station team.

Coach Brain has been impressed with the showing of these men in early indoor workouts, and looks optimistically to the Conference opener May 5 with Wisconsin at Minneapolis.

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By Otis Dypwick



### MEET MINNESOTA'S 1945 BASEBALL GOPHERS

The strongest "paper" team in the University of Minnesota's baseball annals will bid this season for the Conference title.

Eight lettermen supplemented by four squad members from 1944, three freshman standouts, and a number of navy V-12 and ROTC transfers from other schools give Coach Dave Mac Millan the most formidable array of talent he has had since taking over in 1942 from Lt. Colonel Frank Mc Cormick who is on leave of absence.

Principal source of optimism on the Gopher squad is the pitching staff. Veterans Gene Kelly and Matthew (Mutsy) Nolan have been joined by Jack Verby, a V-12 transfer from Carleton college where he pitched sensationally for three years, and Bob Schumack, husky frosh from Minneapolis Central.

Bob Graiziger and Hudson (Hockey) Mealey, two rugged lettermen both of whom have had a year of experience behind the plate, assure Minnesota top catching performances. Bob (Red) Mc Cabe, a reserve last season, has shown great improvement and will spell off Graiziger and Mealey.

Second base and short stop will be filled by two-year veterans, Wayne (Red) Williams and Arnold (Butzy) Lehrman, respectively. Dick Rediske, St. Paul freshman, has the nod over several capable third basemen. The first base job is wide open and will probably remain so at least until the opening conference game with Iowa at Minneapolis on April 27.

The only letterman available for the outfield is Earl Bruhn, who played through the 1943 season before entering the Marine Corps. He recently received his medical discharge. Ed Schaller and Wes Johnson who is back trying for a position after having been out of school for more than 10 years are the only other outfield candidates with previous experience.

Most promising of the new candidates is Bill Biesmann, NROTC sophomore from Chicago's Senn high school. Ray Christesen, St. Paul freshman who

reported as an infielder, has been showing well in outfield workouts.

The unknown quantity of the Gopher nine is its hitting strength. Coach Mac Millan feels confident that his pitching staff will be stingy with earned runs scored against it, but is concerned over the ability of his batters to go out and get enough base hits to win a championship quota of ball games.

Mac Millan's principal problem is the distribution of his manpower. Of his squad of 30, 14 are either navy V-12 or ROTC students which means they can be away from school only 48 hours at one time, or long enough for a single ball game. Four of his better players -- Jack Verby, Brad Thompson, Bill Biesmann, and Ken Johnson -- fall in this category.

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#### Thumbnails of Outstanding Individual Players

BIESMANN, BILL - outfield - Biesmann, a NROTC student, is making his first bid for a position on the Minnesota team. He has been outstanding among the new prospects in spring practice. The former Chicago Senn high school athlete is built "close to the ground," but can cover lots of outfield. Bill will be available for only one game of each road series, due to navy regulations. He throws and bats right-handed.

BRUHN, EARL - outfield - Earl is the youngest of three Bruhn brothers to earn letters in baseball at Minnesota. His oldest brother, Milt, caught for and captained Minnesota's last conference championship team in 1934. He also starred at guard on the undefeated national championship football team of that season. Vern Bruhn pitched in 1939.

Earl who stands 5'11" and weighs 195 pounds is powerfully built. He earned a baseball letter in 1943, but entered the Marine Corps immediately after completing spring quarter. While stationed last year at Penn State in the Marine training program he was a regular in both baseball and football. Bruhn bats and fields right-handed.

GRAIZIGER, BOB - catcher - Graiziger is one of three seniors on the squad, - the other two being Butzy Lehrman and Wayne Williams. He is in his second year on the Minnesota baseball squad, having been regular catcher in 1944. At 200 pounds Bob is the huskiest man on the squad, yet he is extraordinarily active. He is probably the best all-around athlete in the university, having won four letters in hockey and three in football. He throws and bats right-handed. He holds a medical discharge from the Marine Corps.

KELLY, GENE - pitcher - Kelly is one of the finest hurlers in Minnesota baseball history. He is said to throw the fastest ball in college baseball. He pitched brilliantly as a sophomore in 1943, being particularly effective with his flashing speed. He injured his arm before the opening of the 1944 schedule, and was unable to pitch during the balance of the season. He did play some in right field. Kelly throws and bats right-handed.

KLATT, BILL - infield - Klatt, a freshman, is destined to be the handy-andy of the Gopher infield. He impressed Coach Mac Millan in early drills at third base and shortstop, but, because other capable performers are available for these positions, Klatt has been getting a thorough trial at first base since the Al Diaz, 1944 regular, was declared ineligible at the start of spring quarter. He is a great competitor as was proven during the hockey season when he starred with a strong Minnesota sextet. Klatt bats and throws right-handed.

LEHRMAN, ARNOLD - shortstop - Nickname, "Butzy." Lehrman has acquired a reputation as one of the finest infielders in college baseball through two previous seasons as regular shortstop on the Minnesota team. He is both a polished and steady fielder, and comes up with many spectacular plays. At bat he is "strong in the clutches." Lehrman throws right-handed, bats left-handed.

MEALEY, HUDSON - catcher - Nickname, "Hockey." Mealey broke in as a regular catcher during his freshman year (1943), sharing duties with two seniors. He entered the Marine Corps as an O.C. immediately after the '43 season, but received a medical discharge last fall. He returned to school in time to earn his football letter as a fullback. He is a stocky, solid athlete who would "rather play baseball than eat." At 20 years he is a baseball veteran, having started in the strong Southern Minnesota amateur league when only 15 with Faribault, his home town. Several major league teams have sought to sign him to a contract. Mealey throws and bats right-handed.

NOLAN, MATTHEW - pitch and outfield - Nickname, "Mutsy." Nolan was the leading pitcher on the Minnesota staff in 1944, with three wins and one loss in conference competition. He was topped in the conference only by Bowman and Hirsch of the championship Michigan nine and Zeman of Northwestern. A wicked hitter, both for distance and frequency, Nolan was fourth on the conference with a .387 average. The powerfully-built Mutsy has a strong arm which enables him to throw nine innings at top speed. He is the team's wit and a perpetual clown. Nolan throws and bats left-handed. He has a medical discharge from the Marine Corps.

REDISKE, DICK - third base - Rediske is the outstanding ball player among the freshmen. He had an outstanding record with St. Paul Washington high school and in American Legion baseball. He has excellent fielding motions and a sure arm with which he whips the ball across the infield dead-on his first base target. Rediske throws and bats right handed.

SCHUMACK, BOB - pitcher - Schumack, a husky, strong athlete with a powerful arm, pitched superbly for Minneapolis Central high school. His outstanding feat there was defeating the Washburn high school team virtually identical in personnel to the Litchfield Post team which won the national junior legion championship in 1943. He gained additional experience by pitching in a strong outstate amateur league after graduation last spring. He has a dazzling fast ball which is rendered all the more effective by a nice change of pace. Schumack throws and bats right-handed. He has a medical discharge from the navy.

VERBY, JACK - pitcher and first base - the presence of this great athlete is the prime single reason for the optimism prevalent in the Gopher ranks over championship prospects. In three years of competition at Carleton college he established the most brilliant pitching record in that school's history. He also distinguished himself in basketball. He is enrolled at Minnesota as a freshman medic in the navy's V-12 program. He stands 6 feet 3 inches. Every motion on the baseball diamond radiates class. On the mound he has speed, control, and a baffling "mix." He is a power at the plate, having hit well over .300 through his three years of competition at Carleton. Jack will be used at first base in the home games he does not pitch, but will be used exclusively as a pitcher on the road for he is permitted, under navy regulations, to be away from the station only 48 hours. Verby throws and bats right-handed.

WILLIAMS, WAYNE - second base - Nickname, "Red." Williams, a senior, found himself extended this season to hold his second base position at which he was a regular in 1944, but finally came out on top in the heated early-season contest for his post. The same fire and determination which enabled him to break Minnesota's all-time ground-gaining record as a halfback in football last fall make Red valuable to the Gopher infield. Williams throws and bats right-handed. He has a medical discharge from the Marine Corps.

MINNESOTA'S 1945 SCHEDULE

April 20 - 21 Iowa State at Ames.  
 27 - 28 Iowa at Minneapolis.  
 May 4 - 5 Michigan at Ann Arbor.  
 7 Iowa Pre-flight at Iowa City.  
 11 - 12 Iowa State at Minneapolis.  
 18 - 19 Wisconsin at Madison.  
 22 Camp Mc Coy at Minneapolis.  
 26 Purdue at Minneapolis (doubleheader).  
 30 - 31 Camp Mc Coy at Camp Mc Coy.  
 June 1 - 2 Northwestern at Evanston.  
 4 Iowa Pre-flight at Minneapolis.  
 8 - 9 Indiana at Minneapolis.

Starting times (home games): Friday games, 4 p.m. Saturday games - 2 p.m. except Iowa game on April 28th which will start at 1:30 p.m. Purdue doubleheader will also start at 1:30 p.m.

Final Big Ten Standings - 1944

	Won	Lost	Pct.	Team Bat.Av.	Team Field. Av.
Michigan	8	0	1.000	.326	.946
Northwestern	8	2	.800	.251	.957
Illinois	5	2	.714	.256	.946
Minnesota	5	3	.625	.272 (second)	.954 (second)
Ohio State	5	5	.500	.199	.924
Purdue	4	5	.444	.249	.943
Wisconsin	4	5	.444	.253	.899
Iowa	3	4	.428	.154	.904
Indiana	2	8	.200	.172	.918
Chicago	0	10	.000	.201	.920

THE SQUAD

<u>Height</u>	<u>Weight</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Previous</u>	<u>Competition</u>	<u>Status</u>	<u>Home</u>
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Catchers

*Graiziger, Bob	5'9"	200	23	sr.	1	1-C	St. Paul (Washington)
Mc Cabe, Robert	5'7"	145	19	jr.	1	V-12	St. Paul (Cretin)
*Mealey, Hudson	5'9"	186	20	soph.	1	1-C	Faribault

Pitchers

Brown, Owen	6'4"	177	19	jr.	1	V-12	Minneapolis
Hill, Roland	5'10"	175	21	sr.	0	V-12	Waconia
Holmberg, Ralph	6'2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	165	21	jr.	1	V-12	Winona
Karels, Robert	5'10"	170	19	frosh	0	civ.	Watertown
*Kelly, Gene	6'	170	23	sr.	2	civ.	St. Paul (Harding)
Nelstad, James	5'10"	150	20	frosh	0	1-C	Miles City, Montana
*Nolan, Matthew	5'9"	178	21	soph.	1	1-C	Minneapolis (Central)
Repke, Lee	5'8"	150	17	frosh	0	under age	St. Paul
Schumack, Bob	6'	180	20	frosh	0	1-C	Minneapolis (Central)
Tufigno, Joe	5'11 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	150	21	jr.	0	1-C	Chicago (Lakeview)
Verby, Jack	6'3"	195	21	med.frosh	0	V-12	St. Paul (Johnson)

Infielders

Christesen, Ray	5'9"	155	17	frosh	0	under age	St. Paul (Murray)
Hayden, Dick	6'2"	195	26	frosh	0	civ.	Minneapolis (South)
Hough, Louis	5'10"	165	20	jr.	0	NROTC	Aumsville, Oregon
Johnson, Ken	5'6"	150	22	med.soph.	0	V-12	Helena, Montana
Klatt, Bill	5'11"	170	18	frosh	0	1-A	St. Paul (Johnson)
*Lehrman, Arnold	5'11"	160	22	sr.	2	civ.	Minneapolis (North)
Rediske, Dick	5'10"	158	18	frosh	0	civ.	St. Paul (Washington)
*Thompson, Brad	6'	155	20	jr.	1	V-12	Detroit, Mich. (St. Phil)
Tiefenthaler, Tom	6'2"	185	18	soph.	0	NROTC	Wauwatosa, Wis. (Neri)
*Williams, Wayne	5'10"	181	22	sr.	2	civ.	Minneapolis (Roosevelt)

Outfielders

Biesmann, Bill	5'8"	165	22	soph.	0	NROTC	Chicago (Senn)
*Bruhn, Earl	5'11"	190	21	soph.	1	1-C	St. Bonifacious
Johnson, Wes	6'	165	35	sr.	1	civ.	Minneapolis (Edison)
Schaller, Ed	6'	185	22	sr.	1	V-12	Des Moines, Ia.
Sell, Don	5'11"	162	20	frosh.	0	civ.	Fairfax
Storlie, John	5'11"	175	18	soph.	0	V-12	Santiago

\* Lettermen



Minneapolis----One of the strangest quirks of war-time college athletics is the current aim of Bob Hanzlik, recently of the U. S. Marine Corps and now a "rehab" student at the University of Minnesota, to win his fourth football letter at a third Big Ten university.

The ruggedly-built athlete from Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, got in two years as an end at Wisconsin under Harry Stuldreher on Badger elevens of 1941 and 1942 before entering the Marine Corps. The following football season found Bob at Michigan in the Marine training program. Fritz Crisler used him as a tackle.

Having completed his training at Michigan, Hanzlik went on to the Marine base at San Diego. While there, he was hospitalized by osteomyelitis in the knuckles of his left hand. This affliction led to his medical discharge from the Marine Corps.

How did he happen to choose Minnesota this time? "Heck," says the friendly, husky tow-head, "I always did want to play under Bernie Bierman. Mr. Stuldreher and Mr. Crisler are very fine coaches, but I've wanted for a long time to see for myself just how Bierman developed those national championship teams at Minnesota. And, besides, it's just little more than an hour from Minneapolis to my home by train."

Hanzlik's choice is a happy one for Bierman and Line Coach Hauser. They are greatly impressed by the intense application and fire with which Bob is applying himself to spring drills in which he is running at a guard position.

Hanzlik's gusto as he tears into the dummies and runs through light scrimmages indicates that he has an abundance of the "old college try." Yes, he really loves his football.

In trying to add a Minnesota "M" to his Wisconsin "W" and Michigan "M" Bob Hanzlik seems destined for Gopher stardom.

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Rarely has any University of Minnesota athletic squad been manned by athletes with the versatility of those who make up the 1945 baseball roster. Eleven of the "first-stringers" have accumulated 38 letters in four different sports.

If Bob Graiziger, regular catcher last season, makes his baseball "M" this spring, he will join the very select group of Minnesota's nine-letter winners. He has starred in both hockey and football. Hudson (Hockey) Mealey, scheduled to share catching duties with Graiziger, was second-string fullback last fall and won a baseball letter in 1943 before entering the Marine Corps. Bob (Red) Mc Cabe, third catcher on the squad, was regular goalie on the powerful Gopher hockey team.

Ralph Holmberg, pitcher and first-baseman, made his basketball "M" during the past season, as did Ray Christesen, freshman outfielder. Gene Kelly, senior pitching ace, won his basketball "M" as a sophomore.

Jack Verby, V-12 enrollee, was hailed at Carleton college as one of its all-time athletic immortals for his unprecedented feats over a three-year period as a pitcher in baseball and high-scorer in basketball.

Arnold (Butzy) Lehrman, regular Gopher shortstop and one of the Conference's finest infielders, is after his sixth "M," having won three in basketball and two in baseball. Brad Thompson, letterman third-baseman last year, scintillated with the Minnesota hockey team. Wayne (Red) Williams who is holding the second-base spot has three letters in football. Red broke Minnesota's all-time individual ground-gaining record last fall while running from left halfback. Earl Bruhn, regular outfielder, earned letters in both football and baseball last year at Penn State where he was enrolled in the Marine Corps training program.

Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick



Minneapolis----A Hint of the future trend in regard to the return of war veterans to college athletic competition may be found in a review of the present year at the University of Minnesota during which 20 wearers of the gold discharge button have taken a prominent part in intercollegiate competition.

The 1944 Gopher football team had six discharged veterans in its first-string lineup, and every one played a prominent part during the season. They were Rudy Sikich, tackle, Vic Kulbitski and Hockey Mealey, fullbacks, Bob Graiziger, guard, and Matthew (Mutsy) Nolan and Wayne (Red) Williams, left halfbacks. All were in the Marine Corps.

Baseball leads in numbers, with seven vets on the squad. These men are Hockey Mealey, catcher, bob Graiziger, catch and first base, Wayne Williams, second base, Bob Schumach, pitch, Jim Nelstead, pitch, Joe Tufigno, pitch, and Earl Bruhn, outfield.

One of the principal cogs in the Minnesota basketball team, Walter Rucke, was wounded in action while serving as a navy medical corpsman in the Pacific. Henry Bishop, who played guard, received a medical discharge from the army.

Graiziger, most versatile of all Minnesota athletes, was the only service vet on the hockey team which rated as one of the best in the university's history. He was second high scorer on the squad.

Vern Ruotsalainen who placed third among the nation's best college low board divers in the national collegiate swimming meet during the past season to climax a season which found him undefeated in dual competition has a medical discharge from the navy.

The two outstanding stars of Minnesota's indoor track season were Ray Tharp, hurdler and broad jumper, and Armin Baumann, co-holder of the Big Ten high jumping championship, both of whom received medical discharges from the navy.

Stew Cornell who is expected to team up with Jack Adams to form the University of Minnesota's number one tennis doubles combination is a "rehab" student, having been discharged from the Marine Corps.

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The beaming smile which enveloped the countenance of Jim Kelly, University of Minnesota track coach, after he heard that Bryl Thompson of Minneapolis Southwest high school had broken the national scholastic record in the discus at the Aberdeen, South Dakota relays with a toss of 176 feet  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches was prompted by more than eager anticipation of possibly someday having Thompson as a Gopher star.

Because his high school had no indoor or outdoor track facilities, the rangy, earnest prep athlete had requested permission from Kelly early last winter to work out in the Minnesota field house. All through the winter he appeared at the field house at least four times each week for lengthy conditioning exercises. He persistently sought Kelly's advise on building up his strength and improving his form.

When the Gopher trackmen moved outdoors, Thompson moved with them. Then, in his second competitive effort of the season, he surpassed the old national prep mark of 174 feet  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch.

Coach Kelly might well be called a "discus specialist" for he developed Bob Fitch who as a senior at Minnesota in 1942 was undefeated in the discus event in all competition. Fitch won the championship in the Texas Relays, Kansas Relays, Drake Relays, the Conference meet, the National A.A.U. and N.C.A.A. meets. Fitch, presently a CPO in the coast guard, holds the Gopher record at 166 feet 10 inches.

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Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick



Minneapolis. - Dr. Lou Keller, acting director of physical education and athletics at the University of Minnesota, proposes and visualizes post-war developments within his department that will find physical training on a vastly broader scale than ever before.

Dr. Keller is particularly interested in the competitive phase of this program. In his own words, "I believe intercollegiate competition for the greatest possible number of students is desirable because of its incomparable values in physical development and training, and am heartily in favor of large expansion of all forms of sports with this end in mind."

Minnesota's acting director expects veterans' organizations such as the American Legion will put on a campaign for a more comprehensive physical education program in high schools, colleges, and universities.

"We are definitely planning in this direction," says Dr. Keller. "We know we will need more outdoor facilities, and new indoor facilities on a considerable scale. We are working right now toward a large winter sports arena which will enable us to carry on simultaneously intercollegiate, intramural, and individual student and faculty activities. We hope to see speed skating, figure skating, and curling developed on an exhibition and intercollegiate competitive scale.

"The thinking all around the conference," continues Dr. Keller, "is in terms of more than one team in each sport. For instance, in football we might see varsity, middle-weight, and light-weight teams playing a full schedule in competition with other universities. The reason for this trend is the acknowledged superiority of competitive sports to organized mass drill in ultimate benefits to the individual.

"We recognize the impending need for expanded orthopedic gymnasium activities which we refer to in our curriculum as 'individual activities,' with emphasis on play, for the physically handicapped. There is a definite psychological value to this type of physical rehabilitation."

Dr. Keller foresees great expansion and development in the field of industrial recreation which has become "definitely of age" under the current war-time stress on man-power. Says he, "Hundreds of the largest industrialists in the nation have found an industrial recreation program within their organization highly worthwhile in improving efficiency and fostering favorable labor relations. We people in our work take cognizance of this trend.

"In expanding our teacher-training program after the war, as we must certainly do, we will aim to fill the needs for supervisors in industrial recreation, as well for a greatly increased number of physical education instructors for high schools and communities. Despite the shortage of qualified supervision, high schools throughout the nation are placing more emphasis on physical education than ever before," he concluded.

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Virtually every great golfer has a pet formula for developing the hand-strength so necessary to a championship game.

Gene Sarazen proposes daily exercises with extra-heavy clubs. Patty Berg, the great woman champion, religiously uses pulleys and other gymnasium devices. Many carry sponge rubber balls which they squeeze at odd moments.

Louis Lick, Jr., the University of Minnesota's intercollegiate golf champ, attributes the unusual development of his hands to his penchant for playing the piano. The claim that Lick is the "hottest" popular music pianist on the Minnesota campus is widely advanced by students who have heard him play. He has had offers to join "name bands" but is too wrapped up in his medical studies to consider playing as a profession.

Louis finds that his piano playing provides welcome relaxation, and valuable hand exercise during the long winter months when he is unable to swing a golf club out of doors.

Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick



Minneapolis.---Hockey as a Big Ten competitive sport will flourish on a new grand scale shortly after the conclusion of war with Japan.

Plans being currently formulated indicate that at least five conference members will form what promises to become the nation's top collegiate hockey league.

Northwestern is seen as the new figure in the conference hockey picture, with Illinois and Wisconsin definitely set to resume this sport on an intercollegiate basis after the war. Minnesota and Michigan, traditionally the league's leading powers, will continue as they did during the past season.

Dr. Lou Keller, acting director of physical education and athletics at the University of Minnesota, has already indicated that one of the first building projects to be undertaken by his department after the war will be a large winter sports arena.

Harry Stuhldreher, athletic director at the University of Wisconsin, has plans well along for improvements in the Wisconsin field house which will make possible flooding and freezing. The Badgers had a hockey representative in the Conference race for many years. Lack of an indoor rink proved to be too much of a handicap and Wisconsin discontinued the sport in 1934. The new setup will give Wisconsin the largest seating capacity for hockey games of any university in America, - approximately 10,000.

Michigan and Illinois already have their own rinks. The Illini made their hockey debut in the 1937-38 season. They came through with the Conference championship in 1940-41, and again in 1941-42. The sport made a great hit at Champaign. It was unwillingly dropped in the 1942-43 season when the player shortage became so acute the Illini could no longer muster a full team.

Ted Payseur, who succeeds K. L. (Tug) Wilson as athletic director at Northwestern sees hockey as an important part of the greatly-expanded post-war physical education and athletic program planned by his school.

Wilson, commissioner of athletics for the intercollegiate conference, definitely favors broad expansion of competitive sports activities. He is enthusiastic over the prospects of a Big Ten hockey enterprise "bigger and better" than ever before. This means whole-hearted encouragement from his office.

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Bernie Bierman, head football coach at the University of Minnesota, believes that the setting of physical fitness standards will be an integral part of post-war development in physical education programs for high school, college, and university students and that a standardized "obstacle course" may prove the solution.

Says Bierman, who served nearly three years as a Lt. Colonel in the Marine Corps before receiving a discharge last October, "We learned as a result of our physical training program at Iowa Pre-flight school that any individual's degree of physical fitness may be accurately measured by his performance on a well-planned obstacle course. The men who couldn't negotiate the course in the maximum time allowed or who were stumped by any one obstacle, were assigned to calisthenics and other elementary exercises until they were ready for another try."

Bierman gave a hint of possible future developments in commenting "If we had one of these obstacle courses, we could tell in one day whether or not a new football candidate might ever make the grade. We could also distinguish the line prospects from the backfield prospects on the basis of their elapsed times in completing the course."

## Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick



Minneapolis----When Coach Bernie Bierman calls the first summer football practice June 18 at the University of Minnesota he will be primarily concerned with developing tackle strength and center and end replacements.

With many of the athletes who will be in the starting lineup September 22 when the Gophers lead off against Missouri in Memorial Stadium occupied with other spring sports, Bierman was unable to get an accurate picture of ultimate strength during the spring football practice which was called off early because of a shortage of candidates.

Unless unforeseen developments deprive Bierman of some of his backfield manpower between now and fall, he will place on the field what may be Minnesota's best offensive team since its national champions of 1941. The ball carrying department will be at least two deep with veterans in each position.

Merlin Kispert and Dale Rappana, both V-12 students, earned their letters as quarterbacks last fall. Earl Bruhn, currently playing outfield for the baseball team, was first-string quarterback last fall at Penn State where he was stationed in the Marine Corps training program. If Bruhn shows the anticipated ability at this position, Rappana may be moved up to understudy Center Dick Van Dusen whose NROTC class graduates immediately after the Michigan game on November 3.

Wayne (Red) Williams is expected back at the left halfback post from which he broke Minnesota's all-time individual ground gaining record last fall with 991 yards. Bob Kasper, the V-12 freshman from Aberdeen, S. D., who gave an excellent account of himself as understudy to Williams last season, is counted on for extensive 1945 duty.

The number one and two right halfbacks from 1944's eleven, Johnny Lundquist of Granite Falls and Bud Gullickson of Billings, Montana, give Bierman veteran strength at this position. Vic Kulbitski and Hudson (Hockey) Mealey

who filled the fullback assignment in highly capable fashion last season both hold medical discharges from the Marine Corps and plan to be back.

Up on the line the guard positions are the brightest spots. Line Coach Dr. George Hauser is counting on the return of four lettermen -- David Day of Brighton, Iowa, Bob Graiziger of St. Paul, Bob Jensen of Minneapolis, and John Kutscheid of Duluth. Bob Manzlik, former University of Wisconsin and Michigan line-man who holds a medical discharge from the Marine Corps, was impressive at guard in spring practice.

Tom Reinhardt, V-12 sophomore from Jasper, is the only tackle letterman in school, or with a possibility of being back next fall. Bierman has his fingers crossed in the hope that incoming navy training units, discharged veterans, 17-year old high school graduates, or 4-F's will provide from their numbers some potential tackle material. So far, this is only a hope, with no definite prospects in sight.

Bill Marcotte is the lone end letterman expected back. However, Bob Carley, brilliant deaf athlete from St. Paul who has been a backfield reserve for two seasons, worked out at end in spring practice and showed possibilities. He is active and likes to hit hard. Ralph Holmberg of Winona, V-12 junior and a reserve last season, is a pitcher on the Gopher nine, but intends to report for summer football practice.

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When Ray Tharp underwent the major operations which led to his receiving a medical discharge from the navy a year ago, he feared that he might not ever realize his ambition of continuing in university the track career he started at Minneapolis Washburn high school by setting state prep low and high hurdles records which still stand.

By hurtling 23 feet  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches to first place in the broad jump, winning the low hurdles event, and placing third in the 100-yard dash in Saturday's dual meet with Wisconsin, Tharp brought his total earnings for the indoor and outdoor season to 108 points in the 12 meets in which he has participated. He has won 15 first places which include victories over two of the nation's greatest low hurdles stars - Walker of Illinois and Whitey Fisher of Miami University.

Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick



Minneapolis. ---Coach Bernie Bierman is four weeks along with the summer blending process out of which will come a 1945 University of Minnesota football squad with a Duke's mixture of 16 lettermen, new navy students, freshmen, and discharged war veterans.

The appearance the first week in July of about a dozen aspirants from new navy groups which came on-campus July 1 swelled the Minnesota summer practice squad to approximately 60 men. From this number, plus six lettermen who are not participating in summer practice, Bierman must mold the squad with which he will make his return this fall to the Big Ten campaigns after three years of duty as a Lt. Colonel in the Marine Corps.

So far no newcomers capable of displacing a letterman have shown up. This is not to say that new men will not play an important role this fall. It is certain at this early stage that at least two or three will be in starting positions, and that virtually every line replacement will have to come from the ranks of new men.

With only one letterman, Bill Marcotte, back to hold an end position, and Tom Reinhardt the only returning "M" tackle, Coaches Bierman, Dr. George Hauser, Lowell (Red) Dawson, and Sheldon Beise are concentrating much of their attention on finding and developing new men to carry the load in these positions.

The three top left end candidates -- John Lundin from Minneapolis Roosevelt high, Paul Kelly of Hopkins, and Stafford Lott, negro war veteran -- are first-year men. Lundin and Kelly are both 17 years old.

Leading the scramble for the left tackle position are four men who have had no competitive experience at Minnesota. They are Bob Runkel, NROTC junior; Ivan Doseff, civilian junior from Minneapolis; Mark Swenson, NROTC transfer from Minot State teachers; and Laurence Olsonoski, NROTC student. Olsonoski whose home is at Lancaster played some six-man football in high school before going to Gustavus Adolphus last year in the navy's V-5 program there. He played tackle last year for

Gustavus. Swenson is a graduate of Canton, South Dakota high school.

Davey Day, the Brighton, Iowa navy V-12 senior who earned a letter at guard last season tops a left guard list which includes Tom Zolper, a new NROTC transfer; Clint Grose, NROTC transfer from St. Thomas; and Sherm Child, Minneapolis junior.

Dick Van Dusen who will graduate with his NROTC class about half way through the 1945 schedule is the number one center, but is being understudied by Gordon Sullivan, discharged war vet from Ivanhoe, John Ludwick, V-12 senior from Coronado, California, and Bob Overson, 17-year old frosh from St. Peter.

Only veteran among the four leading right guard contenders is John Kutscheid, junior from Duluth. Working daily at this position are Roy Terp, NROTC transfer from Gustavus Adolphus; Bill Maxe, 17-year old freshman from Brainerd; and Russ Westdahl, Minneapolis sophomore. Terp played his high school football at Lane Tech in Chicago.

Tom Reinhardt, 19-year old V-12 senior from Jasper and only tackle letterman back from last season, is certain of extensive service at right tackle. Four newcomers who have been working in at this spot are Virg Oswald, 17-year old freshman from Anoka; Charles Carlson, freshman from Walker; George Kramer of Wapato, Washington who transferred to Minnesota from Minot State Teachers college on July 1; and Jim Burt, Minneapolis freshman.

Bill Marcotte, sophomore from Minneapolis and sole returning end letterman, has been alternating in scrimmage with Bob Ferm, 17-year old freshman from Minneapolis West high; and Gil Gaarder, V-12 senior from Blythedale, Missouri who was a reserve guard last year.

Merlin Kispert, V-12 second-year man from Kenyon, and Dale Rappana, V-12 junior from Duluth, both earned letters last season at quarterback and have been showing well in summer practice. Earl Bruhn, St. Bonifacius junior who quarterbacked Penn State last season while stationed there in the Marine Corps training program has pleased his coaches with his signal-calling, blocking, and passing to date. He is tabbed for a lot of action this fall. Joe Hedges, V-12 junior from Wenatchee, Washington also has been getting in lengthy licks at quarterback.

Two lettermen -- Bob Kasper, V-12 pre-medic from Aberdeen, South Dakota, and Phil McManus, V-12 engineering student from Casselton, North Dakota -- have been running consistently at left halfback in summer practice. Dick Laurence, newly-arrived 17-year old pass expert from Bemidji, is getting a thorough trial at left half. Lucius Rawlings, NROTC transfer from Gustavus Adolphus, has also worked in at this spot since arriving at Minnesota July 1.

Johnny Lundquist, regular right half through the 1944 season, has been taking a hand at his old position when late-hour dental classes permit. Tom Cates who played both fullback and right half last season has been an occasional sideline observer, but is abstaining from practice to avoid aggravating a knee injury. Elwood Hoskins, 21-year old war vet from Austin, and Ray O'Connor, 1944 reserve rate well up the list of right halfbacks.

Dick Lutz, freshman from Minneapolis DeLaSalle high who showed up well at fullback in spring practice has continued to improve in summer workouts. Indications are that he will be a capable understudy to Vic Kulbitski and Hockey Mealey, lettermen fullbacks from 1944, who are missing summer drills because of outside work.

Other lettermen upon whom Bierman is counting but who have not taken part in summer practice are Wayne (Red) Williams, left halfback; Bud Gullickson, right half; Bob Graiziger, left guard; and Bob Carley, halfback in 1943 but now an end candidate.

Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick



Minneapolis. ---When the University of Minnesota football team resumes competition under Coach Bernie Bierman September 22 against Missouri in Memorial Stadium it will be taking up a 17-game winning streak established by the 1939, '40, and '41 Gophers under Bierman's guidance up to the time he left for active service with the Marine Corps.

The 1939 eleven started the string by stopping Wisconsin in the final game of the season, 23 - 6. In 1940 the Gophers defeated Washington, Nebraska, Ohio State, Iowa, Northwestern, Michigan, Purdue, and Wisconsin for a clear record which gave them the Conference title and a strong claim to the national championship.

The 1941 Maroon and Gold aggregation won from Washington, Illinois, Pittsburgh, Michigan, Northwestern, Nebraska, Iowa, and Wisconsin for eight more consecutive triumphs and clear claim to both the Conference and National championships. The win over Wisconsin was the seventeenth in succession, - just four short of Bernie's record total of 21 which ended with the Northwestern game in 1936.

And so -- one of the big football questions of 1945 will be "Can Bierman's first Minnesota team in four seasons pick up and carry on from where his 1941 champions left off?"

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Six-man football, which is a comparative newcomer to the inter-scholastic sports program in the State of Minnesota, is expected to pay a substantial dividend to the University of Minnesota squad this fall.

Three of the top tackle candidates for the 1945 Gopher eleven

gained their first gridiron experience playing the six-man game for schools whose enrollments were too small to make possible eleven-man competition.

Tom Reinhardt, a navy V-12 student and only tackle letterman returning from last year's squad, played four seasons on the Jasper high school six-man team and took a whirl at every position.

Charles Teenus Carlson, freshman civilian from Walker, likewise picked up four football letters while throwing his rugged frame around the north-central part of the state in six-man competition.

Laurence Olsonoski who has figured prominently in the tackle situation since transferring from Gustavus Adolphus college to Minnesota with a new NROTC unit July 1, got his football background at Lancaster high in the far north-western corner of the state. Like Reinhardt and Carlson, he filled in at each of the six places on the Lancaster team at some time or other.

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Long hours spent daily as assistant director of boys' work at the Phyllis Wheatley settlement house in Minneapolis and a heavy schedule of summer school classes at the University of Minnesota can't diminish the zeal of Stafford Lott, a 29-year old discharged War veteran, who is making an impressive bid for a regular left end position on the Gopher football team.

In the years between his graduation from Minneapolis North high in 1936 and 1939 Lott worked and saved to get enough money to go to college at Lincoln University in Pennsylvania. After a year there, he entered the army and spent eight months in the infantry before receiving a medical discharge.

Now, under the G.I. Bill of Rights, the hard-working, earnest negro is majoring in physical education. Typical of his application on the football field is the following incident:

In a light scrimmage during summer practice he threw a jolting block into a freshman candidate who protested mildly that he didn't think anyone should be hitting so hard.

Replied 6 foot, 175 pound Lott, "My friend, that's the way this game is played at Minnesota, and I aim to be playing when the time comes this fall!"

Present indications are that Lott will be doing just that.

Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick



Minneapolis----Bernie Bierman, head football coach at the University of Minnesota, has announced that there will be no intra-squad games to wind up summer football practice which ends August 10.

Bierman gives as the two principal reasons the limited number of men who have been out regularly for summer practice, and the short time he has had to work with the squad. This has precluded thorough enough preparation for a full-dress game.

The daily turnouts have averaged less than 45 men. Of this number, approximately 35 are newcomers -- incoming 17-year old freshmen, navy transfers who came on-campus July 1, and discharged war veterans entering Minnesota for the first time. Thus most of the summer practice sessions have been devoted to fundamentals.

Because of late classes in which all of the navy men are enrolled, Bierman has had to confine the once-daily workouts to two hours.

Full-scale fall practice will begin September 3, probably on a twice-daily basis. The 15 squad members who are in the navy's V-12 or NROTC training programs will be unable to take part in the contemplated morning sessions.

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The 1945 University of Minnesota football squad which Coach Bernie Bierman hopes will include 16 lettermen for the opener against Missouri September 22 at Minneapolis will be largely a veteran team in another respect. Ten of the leading candidates have honorable discharges from the army, navy, or marine corps.

In fact, if they could borrow a couple of tackles and one end, the vets of World War II could field quite a formidable eleven of their own.

One of the Gophers' leading left end candidates -- Stafford Lott of Minneapolis -- put in eight months in the infantry. Bob Graiziger, senior guard from St. Paul, and Bob Hanzlik, newcomer from Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin and virtually certain to start in the running guard position, both hold medical

discharges from the Marine Corps.

Rating number two among center candidates, behind Letterman Dick Van Dusen, is Gordon Sullivan, lanky 26-year old freshman from Ivanhoe who has a medical discharge from the army. Earl Bruhn of St. Bonifasius who has been alternating at quarterback with Lettermen Merlin Kispert and Dale Rappana received his discharge from the marine corps early in the spring.

Wayne (Red) Williams who last fall set a new all-time Minnesota individual ground-gaining record with a net of 991 yards from his left halfback position was medically discharged from the marine corps more than two years ago. Ken Parent, 22-year old freshman from Foley and one of the most impressive of the new left halfback candidates, entered Minnesota under the G.I. Bill after receiving his Service discharge recently.

Elwood Hoskins, 21-year old army vet from Austin, is one of the best of the new crop of right halfbacks.

It is at fullback that the Service vets would really shine, for the top three men in this spot -- vic Julbitski, Hockey Mealey, and Dick Lutz -- all hold medical discharges. Kulbitski and Mealey were both in the marine corps and Lutz served 22 months in the navy. Kulbitski and Mealy were the number one and two fullbacks on the 1944 Gophers. Lutz, a freshman, has shown well enough through spring and summer practice to give Coach Bierman a notion that he might yet move Kulbitski back to center, the position he played as a freshman and sophomore before entering the marine corps.

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Lawrence (Larry) Olsonoski whose arrival on the Minnesota campus July 1 with the incoming NROTC unit appreciably eased Minnesota's left tackle problem has already demonstrated in a month of summer football practice that he thrives on the rough give-and-take of scrummage.

For most of his 19 years he has worked on his father's 1,000 acre grain farm which is eight miles from the town of Lancaster in the far northwestern corner of Minnesota.

As he pitched bundles and shoveled thousands of bushels of grain he silently nursed a desire to some day go to the University of Minnesota and play football under Bernie Bierman. "That had always been my number one secret ambition," says Larry. Even when he was playing six-man football at Lancaster high the realization of his ambition seemed discouragingly remote.

When Larry entered the navy and was sent to Gustavus Adolphus college for training in the V-5 program there he all but gave up hope of emulating Ed Widseth, the northern Minnesota farm boy who became an All American tackle at Minnesota in 1936.

When he learned that the navy was transferring him to Minnesota, he experienced the greatest thrill of his life. Olsonoski has shown his elation by going about his assignments in daily practice with an impressive gusto. The 200 pounds he packs in his solid, rugged 6' 2" frame include no waste weight. In his year in the navy he has lost none of the prime condition attained as a hard-working farm youth. This fall many an opposing ball-carrier will feel the vice-like grip amiable Larry developed lifting golden shecks of grain on the northern plains of the Red river valley. Realizing that the immediate future of anyone in the services is necessarily uncertain, Olsonoski intends to play a lot of football in the season coming up.

Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick



Minneapolis----Dave Mac Millan, whose reappointment as head basketball coach at the University of Minnesota was recently announced, will pit against Gopher opponents this winter a bag of floor tricks accumulated over a period of nearly 40 years as a player and coach.

A unique personality -- even on the golf course where he wallops the ball left-handed and puffs incessantly on a cigar -- Dave was born and grew to basketball-playing size on New York City's East Side.

His first experience in the game was gained as a member of the Madison Square Church House and the Twenty-third street Y.M.C.A. quints. Dave played no highschool basketball, but starred in college ball at Oberlin.

However, it was as a member of the famed New York Celtics, which he joined in 1912 after graduation from Oberlin, that Dave's basketball star ascended the highest. On this peerless professional combination were Nat Holman, Johnny Beckman, Chris Leonard, Dutch Demart, and Pete Barry. So complete was the superiority of the Celtics through the five seasons during which Mac Millan teamed with these all-time greats that they are, even today, a standard of comparison. No other basketball team has ever dominated the national ranks the way "the old Celts" did for several seasons before World War I.

After a coaching stint at Idaho, Mac Millan came to Minnesota in 1927 as head coach. He introduced the deft, snappy passing, and sound blocking plays featured by the Celts. This was an innovation at Minnesota, and caused side-line observers to raise their eyes dubiously. "Mac" was unperturbed by the initial reaction and the difficulty experienced in imparting this intricate offense to

unseasoned material. He had seen it in action. Reasoned Dave, "If it's good enough for the world's greatest professional basketball team (The Celts), it's good enough for me."

In the 15 years he directed Minnesota's floor teams Mac Millan won one championship (1937) and landed in second place in 1931, '32, '38, and '39. Every opposing coach in the Conference developed a healthy respect for Mac Millan's teams which always had a way of making it tough for the leading opponents. Underdog Gopher quints often scrambled the race by picking off top-heavy favorites.

The wiry Scotch-American lad who came up from New York's East Side to the "big time" in both playing and coaching is recognized throughout his profession as a defensive genius.

After three lean years while Mac Millan was out of the Minnesota coaching picture, players, fans, and prep coaches throughout the State are welcoming Dave back expectantly.

The Gophers may not be a championship contender in the coming season, but don't be surprised if they're tougher than last winter when they outscored Iowa's conference champions from the field in two rip-roaring games.

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Virtually the entire summer session staff of the department of physical education and athletics at the University of Minnesota will participate in the coaching clinic to be conducted August 22 - 25 at the University in conjunction with the north - south high school all-star game and under the auspices of the State High School Coaches' association.

Dr. George Hauser, Lowell (Red) Dawson, and Sheldon Beise will lecture on football. Dave Mac Millan will appear on the basketball program, and Jim Hunt, head trainer, will talk and give demonstrations on training. Dr. Lou Keller, acting director of athletics, is program director for the clinic.

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The pressure will be on in no uncertain terms through Friday of this week as the University of Minnesota's summer football practice heads for a windup on Friday, August 10.

Coaches Bernie Bierman, Dr. George Hauser, Lowell (Red) Dawson, and Sheldon Beise will make their final evaluations of the squad members on the basis of their showing during the closing days of summer workouts. Their conclusions will form the basis for the selection of men to be invited back for fall practice, which opens September 3.

In normal years Bierman has made it a point to list approximately 55 men (five full squads) for fall practice. Inasmuch as daily practice turnouts have averaged less than 45, there is little prospect that the group which will suit up for home games this fall will total over 40. Coach Bierman's tentative list, which is subject to revision, includes 40 names at present.

The resumption of practice September 3 will start a scramble for the left end and both tackle positions which are wide open. It will also mark the return of Lettermen Vic Kulbitski, fullback, Hudson Mealey, fullback, Bud Gullickson, right half, Bob Graiziger, guard, Wayne (Red) Williams, left half, and Bill Marcotte, right end, all of whom have been absent from summer practice. Bob Hanzlik, who holds a medical discharge from the Marine Corps, and one of the highlights of spring practice with his guard play, will be back in uniform then after working all summer in a boys' camp.

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Bob Collison, the Fairmont boy who showed so well as a freshman right halfback for the Gophers in 1943 before entering the army air corps, visited the campus last week while on leave. Apparently thriving on army chow, he has jumped 25 pounds above the 160 he carried as a frosh. Bob ran through a few plays at his old post and really put his heart into it, for he intends to return after the war and get in his remaining three years of competition.



1945 SCHEDULE

Sept.	22	Missouri @ Minneapolis
	29	Iowa Seahawks @ Minneapolis
Oct.	6	Nebraska @ Lincoln
	13	Open
	20	Northwestern @ Minneapolis (homecoming)
	27	Ohio State @ Minneapolis
Nov.	3	Michigan @ Ann Arbor
	10	Indiana @ Minneapolis (Dad's Day)
	17	Iowa @ Iowa City
	24	Wisconsin @ Minneapolis

1944 RESULTS

Minnesota	13	Iowa Seahawks	19 (h)
	39	Nebraska	0 (h)
	13	Michigan	28 (h)
	39	Missouri	27 (h)
	14	Ohio State	34
	14	Northwestern	14 (h)
	19	Indiana	14 (h)
	46	Iowa	0
	<u>28</u>	<u>Wisconsin</u>	<u>26</u>
	225		162

Final Conference Standings 1944

	Won	Lost	Tied
Ohio State	6	0	0
Michigan	5	2	0
Purdue	4	2	0
Minnesota	3	2	1
Indiana	4	3	0
Illinois	3	3	0
Wisconsin	2	4	0
Northwestern	0	5	1
Iowa	0	6	0

1945 PROSPECTS

With 10 of 17 returning lettermen listed in the backfield category, the conclusion is reached that the 1945 University of Minnesota football team has its principal strength concentrated in the offensive department.

The problem with which Coaches Bierman and Hauser were principally occupied through spring and summer practice was finding lettermen to fill gaps at the end and tackle positions, plus some reserve center strength.

Seven 17-year old freshmen, 6 discharged war veterans new to the squad, 3 men who came in with the navy training group July 1, and 3 reserves from the 1944 squad hold the clue to what the finished product will be.

Considerable new strategy which Coach Bierman stored up through three years on active duty as a Lt. Colonel in the Marine Corps will be unfolded by the Gophers as they engage six Conference and three non-Conference teams. The majority of the offensive plays will be run from the single and double-wing formations so familiar to Minnesota opponents of the Bierman coaching regime, but some variations of the "T" will also be introduced.

The squad will be relatively light by Minnesota standards. Only three men slated for extensive competition top the 200-pound mark.

Changes in two strategic positions will be necessary after the Ohio State game at Minneapolis on October 27 for Center Dick Van Dusen and Quarterback Merlin Kispert, both first-string men, will graduate with their navy classes the last week in October.

Because of the small squad with which he had to work through spring and summer practices, Coach Bierman may deviate from his long-established policy of carrying a squad of 55 men, or more, through the fall. There were less than 40 men out on a daily average for the summer workouts, considerably hampering Bierman in his preparations.

It will be noted that Minnesota meets exactly the same teams that comprised the 1944 schedule.

#### THE COACHING STAFF

##### Bernie Bierman

Bernie Bierman, the Minnesota born, bred, and educated strategist who led the football teams of his alma mater through a "golden decade" of success (1932 - 41) picks up the head coaching reigns again this season after a three-year leave of absence for active duty with the Marine Corps.

In the 10 years before his departure following the 1941 season Bierman's

golden-clad Gophers won 63, lost 12, and tied 5 games. They came through five seasons -- 1933, '34, '35, '40 and '41 -- undefeated. The powerful Minnesota elevens of '34, '35, '36, and '41 were widely recognized as national champions. At the time Bernie left his post in 1941, his teams had won 17 consecutive games -- just four short of his record victory string of 21 straight established through the 1933, '34, '35 and '36 seasons.

Bierman laid his coaching foundation as a star halfback under the late Dr. Henry L. Williams in 1913, '14, and '15. He captained the undefeated Gopher eleven of 1915 which shared the Conference title with Illinois, and was subsequently awarded the Conference Medal.

Bierman's coaching positions, up to the time he came to Minnesota in 1932, were as follows: head coach, Butte high school, 1916; head coach, University of Montana, 1919 - 21; assistant to Clark Shaughnessy at Tulane, 1923-24; head coach, Mississippi A. & M., 1925-26; head coach, Tulane, 1927 - 31.

#### Dr. George Hauser

With the return of his former team-mate and long-time friend, Bernie Bierman, whom he succeeded as head coach at Minnesota in 1942 after 10 years of collaboration as line coach, Dr. George Hauser assumes his former role as chief line tutor. Many consider him the best line coach in the business.

The amiable, pipe-smoking M.D. served as head coach at Colgate and line coach at Ohio State before returning in 1932 to the university for which he once starred as a tackle.

#### Lowell Dawson

Lowell (Red) Dawson's headwork as quarterback on Tulane teams the last two years Bernie Bierman coached there before coming to Minnesota so impressed Bierman that he brought him to Minnesota as backfield coach. It was "homecoming" for Dawson, too, for he was born in Minneapolis and attended grade school here before moving to River Falls, Wisconsin with his parents.

Dawson returned to Tulane as head coach in 1936. He enjoyed marked success

at his alma mater, but decided to come back to Minnesota as assistant to Dr. Hauser when the latter took over as head coach in 1942.

Sheldon Beise

Sheldon Beise was added to the Minnesota football coaching staff as an assistant during the past summer after having served as a scout for Dr. George Hauser through the 1944 season.

The powerfully-built former athletic star from Mound, Minnesota, had the unique experience of playing through four years of high school and three years as fullback for Minnesota (1933, '34, and '35) without ever having been on a losing team

Coaches in Service

Col. Bert Baston, end coach until he left in 1941 for active duty with the army, is in the European theater. Lt. Commander Dallas Ward, freshman coach on leave of absence, is at the Naval Air Station, Dallas, Texas. Lt. John Roning, assistant coach, gave as his most recent address CASU5 FPO San Francisco. Lt. (jg) Bud Wilkinson, assistant coach through 1942, is athletic officer on an aircraft carrier. As the season opens, Lt. Col. Frank McCormick, director of athletics, is still on active duty in the Army.

Acting Athletic Director

Dr. Lou Keller

Ticket Manager

Marshall Ryman  
Cooke Hall  
University of Minnesota

THE SQUAD

Returning Lettermen

Carley, Bob	re	Kutscheid, John	lg
Cates, Tom	rh	Lundquist, John	rh
Day, Dave	rg	Marcotte, Bill	re
Graiziger, Bob	lg	Mealey, Hudson	fb
Gullickson, Bud	rh	Mc Manus, Phil	lh
Kasper, Bob	lh	Rappana, Dale	qb
Kispert, Merlin	qb	Reinhardt, Tom	lt
Kulbitski, Vic	fb	Van Dusen, Dick	c
Williams, Wayne	lh		

Leading Candidates by Positions

**LEFT ENDS** - In the absence of any left end veterans from the 1944 squad, two 17-year old freshmen -- John Lundin, a Minneapolis Roosevelt high school graduate, and Paul Kelly of Hopkins -- have been seeing the most action at this position. Stafford Lott, negro war veteran who played his high school football at Minneapolis North high, rates close behind Lundin and Kelly.

**LEFT TACKLES** - Principal left tackle candidates are Larry Olsonoski, 200-pounder from Lancaster who came on-campus July 1st with a new NROTC unit; Tom Reinhardt of Jasper, only tackle letterman from the 1944 squad and a V-12 student; and Virgil Oswald, husky 17-year old freshman up from Anoka high's undefeated eleven of 1944.

**LEFT GUARDS** - Lettermen Bob Graiziger of St. Paul and John Kutscheid of Duluth top the left guard list. They are backed up by Ivan Doseff, Minneapolis senior whose previous athletic efforts have been confined to wrestling in the light heavy class, and Mark Swenson, new NROTC student from Canton, South Dakota. Swenson played tackle for Minot State Teachers college in 1944 while stationed there in the navy training program.

**CENTERS** - Letterman Dick Van Dusen is destined for an iron-man role until graduation with his NROTC class in late October, for there is a dearth of experienced replacement material. Gordon Sullivan, rangy 26-year old freshman war veteran from Ivanhoe, and Bill Maxe and Bob Overson, 17-year old freshmen from Brainerd and St. Peter, respectively, have been drilling lengthily at this spot.

**RIGHT GUARD** - Bob Hanzlik, medically discharged Marine Corps veteran from Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin; Dave Day of Brighton, Iowa, 1944 guard letterman and a V-12 student; and Laron Hahn, 17-year old freshman from Minneapolis West high, appear to be the top choices at this position.

**RIGHT TACKLE** - Bob Runkel, NROTC junior from Ladysmith, Wisconsin who didn't arrive at Minnesota until November of 1944; Charles T. Carlson, freshman from Walker; and Jim Burt, freshman with a background of Minneapolis park board football, hold the edge at right tackle.

RIGHT END - Bill Marcotte, graduate of Minneapolis Washburn high and only returning end letterman; Bob Carley of St. Paul, a halfback letterman in 1943; and Bob Fern, 17-year old freshman and a graduate of Minneapolis West high seem destined to handle the right end assignment through the season. Gil Gaarder, V-12 student from Blythedale, Mo. and a reserve guard in 1944, has shown definite promise at end in summer practice.

QUARTERBACK - Merlin Kispert, V-12 senior from Kenyon and regular quarterback through the 1944 season, and Dale Rappana of Duluth, letterman understudy to Kispert in '44 and also a V-12 student will carry a large share of the quarterback burden. Earl Bruhn of St. Bonifacius, medically discharged from the Marine Corps early in the year, and Joe Hedges, V-12 student from Wenatchee, Wash. alternated with Kispert and Rappana through summer drills.

LEFT HALFBACK - Lettermen at this position are three-deep with Wayne (Red) Williams of Minneapolis, Bob Kasper, V-12 student from Aberdeen, South Dakota, and Phil Mc Manus of Casselton, North Dakota, also a V-12 student, available for the full season. Ken Parent of Foley who enrolled during summer session as a freshman after receiving a medical discharge from the army moved rapidly into the picture at this position.

RIGHT HALFBACK - This position is also dominated by lettermen. John Lundquist, Granite Falls junior, Tommy Cates, V-12 student from St. Paul, and Bud Gullickson, sophomore civilian from Billings, Montana all played extensively in 1944.

FULLBACK - Veteran Vic Kulbitski who came to Minnesota from Red Wing high but has since moved to South St. Paul, and Hudson (Hockey) Mealey of Faribault, both of whom received medical discharges from the Marine Corps just previous to the 1944 season and then returned to Minnesota to share the fullback position, missed summer football. However, they are expected to take up this fall where they left off last season. Dick Lutz of Minneapolis, navy veteran who received a medical discharge after 22 months of service, enrolled at Minnesota for spring quarter and showed well through spring and summer drills. John Storlie, V-12 student from Princeton, completes the fullback roster.

COMPLETE 1945 MINNESOTA FOOTBALL SQUAD  
 (At conclusion of summer practice)  
 Subject to Revision

Name	Pos.	Status	Year	Age	Weight	Height	Home
Anderson, Duane	T	Under age	Frosh	17	210	6'	Cloquet
Bruhn, Earl	QB	1-C	Junior	22	185	5'11"	St. Bonifacius
Burt, Jim	T	Civ.	Frosh	22	218	6'	Minneapolis(DeLaSalle)
*Carley, Bob	E	Civ.	Junior	20	175	6'	St.Paul(St.Paul Academy)
Carlson, Charles T.	T	Civ.	Frosh	20	225	6'3"	Walker
*Cates, Tom	RH	V-12	Senior	20	170	5'11"	St.Paul (Cretin)
Child, Sherm	T	Civ.	Soph	18	185	6'	Minneapolis (West)
*Day, Dave	G	V-12	Junior	19	200	6'2"	Brighton, Iowa
Doseff, Ivan	G	Civ.	Senior	21	185	6'2"	Minneapolis(Marshall)
Ferm, Bob	E	Under age	Frosh	17	185	5'11"	Minneapolis (West)
Ferrara, Tom	G	1-C	Soph	21	180	5'7"	Minneapolis(Edison)
Gaarder, Gil	E	V-12	Junior	20	195	6'1"	Blythedale, Mo.
Gage, Jack	LH	Under age	Frosh	17	170	5'9"	Willmar
*Graiziger, Bob	G	1-C	Senior	22	198	5'10"	St. Paul(Washington)
*Gullickson, Bud	RH	Civ.	Soph	18	170	5'11"	Billings, Mont.
Hahn, Laron	G	Under age	Frosh	17	175	5'10"	Minneapolis (West)
Hanzlik, Bob	G	1-C	Senior	22	198	6'	Chippewa Falls, Wis.
Hedges, Joe	QB	V-12	Junior	18	165	5'7"	Wenatchee, Wash.
Hoskins, Elwood	RH	1-C	Soph	21	165	5'10"	Austin
*Kasper, Bob	LH	V-12	Junior	19	175	6'	Aberdeen, S. D.
Kelly, Paul	E	Under age	Frosh	17	185	6'2"	Hopkins
*Kispert, Merlin	QB	V-12	Senior	21	190	6'1"	Kenyon
*Kulbitski, Vic	FB	1-C	Senior	23	200	6'	Red Wing
*Kutscheid, John	G	Civ.	Junior	21	200	6'1"	Duluth (Cathedral)
Laurence, Dick	LH	Under age	Frosh	17	165	6'	Bemidji
Lister, Rod	E	Deferred	Junior	19	185	6'	Springfield, N. J.

Lott, Stafford	E	1-C	Junior	29	175	6'	Minneapolis (North)
Ludwick, John	C	V-12	Junior	19	180	6'3"	Coronado, Cal.
Lundin, John	E	Under Age	Frosh	17	176	6'	Minneapolis(Roosevelt)
*Lundquist, John	RH	Dentistry Deferred	Junior	20	175	5'11"	Granite Falls
Lutz, Dick	FB	1-C	Frosh	22	193	5'10"	Minneapolis(DeLaSalle)
*Marcotte, Bill	E	Civ.	Soph	20	175	5'11"	Minneapolis(Washburn)
Maxe, Bill	E-C	Under age	Frosh	17	186	6'	Brainerd
*Mealey, Hudson	FB	1-C	Junior	20	190	5'9"	Faribault
*Mc Manus, Phil	LH	V-12	Junior	20	175	5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Casselton, N. D.
Olsonoski, Laurence	T	NROTC	Junior	19	200	6'2"	Lancaster
Ostgaard, Don	E	1-C	Frosh	20	190	6'	Fairmont
Oswald, Virgil	T	Under age	Frosh	17	210	6'1"	Anoka
Overson, Bob	C	Under age	Frosh	17	181	6'	St. Peter
Parent, Kenneth	LH	1-C	Frosh	22	170	6'	Foley
*Rappana, Dale	QB	V-12	Senior	20	183	6'	Duluth (Denfeld)
*Reinhardt, Tom	T	V-12	Senior	19	200	6'2"	Jasper
Roos, Dick	T	Civ.	Soph	20	180	6'	Minneapolis(Washburn)
Runkel, Bob	T	NROTC	Junior	20	200	6'2"	Ladysmith, Wis.
Storlie, John	FB	V-12	Junior	18	175	5'10"	Princeton
Sullivan, Gordon	C	1-C	Frosh	26	195	6'2"	Ivanhoe
Swenson, Mark	T	NROTC	Junior	19	205	5'11"	Canton, S. D.
Tabor, Alva	QB	Civ.	Senior	20	184	6'	Fort Valley, Ga.
*Van Dusen, Dick	C	NROTC	Senior	20	180	6'2"	Birmingham, Mich.
Westdal, Russ	G	Civ.	Soph	22	180	6'	Minneapolis (South)
*Williams, Wayne	LH	1-C	Senior	23	178	5'10 $\frac{1}{2}$ "	Minneapolis(Rooseve
Wilson, Lecond	E	Under age	Frosh	17	170	6'	Mahnomen
Zeleznikar, Bob	RH	Under age	Frosh	17	170	5'10"	Duluth (Central)

\* Indicates lettermen.

VIGNETTES OF SQUAD PRINCIPALS

- B Earl Bruhn, quarterback - this 186-pound junior in physical education from St. Bonifacius has a family football reputation to live up to for his brother, Milt, starred at guard with Minnesota's undefeated teams of 1933 and '34. Earl won a baseball letter as a sophomore in 1943 before entering the Marine Corps. Was regular quarterback for Penn State in 1944 while stationed there in Marine Corps training program. Received medical discharge early in 1945 because of eye injury. Returned to Minnesota spring quarter and won second letter in baseball. Rated as
- C best punter on squad. Also an acceptable passer.....Bob Carley, right end Graduate of St. Paul Academy. Made letter in 1943 as reserve halfback. Moved to end this year. Deaf but gets signals by reading lips. One of nation's best collegiate hockey players. Weighs 175 pounds and thrives on rough going.....Charles Teenus Carlson, tackle - freshman from Walker where he played six-man football for four years. Largest man on squad at 225 pounds. Stands 6'3". Is 4-F because of perforated eardrum. Still very green but excellent prospect. Has worked on oar boats; also as section hand, chauffeur, and drug store clerk. Ambition to be coach or veterinarian.....Tom Cates, right halfback. Graduate of St. Paul Cretin high. Navy V-12 student enrolled in aero engineering. Third year on squad. Earned letters as freshman and sophomore. 20 years old and weighs 170 pounds. Rated by coaches as "a good ball player even in normal times. Has been hampered by leg injuries.....Dave Day, right guard - navy V-12 student in electrical engineering from Brighton, Iowa. Weighs 200 pounds and is 6' 2" tall. Raised on 80-acre stock farm near Brighton. Earned letter in 1944.
- F Musically inclined; plays trombone and sings.....Bob Fern, right end. This 17-year old freshman and graduate of Minneapolis West high is ruggedly built, fast, and likes to mix. He is very quiet, and rarely speaks unless spoken to. Has assumed many extra duties at home, for father is in navy as enlisted man. Weighs
- G 185 pounds and is 6' tall.....Gilbert Gaarder (nickname - Gil), right end A navy V-12 student in aero engineering. Home town - Blythedale, Missouri. Played no high school football. Not enough students in school. Played football for fire

time in '44 as reserve guard on Minnesota squad. Earned Minnesota track letters as weight man in '44 and '45. Made rapid improvement in summer practice this year and is now a top-ranking end. Is exceptional student. Developed himself physically working on father's farm near Plythedale. Is unusually strong. Weighs 195 pounds and is 6' 1" tall.....Bob Graiziger (nickname - Cueball), left guard. Has 1-C status on basis of medical discharge from Marine Corps.

Home - St. Paul. Graduate of Washington high. Fourth year on squad. Has won 9 letters at Minnesota -- 3 in football, 4 in hockey, and 2 in baseball. First 9-letterman in more than decade at Minnesota. Weighs 198 pounds and is 5'10" tall. Has many professional hockey contracts awaiting him upon graduation.....

...Bud Gullickson, right halfback. Has 4-F status because of eye injury. Home is Billings, Montana. Made letter in 1944 as second-stringer. Works on ranch near home in summer for school money and conditioning. Weighs 170 pounds and is 5' 11".

H .....Bob Hanzlik, right guard. Has 1-C status because of medical discharge from Marine Corps. Home is in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin. Played end for U. of Wisconsin for two years before entering service, and tackle at Michigan one season ('43) while stationed there in Marine Corps training program. Reported for winter and spring football and was worked in at right guard. Was very impressive. Served as boy's camp counsellor during summer. Weighs 198 pounds and

K is 6' tall.....Bob Kasper, left halfback. Is navy V-12 pre-medical student. Home - Aberdeen, South Dakota. Made letter as freshman in 1944. Caught fancy of coaches and spectators, alike, with his speed, elusiveness, and quick reactions. Holds South Dakota state records in low and high hurdles. Efficient passer. Weighs 175 pounds and is 6' tall.....Paul Kelly, left end.

Is 17-year old freshman and graduate of Hopkins high school. Is enrolled in forestry course. Was all-around athletic star at Hopkins high. Won all-region honors in basketball twice and was best hurdler in region. Is fast, wiry, and good pass receiver. Weighs 182 pounds and is 6' 2".....Merlin Kispert, quarterback. Is senior in navy V-12 program, majoring in mechanical engineering. Graduates last week in October. Home is at Kenyon. Entered Minnesota as frosh

civilian in 1942. Made first letter as quarterback in 1944. Does some passing.

Weights 190 pounds and is 6' 1" tall.....Vic Kulbitski, fullback. Has 1-C status because of medical discharge from Marine Corps. Is graduate of Red Wing high school but now lives in South St. Paul. Was reserve center in 1941 in first season on Minnesota varsity. Played fullback in '42. Entered Marine Corps following this season. Played fullback at Notre Dame in '43 while stationed there in Marine training. Returned to Minnesota after discharge early in '44 season and played through last half of schedule. Is fast and powerful plunger. Particularly noted for line-backing ability and decisive tackling. Weights 200 pounds and is 6' tall.....John Kutscheid (nickname - Kootch), left guard. Is junior

L boxer. Weights 200 pounds and is 6' 1" tall.....John Lundin (pronounced "Lundeen"), left end. Is 17-year-old freshman and a graduate of Minneapolis Roosevelt high. Played tackle in high school. Enrolled in S.L.A. college. Plays trumpet for diversion. Caught eyes of coaches by his willingness to "mix". Is good pass receiver. Weights 176 pounds and is 6' tall.....John Lundquist, right halfback. Is sophomore in dentistry and deferred on that basis. Home town is Granite Falls. Was considered number-one right half in '44. Is ruggedly built through lower limbs and very fast. Was sprinter in high school. Is highly accomplished musician. Plays trumpet. Weights 170 pounds and is 5' 9" tall.....

.....Dick Lutz, fullback. Has 1-C status because of medical discharge from navy. Was in service 2 years as aviation ordnanceman. Is enrolled as freshman in general college. Played high school football under Frank Warner, U. of Minnesota graduate, at De LaSalle high in Minneapolis. Is sturdily-built, and is fairly fast and shifty. Showed ability to pick holes in spring practice. Weights 193

M pounds and is 5' 10" tall.....Bill Marcotte, right end. Is 4-F because of hearing defect. Came from far down squad to regular end position during '44 season as freshman. Was picked by Bierman for East squad in Shrine all-star game at San Francisco. Is slender but wiry, and one of hardest-hitting

players on squad. Is excellent pass-snatcher. Weight 175 pounds and is 5' 11" tall.....Phil Mc Manus, left halfback. Is aero engineering student in navy V-12 program. Home is at Casselton, North Dakota, but attended high school at Sacred Heart in Fargo. Made letter as freshman in '44 as reserve left half. Is one of quickest and hardest-running backs on the squad. Is quite proficient as a passer. Weighs 175 pounds and is 5'10 1/2".....Hudson

Mealey (nickname - Hockey), fullback. Has medical discharge from Marine Corps. Home is at Fairbault. Attended both Faribault high and Shattuck Military Academy at Faribault. Rates second to Bruce Smith as greatest all-around prep athlete in Faribault history. Played football at Minnesota for first time in '44 after receiving discharge, but won baseball letter in '42 as sophomore. Is chunky and powerfully built. Showed power and speed as line-bucker in '44. Weighs 190 pounds

0 and is 5' 9" tall.....Laurence Olsonoski (nickname - Larry), left tackle. Is NROTC junior. Entered Minnesota July 1st of this year as transfer from V-5 program at Gustavus Adolphus. Home is at Lancaster in far northwestern corner of state. Was raised on large grain farm 8 miles from town. Played six-man football for 3 years in high school. Was regular tackle at Gustavus Adolphus in '44. Is strong and aggressive. Showed promise in summer drills of becoming one of top tackles. Weighs 200 pounds and is 6' 2" tall.....Virgil Oswald,

left tackle. Is 17-year-old freshman. Starred at tackle for Anoka high's undefeated '44 team. Is fast and powerful. Weighs 210 pounds and is 6' 1" tall...

P .....Kenneth Parent, left halfback. Has 1-C status. Served 20 months in army airforce, including 8 months in Africa and India. Graduated from Foley high in 1942. Runs hard and is fairly shifty. Showed some passing ability in summer R practice. Weighs 170 pounds and is 5' 11" tall.....Dale Rappana,

quarterback. Is senior in electrical engineering under navy V-12 program. Is graduate of Duluth Denfeld high. Made letter in '44 as reserve quarterback. Weighs 183 pounds and is 6' tall.....Tom Reinhardt, left tackle. Is senior enrolled in navy V-12 program. Only letterman tackle from '44. Home is in Jasper where he played six-man football. Is serious, persistent type of player, and

unspectacular but consistent. Weighs 200 pounds and is 6' 2" tall.....

...Bob Runkel (nickname - Runk), right tackle. Is NROTC junior. Home is Ladysmith, Wisconsin. Entered Minnesota in November, '44, too late to make varsity squad. Ranked among top four tackles at end of summer practice. Weighs 200

S pounds and is 6' 2" tall.....Gordon Sullivan, center. Enrolled as freshman in school of business administration spring quarter this year after receiving medical discharge from army. Was in medical corps. Graduated from Ivanhoe high in 1936 and went into locker and meat business with his father until entering service in September '43. Is earnest type and determined to play varsity ball this fall. Is slender and rangy, but strong through shoulders. Weighs 195 pounds and is 6' 2" tall.....Mark Swenson, tackle or guard. Entered

Minnesota on July 1 with NROTC unit, as transfer from Minot State Teachers college. Played tackle there in '44. Home is at Canton, South Dakota. Carries most of weight in lower limbs and is hard to move. Weighs 205 pounds and is 5' 11" tall...

V .....Dick Van Dusen, center. Is NROTC senior, graduating last week in October. Home is in Birmingham, Michigan. Became regular center in '44 following loss of Bob Lossie. Is tall, wiry type and plays heads-up ball. Calls defensive signals. Graduated from Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, Mass. where he teamed in his senior year with Earl Bruhn. Weighs 180 pounds and is 6' 2" tall.....

W ...Wayne Williams (nickname - Red), left halfback. Has 1-C status because of medical discharge from Marine Corps. Is senior in physical education and has earned 3 football letters at Minnesota. Set all-time individual ground-gaining record in '44 with a net of 991 yards. Was all-city halfback at Minneapolis Roosevelt high. Is hard-runner, fast, and elusive. Is one of best passers on squad and a fairly strong punter. Has been regular second-baseman on baseball team for past two seasons. Weighs 180 pounds and is 5' 10 1/2" tall.

MINNESOTA FOOTBALL RECORD UNDER BIERMAN & HAUSER

1944 (Hauser)

<u>4th in Conference</u>		M	Opp.
Sept. 23	Iowa Seahawks	13	19
Sept. 30	Nebraska	39	0
Oct. 7	Michigan	13	28
Oct. 14	Missouri	39	27
Oct. 28	Ohio State(Th)	14	34
Nov. 4	Northwestern	14	14
Nov. 11	Indiana	19	14
Nov. 18	Iowa (Th)	46	0
Nov. 25	Wisconsin (Th)	28	26

1940 (Bierman)

<u>Nat'l. &amp; Conf. Champions</u>		M	Opp.
Sept. 28	Washington	19	14
Oct. 5	Nebraska	13	7
Oct. 19	Ohio State (Th)	13	7
Oct. 26	Iowa (HC)	34	6
Nov. 2	Northwestern(Th)	13	12
Nov. 9	Michigan	7	6
Nov. 16	Purdue	33	6
Nov. 23	Wisconsin (Th)	22	13

1943 (Hauser)

<u>4th in Conference</u>		M	Opp.
Sept. 25	Missouri	26	13
Oct. 2	Nebraska	54	0
Oct. 16	Camp Grant	13	7
Oct. 23	Michigan (Th)	6	49
Oct. 30	Northwestern(Th)	6	42
Nov. 6	Purdue	7	14
Nov. 13	Iowa	33	14
Nov. 20	Wisconsin	25	13
Nov. 27	Seahawks	0	32

1939 (Bierman)

<u>7th in Conference</u>		M	Opp.
Sept. 30	Arizona	62	0
Oct. 7	Nebraska (Th)	0	6
Oct. 14	Purdue	13	13
Oct. 21	Ohio State (HC)	20	23
Nov. 4	Northwestern	7	14
Nov. 11	Michigan (Th)	20	7
Nov. 18	Iowa (Th)	9	13
Nov. 25	Wisconsin	23	6

1942 (Hauser)

<u>6th in Conference</u>		M	Opp.
Sept. 26	Pittsburgh	50	7
Oct. 3	Seahawks	6	7
Oct. 10	Illinois (Th)	13	20
Oct. 17	Nebraska (Th)	15	2
Oct. 24	Michigan	16	14
Oct. 31	Northwestern	19	7
Nov. 7	Indiana	0	7
Nov. 14	Iowa	27	7
Nov. 21	Wisconsin(Th)	6	20

1938 (Bierman)

<u>Conference Champions</u>		M	Opp.
Sept. 24	Washington	15	0
Oct. 1	Nebraska	16	7
Oct. 8	Purdue	7	0
Oct. 15	Michigan (HC)	7	6
Oct. 29	Northwestern (Th)	3	6
Nov. 5	Iowa	28	0
Nov. 12	Notre Dame (Th)	0	19
Nov. 19	Wisconsin (Th)	21	0

1941 (Bierman)

<u>Nat'l. &amp; Conf. Champions</u>		M	Opp.
Sept. 27	Washington (Th)	14	6
Oct. 11	Illinois	34	6
Oct. 18	Pittsburgh	39	0
Oct. 25	Michigan (Th)	7	0
Nov. 1	Northwestern(HC)	8	7
Nov. 8	Nebraska	9	0
Nov. 15	Iowa (Th)	34	13
Nov. 22	Wisconsin	41	6

1937 (Bierman)

<u>Conference Champions</u>		M	Opp.
Sept. 25	North Dakota State	69	7
Oct. 2	Nebraska (Th)	9	14
Oct. 9	Indiana	6	0
Oct. 16	Michigan (Th)	39	6
Oct. 30	Notre Dame	6	7
Nov. 6	Iowa (Th)	35	10
Nov. 13	Northwestern(HC)	7	0
Nov. 20	Wisconsin	13	6

<u>1936 (Bierman)</u>			
<u>2nd in Conference</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>Opp.</u>
Sept. 26	Washington (Th)	14	7
Oct. 10	Nebraska	7	0
Oct. 17	Michigan	26	0
Oct. 24	Purdue	33	0
Oct. 31	Northwestern (Th)	0	6
Nov. 7	Iowa (HC)	52	0
Nov. 14	Texas	47	19
Nov. 21	Wisconsin	24	0

<u>1934 (Bierman)</u>			
<u>Conference Champions</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>Opp.</u>
Sept. 29	North Dakota State	56	12
Oct. 6	Nebraska	20	0
Oct. 20	Pittsburgh (Th)	13	7
Oct. 27	Iowa (Th)	48	12
Nov. 3	Michigan (HC)	34	0
Nov. 10	Indiana	30	0
Nov. 17	Chicago	35	7
Nov. 24	Wisconsin (Th)	34	0

<u>1935 (Bierman)</u>			
<u>Tied Ohio State for Championship</u>			
Sept. 26	North Dakota	26	6
Oct. 12	Nebraska (Th)	12	7
Oct. 19	Tulane	20	0
Oct. 26	Northwestern (HC)	21	13
Nov. 2	Purdue	29	7
Nov. 9	Iowa (Th)	13	6
Nov. 16	Michigan (Th)	40	0
Nov. 23	Wisconsin	33	7

<u>1933 (Bierman)</u>			
<u>2nd in Conference</u>		<u>M</u>	<u>Opp.</u>
Sept. 30	South Dakota State	19	6
Oct. 7	Indiana	6	6
Oct. 14	Purdue	7	7
Oct. 21	Pittsburgh	7	3
Oct. 28	Iowa (HC)	19	7
Nov. 4	Northwestern (Th)	0	0
Nov. 18	Michigan (Th)	0	0
Nov. 25	Wisconsin	6	3

Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick



Minneapolis.---The answer to the long-discussed question "Will a substantial number of discharged servicemen return to complete college athletic careers?" is beginning to piece itself together, and in the affirmative, in so far as one-time University of Minnesota athletes are concerned.

Acting Athletic Director Lou Keller and Coaches Bernie Bierman, Dr. George Hauser, and Lowell (Red) Dawson have received many letters since V-E and V-J days from former Minnesota athletes both in this country and overseas indicating that one of their first moves upon returning home after discharge from the service will be to enroll again at the University.

Recent visitors home on furlough who expressed a keen desire to get back into competition include Chuck Dellago of Virginia, marine corps, guard in 1942; Roy Lilja of Minneapolis, army air forces, end in 1942; Dave Thomas of Minneapolis, army air forces, halfback in 1942; Bob Collison of Fairmont, halfback in 1943; and Warren Beson of Minneapolis, army, fresh center in 1942.

Army life has agreed with most of those who have appeared at the athletic building while home on leave. Beson, an outstanding center prospect as a freshman in 1942, weighed only 160 pounds at that time. Despite six months of violent action with the 20th armored division which captured Salzburg two days before V-E day, Beson, a corporal, now weighs 190 pounds and looks trim. Collison who made a fine impression as a freshman back in 1943, has jumped from the 160 pounds he carried at that time to 185.

In so far as Bernie Bierman is concerned, the summer football practice recently concluded at the University of Minnesota may just as well be the last one.

Following his first experience with summer football, Bierman commented, "We can't accomplish enough during this period to make it worth while. Most of our veterans worked during the summer and missed practice altogether. The majority of our new civilians tried to work during the day. When they reported for practice late in the afternoon they were too tired to put the necessary physical effort into their workouts. Most of the time we were so short-handed that we couldn't field one full team with each man in his normal position.

"The heat also took a lot out of our men. There were very few days when we felt that it was cool enough for scrimmage. In the final analysis, the gains didn't begin to justify the time and effort expended. We had a chance to get acquainted with a few new navy men who came in July 1, and that is about all."

Indications are that the end of war with Japan will not affect the University of Minnesota football squad in so far as the status of navy V-12 and ROTC men are concerned. There are 15 men in these categories on the squad which will report back to Coach Bernie Bierman for the first day of fall practice on September 3. Withdrawal of these players from the Minnesota squad might have had serious effects, for the list includes such key stars as Dave Day, guard; Bob Kasper, left halfback; Merlin Kispert, quarterback; Laurence Olsonoski, tackle; Tom Reinhardt, tackle; and Dick Van Dusen, center.

While the University of Minnesota football team has drawn heavily on such metropolitan areas as Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth for its football talent year after year, tradition says that its best tackles come from

small communities.

To bear this out -- one can check back and find Bronko Nagurski coming from International Falls; Dick Smith from Rockford, Illinois; Ed Widseth from Mc Intosh; Urb Odson from Clark, South Dakota; and Dick Wildung from Luverne. Each of these men was a popular all-American choice.

In keeping with this tradition, the top five tackles on the 1945 squad are from small towns. Larry Olsonoski's home is at Lancaster; Tom Reinhardt, only returning tackle letterman, is from Jasper; Charles Teenus Carlson, top frosh tackle prospect, is from Walker; Virg Oswald, another frosh destined for extensive duty, is from Anoka; and Bob Runkel, NROTC junior in his first year on the Minnesota squad, is from Ladysmith, Wisconsin.

Student enrollment at Lancaster, Jasper, and Walker was inadequate for 11-man football with the result that Olsonoski, Reinhardt, and Carlson played only the six-man game before entering the university.

Football practice at the University of Minnesota for the four weeks before the start of fall quarter will be on a one-session-per-day basis.

All players enrolled in navy training programs will have classes that make it impossible for them to participate in morning football practice. This number is so large and includes so many leading players that satisfactory scrimmages and dummy drills could not be held without them.

Coach Bernie Bierman indicates that he will probably hold morning "skull sessions" for all squad members who do not have class conflicts. He will have the full squad on the practice field for less than two hours daily, six days per week for the three weeks before the opening game with Missouri on September 22.

According to present plans of the coaching staff, short "briefing" periods will be held each evening immediately after dinner at the training table to keep the players up on their headwork.

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BIERMAN SEES  
IMPROVEMENT  
BUT NO TITLE

Minneapolis----While the University of Minnesota football board of strategy is agreed that its 1945 team will probably be the best since the undefeated national champions of 1941, the suspicion exists among those closest to the situation that the experts picking Minnesota as "the team to beat for the Conference title" are basing their choice more on the presence of Bierman than on a rational evaluation of the available material and squad balance.

Thoughts of a possible Conference championship will be remote in Bierman's mind this week when he calls his first fall practice at Minnesota in four years, and goes to work on the vexing problem of trying to find centers and ends capable of holding their own in the trying campaign ahead.

All through spring practice and at the start of the summer workouts, Coaches Bierman, Dr. George Hauser, and Lowell (Red) Dawson fretted over a dearth of ends, centers, and tackles. Appearance of two freshmen -- Charles Teenus Carlson, a 220-pounder from Walker, and Virgil Oswald, active 215-pounder from Anoka -- and arrival on-campus July 1st in the navy training unit of Larry Olsonoski, 200-pound sophomore whose home is at Lancaster, eased up the tackle problem. Letterman Tom Reinhardt will be the only experienced man among the top four tackles.

Letterman Dick Van Dusen, sole experienced center available, will graduate with his NROTC class half way through the season. With no new center talent of Big Ten caliber in sight, Bierman is expected to start jockeying material with the opening of fall practice in an attempt to plug this future weakness in the forward wall. It is possible that Vic Kulbitski may move up

from fullback, or that Dale Rappana, reserve quarterback, will get a try at the center post.

The end situation is equally perplexing. Bill Marcotte of Minneapolis who earned his "M" last fall as a freshman, is the only wing hold-over from '44. He is slated for an "iron-man" role at right end unless some unexpected reserve strength shows up next week.

Line Coach Hauser will very likely run in Bob Carley, the versatile deaf athlete from St. Paul, at left end with the opening of fall practice. Carley earned a letter as a reserve halfback in 1943. His competitive experience is badly needed at end, while the backfield has 10 lettermen from the '44 squad. Unless there are some sudden new developments, three 17-year old freshmen will understudy Marcotte and Carley. They are Paul Kelly of Hopkins, John Lundin, a graduate of Minneapolis Roosevelt, and Bob Ferm, Minneapolis West high graduate.

The 53 men invited back by Bierman to fall practice, plus possibly a few new freshmen who did not report for summer practice, will get down to work Monday, Labor Day, at 4 p.m. Because there are not enough civilians for one full "first" team, practices will probably be confined to one daily -- from 4 to 6 p.m. The 18 navy men on the squad have a class schedule which precludes their participation in morning practices. Many have late classes which will allow only a few hours of practice weekly.

Coach Bierman figures he will have a full squad for only approximately 25 hours of practice between the opening September 3 and the first game with Missouri on September 22. Before leaving to coach the college all-stars in Chicago Bierman advised the squad members that they face the most intensive period of training that he has ever directed.

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MANY NEW MEN  
CRASH VETERAN  
GOPHER LINEUP

Minneapolis----While the presence of 17 lettermen on the University of Minnesota football squad has created the impression that Coach Bernie Bierman will rely largely on veteran material through the 1945 schedule, approximately 25 new men are slated for extensive duty.

Four freshmen -- Bob Ferm, a graduate of Minneapolis West high, Paul Kelley of Hopkins, Nathan Harlan, a graduate of St. Augustine high of Austin, and John Lundin, Minneapolis Roosevelt high graduate -- rank high among the ends. This quartet will very likely appear in action against Missouri in the opener September 22 in Memorial Stadium. Two discharged war veterans -- Ralph Lundeen and John Westrum -- are very much in the running for end jobs. Both are residents of Minneapolis and started the University before entering service, but didn't get in any varsity competition.

Larry Olsonoski of Lancaster and Bob Runkel of Ladysmith, Wisconsin, both enrolled in the navy training program, are rated by line coach Dr. George Hauser as tackle "starters." Runkel entered Minnesota in November of 1944, too late to play football, and Olsonoski came on-campus July 1 of this year. Both weigh 200 pounds. Four husky freshmen -- Leo Meyer of Little Falls, Charles Teenus Carlson of Walker, Jim Burt of Minneapolis, and Les Halvorsen of Detroit Lakes -- have been prominent in recent scrimmages, indicating that they figure in Bierman's line plans. Pat Moran, graduate of Cretin high in St. Paul and a regular tackle in 1944 at Maryland, is the heaviest man on the squad at 230 pounds and will probably be used when his weight is needed.

Bob Hanzlik, who enrolled at Minnesota last winter after receiving a medical discharge from the Marine Corps, is a fixture at right guard. The Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin athlete is a standout in the Minnesota line. Laron Honn, "watch-charm" 17-year old frosh from Minneapolis West high and Mark Swenson, sturdy 205-

pound NROTC student whose home is at Canton, South Dakota, will see action at guard.

Gordon Sullivan, 26-year old discharged war veteran whose home is at Jasper, Mike Kissell, former Minneapolis Vocational high athlete and a discharged war vet, Jack Rivall, former all-range center from Hibbing who was recently discharged from the air corps, and Bill Maxe, 17-year old freshman from Brainerd, are receiving intensive training at center as replacements for Letterman Dick Van Dusen.

The 10 backfield lettermen available to Bierman have so far withstood the challenge of any new talent, but four talented athletes may get quite a bit of work in this department. Earl Bruhn, who played quarterback last season for Penn State while stationed there in the Marine Corps, subsequently received a medical discharge and returned to Minnesota. He is the squad's strongest punter. Ken Parent of Foley, another war vet, has shown enough running ability to get an approving nod from Bierman and is scheduled for action at left halfback. Dick Lawrence, the slender freshman passing wizard from Bemidji, is expected to get opportunities to exhibit his specialty.

Dick Lutz, who entered the navy shortly after graduating from De La Salle high of Minneapolis, has been switching off in the second-string fullback spot with Hudson (Hockey) Mealey, Faribault junior and letterman.

FORMER GOPHER  
TAKES PIGSKIN  
TO FRONT LINES

Cpl. Joe Silovich, the former Eveleth high school all-around athletic star who showed well as a halfback for Minnesota in 1942, writes back that he is stationed with his infantry outfit in Paris and coaching football at the University of Paris. Joe is determined to return to the University of Minnesota and complete his football and hockey competition, and has kept himself in tip-top condition by training and working out at every opportunity. Joe even took a football with him up to the front lines during hostilities with the Germans so that he wouldn't "lose the feel." He says that he weighs over 200 pounds.

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NEW GOPHERS  
EXPECTED TO  
ADD STRENGTH



Minneapolis----Personnel of the University of Minnesota football team is expected to be at its top level for the season when the Gophers take the field against Nebraska Saturday at Lincoln.

Six discharged servicemen who are counted on to materially increase Minnesota's gridiron potentialities have joined the Maroon and Gold squad since the season's opener with Missouri on September 22. According to the views of Head Coach Bernie Bierman and Line Tutor Dr. George Hauser, any subsequent additions will be little help this season because of the late start.

"We don't know right now of how much value these newest candidates will be to us. We know they are capable of giving us a big lift. It all depends on their ability to get into playing condition," commented Bierman in referring to Tackle Joe Shields, Ends Bob Fitch, Roy Lilja and John Westrum, Halfback Dave Thomas, and Dale Pulver, right guard. These athletes were enrolled at Minnesota before entering Service.

Fitch, star end on Minnesota's undefeated 1941 national champions, reported to Bierman on October 1, immediately after receiving his discharge from the Marine Corps. Because of his weight (220 pounds) and experience, Fitch was put at left tackle on the first team.

Lilja and Thomas, both Minneapolis West high graduates, earned letters as sophomores in 1942. Both received their discharges from the army air forces last week after extended overseas action in the European theater.

Westrum whose 205 pounds and 6 feet 3 inches of stature make him a valuable addition to the lightest Gopher line in more than a decade was enrolled at Minnesota as a freshman in 1941. He entered the Coast guard early in 1942 and received his discharge September 24. The husky Minneapolis Roosevelt high graduate had a brief taste of football while in Service, playing last winter in the

Shrine East - West all-star game at San Francisco. He has been tried at both end and tackle in recent workouts.

Joe Shields came to Minnesota as a freshman in 1942 after playing tackle at De La Salle high of Minneapolis under Frank Warner, former Gopher end. Shields left school in 1942 to enter the navy and served two and a half years as a pharmacist's mate before transferring into the naval aviation program. He was an aviation cadet at Iowa Preflight school and playing a regular tackle position on the Seahawk football team at the time the school was recently ordered shut down. At 200 pounds and 6 feet 1 inch tall he is virtually a physical "carbon copy" of Tom Reinhardt, Larry Olsonoski, Bob Runkel, and Bob Novotny, four of Minnesota's top tackles.

Dale Pulver, Minneapolis Washburn high graduate, had a brief spell of football at Minnesota as a freshman in 1942 before entering the navy. He held a regular right guard post on the North Carolina Preflight eleven last fall, so is expected to boost Gopher strength at right guard where the material runs thin.

MINNESOTA AND  
CORNHUSKERS IN  
27TH ENCOUNTER

The game which brings together football teams representing the Universities of Minnesota and Nebraska Saturday at Lincoln will be the twenty-seventh in a non-conference series dating back to 1900.

The first encounter between the Western Conference and Big Six representatives was typical of the closely-contested games which have featured this long rivalry, with Minnesota winning 20 - 12. Since then the Gophers have won 20 games, lost 4 and tied two. The 39 - 0 triumph scored by the Hauser-coached 1944 Gophers was the most decisive in the 45-year span. Nebraska's last victory was gained in 1939 when the Cornhuskers upset Minnesota 6 - 0.

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SERIES EDGE  
AT STAKE IN  
OHIO CONTEST

For the first time this season the undefeated University of Minnesota football team will step on the field no more than an even bet when it engages the powerful Ohio State eleven Saturday in Memorial Stadium before what is expected to be a sellout crowd.

While Ohio State's championship chances faded with its surprise loss to Purdue, the Buckeyes will be intent Saturday in grabbing the lead in the abbreviated but spectacular series between the universities in which the victories now stand at three-all.

Ohio State, last of all Conference teams to appear on Minnesota's schedule defeated Dr. Henry L. Williams' Gophers in 1921 in the first meeting, 27 - 0. The next year Bill Spalding's Minnesota team reversed the result, 9 - 0.

In 1931 H. O. (Fritz) Crisler's gridders provided the Conference with its prize upset of the season when they dumped an undefeated Ohio State team, 19 - 7. A seven-year lapse in the series followed this game. Then, in 1939, Minnesota dropped a rousing contest to the Buckeyes, 23 - 20, in Bernie Bierman's first Conference try against them. Minnesota's national championship team of 1940 stopped Ohio State, 13-7. The teams did not play for the next three seasons. Then the 1944 Buckeyes, generally considered the nation's best civilian college team of the year, thumped Minnesota, 34 - 14 at Columbus, although the Gophers, coached by Dr. George Hauser, outgained the victors by 61 yards and bested them, 15 - 12 in first downs.

GOPHERS AIM  
AT 22 IN ROW  
UNDER BIERMAN

The University of Minnesota football team will be gunning for its twenty-second consecutive victory under Coach Bernie Bierman when it engages Ohio State Saturday in Memorial Stadium.

In beating Northwestern, 30 - 7, the Gophers broke their previous best

mark under Bierman which was stopped after 20 straight when Northwestern engineered a 6 - 0 upset at Evanston in 1936.

Bierman's current streak started in the final game of 1939 when Minnesota defeated Wisconsin. His Gophers won all eight games in 1940 and again in 1941 to take national championships both years, and extend the victory string to 17 straight before Bierman took leave of absence for active duty with the Marine Corps.

Back again under Bierman's direction this season, Minnesota has bowled over Missouri, Nebraska, Fort Warren, and Northwestern.

MacMILLAN SEES  
IMPROVEMENT IN  
CAGE PROSPECTS

Dave Mac Millan, back on the job as head basketball coach at the University of Minnesota after an absence of three years, sees Gopher basketball definitely on the upswing.

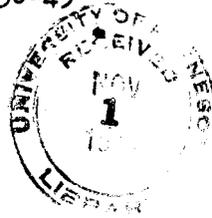
When Mac Millan called his first practice on October 8 to begin preparation for the season opener with South Dakota University at the Field House on December 1, he found only two lettermen -- Walter Rucke of Minneapolis, regular guard in 1944-45, and Gordon Muske of Wahpeton, North Dakota, reserve center and forward -- on hand.

A few days later Max Mohr of St. Paul, reserve guard in 1940-41, enrolled after receiving his point discharge from the navy in which he had been a combat pilot. Since that time Don (Swede) Carlson of Minneapolis who set a new Minnesota scoring record of 205 points during the 1940-41 season, Jimmy Smith of Minneapolis, 1940-41 letterman, and Dave Ruliffson who showed great promise in 1942-43, have received point discharges and reported to Mac Millan, after enrolling.

"These men give us some badly needed experience and height. Jim Mc Intyre freshman center from Patrick Henry, is coming along nicely. Several navy students show possibilities. I look for our best season in several years," states MacMillan.

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By Otis Dypwick



GOPHERS AIM  
AT SHARE OF  
BIG 10 TITLE

Minneapolis----Chastened but wiser as a result of its defeat last week at the hands of Ohio State, the University of Minnesota football team will start its stretch drive in the Conference championship race Saturday at Ann Arbor against Michigan determined to "win the rest of the way" and salvage at least a share of the Big Ten title.

Bernie Bierman's Gophers are in a position to be largely master of their own destiny in so far as the final championship reckoning is concerned. Michigan, like Minnesota, has lost only one game and is still a definite title contender. Indiana, with only a tie with Northwestern against its record, leads the race, but comes up against Minnesota November 10 in Memorial Stadium.

The tempo from now on promises to be furious as Minnesota, Michigan, Purdue, and Ohio State, each once-defeated, strive to avert the loss which will mean elimination from the championship chase.

BIERMAN SEEKS  
TO EXTEND HIS  
CRISLER STRING

His string of 21 consecutive victories as head football coach at the University of Minnesota blasted last week by Ohio State's victory, Bernie Bierman will place on the line another of his many football records Saturday at Ann Arbor when his Gophers clash with Michigan -- that of never having been defeated by a Crisler-coached Michigan team.

The first year Crisler was at Michigan -- 1938 -- Bierman's Maroon and Gold eleven triumphed, 7 - 6. Minnesota's unpredictable 1939 team walloped the Wolverines 20 - 7. Bruce Smith's famed run and a historic goal-line stand which stopped Tom Harmon cold featured Minnesota's 7 - 6 win in 1940. The

undefeated national championship Minnesota team of 1941 blanked a strong Michigan team in winning 7 - 0.

This friendly rivalry -- it was Crisler, then athletic director at Minnesota, who hired Bierman as head football coach at Minnesota in 1932 -- was interrupted after the 1941 season when Bierman took leave of absence for active duty in the Marine Corps.

BIERMAN INTENT  
ON RECAPTURING  
LITTLE BROWN JUG

Saturday at Ann Arbor Bernie Bierman will seek to accomplish an important task with which he has not been confronted since 1934 -- that of returning the Little Brown Jug to the University of Minnesota trophy case in Cooke Hall.

In 1934, his third year as head coach at Minnesota, Bierman and his gridiron Gophers thumped Michigan, 34 - 0, to reclaim the nation's most famed football trophy. It had been in custody of the Wolverines since 1929.

The Jug stayed on at Minnesota until 1943 when Minnesota's great Bill Daley, stationed at Michigan in the Marine Training program there, led the Wolverines to a decisive victory over Dr. George Hauser's gridiron charges. This was Michigan's first triumph over Minnesota since 1932.

MINNESOTA SIX  
TO FACE STIFF  
PUCK SCHEDULE

Athletic Director Frank McCormick and Coach Larry Armstrong are lining up the most attractive University of Minnesota hockey schedule in several seasons.

Games already arranged are as follows: January 4 and 5 - St. James A. C. of Winnipeg at Minneapolis; January 11 and 12 - Michigan Tech at Minneapolis; January 18 and 19 - University of Michigan at Ann Arbor; February 1 and 2 - Michigan at Minneapolis; February 8 and 9 - Michigan Tech at Houghton.

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GOPHERS, BADGERS IN  
FIFTY-FIFTH MEETING

The University of Minnesota's oldest existing football rivalry will be renewed Saturday, November 24, in Memorial Stadium when the University of Wisconsin squares off with the Gophers for the fifty-fifth time.

This series started in 1890 when the Maroon and Gold, with Tom Eck as coach, swamped the Badgers, 63 - 0. The only break in this traditional rivalry occurred in 1906. Minnesota holds a 33 to 16 advantage in the matter of victories. Five games have ended in ties.

In 1932, Bernie Bierman's first year as head coach at Minnesota, Wisconsin scored a 20 - 13 victory. Bierman-led Gophers then took nine consecutive victories up to the time of his departure for active duty with the Marine Corps following the 1941 season. Wisconsin's great 1942 team triumphed, 20 - 6, to break this string.

Dr. Hauser squared up matters in 1943 when his Gophers downed Wisconsin, 25 - 13, and saw his team come out on the winning end of a hectic contest in 1944 at Madison, 28 - 26.

ROUGH GOING NOT  
NEW TO W. BESON

Observers who saw Warren Beson move into the starting center role with the University of Minnesota football team and play a virtually flawless offensive and sterling defensive game against Indiana were amazed at the quality of his play for a man with only four days of practice behind him.

However, rough going is now an old story to the rugged 193-pound former Minneapolis West high all-city star. As Corporal Beson of the United States army, 20th armored division, he participated in the capture of Munich and Salzburg, Germany. His mechanized cavalry outfit was just outside Salzburg on V-E day. By comparison with the fast-moving, thunderous action Warren saw in Germany in four months of continuous fighting at the front with three different armies, a game of football before 40,000 people is a rather tame affair.

While new to Minnesota football fans, Beson was already known to the

Minnesota coaching staff when he returned to University classes two weeks ago. As a freshman in 1942 he showed outstanding spirit and talent, but joined the army before getting into varsity competition. His splendid performance against Indiana, even though the Gophers were decisively beaten, justified the confidence of the coaching staff that even with only four days of practice he would do a thorough job.

A mechanical perfectionist at the center position, and a fiery competitor, Warren Beson figures prominently in Minnesota's future football plans.

MINNESOTA CAGERS  
PLEASE MacMILLAN

There's a telling twinkle in Dave Mac Millan's eyes as he answers questions as to the prospects for his Minnesota basketball team that opens its non-conference schedule December 1 against South Dakota University in the field house.

It's not that Mac Millan, back as head coach after an absence of three years, has visions of a championship, but, as he puts it, "We have a bunch of men who really like to play basketball. The veterans and freshmen, alike, have shown steady improvement since we opened practice October 8, and indicate that they have the will and capacity for further improvement from game to game. The spirit is great."

As matters now stand, three former lettermen, all war veterans who have received point discharges from service in recent months, and two newcomers have the edge for starting positions. The vets are Dave Ruliffson, former all-state forward at Minneapolis Washburn high and a Minnesota letterman in 1942-43; Don (Swede) Carlson, Minneapolis Edison high graduate who was called to the army during the 1941-42 season after having established himself as an all-time Minnesota basketball great through two previous seasons; and Max Mohr of St. Paul who left the University following the 1940-41 season to become a Marine Corsair pilot. Carlson and Mohr have been pairing up at the guard positions in drills to date. Carlson will be used frequently at forward with Walt Rucke of Minneapolis, 1944-45 letterman, replacing him at guard.

One of the pleasant surprises of the fall practice sessions has been the play of Phil Snoy, navy training student from Bridgeport, Ohio. An apt pupil, he has readily grasped Mac Millan's style of play and worked his way up to a forward position

on the tentative first five.

Jim Mc Intyre, 6 foot 8 inch freshman center who led Patrick Henry high of Minneapolis to two consecutive Minnesota state prep championships, has the call on the pivot position.

Mac Millan's second-team choice at present includes Harland White, freshman and Minneapolis De La Salle graduate, and John Reimer, 17-year old freshman from Luverne, forwards; George Kilen, 6 foot  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inch sophomore from St. Paul, center; Louie Brewster of Wahpeton, North Dakota, 1942-43 letterman who was recently discharged from the army, and Walt Rucke, guards.

The following combination represents a current third selection: Wayne Gilleland, St. Paul freshman, and Frank Totzke, Minneapolis De La Salle graduate who last year starred for St. Mary's college of Winona, forwards; Gordon Muske, junior letterman from Wahpeton, center; Charley Mohr, St. Paul Humboldt high graduate, and Tom Tiefenthaler of Wauwatosa, Wisconsin, guards. Paul Anderson, St. Paul freshman, and Bob Prochnow of Hutchinson, also a first-year man, have been showing well at guards. Bob Stassen, sophomore from Muncie, Indiana, is a promising center candidate.

COPHER CAGE  
SCHEDULE SET

The revised University of Minnesota 21-game basketball schedule as announced by Frank Mc Cormick, director of athletics, is as follows:

December 1 - South Dakota University at Minneapolis; December 3 - South Dakota State at Minneapolis; December 8 - Nebraska at Minneapolis; December 15 - Iowa State at Minneapolis; December 22 - Great Lakes at Great Lakes; December 24 - Michigan State at East Lansing; December 29 - North Dakota State at Minneapolis; December 31 - De Paul at Minneapolis; January 5 - Wisconsin at Madison; January 7 - Indiana at Bloomington; January 14 - Chicago at Minneapolis; January 19 - Great Lakes at Minneapolis; January 26 - Purdue at Minneapolis; January 28 - Iowa at Iowa City; February 2 - Purdue at Lafayette; February 8 - Northwestern at Evanston; February 9 - Chicago at Chicago; February 18 - Northwestern at Minneapolis; February 23 - Indiana at Minneapolis; March 2 - Iowa at Minneapolis; March 4 - Wisconsin at Minneapolis.

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MINNESOTA HOCKEY  
TEAM SHAPING UP

Minneapolis----Three weeks of intensive practice for the University of Minnesota hockey squad find the 26-man group working into playing condition, and Coach Larry Armstrong beaming broadly at the progress made in this comparatively short period.

"I'm making no predictions," says the veteran leader of Gopher hockey, "because a lot can happen between now and our first game January 4 with St. James of Winnipeg. But, for the first time in my 13 years at this job, we'll be at least three-deep, and maybe four-deep with wings and centers. This means we'll be able to go at top speed all the way in our games this winter."

Key men around whom Armstrong is building what may prove to be one of his best Minnesota sextets are the six lettermen from the 1944-45 squad which beat Michigan, 10-0 and 15-2, in its only two starts against collegiate competition. These men are Brad Thompson, naval ROTC student from Detroit, Michigan, left wing; Bob Carley and Jim Wild of St. Paul, right wings; John Adams of Minneapolis, center; Al Opsahl of Minneapolis, defense; and Red McCabe of St. Paul, goal.

Bob Arnold, star center with the 1940-41, and 41-42 Minnesota sixes and a graduate of Minneapolis Washburn high, recently received his point discharge from the army in which he served overseas with the 83rd infantry division, and has enrolled for winter quarter.

The balance of the squad working out five days weekly at the Minneapolis Arena is as follows: Left wings - Bud Frick, Winnipeg, Dennis Rolle, Eveleth, Joe Torgeson, Gimli, Manitoba, and Mike O'Brien, St. Paul; right wings - Jack Alberts, Duluth, Calvin Engelstad, Hallock, Jack O'Brien, Winnipeg, and Bob Stowell, St. Paul; centers - Pat Finnegan, Eveleth, Jeff Burman and Bob Fleming, Winnipeg; defense - Duncan Daniels and Bob Bergman, Winnipeg, Ed Roberts, Roseau,

Sam  
Roy Lilja and/Schneider, Minneapolis, and Dick Hadley, St. Paul; goal - Joe Johnson,  
Duluth, and Ray Mc Dermott, Winnipeg.

ED HAISLET BACK  
FROM NAVY DUTIES

Ed Haislet who recently received a point discharge from the navy and returned to his work as director of curriculum in recreational leadership in the department of physical education and athletics at the University of Minnesota filled an important role in helping to make the U. S. navy the world's "fightenist" navy.

A former amateur boxing star himself, and author of a leading book of instruction on boxing, Haislet went directly to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis after receiving his commission in May, 1942. He stayed on beyond the usual training period to develop the widely-used boxing syllabus for all navy pre-flight training schools.

Haislet's next assignment was to the Iowa Preflight school at Iowa City where he served for 18 months, first as head of the boxing division, and later as assistant to Lt. Col. Bernie Bierman, who was athletic director. While at Iowa City, Haislet wrote the navy's manual on boxing.

From Iowa City Ed was transferred to the lighter-than-air station at Lakehurst, New Jersey and began work on organization of a physical training program for all navy lighter-than-air stations. As part of this duty he spent some time in South America at United States bases there.

In November 1944 Haislet was ordered to the Central Pacific to organize and put into operation a physical training program for all naval aviation bases in that area, including those in the Marshalls, Gilberts, Mariannas, Western Carolines, and on Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

His work completed, Lt. Commander Haislet departed from Guam on September 20, arrived in the United States October 4, and received his discharge from Great Lakes October 10.

WAR VETS PLEASE  
DAVE MacMILLAN

A great source of satisfaction to Dave Mac Millan as he moulds together his 1945-46 University of Minnesota basketball squad is the spirit and drive of former Gopher players who have returned to classes this fall after having received point discharges from the armed services.

While several newcomers have shown the ability to work in with the top varsity group, Coach Mac Millan sees six war veterans as the nucleus of what may well prove to be the best Gopher basketball team in several seasons.

"Take boys like Walt Rucke, Don Carlson, Dave Ruliffson, Max Mohr, Louis Brewster, and Tony Jaros," says Dave, "I'd like to have more like them. Their years in service haven't slowed them down or dulled their competitive edge a bit. Their spirit is absolute tops, and they work in with our new men like a charm. I think most of them have more poise now than when they were here before the War."

STARTING GOPHER  
CAGE LINEUP SET

University of Minnesota basketball workouts of the past week indicate that Coach Dave Mac Millan is pretty well set on the lineup which will take the floor for the season's opener Saturday, December 1, against the University of South Dakota five in the Field House.

Consistent choices at the forward posts have been Dave Ruliffson of Minneapolis, recently discharged army vet and 1942-43 letterman, and Phil Snoy, navy V-12 student from Middletown, Ohio. Jim Mc Intyre, 6 foot, 8 inch freshman who last year led Patrick Henry high of Minneapolis to the state prep championship has the edge on the center job.

Don Carlson of Minneapolis who was called into service during the 1942-43 season has a firm hold on one guard post. Teaming with Carlson will be Max Mohr, pre-war letterman, or Walt Rucke, navy vet who earned his "M" last season as a regular guard.

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GOPHER MATMEN  
LACK EXPERIENCE

Minneapolis, Dec.----The University of Minnesota's wrestling coach, Dave Bartelma, who produced a Conference championship team in 1941, his last full season before taking leave of absence to accept a commission in the navy, must depend largely on incoming freshmen and inexperienced returning war vets in moulding his first post-war squad.

"We have lettermen in only two spots -- Mel Baken at 165 pounds and George Eastling in the 145-pound division -- definitely available," points out Bartelma. "That means we will have to do some intensive work to dig up capable talent in the other weight classes."

So far no candidates have appeared to try for the 121-pound position. Two leading contenders at 128 pounds are Minoru Takimoto of Minneapolis, and Harrison Freeman, discharged vet and graduate of Minneapolis Washburn. Don Payton of Omaha, a navy student, heads the list of 135-pounders. John Terzian, navy student from East St. Louis, has shown the best of the new 145-pounders in workouts to date. In the 155-pound class John Wingard, freshman from Robbinsdale, John Steffen, navy student from Denver, and Bob Lucian, sophomore from Robbinsdale have shown the greatest potentialities.

Baken is unchallenged for the 165-pound spot. With Rod Lister inactive so far because of illness and press of school work, Bartelma has been grooming Ivan Doseff, Minneapolis senior, for the 175-pound assignment. Clint Grose, senior navy student and graduate of Minneapolis Edison, and Howard Olson of Cherokee, Iowa are regarded by Bartelma as the best bets in the heavyweight class.

John Whittaker who was undefeated in 1937, winning both the Conference and National collegiate titles at 175 pounds, recently returned to medical school after receiving a point discharge from the marine corps. He has been assisting Bartelma with the coaching, but may decide to compete as a heavyweight if he can get into suitable condition.



BARTELMA HOLDING  
WRESTLING CLINICS

Dave Bartelma, wrestling coach at the University of Minnesota, is holding a series of wrestling clinics open to all high school coaches and athletes without charge to them. A clinic will be held each of the following Saturday's at 9:30 a.m. in the wrestling room located in the north tower of Memorial Stadium: December 8 and 15; January 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9, 16, 23. Anyone seeking additional information relative to these sessions may contact Bartelma at Cooke Hall, University of Minnesota.

KUNDLA'S RETURN  
HELPS MacMILLAN

Recent addition of John Kundla to the University of Minnesota athletic coaching staff as assistant to Dave Mac Millan, head basketball coach, has given rise to hope among Gopher followers that John's initial season as a college tutor will be marked by the same success as his first playing venture under Mac Millan.

As a sophomore forward during the 1936-37 Conference basketball season loose-jointed, smiling Johnny helped Minnesota to a 10 - 2 record and a tie with Illinois for the Big 10 championship. The Kundla-sparked Gophers came back strong the following season to win 9 and lose 3 for second place. While the Maroon and Gold slid to fourth place during the 1938-39 campaign, Captain Kundla had his best season and broke the Minnesota individual scoring record with 116 points in 12 Conference games and 199 points over the 20-game schedule.

John served his coaching apprenticeship as athletic director for Ascension church and grade school in north Minneapolis, at the same time starring for the Ascension Club's senior amateur basketball team. His "kid" teams began to dominate Catholic grade school and church leagues.

As recognition for his excellent work at Ascension, the likeable former Minnesota luminary was appointed head coach at Minneapolis DeLaSalle high, one-time national catholic champion. In two seasons there before entering the

navy Kundla had consistently strong teams, and directed DeLaSalle to the State Catholic title in 1943. Following this season he left for duty with the navy.

Even in Kundla's physical absence, he made a contribution to the 1944-45 Minnesota basketball season in the person of Chet Tomczyk who learned his high school basketball at DeLaSalle under John, and then came on to the University of Minnesota to play brilliantly as a freshman through the 1944-45 season, until drafted.

Two of "Johnny's boys" -- Harlan White and Frank Totzke -- who played for him at DeLaSalle are making strong bids for positions on the current Gopher floor team which has shown impressively in swamping South Dakota University, South Dakota State, and Nebraska.

When Kundla recently received his discharge from the navy and reported "on deck" at the field house as assistant to Dave Mac Millan there was a happy reunion of two generations of coaches and pupils.

#### GOPHER SWIMMERS TO MAINTAIN MARK

"I can't see any championship for us when we play host to the Big Ten swimming meet here March 8 and 9, but I feel sure we'll be able to keep up our record of never having finished below fourth place in the twenty-six years I've been coaching Minnesota swimming teams," summarizes Coach Niels Thorpe in speaking of prospects for his squad. It will open its Conference season January 25 against Northwestern at Evanston.

The veteran instructor is building his lineup around four letter-men -- Mike Besel, 50 and 100-yard dash, Reynold Jones, 50 and 100-yard dash, Bill Gray, distances, and John Hollingshead, breast stroke.

New men showing varsity ability in trials to date are Bob Johnson of Duluth, backstroke, and Bob Enlow, war vet from Maryland, dashes and backstroke. Thorpe expects additional help winter quarter from incoming freshmen and discharged war veterans who will enroll.



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JAROS, KERNAN  
BOOST GOPHERS

Minneapolis----Coach Dave Mac Millan will take his promising University of Minnesota basketball squad on its first road trip of the season over the coming week-end, fortified by two highly welcome new additions -- Tony Jaros and Ed Kernan.

Both Jaros, a center and forward, and Kernan, a guard, received discharges from the army too late to enroll for fall quarter at the University. They will see their first competitive action of the season in the December 22 game at Great Lakes, and against Michigan State December 24, at East Lansing.

Jaros is already a well-known quantity to the Minnesota coaching staff. He scored 94 points in 12 Conference games as a sophomore during the 1941-42 season. The husky, 6 foot 2 inch Minneapolis Edison high graduate is particularly adept at "playing the hole." He is a clever ball-handler and potent scoring threat at close range. Coach Mac Millan plans to use Jaros in relief of towering Jim Mc Intyre at center, or at a forward position, as needed.

Kernan went directly into the U.S. Army Air Corps after graduation from Two Harbors high school two years ago. In the brief period he has been working out with the Gophers since his November 2 discharge, he has made a strong impression on Mac Millan. Kernan is a good physical specimen at 6 feet 1 inch and 175 pounds. He is a strong rebound man, tenacious on defense, and a heady team player. Indications are that he will press Charley Mohr for a starting guard post.

This week's practice sessions are expected to be particularly brisk as squad members vie for a place on the list of men who will make the trip to Great Lakes and East Lansing. Jim Mc Intyre, center; Don Carlson, Dave Ruliffson, and Tony Jaros, forwards; Louis Brewster, Charles Mohr, and Ed Kernan, guards appear to be the only certainties.

McINTYRE SETS  
SCORING PACE

Jim Mc Intyre, the University of Minnesota's 6 foot 8 inch freshman center, is answering in impressive fashion the question of those who wondered whether or not he would be able to maintain a scoring pace in collegiate competition comparable to that he set in high school.

Holder of the Minnesota State high school tournament record of 100 points in three games, which he scored last spring in leading Patrick Henry high of Minneapolis to the state title, the promising first-year athlete has averaged an impressive 15 3/4 points per game for Minnesota in four starts this season. He is leading the squad in scoring.

McIntyre's 63 point total has been compiled through 17 points against The University of South Dakota, 15 against South Dakota State, 12 against Nebraska, and 19 against Iowa State.

Second place among Gopher scorers is held by the veteran forward, Don (Swede) Carlson who has netted 61 points in four games.

COMPETITION FOR  
ALL AT MINNESOTA

Increased emphasis on competitive athletics with opportunities for students participation on a greatly enlarged scale features a new policy of the department of physical education and athletics at the University of Minnesota.

This was revealed by Frank G. Mc Cormick, director of the department, in presenting before the last meeting of the board of regents of the University his plans for expansion of the physical education and athletic program.

As director of the U. S. Army's vast post-V.E. day athletic program in Europe, Mc Cormick had an opportunity to study on a broad basis the advantages of competitive activities over regimented group exercises. Bernie Bierman, head football coach, who served as director of the physical fitness program at the navy's pre-flight school at Iowa City spoke before the regents and concurred in McCormick's viewpoint.

The director hopes to have one or more teams to supplement the varsity in all sports, and to arrange a competitive schedule for each team.

An expanded staff and additional quarters to provide adequate facilities for this new program will be needed. Mc Cormick expressed himself as being particularly anxious to get the proposed new winter sports building and an indoor sports building under way.

AL OPSAHL RATED  
GREAT DEFENSEMAN

"Yes sir, he belongs right alongside John Mariucci and Kenny Cramp on my all-time all-star defense combination," is Coach Larry Armstrong's evaluation of Al Opsahl whom he considers a certain stand-out on what promises to be one of Minnesota's best hockey teams.

"In my 13 years as Minnesota's coach I've never handled or seen his superior as a defensive player," continues Armstrong in praise of the stocky junior who played his high school hockey at Minneapolis Southwest, "And he has two full seasons ahead of him!"

Quiet, workmanlike Al was co-captain of the 1944-45 Gopher sextet which overwhelmed Michigan 10 - 0 and 15 - 2 in its only two collegiate contests. Opsahl didn't figure prominently in this scoring avalanche, but, as his coach states it, "A man who protects that blue line the way Al does needn't do much scoring to play for me."

While possessed of a rugged frame and the ability to hold his own in any bodily contact, Opsahl's particular specialty is poke-checking rather than body checking. He has an uncanny sense of anticipation. After hooking the puck away from an opposing player, he is quick to take the offensive and give his mates a clean break.

Al is headed for a degree in aeronautical engineering. So that he might build up a financial reserve for school expenses and at the same time get practical experience in the field in which he hopes to make his living, he worked for a year in a large heavy bomber plant on the Pacific Coast.

Right now Al is busy with final examinations, and getting ready for Minnesota's opening games with St. James of Winnipeg at the Minneapolis Arena January 4 and 5. Judging by past performances, he'll do a good job of both.

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GOPHER TEAMS  
AVERAGE FOURTH



Minneapolis----University of Minnesota athletic teams in 10 inter-collegiate sports finished with an over-all average of fourth place in the Big 10 Conference for the year 1945.

Only Gopher team to win a championship during this period was the hockey sextet which swept two games with Michigan in the sole Conference competition of the season. Normally two-game home-and-home series are played, but both teams had several players under navy regulations who could not be off-campus long enough to permit participation in two games. Minnesota set an all-time single game scoring record in trimming the Wolverines 15 - 2 on Ann Arbor ice.

A surprising Minnesota track team showed concentrated strength in the hurdles and broad jump to take third place in both the indoor and outdoor Conference meets. Because of travel difficulties, the trackmen participated largely in quadrangular and triangular meets and special relays, rather than the usual number of dual meets. Ray Tharp, high point man for the indoor and outdoor seasons, won first place in the 60-yard low hurdles in the Purdue relays to upset Miami's great Whitey Fisher, and captured the broad jump in the Drake Relays.

The baseball, golf, swimming, tennis, and wrestling teams all finished in fourth place. Vern Ojampa tied for first place in the breast stroke at the Conference swimming meet. Stu Cornell won the Conference sixth division championship in tennis. Dick Nelson, undefeated through the season in the wrestling 155-pound class, took the 145-pound championship at the Conference meet.

Only Gopher teams to finish in second division were the basketball team which pulled up tied for sixth place with Northwestern and Indiana, and the football team which wound up in eighth place for its poorest season during Bernie Bierman's coaching regime.

WARD'S RETURN  
BOOSTS GOPHERS

Minneapolis----One of the important factors in the increased optimism over the University of Minnesota's football outlook for 1946 is the presence of Dallas Ward who is back on the coaching staff after an absence of three and a half years.

During this time Ward was on leave of absence from the University for active duty with the navy. Leaving in March '42, he entered the naval aviation pre-flight physical education program. His first assignment was the Iowa City pre-flight school, followed by duty at the University of Pennsylvania, Quonset Point, Rhode Island, and the naval air station at Dallas, Texas. At the time of his discharge on September 26 Ward held the rank of Lt. Commander.

Ward was one of four members of the Minnesota football coaching staff to leave for active duty with one of the services, the other three being Bernie Bierman, Bert Baston, Charles (Bud) Wilkinson, and John Roning.

The absence of these four key men proved a serious handicap to Minnesota's football during the war years, despite the excellent fashion in which Dr. George Hauser and Lowell (Red) Dawson carried on.

When "Dal" Ward joined the Minnesota football coaching staff in 1936 as head freshman coach, he brought with him an impressive record as an athlete and tutor. While a student at Oregon State college he won six letters -- two each in basketball, football, and baseball.

Ward came to Minneapolis Marshall high in 1928 as football coach and in seven years there established the southeast Minneapolis school which had the city's smallest enrollment as a leading power in football. His Cardinal teams won several city championships. He developed many outstanding athletes who went on to stardom at the University of Minnesota. Among them were George and Bud Svendsen, Babe Levoir, Andy Uram, Rudy Gmitro, Bill Kuusisto, Ken Filbert, and Russ Wile.

HOCKEY TEAM  
GETS RESPITE

Minneapolis----The promising University of Minnesota hockey team which Coach Larry Armstrong has been drilling intensively for six weeks in preparation for its opening brace of games with the St. James A. C. sextet of Winnipeg on January 4 and 5 is taking a well-earned rest.

The Gophers will report back for a final brush-up on January 2. In the two days before the first game of the St. James series Coach Armstrong will have to complete fashioning of two forward lines to supplement the only one definitely set. This trio is comprised of Allan (Jeff) Burman of Winnipeg, center, Bob Carley of St. Paul, right wing, and James (Bud) Frick of Winnipeg, left wing.

Makeup of the other two lines Armstrong expects to use awaits the outcome of fall quarter examinations and the arrival of several outstanding new prospects who have enrolled for winter quarter classes at the University.

MIKAN, McINTYRE  
DUEL TO FEATURE

Minneapolis----Principal attraction of the DePaul - Minnesota basketball game which is expected to attract in excess of 10,000 spectators to the Gopher field house New Year's eve will be the personal duel between De Paul's great All American center, George Mikan, and Minnesota's freshman star, Jim Mc Intyre.

Mikan, a senior playing his fourth year of college basketball, is the nation's most publicized player and leading scorer of the undefeated Blue Demon five. At 6 feet 9 inches he has a three-quarter-of-an-inch height advantage over Mc Intyre. When the two square away for the opening tip-off December 31 it will mark the first time in his brilliant young career that Mc Intyre has been up against a taller opponent.

Mc Intyre who scored 100 points in leading Patrick Henry high of Minneapolis to the 1945 Minnesota State championship proved that he is capable of maintaining a high-scoring pace in fast company by counting 19 points against the powerful Great Lakes Blue Jackets Saturday.

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MINNESOTA TRACK  
WORKOUTS START

Minneapolis.----Four weeks of intensive work in the Field House lie ahead for the University of Minnesota track team as it prepares for its opening indoor meet with Iowa State here February 2.

Coach Jim Kelly has eight lettermen as a nucleus. These are Ray Tharp of Minneapolis, low hurdles, broad jump, and 60-yard dash; Armin Baumann of Columbia Heights, high jump; Gil Gaarder of Blythedale, Missouri, shot and discus; Art and Jack Gill of Minneapolis, mile and two-mile; Walt Wilder of Minneapolis, mile; Harry Covey of Des Moines, Iowa, 440; and Jack Anderson, 440.

Tharp was the outstanding point-getter on last year's Gopher indoor and outdoor squads. He won all but two low-hurdles races during the indoor season, and placed first or second in the running broad jump in every meet in which he participated. He will very likely run the indoor highs in the coming meets.

Baumann, co-holder of the Conference indoor and outdoor high jump titles two years ago, is expected to be a consistent point-winner. The Gill Twins are somewhat rusty after three years of army air corps service in the India-Burma theater, but will add to the point totals regularly if they regain their pre-war form. Covey showed outstanding ability as a freshman in '43, placing fourth in the Conference. He then entered service.

Five former state high school champions reported Monday to Jim Kelly for their first varsity try. They are Dick Luckemeyer of St. Cloud, Minnesota 100 and 220-yard dash champion four years ago; Puzzy Wallace, former Minneapolis Central high negro star, 100 and 220-yard dash; Don Nicholson who topped the State field in the high jump four years ago while competing for St. Paul Marshall; Pete Aurness who took the high hurdles laurels for Minneapolis Southwest before entering service; and Al Andreko, former Duluth Denfeld pole vaulter.

Nicholson who was in the army air corps at the time, suffered severe injuries in an airplane crash in the Phillipines, but hopes to regain the form which enabled him to establish the existing Minnesota State prep record of 6 feet 2 inches.

The dash department will be further supplemented by Leonard Thompson of Evanston, Illinois, a squad member last season, and Bob Commer, freshman from Deephaven.

Additional hurdle strength will be provided by Bob Mickelson, former Minneapolis West high athlete who competed in both lows and highs for the Iowa Preflight team last year; Bob Gold, ex-Minneapolis Washburn low-stick expert; and Lloyd Mc Pherson who starred for Minneapolis South high before entering service.

Bob Novotny of Winona, a reserve football tackle and former cadet at Iowa Preflight school, is regarded by Coach Kelly as a potential point-winner in the shot.

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GOPHER SEXTET  
FACES CHANGES

Minneapolis----The season's most intensive drills and several alterations face the University of Minnesota hockey team as it prepares for its series Friday and Saturday at the Minneapolis Arena with the Fort William Knights of Columbus sextet.

This will be the second meeting with a strong Canadian amateur team in as many weekends for the Gophers who dropped a pair to a speedy, sharp-shooting St. James A. C. team from Winnipeg last week.

Coach Larry Armstrong, thoroughly displeased with the defensive play of his forwards in the St. James series, anticipates some revisions in his lines. Rolly De Paul and Dennis Kelle of Eveleth, both of whom sat out the St. James series because of illness and an injury, respectively, are expected to be ready for the Fort William games.

BREWSTER SHINES  
AS PINCH-HITTER

Usually huddled under a blanket with the reserves on the University of Minnesota basketball bench as the starting combination takes the floor is a husky, bespectacled athlete who rarely gets headlines. Nevertheless he is the key man on a Gopher squad which has high hopes of finishing near the top in the Conference basketball race.

Louis Brewster is the name. He came to the University of Minnesota in 1941 as a freshman just out of Wahpeton, North Dakota high. At Wahpeton he had played on a State championship team called one of the best in North Dakota history.

Brewster made a basketball letter as a sophomore at Minnesota during the 1942-43 season, then went to war in March. As a combat engineer with the 69th division he spent nine months overseas and got in on some of the war's most vicious action inside Germany. He received his point discharge in December 1945 and returned immediately to Minnesota.

Obviously rusty after his long absence from athletic activity, Louie took a back seat for some time to the boys who had been practicing for more than two months.

The Gophers, showing the effects of the Holiday layoff, were having trouble with North Dakota State in their December 29 game at the Field House. The Bison were hanging doggedly on the heels of their favored hosts until Brewster entered the game early in the second half, pulled the Gophers together, and sparked them in a rally which put them far in front at the end, 69 to 46.

Two nights later Brewster rode the bench most of the first half as Minnesota struggled to stay in the game with a highly-favored De Paul team. From the time Louie came on the floor early in the second half, the Gophers took complete charge of the game and pulled away to a 45 - 36 triumph.

Now Coach Mac Millan's strategy is evident. While Warren Ajax, two-letter winner from Minneapolis, and Ed Kernan, freshman ace from Two Harbors, are regarded as starting guards, 195-pound, scrappy, deliberate Louie Brewster is his ace-in-the-hole. If an opponent gets too hard for the starters to handle, in will go Louie. If the Gophers aren't clicking, he'll be the first man to go in and attempt to get his mates back into high gear.

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GOPHERS READY  
FOR TITLE TEST

Minneapolis.----"We still have nine Conference games to go, but I believe the outcome of our next four games will pretty well determine our championship chances," summarizes Coach Dave Mac Millan of the University of Minnesota's undefeated Conference basketball leaders.

"After Purdue here Saturday night, we catch Iowa, Purdue, and Northwestern on their home floors. We haven't had a chance yet to measure our strength against any of these teams, but they're all tough," continues the Gopher mentor, particularly jubilant over the brilliant showing of his athletes in beating Great Lakes Saturday night, 64 - 49. "If our men will stay on that pace, it's going to take a lot of basketball to nudge us out of the lead."

In outclassing Great Lakes the Gophers proved conclusively that they have the speed, drive, height, rebound skill, and balanced shooting to make a strong bid for their first title since 1937 when they shared the laurels with Illinois.

The five men who will probably stand as starters through the rest of the campaign -- Forwards Tony Jaros and Don Carlson, Center Jim Mc Intyre, and Guards Warren Ajax and Ed Kernan -- average 6 feet 2 1/2 inches in height and hit a weight mean of 195 pounds. Thus they are well equipped physically to stand the rigors of the rocky road ahead.

As Coach Mac Millan puts it, "That's a long way off, but at least it is in sight."

SWIMMERS MEET  
N.W., ILLINOIS

A University of Minnesota swimming squad that Coach Niels Thorpe terms "potentially strong but not quite ready," will open its Conference schedule this week-end with a Friday meet at Northwestern and a Saturday stand against Illinois at Champaign.

Five highly promising war veterans who enrolled for winter quarter classes have not yet had time to get into condition for competitive swimming. In

the meantime, Thorpe who is starting his twenty-sixth season as Gopher tutor must rely largely on four lettermen from last year's squad -- Mike Besel in the 50 and 100-yard dash; Reynold Jones, 50 and 100-yard dash; Bill Gray, distances; and John Hollingshead, breast stroke.

The war vets who are expected to make substantial point contributions to the Minnesota cause once they have regained their pre-war form are Roger Ahlman and Donald Benson of St. Paul; Thorpe's son, Billy, of Minneapolis; Evert Thornfeldt of Ely; and Jim Bray of St. Paul.

Ahlman, who has all of his college competition ahead of him, set the current national interscholastic record of :59.9 for the 100-yard backstroke while competing for St. Paul Johnson high. Benson, a high school teammate of Ahlman's, was the Minnesota state prep champion in the 50 and 100-yard free style three years ago. Billy Thorpe won state high school titles in both the 100-yard breaststroke and 220-yard free style while at Marshall high. Thornfeldt was Minnesota state prep diving champ in 1944 and '45.

Coach Thorpe is hoping that by the time the Conference meet comes to the Minnesota pool, March 8 and 9, these athletes will be ready to swim up to the limit of their ability. If so, the Gophers could be a threat for the championship monopolized in recent years by Michigan and Ohio State. Minnesota has never finished lower than fourth in Thorpe's 25 years as coach.

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ARMSTRONG NOT  
READY TO CONCEDE

Despite the two-game deficit against his University of Minnesota hockey team in its four-game series with Michigan for the Conference hockey title, Coach Larry Armstrong is far from ready to give up the laurels currently held by the Gophers.

"I think it will be a different story when Michigan comes to our ice for the final two games of the series here February 1 and 2," declares the veteran Minnesota mentor. "Michigan had played 10 games to our four when we met them at Ann Arbor and had dropped two. I believe Vic Heyliger's boys were at their peak then. We haven't reached ours yet. Our style of play which was cramped on the small Michigan rink will be more effective on the large Arena rink."

Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick



Minneapolis----Dave Bartelma, University of Minnesota wrestling coach and regional AAU wrestling chairman, sees a record entry for the Northwest AAU tournament when it is resumed March 15-16 after a lapse during the war years. The meet will be held at University Farm gymnasium.

"With the tremendous increase in wrestling participation by high school students and athletic organizations throughout the nation we expect this event to attract well over 100 high school entrants from Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota," states Bartelma.

This tournament which was last held in 1942 is the banner amateur wrestling meet of the season in this area. A large percentage of the participants are high school athletes. It is open to all amateur matmen, with the exception of University of Minnesota lettermen.

Joe Nowotny, director of physical education and athletics at University Farm, St. Paul, is in charge of entries.

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Minneapolis----Bernie Bierman sees in the increased numbers of candidates reporting for winter football at the University of Minnesota a possible indication of improvement in Gopher football fortunes.

At this time last winter the Minnesota coaching staff was often unable to muster together enough men for two teams. Since winter practice

started January 21 more than 80 aspirants have reported. Bierman has divided this squad into two groups. One reports Monday and Wednesday, the other, Tuesday and Thursday. Both sit in on Friday chalk talks.

"We're still far below our pre-war level in quantity," says Bierman, "but, if the trend continues on into spring practice, there will be more competition for positions than a year ago. This will help.

"Getting our coaching staff back to normal strength enables us to concentrate on new men and give them a thorough try," Bierman continues.

"Before the war we often developed candidates with little or no previous experience into valuable squad members. Judd Ringer who played no football before coming here is one example. He became regular end on a national championship team.

"With Dr. George Hauser, Dallas Ward, and George Svendsen here on the job with me, and Red Dawson expected soon, our staff is complete for the first time in four years."

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University of Minnesota students competing as members of varsity athletic teams comprise only a small fraction of the total number who are benefiting from organized competitive athletic and recreational activities at the University.

A vast University-wide intramural program under the direction of W. R. Smith is currently providing competition in badminton, basketball, bowling, boxing, fencing, handball, hockey, skating, skiing, squash, volleyball, and wrestling.

The intramural basketball leagues embrace 88 teams with an average of eight players on each roster, or approximately 700 participants in all. Bowling is challenging basketball as the most popular activity. More than 80 teams are entered, and new leagues are being organized each week.

Smith who is serving as director of intramural athletics at the University for the twenty-fifth year is being assisted by John Roning and George Roscoe, former Minnesota athletic luminaries. Roscoe is in charge of night basketball activities.

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Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick



Minneapolis----The University of Minnesota will be host to the thirty-fifth annual Western Conference swimming meet March 8 and 9 in the Cooke Hall exhibition pool.

All 10 conference members are expected to be represented in the meet. More than 100 entries are seen by Niels Thorpe, Minnesota's swimming coach, as likely.

The University of Michigan's perennially powerful squad will be the defending champion. The Wolverines have won the Conference title 15 times since the first meet was held in 1911. All of these triumphs have been scored in the past 19 years. The only other league members to win in this period have been Ohio State, twice, and Northwestern and Iowa, once each. Northwestern stands second to Michigan in the matter of championships, having topped the field 10 times, including a tie with Chicago in 1916.

The University of Minnesota will seek to extend its record of having never finished below fourth place in the Conference meet in the 26 years Niels Thorpe has coached the Gopher swimmers.

The task appears to be a difficult one, for Michigan, Ohio State, Northwestern, Illinois, and Iowa have outstanding talent.

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Athletic Director Frank Mc Cormick of the University of Minnesota who has taken over again as head baseball coach after a four-year leave of absence for active duty with the U. S. army, has arranged a 19-game schedule for his Gopher nine.

Minnesota will meet six Conference foes, and four non-Conference opponents as the schedule now stands. Mc Cormick is seeking additional competition out of the Conference.

Nebraska will appear at Northrop field against the Gophers in the season's opening series April 12 and 13. The first Conference series will be played with Iowa April 26 and 27 at Iowa City.

The schedule, subject to additions, is as follows: April 12-13, Nebraska at Minneapolis; April 19-20, Iowa State at Ames; April 23, St. Thomas at Minneapolis; April 26-27 Iowa at Iowa City; May 3-4, Indiana at Bloomington; May 10-11, Wisconsin at Minneapolis; May 14, Ottumwa Naval Air Station at Ottumwa (tentative); May 17-18, Michigan at Minneapolis; May 24-25, Chicago at Chicago; May 28, Ottumwa Naval Air Station at Minneapolis (tentative); May 31 and June 1, Northwestern at Minneapolis.

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Because he always had wondered just how those great big, thick pads would feel, Ray (Duff) Mc Dermid, the University of Minnesota's brilliant hockey goal guard, slipped on a pair of the bulky puck-stoppers after practice one night two years ago.

At the time he was playing right wing for the West End Orioles, a Winnipeg amateur kids' team. Before that he had been a right wing for the Sherburn A.C.

Some of Ray's youthful teammates, still lingering on the ice, decided to "scare" Mc Dermid right out of his pads. They started peppering him with pucks. The Oriole coach happened to be a witness to the episode.

When Ray reported for practice the following afternoon, he was handed the pads and a broad goalie stick and told that as of that day he was a goal guard.

The outstanding individual hero of Minnesota's recent 3 - 3 tie and 5 - 2 victory over Michigan's great sextet, 18-year old Mc Dermid is a leading candidate for any collegiate all-American hockey team.

And how did he get that "Duff" tag?

"Well, the boys around the ice rink up home started calling me 'MacDuff,' " explains the keen-eyed, cat-like freshman star. "This finally boiled down to 'Duff.' "

Minneapolis.----A wholesale revision of records for the University of Minnesota's Cooke Hall exhibition swimming pool is in prospect for March 8 and 9 when one of the greatest fields of collegiate swimming luminaries in Big 10 history will compete in the thirty-fifth annual Conference meet.

Seven of the eight existing standards were set in the course of the National Intercollegiates at Minnesota in 1937. The eighth has stood up since the last Conference meet in the Cooke Hall pool in 1936

The 1:38.8 mark for the 150-yard backstroke set by John Zehr of Northwestern during the 1937 nationals may well be lowered by Iowa's freshman sensation, Dick Maine. He has been timed at 1:34 this year on a 20-yard course. The Cooke Hall pool is 25 yards long, constituting a "short course."

Other Minnesota pool records set during the 1937 nationals, and this year's Conference meet entrants most likely to break them are: 300-yard medley relay, held by Fred Cody, Jack Kasley, Bob Mowerson of Michigan, 2:57.8 (Ohio State); 400-yard free style relay, held by V. Tomski, Tom Haynie, Ed Kirar, Bob Mowerson of Michigan, 3:32.8 (Charles Moss, Matt Mann III, Dave Tittle, Dick Weinberg, Michigan, 3:33.8); 50-yard free style, held by Ed Kirar of Michigan, :23.2 (John Haulenbeek, Illinois, :23.00); 220-yard free style, held by Tom Haynie of Michigan, 2:11.5 (Jack Hill, Ohio State, 2:10.7); 100-yard free style, held by Ed Kirar of Michigan, :52.9 (John Haulenbeek, Illinois, :53); 440-yard free style, held by Tom Haynie of Michigan 4:51.7 (Jack Hill, Ohio State, 4:49.5).

The 2:29.9 mark for the 220-yard breaststroke established by Jack Kasley of Michigan in the 1936 Conference meet survived the assaults of the field in the 1937 Intercollegiates. Jim Counsilman of Ohio State with a best time of 2:22.5 is considered a virtual certainty to lower Kasley's record of 10 years' standing.

Minneapolis---University of Minnesota athletic teams in three sports, while conceded little chance for team championships in Conference meets scheduled for March 8 and 9, will present several strong bids for individual titles.

The wrestling squad coached by Dave Bartelma lacks the balance to rank among the favorites in the mat competition to be held at the University of Illinois, but in Jimmy Van Gordon and Sam Kramer has two stars who will be serious contenders for the crowns in their weight divisions.

Van Gordon's stock in the 145-pound division has been particularly high since he defeated Wisconsin's former national AAU champion, Eddie Viskocil. Van Gordon, a Marine veteran of many Pacific actions, including Iwa Jima and Okinawa has been rounding into condition steadily since returning to classes at Minnesota early in January.

Kramer has been victorious in all three Conference bouts this year, defeating 155-pounders from Purdue, Wisconsin, and Iowa.

Coach Jim Kelley of the track team sees little hope of repetition of last year's surprise showing by his athletes when they came through for third place in the Conference indoor meet.

However, Ray Tharp, Ken Wallace, and Harry Covey are capable of coming through with a first in their respective specialties. Tharp has beaten Walker of Illinois, the Conference favorite, in the low hurdles.

Wallace has been timed in :06.2 for the 60-yard dash in practice this season, but has not yet equalled this mark in competition. If at his peak, Wallace may eclipse Illinois' Bill Buster and Wisconsin's Lloyd La Beach in this race.

Harry Covey has been improving consistently in the 440. Coach

Kelley sees a possibility of Covey getting down close to 51 seconds for the Conference meet. In this event, Covey would press Marce Gonzalez and Buster of Illinois, two of the favorites, for a win in the quarter mile.

Jimmy Van Gordon, Minnesota's dynamic and skilled 145-pound freshman wrestling ace will assure you with no hesitation whatsoever that an American fairly well-versed in straight wrestling, and on the alert, is more than a match for a Japanese of comparable weight who knows all the tricks of judo or jiu-jitsu.

Jimmy speaks from first-hand knowledge. As a member of the U. S. Marine Corps he participated in initial landings on Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa. While in these actions he saw plenty of close-range hand-to-hand combat.

Van Gordon, undefeated to date in Conference dual meets with 145-pounders from Purdue, Wisconsin, and Iowa, will be one of the favorites for the Big Ten championship at his weight in the Conference meet March 8 and 9 at Illinois.

The former Minneapolis Marshall high school star was Minnesota State prep champ at 95, 105, 125, and 145 pounds in successive years. He won the Northwest AAU titles at 112, 126, and 145 pounds in 1939, 1940, and 1941, respectively.

## Sports Release

By Otis Dypwick

Minneapolis----Coach Bernie Bierman is looking forward to the opening of spring football practice at the University of Minnesota on April 1 for a tangible clue to prospects for next fall.

"While winter practice this year has given us a line on the abilities of a few promising new individuals, the group which turned out wasn't representative enough to give us any kind of an over-all indication," declares Bierman. "If we had to play our fall schedule with only the men who participated in our winter workouts, we wouldn't have much luck," he continued.

"I have been told by a number of students who could give us quite a bit of help that they will be on hand for the opening of spring practice. Then, too, there should be quite a few new freshmen and some war veterans showing up for spring quarter."

Bierman points out that while Minnesota's enrollment is at an all-time high, the number of men reporting for winter football is less than half of what it was in pre-war years. However, he does have a word of praise for the eagerness of the candidates who have been reporting in the Field House.

The man who has coached more national championship teams than any other living coach feels that he will have to lay most of the structure for next fall's team during spring practice, since summer workouts have been ruled out.

Bierman feels that he must look to some help from incoming fall quarter freshmen, but that he will have to concentrate largely on men likely to be back in the fall of 1947 when first year students will no longer be eligible to compete on varsity teams.

The coaching staff will be up to normal for spring practice for the first time in four years with Dr. George Hauser, Lowell (Red) Dawson, Dallas Ward, and George Svendsen on hand to assist Bierman.

While the weather has been non-conducive to outdoor golf play, Coach W. R. Smith of the University of Minnesota golf team has been making active preparation for the season which will open May 8 with a dual meet between the Gophers at Iowa State at Ames, Iowa.

With Jarvis Knutson and Ken Mack, 1945 lettermen, and Herb Rose, a Gopher star in 1941 and 1942, as a nucleus, Smith expects to build a strong representative team for the coming schedule of dual meets and the Conference tournament scheduled for the University course May 31 and June 1.

In addition to periodic meetings of veterans and prospects, the Minnesota mentor has been holding Monday night golf classes which are attended by these men.

The schedule: May 11, Minnesota vs. Iowa State at Ames, Iowa; May 13, Minnesota vs. Iowa at Iowa City; May 25, Minnesota vs. Notre Dame at Minneapolis; May 31, June 1, Conference meet at Minneapolis.

"Indications right now are that we will have better-than-average pitching and a defensively strong infield," is the way Coach Dave Mac Millan of the University of Minnesota baseball team sizes up Gopher prospects for the spring campaign which opens April 12 on the Northrop Field diamond with Nebraska as the opposition.

To this forecast Dave adds, "We can't expect to know much about our outfield positions, or our hitting strength until we have been outside a while."

Among the pitchers presently in school, or enrolled for spring quarter, who have particularly impressed Mac Millan and his assistant, Ed Burke, are Don Tepel of St. Paul, Wes Windmiller of Fergus Falls, Bob Schumack and Arwed Henning of Minneapolis. Jack Verby, 1945 mound ace, may have to forsake baseball in deference to his medical school studies.

Minneapolis----While only two lettermen will be available to bulwark the University of Minnesota tennis squad for its ambitious seven-match schedule which opens April 27, Coach Phil Brain expects to have three of the best freshman prospects in many seasons on hand for the first official spring practice session Tuesday, March 26.

The holdovers from the 1945 squad are Ed Ishii and Bob Herman. The newcomers counted on as outstanding varsity contenders are Ken Boyum, Don Gunner, and Brad Pitney, all of Minneapolis.

Gunner starred for Minneapolis West and in 1940 teamed with Fred Gulden to win the State high school doubles championship.

Boyum established a particularly outstanding record while playing for West in 1942 and '43. He was state prep singles and doubles champion both years, and was undefeated in singles competition. He ranked among the top 10 nationally in the boys' division.

Gunner and Boyum were called into Service before having an opportunity to experience any college competition.

Brad Pitney stroked his way through to the state prep title last spring as a member of the Minneapolis Washburn high school squad. He is still under draft age, so is expected to be available for the entire forthcoming season.

Among other newcomers Coach Brain regards as potential varsity members are Al Tabor of Fort Valley, Georgia, and Wes Marans, former De Paul University letterman. Tabor is ranked among the first 10 negro singles players in the United States. In the brief period early in January before the Field House courts were covered with bleachers, Tabor exhibited excellent form.

Rifle shooting which flourished as an intercollegiate competitive activity at the University of Minnesota before the war, only to be suspended following the 1942 season, will soon be back to its pre-war level, both in quality and number of participants.

This is the opinion of Captain Charles Crain of the military department at the University. Captain Crain is director of rifle marksmanship. He has been working together with Richard Schmidt of St. Paul, a letterman member of the 1942 Minnesota team, in instructing a squad of 38 students which has been practicing regularly on the firing range in the Armory.

"Lack of funds for ammunition for practice and competitive matches has hindered us somewhat in our efforts to foster more extensive participation," states Captain Crain, "but we consider the season still in progress already highly successful."

The Gopher marksmen have staged telegraphic matches with Pittsburgh, Ohio State, Chicago, Maryland, North Carolina State, Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Illinois, Cretin high school, and the Northwestern Rifle club of Minneapolis. Tentative arrangements have been made for shoulder-to-shoulder matches with Cretin high and the Northwestern Rifle club later this month or early in April.

In an election held recently by the rifle squad Al Brevig of Minneapolis was elected captain for the 1946-47 season, and Dan Finney of Wadena was chosen secretary-treasurer.

The University of Minnesota rifle team was consistently one of the nation's best in the decade before the war, and won the Western Conference championship 11 consecutive times through the 1942 season.

Minneapolis----"How do we compare with 1945? Present indications are that we'll be stronger at every position, except possibly catching and pitching; a little better defensively; and decidedly improved in hitting."

This is the brief analysis of the University of Minnesota's baseball situation by Coach Dave Mac Millan as he directs his diamond athletes into the final days of preparation for the season's opening series with Nebraska Friday and Saturday at Northrop Field here.

As the 1946 edition of the Gophers presently shapes up, only two lettermen holdovers from a year ago will be back in their old assignments. They are Pitcher Jack Verby, and Outfielder Earl Bruhn. Bruhn has a slight edge over other aspirants for his right field post. He has been tried briefly behind the bat, but this move is still in the experimental stage.

Verby, ace of the hurling staff, allowed only 19 hits in 35 innings of Conference play during the 1945 campaign and struck out 44 opposing batters for the best average in the league. While no other moundsman the equal of Gene Kelly who took his turn with Verby last year has shown up in spring drills, Don Tepel of St. Paul, Earl Daniels, Arwed Henning, Bob Schumack, and Carroll Lewis of Minneapolis, and Wes Windmiller of Fergus Falls are being groomed to assist Verby.

The catching job is a tossup between Morris Homestead of Cannon Falls, Stu Olson of Zumbrota, Max Mohr of St. Paul, and Fred Warburton of Minneapolis.

The first base assignment is a standoff between Dick Hayden of Minneapolis, and Bruce Frank, chunky left-hander from Fairfax. It is anticipated that these two men will spell each other off through the season.

Bob Johnson of Champlin who played brilliantly at second base as a freshman in 1943 played enough baseball while in Service to improve considerably. He is all set at his old position. Second choice of Coach Dave Mac Millan is Victor Betcher of Stewartville.

Dick Rediske of St. Paul who performed his chores at third base with impressive skill as a freshman last season is firmly entrenched at shortstop. Rediske and Bob Johnson have already shown promise of teaming up into Minnesota's best double-play combination of the past decade. Charles ("Bluegrass") Goedde, NROTC student from Covington, Kentucky is Rediske's most probable replacement.

After more than three weeks of intensive outdoor workouts Ralph Gilbert of Minneapolis, Harry Olson of Fergus Falls, and Brad Thompson, NROTC student from Detroit, Michigan are equal choices at third base.

Dwight Kopperud, discharged army vet making his first bid for a Gopher nine, has won the left field starting berth with his capable fielding. The rangy Minneapolis frosh is also a power at bat.

Jerry Stewart of Minneapolis who left for the army air corps after earning his baseball "M" in 1942 is first choice for the centerfield spot.

Other outfielders considered definite varsity material are Kenny Excel, Tom Bergstadt, and Bob Brink of Minneapolis, Olaf Lucken of St. Paul, and John Donnelly of Cascade, Iowa.

Principal optimism over the Minnesota outlook stems from the indication that the current team will be much more formidable at the plate than was its predecessor. The 1945 Gophers led the Conference in fielding with an illustrious .966 average, and had two of the loop's best pitchers in Jack Verby and Gene Kelly. Inability to hit was their fatal weakness. The aptitude of Dick Hayden, Bruce Frank, Bob Johnson, Dick Rediske, Dwight Kopperud, and Jerry Stewart with a bat this spring leads Coach Dave Mac Millan to believe that his athletes will hold their own in hitting.

"Yes. There is no doubt about it. Evidence is already piling up to convince us that the 1946 NCAA track meet to which we will be host in Memorial Stadium June 21 and 22 will be up to pre-war standards."

This is the prediction of Jim Kelly, University of Minnesota track coach, after reviewing performances of collegiate stars in indoor competition recently brought to a conclusion throughout the nation.

Continuing, Kelly opines, "Track was definitely down the past four years, as it naturally would be with so many of the outstanding athletes in Service. However, the majority of the high school and college stars of 1940 and 41 are back at it again now. Some are below their peak, but will certainly reach it by the time they come here in June."

Kelly points out that the Western Conference alone is well stocked with high-caliber stars. Bill Bangert, Purdue's singing shotputter, has been right around 55 feet in indoor competition. The University of Illinois mile relay team of William Buster, Robert Rehberg, Marc Gonzalez, and Herb Mc Kenley showed great potentialities in setting a new Purdue Relays record of 3 minutes 20 seconds. Bill Mathis of the Illini who has been timed on several occasions at :06.2 seconds for the 60-yard indoor dash may well crowd the world record in the 100-yard dash before the season ends with the NCAA meet.

Then there is Harrison Dillard of Baldwin-Wallace college of Berea, Ohio who set a new national mark for the 60-yard low hurdles at :06.8 seconds in the Purdue relays. The speedy negro athlete was voted the No. 1 American athlete in the European-Mediterranean theaters late in the war. He is unquestionably one of the top collegiate hurdlers of the decade.



THE SQUAD

Name	Draft Status	Class	Age	Weight	Height	Home
<u>Pitchers</u>						
Daniels, Earl	1-C	frosh	21	185	6'3"	Mpls. (Edison)
Donnelly, John	1-C	sr.	22	160	5'10"	Cascade, Iowa
Henning, Arwed	1-C	frosh	21	195	6'1"	Mpls. (North)
Lewis, Carroll	1-C	frosh	25	168	6'	Alberta, Va.
Scheele, E.						
Schumack, Bob	1-C	soph	21	175	6'	Mpls. (Central)
Tepel, Donald	1-C	soph	25	214	6'	St. Paul (Johnson)
*Verby, Jack	Inact.	Med. jr.	22	190	6'3"	St. Paul (Johnson)
Windmiller, Wes	1-C	jr.	23	180	6'	Fergus Falls
<u>Catcher</u>						
Elliott, Harry	1-C	frosh	22	168	5'9"	Watertown
Homstad, Morris	1-C	soph	29	179	5'9"	Cashton, Wis.
Mohr, Max	1-C	sr.	26	176	6'	St. Paul (Humboldt)
*Olson, Stuart	1-C	sr.	23	170	5'11"	Zumbrota
Warburton, Fred	1-C	jr.	22	165	5'8"	Mpls. (Washburn)
<u>First Base</u>						
Frank, Bruce	1-C	soph	22	180	5'8"	Fairfax
Hayden, Richard	civ.	soph				
<u>Second Base</u>						
*Johnson, Bob	1-C	soph	21	160	5'10"	Champlin (Anoka)
<u>Shortstop</u>						
Goedde, Charles A.	NROTC	sr.	21	150	5'10"	Covington, Ky.
*Rediske, Richard	civ.	soph	19	163	5'10"	St. Paul (Washingt.)
<u>Third Base</u>						
Gilbert, Ralph	1-C	jr.	25	155	5'11"	Mpls. (Central)
Olson, Harry	1-C	frosh	24	158	5'11"	Fergus Falls
Thompson, Brad	NROTC	sr.	22	167	5'11"	Detroit, Mich.
<u>Outfield</u>						
Bergstedt, Thomas	under age	frosh	17	180	6'1"	Mpls. (Washburn)
*Biesmann, Bill	NROTC Sr.	sr.	22	168	5'8"	Chicago (Senn)
Brink, Charles	1-C	frosh	21	198	6'1"	Mpls. (Central)
*Bruhn, Earl	1-C	sr.	22	195	5'11"	St. Bonifacius (Mound)
Excel, Kenneth	1-C	sr.	24	174	5'11"	Mpls. (Roosevelt)
Kernan, Ed	1-C	frosh	20	180	6'1"	Two Harbors
Kopperud, Dwight	1-C	frosh	24	175	6'1½"	Mpls. (South)
Lucken, Olaf	1-C	soph	23	185	6'	St. Paul (Murray)
*Stewart, Gerald	1-C	sr.	24	145	5'6"	Mpls. (North)

\* - lettermen

Thumbnail Sketches

COACH DAVE MAC MILLAN - "Dave" has been a member of the staff of the department of physical education and athletics since 1927. He assumed baseball coaching duties for the first time in 1942, as a pinch-hitter for Frank Mc Cormick who had taken leave of absence for Army service. He coached the Gophers through the 1942, '43, '44, and '45 seasons.

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- TOM BERGSTEDT - outfield - Youngest man on squad at 17 years. Was leading pitcher and an outfielder on Minneapolis Washburn high school's 1945 Twin Cities championship team. Also starred in junior legion baseball for Minneapolis Richfield Pose team which won regional title in 1944. Bats, throws right-handed.
- BILL BIESMANN - outfield - 1945 letterman...NROTC senior...graduated from Senn hi, Chicago, 1940. Throws left handed, bats right-handed.
- EARL BRUHN - outfield and catch - letterman in 1943 and '45....senior in physical education...Graduated from Mound high school, but home at St. Bonifacius..... older brothers, Milt and Vern, both won baseball letters at Minnesota, Milt as captain of 1935 Conference champions....Earl won football letter as blocking back in 1945....throws and bats right-handed.
- BRUCE FRANK - first base - sophomore in education....first year on Minn. squad..... graduated from Fairfax h.s. in 1941....played independent baseball with Fairfax town team....in army air corps March '43 - Nov. '45. Throws, bats l.h.
- RALPH GILBERT - third base - nickname "Gil"....junior in mech. engineering....first year on Minnesota squad....grad. Mpls. Central hi....attended Gustavus Adolphus college 1940-41....in Army August '42 to Nov. '45....overseas 1 yr....in action in France, Germany....throws, bats r.h.
- CHARLES GOEDDE - shortstop - nickname "Bluegrass"....NROTC senior...graduated Catholic high, Covington, Ky. June '43...1st yr. on Minn. squad. Bats, throws r.h.
- RICHARD HAYDEN - first base - soph. in phy. ed....graduate of Mpls. South hi....led Conference in hitting in 1945 with 5 hits in 8 times at bat....broke into lineup at tail end of season, and did not earn letter. Throws, bats r.h.
- ROBERT JOHNSON - second base - soph in pre-business....graduate of Anoka hi in spring of '43, but lives in Champlin....earned letter as second baseman in 1943 as freshman....entered army in June '43. Was 26 mos. overseas with 627 hdq. bat. in Hawaii, Marshalls, Marianas....played with bat. team on Tinian island last season. Team won 43 of 45 games under coaching of Pep Young of Wash. Senators. Bob played with and against many major leaguers including Joe Gordon of Yankees, Billy Hitchcock of Tigers, Vernon Stephens of Browns, Howie Pollet and Enos Slaughter of Cards, Birdie Tebbets of Tigers....Bob is a "natural." Loves baseball which he started playing at 13 in Jr. Legion at Anoka. Has sure hands, great arm, is good hitter who rarely goes for bad pitches....has had major league offers, but intends to get degree before accepting....Throws r.h. and bats l.h.
- DWIGHT KOPPERUD - left field - frosh in education....graduate Mpls. South hi class '39...gained experience in Mpls. park board senior league....entered navy air corps Oct. '42, transferred to coast guard in Nov. '43, out of service Jan. '46.....is fast, has excellent arm, and is strong hitter...Throws, bats r.h.
- OLAF LUCKEN - right field - soph in phy.ed....graduated from St. Paul Murray in 1940.. ...played frosh ball at Minnesota in 1941. Inducted in navy Dec. '42. Was 1½ years overseas with naval air transport command in Pacific. Throws, bats r.h.
- STUART OLSON - catch - Nickname "Stu" - frosh in law school....graduate Zumbrota hi.. ....earned "M's" at Minn. in '42 and '43....entered navy in '43 and served as line officer on destroyer until March '46....Throws, bats r.h.
- RICHARD REDISKE - shortstop - soph in general college....graduated St. Paul Washington hi in June '44....earned "M" as regular 3rd baseman in '45....is an outstanding infielder....batted .323 in 31 times at bat in '45 Conference games. Throws, bats r.h.

GERALD R. STEWART - centerfield - Nickname "Jerry" - senior in phy. ed....graduated Mpls. North hi 1940....earned letter as centerfielder in 1942....entered army air corps in Feb. '43 Was pilot instructor in all types of aircraft. Out of service Nov. '45.....is fast afoot and sure fielder. Has strong arm. Is fair hitter....Throws, bats r.h.

DONALD H. TEPEL - pitch - Nickname "Teep" - soph in phy. ed....graduated St. Paul Johnson hi in '39....entered Minn. Sept. '39 and played frosh ball....pitched for Minnesota in several non-Conference games in spring of '41, then dropped out of school. Was considered excellent prospect....entered army June '42. Served with anti-aircraft artillery outfit in Aleutians for 21 mos. Rcd. discharge Nov. '45....Played some baseball while stationed in Seattle in '45....Most memorable experience in baseball was pitching for Minnesota against Mississippi State in 1941 when Boo Ferriss was on mound for opponents....Throws, bats r.h.

JOHN VERBY - pitch - Nickname "Jack"....jr. in medical school....graduate of St. Paul Johnson hi....starred at Carleton College in baseball and basketball in '41 and '42 before coming to Minnesota in navy V-12 program....pitched brilliantly for Minnesota in '45 campaign, leading Conference in strikeout averages with 44 strikeouts in 35 innings. Lost 2 - 1 games to Wisconsin and Purdue. Beat Iowa 4 - 1 and blanked Indiana, 13 - 0.....is great major league prospect..... is heady pitcher in addition to possessing strong arm. Also dangerous at plate... ....Throws, bats r.h.

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Lettermen

Wayne Williams	2b	Hudson Mealey	c - of
Dick Rediske	3b	Bill Biesmann	of
Arnold Lehrman	ss	Earl Bruhn	rf
Gene Kelly	p	Bob Graiziger	c
Jack Verby	p	Ralph Holmberg	p - of

Scores

Minnesota 10	Iowa State	0	Minnesota 1	Purdue	2
" 13	Iowa State	1	" 5	Purdue	1
" 4	Iowa U.	1	" 12	Camp Mc Coy	4
" 4	Iowa U.	6	" 14	Iowa Pre-fl.	10
" 17	Iowa State	7	" 13	Indiana	0
" 4	Iowa State	1	" 9	Indiana	3
" 1	Wisconsin	2			
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Won 10. Lost 4.

Note - both games of Michigan series at Ann Arbor rained out

Big 10 Final Standings

	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>T</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>AB</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>H</u>	<u>B.Ave.</u>	<u>PO</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>DP</u>	<u>F.Ave.</u>
Michigan.....	8	0	0	1.000	281	52	80	.285	216	73	23	5	.926
Wisconsin.....	8	4	0	.667	408	53	110	.270	318	139	38	6	.923
Illinois.....	6	5	1	.545	410	52	86	.210	318	121	32	5	.932
Indiana.....	5	5	1	.500	388	58	90	.232	291	131	27	5	.940
MINNESOTA.....	4	4	0	.500	250	37	59	.236	204	83	10	5	.966
Ohio State....	4	5	0	.445	300	44	59	.197	232	103	33	3	.910
Northwestern..	4	6	0	.400	312	35	64	.205	261	124	45	3	.900
Iowa.....	3	5	0	.375	247	26	49	.200	195	90	21	0	.931
Purdue.....	2	10	0	.167	388	46	73	.190	288	134	33	8	.928